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**Dog fees have increased!
See page 2**

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Newsletter 2018

New Logo

The Town of Holland has a new, forward looking logo! The new logo represents our growing Town and incorporates the rural character with the historic Dutch ancestry. The flowing stream and rolling hills nicely emphasize the motto "Life, simply lived!"

Boundary Agreement

The Town of Holland and the Village of Holmen entered into a Boundary Agreement this past spring. Among the purposes of a Boundary Agreement is the establishment of long-term boundaries between the Village and Town. The goal is to reduce annexation and development disputes and to minimize fragmentation and irregular boundaries. The Village and Town invited the public to comment at several meetings held early in the year before taking final action in March 2017. The agreement will be effective for 10 years. To view the new Boundary Agreement map or for more information, check out our web page!

Donation Policy

The Town Board is grateful and appreciates donations made to the Town of Holland! However, not all donations are alike. Therefore, this past spring the Town Board developed a process that each donor will follow to help determine whether a donation is in the Town residents' (and taxpayers') best interest. If you are thinking of donating land, a park bench, or anything else, please let us know and we will help walk you through the process. All donation ideas will gladly be considered!

Meet the Town Crew!

Gary Hofer is new to our Town but comes aboard with 20 years previous experience from the Town of Shelby. Gary has been married to Anita for 25 years and they have two daughters. In his spare time, he likes tinkering with small engines and spending time with his nine-month old grandson. He looks forward to meeting the residents.



Residents may have seen **Norman Clark** this past summer working in our parks and on Town roads. This winter he will be plowing roads and performing other Town work. Norm has been a Town resident for 20 years and enjoys touring on his Harley.



A **BIG** thank you to **Mike Hoffman** (with the help of his wife M.C. and friend Alice Dresen) for "adopting" the Town Hall! The landscaping around the Town Hall was in much need of attention, and Mike gave it his all! The Town Hall has never looked better!



Adopt a Garden

Always looking for volunteers to "adopt" a park or garden. Making our Town beautiful is a community effort! Contact the Town Clerk for details.

Tax Information	526-3354
Dog Licenses	526-3354

•All payments (1st half or full) are due by January 31.
 •Payment by check or money order payable: "Town of Holland"
 •For security reasons, please no cash payments over \$100.
 •Correct change is appreciated!

Taxes may be paid as follows:

- 24/7 using the drop box at the Town Hall.
- By mail to Treasurer, W7937 Co. Rd. MH, Holmen, WI 54636

If by mail or drop box and you want a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your tax bill (or a copy) and payment.

- By credit card either in person or online (there is a fee for this option, see article on page 3).
- In person at the **Town Hall** during these Treasurer's hours:

Monday, Dec 18	9 am to 1 pm
Wednesday, Dec 20	3 pm to 6 pm
Thursday, Dec 21	9 am to 1 pm
Wednesday, Dec 27	3 pm to 6 pm
Thursday, Dec 28	9 am to 1 pm
Saturday, Dec 30	9 am to 1 pm
Monday, Jan 22	9 am to 1 pm
Wednesday, Jan 24	3 pm to 6 pm
Thursday, Jan 25	9 am to 1 pm
Saturday, Jan 27	9 am to 1 pm
Monday, Jan 29	9 am to 1 pm
Wednesday, Jan 31	3 pm to 6 pm

Drop box available 24 hours a day (just to the left of the front door).
Secure and easy!

To verify that your payment has been received, visit:
www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/LandRecordsPortal

- ▶ Click on "parcel search" (on the left above "Welcome")
- ▶ Enter your information and then select the "Search" tab
- ▶ Click on the record you wish to view
- ▶ Select the "Taxes" category (menu option on the right)

2nd Half Tax Payment

2nd HALF TAX PAYMENT

Due: July 31

Payable to: **LaCrosse County Treasurer**

Mail or pay at: County Treasurer's Office
 212 6th Street No., Suite 1900
 La Crosse, WI 54601
 608-785-9711

New Location!

NOTE: Fees have increased!

Dog fee:
 \$12 if spayed/neutered or
 \$23 if not

All dogs over 5 months old must be licensed by March 31st. (**Limit of 2 dogs per household.**)

We have a computer printout on dogs previously licensed in the Town of Holland. If the rabies vaccination is current, just send the correct fee. If the rabies shot has expired since you purchased last year's tag, we will need to see proof of the current rabies vaccination.

It is the dog owner's responsibility to provide the rabies information (not the vet clinic).

For new dogs you need to furnish proof of rabies vaccination, dog's name, breed, color and sex (indicate whether it is neutered or spayed).

Dog licenses can be purchased from the treasurer, Marla Wagner. This can be done via mail, Town Hall drop box or during tax collection hours at the Town Hall.

If by mail or drop box, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

All nuisance dog calls are handled by the Coulee Region Humane Society (781-4014).

For new residents or newly acquired adult dogs, all tags are to be purchased from the Town treasurer within **30 days** or the late fee will apply. A new puppy must be licensed within **5 months** of birth or the late fee will apply.

LATE TAGS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE COUNTY CLERK.
 Late fee is \$25.00

Tax Levies		
	Last Year	This year
State	\$ 60,112	0
County	\$1,420,802	1,485,885
Holmen School	\$3,311,082	3,302,365
WTC	\$555,555	587,343
Town of Holland	\$469,555	486,497
Totals	\$5,817,106	\$5,862,090

2016 Mill rate (paid in 2017): 0.018064431
 2017 Mill rate (paid in 2018): 0.017640293



2017 Tax Districts (paid in 2018)

Your tax bill reflects the totals from **four** taxing jurisdictions. Town of Holland represents just 8% of the total. Below is an example of the approximate amount each jurisdiction would receive:

County	\$ 500
Holmen School	\$ 1140
WTC	\$ 200
Town of Holland	<u>\$ 160</u>
\$2,000 tax bill	

Road Ditch and Shoulder Maintenance

Maintaining ditches and road shoulders is important work for the longevity of the roads and to alleviate flooding situations. It is important that the ditches are kept at their engineered depth. If filled in or not maintained correctly, it can lead to flooding and road damage. A prime example would be this past summer's storm event (7+ inches of rain in one night). There were some incidents (like new lawns that washed into the ditches) but our Town weathered better than others in the County. The Town will maintain a rotating schedule to re-ditch or adjust ditches.

In addition, regular maintenance of the shoulders maximizes good pavement and allows run-off from rain and spring thawing. This work involves either cutting away soil/grass that is preventing water from draining from the roads or it may involve adding gravel to shoulders that are lower than the pavement edge to prevent the road from cracking off. Water sitting on pavement is detrimental to the pavement life.

If you have any questions/concerns during these maintenance cycles, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Hall.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Town offers a credit card service through GovPayNet to offer you the convenience of paying taxes, rentals, dog licenses, building permits, etc. While there is no cost to the Town for this service, **please note there is a "convenience" charge to those who use it** ranging from **3.75% to 5.25%** depending on which method of payment is used (paid to GovPayNet).

GovPayNet allows cardholders multiple payment options: paying onsite, online or by phone 24 hours a day, all by secure electronic means. For more information: www.townofhollandwi.org

Other Important Information

Road Right-of-Way. Due to necessary maintenance of Town roads, decorative mail posts, flower boxes or other items placed on road right-of-way may be damaged. The Town is not liable for damages done to these items, nor to the grass edge along the road which may occasionally get peeled back by the snow plow blades. The right-of-way on most roads is 66 feet wide (33 feet from the centerline). For building set-backs, contact the La Crosse County Zoning Office at 785-9722.

Drainage ditches cannot be filled in with dirt and/or sod (see above). **Sprinkler heads should NOT be within the right-of-way.** The Town is not responsible for damaged sprinkler heads due to snow plowing or other road work.

Parking on cul-de-sacs and on Town roads is prohibited.

Snow plowing. It is unlawful to deposit snow or ice onto any Town road. For safety's sake, do not allow children to build and/or play in the banks at road's edge!

Mailboxes cannot be constructed with **concrete, brick or any other hazardous materials** that will not "break away" if hit by a vehicle. On the other hand, the Town will not be responsible for mailboxes that are too old/weak that break due to snow pressure.

No open burning. Burning leaves, refuse or brush in yards or burn barrel(s) is illegal in the Town. Of course, grilling or cooking outdoors, campfires, fire rings/pits (with a 3-foot size limit) and outdoor wood stoves are allowed. Contact the Holmen Fire Department for allowable exceptions: 526-9363.

Fire Numbers. It is Town code that each house display a double-sided green fire number. If your fire number is missing or has been damaged, you must contact the Town clerk immediately. If a fire number is not present, you are in violation of Town code, which could result in a fine.

Sand/Salt: The Town is not legally able to sell the winter sand/salt mixture nor are citizens allowed to take it (the materials need to be used for Town business and a driveway is not a Town road, and, therefore, not a Town use).

Brush Chipping Policy

2nd Tuesday April – October

If you have brush, **remember to call 526-3354 by 1 pm the Monday before service is to begin.** Leave a message 24/7!

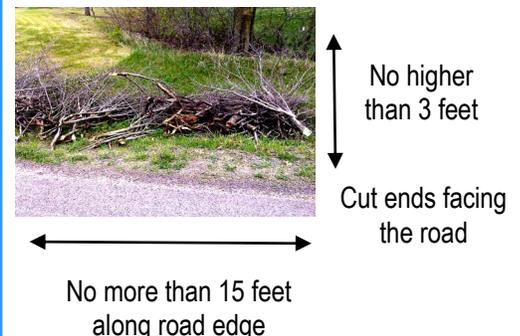
There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to the rules!

Due to some past mis-use of the chipping service, there is a limit to the amount of brush that can be piled curbside. When stacking your brush, be sure the pile is **no higher than 3 feet and no wider than 15 feet along the curb.** Longer limbs are preferable (in other words, no need to cut into smaller pieces).

Please keep in mind that curbside chipping is designed for light pruning and trimming. It is a public service, not a business. Our service **is not for entire tree removal projects (such as Ash tree removal), clearing building sites or "woods" around a house nor is it to be used on a constant basis (such as larger properties with many trees).** Properties abusing this service will be notified that their brush will not be chipped and will be asked to contact a tree service for their disposal. See the recycling newsletter for further details.

Violation of the rules will result in no service. We appreciate your cooperation!

Brush pile example



Town Information

Town Hall 526-3354

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Steve Michaels	526-1419	chair@townofhollandwi.org
Jerome Pedretti	526-9312	supervisor1@townofhollandwi.org
Kathy Warzynski	526-6474	supervisor2@townofhollandwi.org
Robert Stupi	526-4694	supervisor3@townofhollandwi.org
Michael Hoffman	526-4419	supervisor4@townofhollandwi.org
Clerk Marilyn Pedretti	317-9698	clerk@townofhollandwi.org
Treasurer Marla Wagner	317-5780	treasurer@townofhollandwi.org

Building Inspector: Jim Webb 780-4672
 Assessor: Associated Appraisal 1-800-721-4157

MEETING INFORMATION

- Town Board meets at 7 pm the second Wednesday.
- The annual meeting is at 7 pm, Wednesday April 18, 2018.
- Plan Commission meets at 7 pm the first Wednesday.
- Monthly meeting notices will be posted at the Town Hall, the Holmen Post Office and Holmen Library as well as the Town web page, www.townofhollandwi.org
- Special meeting notices will be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the three locations listed above.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Brush chipping.....	526-3354	Town clerk
	Second Tuesday April-Oct—call by 1 pm the day before	
Building permits.....	780-4672	Town building Inspector
Dog licenses	526-3354	Town treasurer
Fire permits	526-9363	Holmen Fire Dept.
Hazardous waste	785-9999	La Crosse County HHW
Landfill	785-9572	La Crosse Solid Waste
Refuse/Recycling	783-6727	Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling
Zoning permits	785-9722	La Crosse County Zoning

CLERK'S

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 8 am—1 pm
 Wednesdays 3 pm—6 pm
 Thursdays 8 am—1 pm
 (...and other times as needed)

RENTAL INFORMATION

All rentals of the hall, shelters and ball diamonds are handled by the Town clerk at 526-3354

The following rates are subject to change:

Park Shelters (located by the Town Hall):

- #1 = \$60.00 (kitchen/open air seating)
- #2 = \$50.00 (electrical outlets/enclosed)

Town Hall (W7937 County Road MH):

Day rental = 8 am to 6 pm
 \$150 with \$50 deposit
 Evening rental = 8 am to 10 pm
 \$250 with \$50 deposit
 Reception rental = 8 am to midnight
 \$325 with \$75 deposit

For pictures and further information, check out our web page.

Contact Us

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 Web page: www.townofhollandwi.org

Recycling/Refuse

The "Recycler" newsletter was sent separately. *Please stop by or call the Town Hall if you have not received one by the end of December. You can also view the newsletter on our web page!*

Refuse & Recycling Carts:

- ▶ 96-gallon carts are necessary to receive refuse and recycling service.
- ▶ **Carts may not be placed within the right-of-way** (33 feet from the center line) other than the day of service.
- ▶ Place carts **2 feet** from road edge and at least **3 feet away** from obstacles including but not limited to: other carts, recycling bins, mailboxes, power poles, etc.
- ▶ **Red Bins** are no longer used for recycling service.
- ▶ More details in the "Recycler" newsletter.

Call 783-6727 if your trash or recycling was missed!



Speeding is one of the biggest complaints in the Town! Please keep in mind when you are traveling on our Town roads that the speed limits are set to protect the residents as well as the driver. Please be aware and **SLOW DOWN!**



Mailboxes cannot be constructed with brick, concrete or any other hazardous materials that will not "break away" if hit by a vehicle.
Other obstacles: no other obstacle should be constructed within the right-of-way, including brick pillars.