



## From the Desk of Mayor David Nold

Over the years Oconomowoc has been recognized as a top community by various entities. Many of these acknowledgements review several aspects of life, including but not limited to, education, cultural and recreational opportunities, cost of living, and public safety. Balancing competing priorities and needs of a community with the scarcity of additional revenue sources creates a challenging backdrop for many local communities. As the community continues to grow City officials and leaders are continually evaluating and prioritizing needs. Looking ahead into 2017, initiatives included in the upcoming budget address these needs, particularly focusing on investing in public safety.

The upcoming budget incorporates funding for a new police officer position to continue to ensure that the expanding needs of the growing community are met to maintain the safe community we all enjoy. Additionally the City is working with other local governments to evaluate consolidating fire and ambulance services. Collaborative efforts like this allow for enhanced services for constituents while minimizing the financial impact to taxpayers.

Another initiative included in the 2017 budget relates to the continued development of the Village Green project. The City anticipates expanding the space, and beginning work on the various Fowler Lake shoreline projects. Public spaces are a vital component of communities and directly enhance the quality of life for people within the community. The Village Green enhancements will help bring life and vitality to the downtown area for years to come.

As Oconomowoc continues to grow city leaders and officials will diligently work to anticipate the changing needs of the community in order to continue to provide valuable services and enhancements that contribute to making Oconomowoc a great place to live, work and play.

## When Are My Taxes Due?

Taxes may be paid in full or through the installment plan using the due date to the right. If you choose to pay by mail, ***it must be postmarked by the Post Office on or before the due date and received within 5 business days of the due date to be considered paid on time.*** If you do not pay by the installment due dates, the entire remaining balance becomes immediately due and is subject to interest and penalties (1.5% per month), retroactive to February 1, 2017.

## Property Tax Due Dates

### Real Estate Taxes

1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	January 31, 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment	April 30, 2017
3 <sup>rd</sup> Installment	July 31, 2017

### Personal Property Taxes

Due in full by January 31, 2017  
(Installment Plan Not Available)

## Where Do I Pay My Taxes?

Online	Online payments are accepted through the Waukesha County website:  <a href="http://tax.waukeshacounty.gov/">http://tax.waukeshacounty.gov/</a>  Note: A convenience fee applies
Mail	City of Oconomowoc Attn: Property Tax Payments PO Box 27 Oconomowoc, WI 53066
Drop Box	A 24-hour drop box is located at City Hall by Police main entrance
In Person	City Hall: Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm <b><i>CLOSED on Following Holidays:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 23, 26, 30</li> <li>January 2</li> </ul>

## How Can I Pay My Taxes?

- **Credit Card/Automatic Withdrawal:** Only accepted through online payments. A convenience fee applies.
- **Escrow Checks:** Endorse escrow check. Escrow checks made payable to the City must be applied to the entire outstanding balance. If escrow check exceeds amount due a **refund** check will be issued within two weeks.
- **Check:** Payable to **City of Oconomowoc**
- **Cash:** In person at City Hall. Please do not use drop box or mail if paying in cash.

## Payment Receipts Available

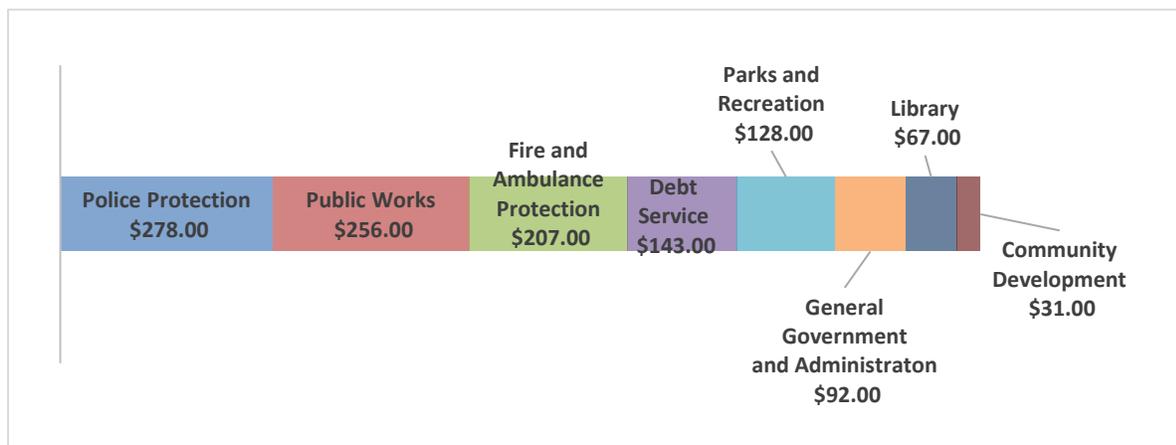
**Online:** If taxes are paid online, a receipt will be available at the time of payment.

**Waukesha County Website:** Receipts available approximately two weeks after payment. Search for your property using key # listed on your tax bill (ex: OCOC0560166). Click on the 'BILL' arrow to the right of property in results screen to print. <http://tax.waukeshacounty.gov>

**Self Addressed Stamped Envelope:** Include with your payment and we will mail your receipt to you.

## What Makes Up My Tax Bill?

Your tax bill includes taxes assessed by the City as well as County, State, Vocational Schools, Public Schools, and Special Districts. The 2016 levy for the City of Oconomowoc provides year round services to citizens. For 2016 City taxes on a median home (valued at \$221,000) would total \$1,202. The annual cost of City services (for a median valued home) by department is depicted below.



## What Makes Up My Tax Bill

(Continued)

The City is required by Wisconsin State Statutes to collect taxes for the County, State, Vocational Schools, Public Schools and Special Districts. The City is not responsible for setting the levies of these other jurisdictions. For questions or comments about your taxes, please contact the appropriate entity.

### Contact Information

<b>City of Oconomowoc:</b>	262-569-2170
<b>Ocon. School District:</b>	262-560-2119
<b>Waukesha County:</b>	262-548-7020
<b>WCTC:</b>	262-691-5214
<b>WI Dept of Revenue:</b>	608-266-9758



## Dog & Cat Owners

By buying a dog/cat license you are funding animal abuse prevention programs in Waukesha County.

Please remember that pet licenses are required by state law and expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Pet licenses are required for all pets over 5 months old and are issued by the City. Veterinarians do not issue licenses, but can provide the Proof of Rabies certificate needed to obtain the license. Pets do not need to receive rabies vaccination each year.

How to Apply: Mail or bring required form, current rabies certificate, fee, and self addressed stamped envelope to City Hall.

License fee: \$15 (not spayed/neutered)  
\$10 (spayed/neutered)

Limits: Max of 3 licensed animals per household

Thank you for your compliance with the law and for providing funds to protect animals in our community.

## Garbage and Recycling Service



Johns Disposal continues to serve city residents for garbage and recycling collection in 2017. Collection days will not change and a map of service dates can be found at the link below:

<http://www.johnsdisposal.com/services/municipalities/oconomowoc-city/>

Observed holidays delaying collection for the service areas are listed below:

- Memorial Day - Monday 5/29/2017 - All collections will be delayed one day
- Independence Day - Tuesday 7/4/2017 - All collections will be delayed one day
- Labor Day - Monday 9/4/2017 - All collections will be delayed one day

Other Notes:

- Bulk items can be set out each week separated from carts
- Freon appliances need to be called in for special pick up
- Additional information relating to the County recycling program can be located at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling)
- Please save the yard waste schedule included

## 2017 RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE

**Acceptable Yard Waste Includes:**

- Leaves and dry grass clippings
- Yard and garden debris and brush
- Clean woody vegetation material no greater than 6 inches in diameter and not to exceed 4 ft in length
- No more than 60 lbs in total weight

**Acceptable Yard Waste Containers:**

- 30 gallon paper bags
- Dry cardboard boxes no larger than 3x3 ft
- Other easy-to handle containers no larger than 3x3 ft
- Metal or plastic garbage can no larger than 32 gallons in size and marked with a red X

**Not Acceptable Yard Waste:**

- Vegetables
- Stumps
- Sod, dirt or roots
- Shrubs with intact root balls
- Pumpkins, cornstalks, apples and black walnuts can be included with the regular garbage pickup
- Anything residentially generated

**Placement and Presentation of Yard Waste:**

- Curbside and visually separate from refuse and recyclables
- Tree limbs and branches must not exceed 6 inches in diameter and 4 ft in length
- Tree limbs, branches and brush must be tightly bundled and each bundle not to exceed 60 lbs
- Bundle with twine (wire or nylon is not acceptable)
- Plastic bags are prohibited from yard waste collection - they do not compost
- Containers must be marked with a red X to identify them as yard waste

**Christmas Tree Pickup** - Place trees curbside during January 2017 on your regular garbage day. Cut tree in half if they are taller than 6 ft.

### CALENDAR



★ **Household Hazardous Waste** - Saturday, September 9, 2017 @ 630 Worthington St. from 8am to noon. Visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling) or call (262)896-8302 for other household hazardous waste sites throughout Waukesha County. No latex paint accepted at the household hazardous waste.

*If your collection is missed or you have other refuse questions, call Johns Disposal  
262-473-4700 or 888-473-4701*

[www.johnsdisposal.com](http://www.johnsdisposal.com)

*There is no site where yard waste can be taken*