



# Town of Holland Newsletter 2012

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## New Voter ID

After January 1, 2012, all voters will be required to show a picture ID. In addition, voters are required to sign their name in the poll book before receiving a ballot. For more information, check out our web page at: [www.townofhollandwi.org](http://www.townofhollandwi.org).

## New Supervisory Maps

Every 10 years, we are required to redistrict according to shifts in population growth. The Town population has increased from 2,698 in 2000 to 3,701 in 2010. While our Town Board Supervisors run "at large" (no set districts), the County Supervisors are elected by district, which have shifted. In addition, the County voted to decrease the size of its board from the current 35 members to 29. You can view the new district maps in the Town Clerk's office or on the County web page: <http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/>.

## Elections

Due to the change in election laws, absentee ballots are now available two weeks prior to an election and cannot be issued after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before election day. In other words, **NO VOTING ON MONDAY**, the day before elections.

## Spring Election

Are you interested in running for elected office? Each spring, two Town Supervisor positions are open (filing deadline is the 1st Tuesday in January). Contact the Town Clerk for more information.

## Town Revaluation

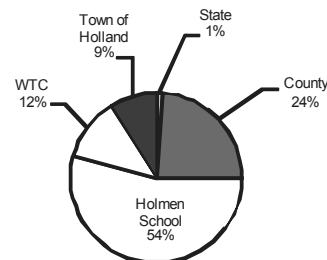
The Town of Holland will conduct a town-wide revaluation in 2012, as required by the Department of Revenue. As many know, the housing market has been quite volatile. This revaluation will help keep the Town values current so all properties are valued uniformly.

The contract calls for at least 80% of the improved property to be physically inspected to maintain the accuracy of the full market value assessments. Early in 2012, you'll receive notification from the appraisers and we ask for your cooperation as they schedule appointments.

Please be aware that higher or lower assessments do not guarantee higher or lower taxes. The assessment is only one part of the equation for computing the property tax. The other variable is the tax levy, which represents the budgets established by the municipality, schools, County and State to cover their expenses. It is the proportion of your assessment to the total value of the community that affects your tax bill, not the assessment number itself. Said another way, the ingredients (assessed values) may be large or small, but it must be divided equally among all properties to cover the cost of the pie (all 5 municipal budgets).

### Interesting statistics:

Residential parcels: 1642  
 Commercial: 27  
 Agricultural & Other: 1106  
 Exempt properties: 378  
 Mobile Homes: 56



For more information, check out:

<http://www.revenu.wi.gov/faqs/slf/declmrkt.html>

## Fire # Update

As noted in our summer newsletter, the Town adopted a uniform fire sign ordinance. To date, approximately 1,100 new 2-sided signs have been installed. The remaining signs will be installed next spring. We have received an overwhelmingly positive response from residents, emergency response personnel and delivery services. Please note that Ordinance #1-2011 states: *Once installed, no fire sign may be tampered with, **removed or displaced at anytime** without prior written approval. Failure to comply with this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense. Each separate day such violation is continued shall constitute a separate offense.*

**Recycling/Refuse Information** **Questions? 783-6727**

**Recycling/Refuse newsletters are sent separately**  
*Please stop by or call the Town Hall if you have not received one by the end of December.*

**Reminder:**  
 Residents must use clear bags for refuse collection. This policy was put into place to keep recyclables out of the trash and in the recycling bins where they belong.

The Red Bin: everything recyclable goes in the red bin and no sorting is necessary!  
 Be kind: de"cap"itate your bottles. The caps go in the trash, the bottles go in the recycle bin.  
 NEW! Cartons are now recyclable!  
 (See the flyer sent separately for details.)  
**Call 783-6727 if your trash or recycling was missed**

**Misc. Information**

**Drainage ditches** cannot be filled in with dirt and/or sod. Sprinkler heads should NOT be within the right-of-way.  
**Parking on cul-de-sacs** (and on town roads) is prohibited at all times.  
**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.  
**Road Right-of-Way.** Due to necessary maintenance of town roads (especially snow plowing) 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. 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.  
**No open burning.** Burning leaves, refuse or brush in yards or burn barrel(s) is illegal in the township. 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.

**YMCA Programs**  
**783-9622**



**UW Extension**  
**785-9593**



The YMCA North is offering the following classes starting the week of Jan. 8 at the Holland Town Hall (special rate for Holland residents):

**Hip Hop/Funk for Kids:**  
 This class teaches rhythm, musicality, coordination and age-appropriate choreography without any suggestive music/ movement. Have fun with this upbeat, high-energy class.

Age 8-10 Tues. 5:15-6:15 p.m.  
 Age 11-13 Tues 6:20-7:20 p.m.

**Couple's Social Dance:**  
 Learn swing, waltz, Rumba, Bolera, Cha Cha, & Partner Hustle.  
 Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Jewelry Creations & Beading:**  
 A 3-week class for beginners. Learn about design, color and use of tools in jewelry for you or to make great gifts for others.  
 Jan 12-26 or Feb 9-23  
 Thursdays 5:15-6:15

**Registration begins December 12th**  
**Contact:** Tammy Addleman at  
 783-9622 ext. 721 or  
[taddleman@laxymca.org](mailto:taddleman@laxymca.org)

**Access this important resource available 24 hours a day online at**  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/lacrosse/>  
**or call Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., (608)785-9593.**  
**UW-Extension provides educational programs and opportunities in:**  
**AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE**-production agriculture, quality assurance and safety, commercial and home horticulture.  
**4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**- helping youth become capable, competent and caring citizens.  
**COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**- land use planning, storm water, sustainability, renewable energy, intergovernmental collaboration, and local government issues.  
**FAMILY LIVING**-promoting family strengths and helping communities become positive environments for family life.  
**WISCONSIN NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM**-nutrition education programs for individuals and families with limited resources to improve their food security.

**Shared Ride Service**  
**1-866-666-2561**



Call the number above to schedule rides within Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem, Town of Holland, Villages of Bangor or Rockland. The service runs from 7 AM to 7PM, seven days a week. Your \$5.00 fare for the service includes a free transfer to the La Crosse MTU buses (24 hour notice is appreciated so they can better coordinate rides).

The Public Transit Taxi Program is a door-to-door transportation system, available to everyone! You may travel with more than one passenger with different destinations and/or origins. All vehicles are wheel chair accessible.

## Tax Information

Questions? 526-4107

## Dog Licenses

### TREASURER'S TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Taxes may be paid as follows:

- 24/7 using the drop box at the Town Hall.
- By mail to Marie Dummer, N6500 Co Rd XX, Holmen, WI 54636
- In person at the **Town Hall** the following hours:
  - Wed, Dec 14 4 pm to 6 pm
  - Mon, Dec. 19 9 am to noon
  - Wed, Dec 21 3 pm to 6 pm
  - Wed, Dec 28 3 pm to 6 pm
  - Thurs, Dec 29 9 am to 1 pm
  - Sat, Dec 31 9 am to noon
  - Wed, Jan 11 3 pm to 6 pm
  - Wed, Jan 18 3 pm to 6 pm
  - Mon, Jan 23 9 am to noon
  - Wed, Jan 25 3 pm to 6 pm
  - Thurs, Jan 26 9 am to 1 pm
  - Sat, Jan 28 9 am to 1 pm
  - Mon, Jan 30 9 am to 1 pm
  - Tues, Jan 31 9 am to 4 pm
- All payments (first half or full) are due by 1/31/12.
- Make checks payable to "**Town of Holland**".
- For security reasons, please no cash payments over \$100.
- If you want a receipt, please include your tax bill or a copy of it.

To verify that your payment has been received, visit:

[www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/LandRecordsPortal](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/LandRecordsPortal)

- ▶ Click on the "Accept & Go to Land Records Information" site.
- ▶ Left corner, choose the "Real Estate Parcels" category.
- ▶ Enter your information & perform search.
- ▶ Click on your record & tab to "taxes" (top of page).

### 2nd Half Tax Payment

#### 2nd HALF TAX PAYMENT

Due: July 31<sup>st</sup>

Payable to: La Crosse County Treasurer

Mail or pay at: County Treasurer's Office  
400 4th Street No.  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
608-785-9711

## Wish List

Our Town "needs" often exceed our Town budget. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating time, money or skills to assist with any of the following "wishes" please contact the Town Clerk:

Park trees, equipment or plants.

Cash donations are always welcome!

We are certainly open to other ideas. Please note that some items will require Board approval.



Please note:  
dog license late  
fee is  
\$25.00



All dogs over 5 months old must be licensed by March 31, 2012 (**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 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 if it is neutered or spayed).

### New dog fee:

\$11 if spayed/neutered  
or \$21 if not

Dog licenses can be purchased from the Treasurer (Marie Dummer, N6500 County Road XX, Holmen, WI). This can be done via mail, Town Hall drop box or during tax collection hours at the Town Hall. All dog calls are handled by the Coulee Region Humane Society (781-4014).

For new residents or for newly acquired dogs, all tags are to be purchased from the local treasurer within **30 days** or the late fee will apply. A new puppy must be licensed within 6 months of birth **or a late penalty will apply.**

**LATE TAGS MUST BE  
PURCHASED FROM THE  
COUNTY CLERK.**

## Town Information

**Town Hall 526-3354**

### BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman	David Carlson	526-9311
Supervisor 1	David Bentzen	780-7454
Supervisor 2	Scott Lien	526-4748
Supervisor 3	Robert Stupi	526-4694
Supervisor 4	Kathleen Stoen	526-3063
Clerk	Marilyn Pedretti	317-9698
Treasurer	Marie Dummer	526-4107
Bldg. Inspector	Gordon Van Dunk	526-3127

### CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
(...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 = \$40.00 (kitchen/open air seating)  
#2 = \$30.00 (electrical outlets/enclosed)

#### **Town Hall (W7937 County Road MH):**

Day rental = 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

\$100 with \$50 deposit

Evening rental = 7 am to 10 pm

\$200 with \$50 deposit

Reception rental = 7 a.m. to midnight

\$300 with \$75 deposit

### MEETING INFORMATION

- Board meetings are at 7 pm the second Wednesday each month.
- The annual meeting is at 7 pm, Wednesday April 11, 2012.
- Plan Commission meets at 6 pm the first Tuesday of each month.
- Monthly meeting notices will be printed in the Holmen Courier and posted at the Town Hall, the Holmen Post Office and Holmen Library as well as our web page.
- Special meeting notices will be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the three locations listed above.

### TOWN SERVICES

By appointment only  
Large article pick-up...783-6727 Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling  
(1st Wed of month April-Oct.)  
Brush chipping.....526-3354 Call by noon the day before  
(2nd Tues of month April-Oct)  
Fire permits.....526-9363  
Dog license.....526-3354 or 526-4107  
Building permits.....526-3127 Gordon Van Dunk  
County Zoning permits.....785-9722  
County Landfill.....785-9999

### **New email & web page**

We've upgraded!

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