

## NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

Pay at least the first installment of real estate taxes by 12/31/17, or by 1/31/18 and pay the remainder to Dane County by 7/31/18. Contact the Town Treasurer if the bill's mailing address needs changing.

Taxes paid in 2017 **MUST** be postmarked by Saturday, December 30, 2017.

Mail your check to:      Leaota Braithwaite, Treasurer      OR      Stop in at the Medina Town Garage:  
4996 Tower Line Road      Thursday, December 28 3 pm to 7 pm  
Marshall, WI 53559      Saturday, January 27 9 am to 1 pm

When paying by check, please make sure that:

- You properly endorse any escrow account check;
- **Do Not** include payment for dog licenses in this check
- The check is made out to **Town of Medina** only; and
- Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt.

**IMPORTANT:** Separate checks are necessary for Real Estate Taxes, Personal Property Taxes, and Dog Licenses. Overpayments of Real Estate Taxes will not be applied to dog licenses.

A \$30 charge + Bank fees will be assessed for any check returned due to insufficient funds. No refund checks will be issued at payment, but will be issued the following month.

**LOTTERY CREDIT:** Check your bill to see if you received one. If the property was your primary residence as of 1/1/17, you are eligible for a lottery credit. Contact the Town Treasurer for the necessary paperwork. If the property is no longer your primary residence, the lottery credit should be removed. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue audits lottery credits regularly. If DOR finds you are not eligible, you will have to pay the lottery credits back to the state. Contact the Town Treasurer for forms to remove the credit.

If questions, contact Leaota Braithwaite at **(608) 655-3700** or at [treasurer@townofmedina.org](mailto:treasurer@townofmedina.org)

## DOG LICENSES

All dogs in the Town of Medina **MUST** be licensed annually per state law.

**FEES:** \$10 Spayed and Neutered    \$15 Not Spayed/Not Neutered

- Proof read the dog license application sent with your tax bill. Return the form with your tax payment. "Mixed" is not acceptable for a breed. List the breed it most looks like.
- Important: Provide proof of rabies shot from your veterinarian for each dog.
- **Send a separate check payable to the Town of Medina for payment of dog licenses. If your dog license payment is included in your tax payment it will be applied to your taxes or refunded.**
- Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of tags and licenses.

**MULTIPLE DOG LICENSES:** Fees are \$50 for 12 dogs plus \$10 for each additional dog. The Town Treasurer must have copies of proof of rabies shot on file, which includes the name and description of each dog included in the license.

**LATE FEE:** Any dog license paid after May 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a late fee of \$20 per dog, per month or any portion of a month thereof.

## Comparison of 2016 and 2017 Tax Mil Rates

<u>Tax District</u>	<u>2016 Mil Rate</u>	<u>% of Total '16 Mil Rate</u>	<u>2017 Mil Rate</u>	<u>% of Total '17 Mil Rate</u>	<u>Change in Mil Rates</u>	<u>Change in % of Total</u>
State of Wisconsin	0.17158	1.03%	0.000000	0.00%	(0.17158)	-1.03%
Dane County	3.56764	21.35%	3.736207	20.07%	0.16856	-1.28%
Town of Medina	1.85855	11.12%	2.938762	15.78%	1.08021	4.66%
Fire/EMS District	1.01288	6.06%	1.038988	5.58%	0.02611	-0.48%
Madison Tech. College	0.97639	5.84%	0.980502	5.27%	0.00411	-0.58%
Marshall School District	<u>9.12462</u>	<u>54.60%</u>	<u>9.923334</u>	<u>53.30%</u>	<u>0.79871</u>	-1.30%
Total	16.71166	100.00%	18.617793	100.00%	1.90613	

## Comparison of 2017 and 2018 Tax Levies

<u>Tax District</u>	<u>2017 Levy</u>	<u>2018 Levy</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
State of Wisconsin	\$ 23,867.67	\$ -	\$ (23,867.67)	-100.00%
Dane County	\$ 496,284.72	\$ 521,130.26	\$ 24,845.54	5.01%
Town of Medina	\$ 258,538.17	\$ 409,901.75	\$ 151,363.58	58.55%
Fire/EMS District	\$ 140,898.83	\$ 144,919.25	\$ 4,020.42	2.85%
Marshall School District	\$1,571,996.54	\$1,707,266.00	\$ 135,269.46	8.60%
Madison Tech College	<u>\$ 135,822.99</u>	<u>\$ 136,761.44</u>	<u>\$ 938.45</u>	0.69%
Total Tax Roll	\$2,627,408.92	\$2,919,978.70	\$ 292,569.78	11.14%
State School Credit	<u>\$ (302,694.99)</u>	<u>\$ (323,148.51)</u>	<u>\$ (20,453.52)</u>	6.76%
Net Tax Roll	\$2,324,713.93	\$2,596,830.19	\$ 272,116.26	11.71%
Medina Assessed Value	\$ 139,107,159	\$ 139,481,100	\$ 373,941	0.27%

## CLERK APPOINTMENT REFERENDUM

At the 2017 Annual Meeting the Town Electors approved a motion to request that the Town Board act to place on the April 2018 ballot the option to have the Town Clerk be an appointed officer. The Town Board acted on this request by adopting Ordinance 08-16-17 which is posted on the homepage of the Town web site. Currently, the Town of Medina elects the Town Clerk every two years, with the current term ending April 2019. The time required to conduct the business of the Town Clerk has increased. This includes additional statutory duties to administer the WISVOTE responsibilities that Dane County turned over to the Town this year. The Town Board has identified additional duties that are not statutory that this office should fulfill. An elected Town Clerk cannot be obliged to fulfill these non-statutory duties. In the coming months, the Town Board will be presenting information regarding the option to appoint a Town Clerk.