



village of Kronenwetter

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SPRING ELECTIONS

An election will be held in the Village of Kronenwetter on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for President and Trustees begins on April 21, 2009; the term is for two years.

OFFICE

Village President
Village Trustee
Village Trustee
Village Trustee

INCUMBENT

Rick Smith
Rod Fisher
Geri Kowalski
Justeen Mallo-Vollrath

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2008, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 PM on January 6, 2009 in the office of the Village Clerk.

If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

NEW GARBAGE SERVICE

Starting January 1st IROW will provide weekly garbage and weekly recycling service to the Village's 2400 households. New garbage carts will be delivered prior to January 1st. New carts will be delivered to homes starting the week of December 15th.

The last day for large item pickup (sticker required) from Wittenberg Disposal was December 12th. The last day for weekly large item pickup (no sticker required) is December 19th.

SEE THE NEWSLETTER FROM IROW EXPLAINING NEW SERVICES.

If you have questions about the new service, please contact Lisa Myles, Public Works Director at 693-4200.

If you have unused garbage stickers from Wittenberg Disposal, the Village will refund the cost through December 30, 2008.

Wittenberg Disposal will collect their carts on the last day of collection in 2008 as follows:

Thursday route: December 26

Monday route: December 29

Tuesday route: December 30

Wednesday Route: December 31

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

LOTTERY CREDITS

The Credit for residents living in the DC Everest School District is **\$85.67**

The Credit for residents living in the Mosinee School District is **\$76.37**

If you were occupying your primary residence as of January 1, 2008, you are entitled to a Lottery Credit on your 2008 tax bill. Please look for it when your tax bill arrives. If you moved into your residence during 2008, you are NOT entitled to a Lottery Credit until your December 2009 tax bill.

If you qualify for the 2008 Lottery Credit but do not have it on your tax bill, please notify the Village Treasurer. If you do not qualify for the Year 2008 Lottery Credit but will qualify for Year 2009, ask for a Lottery Credit Application form.

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER TAX RATES

Parcels in the D.C. Everest School District

Parcels in the Mosinee School District

Levy District	2007	2008	Percent Change
School	\$9.578543	\$10.029662	5%
County	\$5.575953	\$5.465275	-2%
Village	\$3.139831	\$3.387180	8%
NTC	\$1.925093	\$1.948356	1%
State	\$0.175292	\$0.178804	2%
Gross	\$20.394712	\$21.009277	3%
Tax Credit	(\$1.18693)	(\$1.36540)	15%
Net Tax	\$19.207779	\$19.643877	2%

Levy District	2007	2008	Percent Change
School	\$8.284746	\$8.939762	8%
County	\$5.575953	\$5.465275	-2%
Village	\$3.139831	\$3.387180	8%
NTC	\$1.925093	\$1.948356	1%
State	\$0.175292	\$0.178804	2%
Gross	\$19.10092	\$19.919377	4%
Tax Credit	(\$1.18693)	(\$1.36540)	15%
Net Tax	\$17.91398	\$18.553977	4%

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ASSESSED VALUATIONS

District	2007	2008	Percent Change
DC Everest	317,139,455	336,330,419	6%
Percent of Village Total		<u>69%</u>	
Village Assessed Value	485,602,961		

District	2007	2008	Percent Change
Mosinee	139,700,148	149,272,542	7%
Percent of Village Total		<u>31%</u>	
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NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

Dog licenses, which were issued during 2008, expire on December 31, 2008. However, a grace period for renewal extends the renewal date through **March 31, 2009**. After that date, a late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for all license renewals. The Village requires all residents to license their dogs. A good time to do that is when you pay your taxes. Applications for dog licenses are enclosed with your 2008 Tax Statement. Please send your applications and license fee with the current rabies vaccination certificate to the Village Treasurer. The license and tags will be sent to you and the rabies vaccination certificate will be returned to you. Applications are also available at the Municipal Center.

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER Tax Collection Information for Tax Year 2008

TAX COLLECTION OFFICE HOURS

River Valley Bank

Location: 850 State Road 153 East, Mosinee WI

Hours: M-F 9:00-4:00

-or-

Location: 1130 E. Grand Avenue, Rothschild WI

Hours: M-Th 8:30-4:30; Fri 8:30-5:00

When using the River Valley Bank service, please present your tax statement for processing. You do **not** need to have an account at RVB to use this pay station. Please make checks payable to: VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER.

Official Payments



Pay online at

www.officialpayments.com

Or call 1-800-2PAY-TAXSM (1-800-272-9829)

Jurisdiction Code 6715

Access this internet service at www.kronenwetter.org, click on tax payment. Official Payments charges the consumer a nominal service fee.

Mail or Drop Box

Our locked drop box is located in the FRONT entrance of the Municipal Center.

If you would like a receipt when paying by mail or drop box, please include a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

Village of Kronenwetter

Attn: Treasurer

1582 Kronenwetter Drive

Mosinee WI 54455

Please make checks payable to:

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER.

Kronenwetter Municipal Center

December 17 -26: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

January 5 -23; M, W, F only; 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

December 29 -30: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

January 26-30: M, T, W, Th, F; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Municipal Center will not be open on weekends; December 24-25, 31, 2008, and January 1, 2009.

Cash refunds will not be available for amounts over \$5.00. All refunds over \$5.00 will be sent by check, which takes 2 – 3 weeks from the time the payment is processed. Please make checks payable to:

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER

PAYMENT DEADLINES

Full Payment of Taxes: Due on or before January 31, 2009 to the Village Treasurer.

Two Part Payments: First installment is due on or before January 31, 2009 to the Village Treasurer.

Second installment is due on or before July 31, 2009 to Marathon County Treasurer.

Payments **received or postmarked** on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2008 will be receipted **in 2008**, if the taxpayer is seeking an income tax deduction for calendar year-end 2008.

A Message from the Building Department

Greetings from the Building Inspector.

Recently there have been several incidents of people building decks, yard sheds, wood/pellet burners and remodeling basements without first obtaining a building permit.

All of these projects require a permit and have local and state codes that govern them.

If you are planning a project of any kind, please call the building department before starting to determine if a permit is required.

The penalty for beginning a project without a permit is four (4) times the cost of the original permit cost. It is easier and more cost effective to call first and if needed, get a permit.

Permits are calculated by the square footage with minimum permit fees of \$30.

You may contact the building department by phone 715-693-4200 or by e-mail at bill@kronenwetter.org.

I look forward to working with you on all of your building projects!

FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE NOW

AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER

The Village of Kronenwetter has joined over 20,000 communities nationwide that are allowed to purchase federally backed flood insurance. This availability follows the adoption and enforcement of ordinances to reduce flood losses and acceptance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Residents of the Village of Kronenwetter will now be able to purchase flood insurance. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage goes into effect. Single family dwellings are eligible for coverage up to \$100,000. Renters can also protect their belongings by purchasing contents coverage. Commercial property limits are \$500,000 for both property and content coverage.

If you have further questions feel free to contact your mortgage broker or insurance agent.

WATER UTILITY

Brrr...it's getting cold outside! Here are a few things to keep in mind this winter:

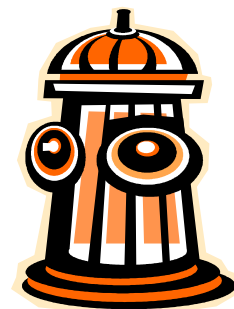
Make sure your water pipes and water meter are protected from the elements to avoid freezing. Basements should be kept draft free by closing doors and windows; seal any crawl space openings to keep warm air in and cold air out. Please be familiar with the location of your inside and outside water shutoff valves so that water may be turned off as soon as possible in case of a break in your water pipes. If you are leaving for a long period of time, shut off your water with your inside water valve located before your water meter.

PRIVATE WATER WELL PERMIT

Just a reminder to those homeowners who are in the process of renewing their wells, the deadline to finish with the renewal process or well abandonment is **DECEMBER 31, 2008**. A fine of \$100 will be issued on your first quarterly bill after this deadline. The fine increases \$100 each quarter that you are noncompliant. Four notifications/reminders have been sent out since April 2008 to those property owners who are required to renew this year.

PLEASE ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

If you have a fire hydrant near your home, please consider shoveling snow away that accumulates around the hydrant during the winter. A **BIG THANK YOU** to those of you that have done this in the past.



PUBLIC NUISANCE

The Village has received complaints of barking dogs left outside all day. Please be aware of the Village's Ordinance regarding Public Nuisances. Any violation of any Village Ordinance can result in a citation and subsequent fine. For more information on public nuisances or any other Village Ordinance, please visit us on the web at: www.kronenwetter.org

WINTER MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

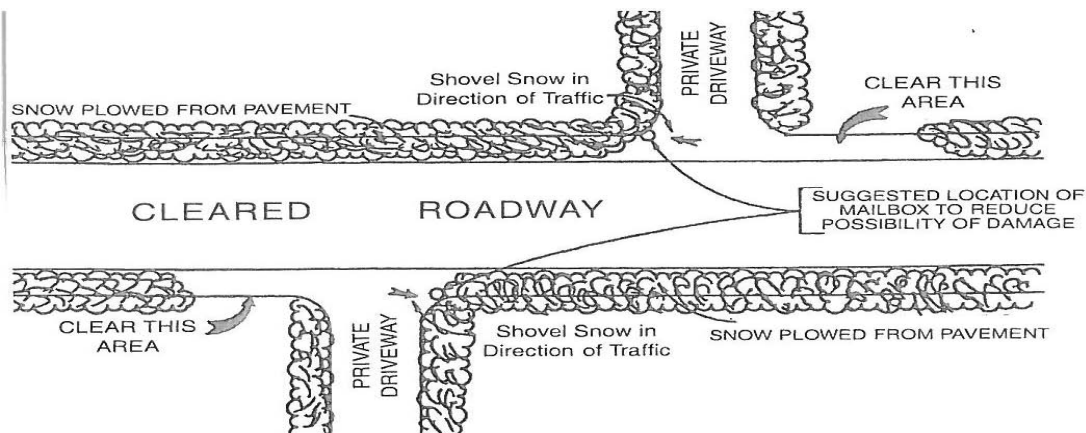
It is the responsibility of the mailbox owner to maintain a properly placed, serviceable mailbox. The post and mailbox **must be capable of withstanding flying snow and slush from traffic and snowplows.** If the mailbox is not placed the proper distance and height from the roadway, and is damaged by flying snow or slush, no compensation is authorized. If a mailbox is hit and damaged by a snowplow or other Village equipment it will be repaired or replaced with a mailbox approved by the U.S. Postal Service. Reimbursement for damage to mailboxes or structures may be afforded, but is limited a maximum amount of \$25. **Please also remember to shovel around your mailbox; accumulated snow and subsequent damage caused by snow build-up during plowing will not be reimbursed.**



DRIVEWAY CLEARING TIPS

The following suggestions are intended to make your driveway snow removal easier and safer:

- Do not shovel, snow blow or have your driveway plowed into or across the road. This is prohibited by law and can cause a serious traffic hazard. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of your driveway in the opposite direction from which the plow is coming. That way, the plow will carry snow away from your driveway rather than back into it.
- If possible, wait until the roadway has been plowed before cleaning out the end 5 to 10 feet of your driveway. There is not a practical way to plow the roadway without depositing snow into your driveway. Please understand the Village can not go back and shovel or plow out the end of any private driveway.
- Do not allow children to play on snow banks along the road. Warn them not to tunnel or build snow caves along the road. Snow plows may need to open up vision or push back snow banks to provide storage room for future storms.
- Remember to clear around your mailbox to eliminate accumulation during plowing.



New Discharge of a Weapon Ordinance

There is now a new ordinance regarding the use and discharge of weapons within the Village Limits. Some of the major restrictions are that no one can discharge any firearms on a parcel that is smaller than 5 acres anywhere in the Village. It also requires that if the landowner is not present, the subject engaged in the discharging of firearms will require the written permission of that landowner and that it is produced upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

It does allow for bow and arrow practice on a lot of .6 acres or greater but restricts that the projectile (arrow) cannot leave the property where the target is located. Also, the arrow cannot penetrate the backstop and the target cannot be any more than 4 feet from the ground.

If interested, I would encourage you to view the ordinance on the Village website at www.kronenwetter.org or stop at the Municipal Center and request a copy. If there are any questions, they may be directed to Chief Dan Joling at 693-4215.

Recovered and Unclaimed Property Disposal

The Police Department has identified a number of items that we are planning on making available for sale to the public. These items include at least a couple of mopeds, various tools and tool boxes and other miscellaneous items. We are going to try to create an eBay type of sight on our Village web page and we will be using the email to allow folks to submit bids. Once we identify the list of items to be sold, I will be placing a minimum value on the items and we will then open them for bids from the public. This will be cash and carry only and we will not ship anything from our location.

The money received will hopefully go to offset some fuel savings programs we are hoping to start this next year.

Thefts from Vehicles

Recently our officers worked a case where a group of individuals were "Car Shopping." As far as we can conclude, the items recovered are probably worth about \$10,000 to \$15,000. The subjects would NOT have been caught if it were not for an alert resident that saw a subject in a neighbor's vehicle and approached him. The alert resident then was able to obtain a license plate number of the vehicle the subjects used to leave the area. The information led police to one of the vehicles within hours of the crimes, and charges are now pending against the perpetrators. The practice of Car Shopping is where individuals will drive around and look for vehicles sitting outside that are unlocked and then go in and clean them out of anything and everything of any value. PLEASE lock your vehicles if they sit outside or remove or lock up the valuables inside. We would also like to encourage anyone that if you feel you were a victim, to contact our agency and report the loss, as we now have unaccounted for property.

Any questions regarding anything contained herein should be directed to Chief Dan Joling at 693-4215 ext 24.

policechief@kronenwetter.org

SAFETY TIPS

- Maintain a list of emergency numbers in a place (or several places) where they are readily available.
- Engrave portable valuables with identification numbers (but not your Social Security number).
- Request identification from salespeople and repair and service personnel who are unfamiliar to you.
- Never provide personal information to unknown callers over the telephone.
- Never provide entrance into your home to strangers.
- Remove family keepsakes and valuables to a home of a friend or safe deposit box before vacation trips. Keep non-replaceable items in a safe deposit box.
- Keep all your doors locked - this includes your vehicles. *Keep your screen door locked so when you open the main door to respond to a knock, the person will not be able to push themselves in.*
- When leaving home for an extended period of time, let a friend and neighbor know how long you will be gone and where you can be reached in an emergency. Do not publicize your trip.
- Do not put your name or address on your key ring.

Call your local police department or sheriff's office if you see or hear something suspicious.

CONSUMER PROTECTION WARNING

The following is an article taken from the Consumer Protection Website.

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
 Protecting Wisconsin Consumers for 75 years
 Contact Glen Lloyd (608) 224-5007 Cell: 516-3702

Be careful with door-to-door sales crews. Would you buy a \$20 book for kids at UW Hospital?

That's the pitch of an out-of-state door-to-door magazine crew canvassing Wisconsin neighborhoods, according to allegations in consumer complaints to police and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Middleton Police warned the crew for soliciting without a license. Complaints allege the crew may claim to be UW students or that they live down the street. A Madison resident said crew members used her name when knocking on neighborhood doors claiming she had purchased a book when she had not purchased a book.

Lisa Brunette, spokesperson for University Hospital says, "door to door solicitation is not something we are involved in. In short they have nothing to do with us."

Consumer Protection advises consumers to call the police when questionable door-to-door sellers coming knocking. Consumers say this crew attempts to get into people's homes and at least one member smelled like he had been drinking.

For more information about door-to-door sales crews, contact the toll free hotline at the Department

We are on the Web!
www.kronenwetter.org

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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

*SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS.
WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.*

**The Municipal Center will
be closed Wednesday and
Thursday, December 24th
and 25th and Wednesday
and Thursday, December
31st and January 1st.**

HOLIDAY GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICK-UP

Wednesday, December 24th regular pick-up day

All other pick-up days that week will be one day
late.

Wednesday, December 31, regular pick-up day

All other pick-up days that week will be one day
late.



If you know of any property owner who has not received a newsletter and would like one, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for information you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact Nichole Starr, Editor of the Village Newsletter.