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# Bloomfield *express*

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.

## Project Initiatives, Capital Improvements, Funding for 2016

### UNDERSTANDING TAX RATES

The Village's base tax levy went up less than 1/4 of a % this year for the standard operating budget. Debt Service payments due in 2016 increased the levy to a combined 37.51% increase.

Township taxpayers had a 7.89% tax increase due to higher operating costs incurred through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village for highway and police services and shared insurance costs.

Over the past four years, the Village and Town Boards having been working diligently together to maintain and improve community wide services. Money has been tight for both municipalities. The state set limits on our local levy which came at a time of uncertainty of spending patterns and mandates as a new village. To continue on our journey and to strive to become a municipality that we are proud to say that we are from Bloomfield, is to borrow funds to accomplish goals as set forth in the Village's Capital Improvement Plan (CI Plan).

This is the second consecutive year that the Village adopted a CI Plan. The Board evaluated and prioritized goals for completion over the next two years. There are a lot of initiatives in the plan, such as, purchasing new snowplows and police cars, building a salt shed, making improvements to town hall, and other projects or purchases to enhance town services and/or to operate more efficiently. Paving roads in addition to the annual road maintenance program is also being considered by the boards. Aside from Impact Fees projects, all other purchases and projects will need funding.

The Township has earmarked a substantial amount of money in 2016 to replace the culvert/bridge on White Pigeon Road. They were able to accomplish this by using reserve funds to offset the project costs.

It is important for taxpayers to understand that until such time as the legislators allow a tax levy increase for municipalities, the Village will have no other option but to borrow funds at a low interest rate to sustain the budget and maintain services.

Additional funds are desired for annual capital outlay project initiatives. While the word "borrow" or "loan" may sound frightening, the Village is and will keep tight controls on spending to limit the impact on taxes.

Another option being considered is to refinance all debt in 2016 to help keep the tax levy steady over the next several years.

Certain projects will be paid with impact fee funds by year end 2015, possibly into 2016. The Public Safety Building addition should be completed within the coming months by using up Police and Fire Impact Fees. The McKay Park Drainage Project is underway with the use of Park Impact Fees.



### BLOOMFIELD

VILLAGE  
PO BOX 609  
PELL LAKE, WI 53157

TOWN  
PO BOX 704  
PELL LAKE, WI 53157

To view the CI Plan, visit the website or stop into the Treasurer's office.

# KEEPING IT SIMPLE:

Town property owners  
vs.  
city or village

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR TAXES LOW

Here are your options. The chart to your left shows the mill rates in bordering municipalities. Town properties are vulnerable for annexation by any city or village that touches your property boundary line. Did you know that you may be able to choose your destination? Think ahead. Think low taxes. Think annexation into the Village of Bloomfield.

## Municipal Mill Rates 2015

Town of Bloomfield	\$3.90/\$1,000 assessed value
Village of Bloomfield	\$3.88/\$1,000 assessed value
City of Lake Geneva	\$6.04/\$1,000 assessed value
Village of Genoa City	\$8.42/\$1,000 assessed value

### BLOOMFIELD MILL RATES

#### J1 TOWN

Taxing Body Name	Mill Rate
STATE OF WISCONSIN	0.0001625420
WALWORTH COUNTY	0.0046003830
<b>Town of Bloomfield</b>	<b>0.0039000000</b>
UHS Lake Geneva-Genoa City	0.0049160790
Sch Lake Geneva J 1	0.0070500940
Gateway Technical College	0.0007115700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0213406680</b>

#### J1 VILLAGE

Taxing Body Name	Mill Rate
STATE OF WISCONSIN	0.0001642140
WALWORTH COUNTY	0.0046477180
<b>Village of Bloomfield</b>	<b>0.0038610920</b>
UHS Lake Geneva-Genoa City	0.0049666620
Sch Lake Geneva J 1	0.0071226430
Gateway Technical College	0.0007691650
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0215314940</b>

#### J2 TOWN

Taxing Body Name	Mill Rate
STATE OF WISCONSIN	0.0001625420
WALWORTH COUNTY	0.0046003830
<b>Town of Bloomfield</b>	<b>0.0039000000</b>
UHS Lake Geneva-Genoa City	0.0049160790
Sch Genoa City J 2	0.0073407760
Gateway Technical College	0.0007115700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0216313500</b>

#### J2 VILLAGE

Taxing Body Name	Mill Rate
STATE OF WISCONSIN	0.0001642140
WALWORTH COUNTY	0.004677180
<b>Village of Bloomfield</b>	<b>0.0038610920</b>
UHS Lake Geneva-Genoa City	0.0049666620
Sch Genoa City J 2	0.0074162950
Gateway Technical College	0.0007057750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0217912180</b>

#### J4 TOWN

Taxing Body Name	Mill Rate
STATE OF WISCONSIN	0.0001625420
WALWORTH COUNTY	0.0046003830
<b>Town of Bloomfield</b>	<b>0.0039000000</b>
UHS Lake Geneva-Genoa City	0.0049160790
Sch Linn J 4	0.0044982950
Gateway Technical College	0.0007115700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0187888690</b>

#### ADD LAKE DISTRICTS (if applicable)

Taxing Body Name	Mill Rate
District of Powers Lake	0.0001332600
Lake Benedict-Tombeau Mgt Dist	0.0002880040



**BLOOMFIELD**



“Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season.”

# Season's Greetings

## BLOOMFIELD TREASURER'S OFFICE TAX COLLECTION DATES AND HOURS

*Collection Hours:* Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Special Hours on New Year's Eve:* Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 9 a.m. – noon

**OFFICE CLOSED on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day**

For your convenience there is a drop box location in front of the Village Hall. Tax payments deposited in the drop box will be processed during normal business hours. If you would like a receipt mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you!

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BLOOMFIELD TREASURER**  
Town and Village Taxes **MUST** be on separate checks!

IN PERSON: N1100 Town Hall Road  
BY MAIL: PO Box 609 (Village) PO Box 704 (Town)

- \* CASH payments must be in exact dollars and cents.
- \* Escrow checks must be endorsed on the back of the check.
- \* Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail you a receipt.
- \* Overpayments will be refunded within 14 days of processing date.
- \* Payments postmarked and dated by Dec. 31 or if received in our office or drop box on or before Jan. 3 will be posted as paid in December.
- \* Please use a separate check for your dog licenses!

## DID YOU GET THE LOTTERY CREDIT ON YOUR TAX BILL?

To qualify for the Lottery and Gaming Credit, you must be a Wisconsin resident, own a dwelling and use it as your primary residence as of the January 1 certification date of the year the property taxes are levied. A property owner may claim only one primary residence. You

cannot claim the Lottery and Gaming Credit on business property, rental units, vacant land, garages or other property that is not the owner's primary residence.

To receive the credit, an eligible property owner must file an application with the county treasurer where the property is located under state law or claim the credit by applying to the municipal treasurer where the property is located, by January 31 after you receive your property tax bill. Lottery and Gaming Credit applications forms are located at: [revenue.wi.gov/forms/lottery/index.html](http://revenue.wi.gov/forms/lottery/index.html).

## Pay Tax Bills Online

We accept...



Go to municipal website at [www.bloomfield-wi.us](http://www.bloomfield-wi.us)  
Click "Online Payment". Select TOWN TAX or VILLAGE TAX.  
You will go to our payment processor's website where you should register and make your payment.

**CALL 1-877-885-7968** (parcel number or fire address required)  
For live Customer Service assistance in Madison, please call between 8am – 7pm, Monday-Friday. Automated service 24 hours a day.

**Convenience fees:**  
Check or Savings Account Payments \$1.00 FLAT FEE  
Credit or Debit Card Payments 2.75% (plus 50¢ if under \$100)



Authorized Processor

Property Assessments

# 0% INTEREST HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

Many folks are struggling to make ends meet, living paycheck to paycheck. So when a home repair is needed, it may be difficult to find the funds to cover the expenses. Qualified Bloomfield homeowners, tenants, and landlords should consider participating in a Community Development Block Grant program. The program loans you money now to pay for repairs, such as, handicap accessibility, replacement windows and doors, roofing, electrical upgrades, water and sewer connection lines, siding, porch repairs, and repairs or replacements to heating systems, water heaters and plumbing systems. Enjoy the benefits of a 0% loan for up to 30 years or as long as you own or reside in the home. Hurry! Call today for more information. Contact the Housing Program Office at 1-800-552-6330.

## VOTER INFORMATION

### 2016 Election Calendar

February 16, 2016 -Spring Primary Election (if required)  
April 5, 2016- Presidential Preference and Spring Election  
August 9, 2016 -Partisan Primary  
November 8, 2016 - General Election

## CONSIDERING A RUN FOR OFFICE?

The first day to circulate nomination papers for municipal offices is December 1st. All candidates must file a campaign finance registration statement in advance of circulation. For more information, please contact the municipal clerk at (262) 279-6039. Nomination packets are now available for pick-up in the clerk's office.



## Wisconsin now requires a photo ID to Vote

Do I have the right photo ID?  
How do I get a free state ID card?  
Are there exceptions to the new law?

**BRING IT**  
— TO THE —  
**BALLOT**



Some absentee voters, who vote by mail like me, don't need a photo ID.

**...SO I'M READY TO VOTE.**

Wisconsin Government Accountability Board  
1-866-VOTE-WIS  
[gab@wi.gov](mailto:gab@wi.gov)

**PICK UP AN INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE.**

## WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

November 15 through April 15

Under Village of Bloomfield Ordinance 7.05 (3) no person shall park a motor vehicle (*except an emergency vehicle*) on or within 5 feet of any roadway, street, highway or public way after a snowfall, in such a manner as to prevent snow plows from removing the snow.

### Penalties:

- (1) *Written warning.*
- (2) *Vehicle will be towed and you could be cited with a fine not to exceed \$641.00.*

Please allow room for the Highway Department to clear the streets. Your cooperation will help us make the roads in Bloomfield safe for all the motoring public.