## KIM SIME, TREASURER TOWN OF RUTLAND 1192 Starr School Road, Stoughton, WI 53589 Phone (608) 873-8781 FAX (608) 873-3490

View Dane County Data base http://accessdane.co.dane.wi.us/ (all taxes shown)

Email Treasurer <u>simeholsteins@att.net</u> (emails from the town website www.town.rutland.wi.us are transferred to my personal email account)

~Enclosed is/are your 2009 real estate and/or personal property tax statement/s. If real estate was sold in 2009, it is your responsibility to forward these statements to the new owner. It is very important that you verify receipt of statements for all parcels. If any are missing, please contact me to indicate what parcel numbers are missing and the name of the property owner appearing on the tax statement.

~LOTTERY CREDIT-It is the Taxpayer's responsibility to verify that credit has been granted if you are entitled to it for the parcel. January 31, 2010 is the last date a late lottery credit form can be filed for your 2009 tax bill. We are NOT able to go back and recover this lottery credit if you fail to file a form by January 31, 2010. The lottery credit is available for your primary residence if you resided there on January 1 of 2009. Please examine the tax bill for the parcel with your primary residence to determine if the lottery credit was granted. If you did not receive the lottery credit, please contact me immediately by phone or email to make arrangements to complete and sign the form. This form needs to get to the County by January 31, 2010 to receive the credit.

## Payment of Taxes

~The due date for first installment is January 31, 2010. Make checks payable to the **TOWN OF RUTLAND** and mail to Kim Sime, Town of Rutland, 1192 Starr School Road, Stoughton, WI 53589. PAYMENT BY MAIL IS ENCOURAGED. You may pay any portion you wish in December to claim the payment on your 2009 income tax return. PAYMENT WILL BE CREDITED ACCORDING TO THE POSTMARK ON ENVELOPE-NOT DATE ON THE CHECK. For a receipt, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If there is a refund, I will hold your envelope and receipt until the refund check is processed in January or February. No refund will be issued if less than \$2.00. If there is a second installment due, the Dane County Treasurer will bill you and it is payable directly to Dane County by July 31, 2010.

**Payments in Person**-Payments may be made at the Rutland Town Hall on Saturday, December 26, 2009 (9-Noon). The next collection will be Saturday, January 30, 2010 (9-Noon). I will also take payments at my home by appointment.

I will not be available on January 31, 2010 to take payment in person.

To Avoid Delay in Payments; ~Keep address of Treasurer current with your financial institution ~Make sure your check is written out properly and signed ~Mail early enough to arrive well before the deadline.

~Escrow Overpayments-If you have escrow funds, please advise your financial institution of taxes due. State law requires that all tax bills be sent directly to the taxpayer. PAYMENTS WILL BE CREDITED ACCORDING TO THE POSTMARK ON ENVELOPE-NOT DATE ON THE CHECK. If possible, have the check issued for the exact amount due. If the check is issued for the amount in your escrow account and an overpayment occurs, we will issue refund checks once in January and again in February. If you would like a receipt from your escrow payment, you must request that and provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Otherwise, no receipts are sent from escrow payments. Refunds will be sent to taxpayer/owner, unless other arrangements are made. ~If you plan on taking a Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Credit, copies of paid Property tax statements must be attached (It will be returned to you by the state unless both the top and bottom of tax bill are enclosed). It is important to send the stamped, self-addressed envelope when paying your taxes since tax receipts are necessary to file.

~Please keep your mailing address current with Dane County since they process the tax bills. If your address needs correction now or in the future, call 266-4251 or send the parcel numbers with the correct information to Dane County Land Regulation & Records Dept., Tax Description, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 116, City-County Building, Madison, WI 53703-3342. Name changes for ownership are processed through the Register of Deed's office.

~Personal Property Taxes-Personal property taxes are payable in full to the Town of Rutland Treasurer by January 31, 2010. Any unpaid balances will be subject to 1%interest penalty per month and any portion of a month counts as one month.

## Dog Licenses

ALL DOG LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED INDIVIDUALLY.

Kennel licenses are available only if you have a conditional use permit for a kennel. All owners of a dog five months of age or older must license that dog. **Property owners are responsible for passing this information on to renters also.** These licenses need to be purchased before April 30, 2010-Postmark accepted. If a dog is over five months of age, but not licensed until after April 30, 2010; a penalty of double the normal fee will be charged as a late fee including kennel licenses. Many residents apply for dog licenses when mailing their property tax payment. If the rabies vaccination is current, this works well. I will return the tax receipt, dog license, tag, and rabies vaccination certificate all at once in the one stamped, self-addressed envelope that you provided.

Dog License Information--Please send in the following items:

- $\sim$  The enclosed completed application card. (For additional licenses, please complete a blank 3x5 index card with the same information.)
- ~ A rabies vaccination certificate from a veterinarian that is current.
- ~ A separate check.
- ~ A stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## 2010 Fees

Male or Female dog is \$20.00 Neutered/Spayed dog is \$15.00 Kennel of 12 or fewer dogs \$100.00 \$12.00 per dog in excess of the 12 in a kennel

If you are applying for a kennel license, please include a copy of your conditional use permit which allows a kennel operation. Without this permit, you must pay individually for each dog.

The **Rabies Clinic** will be held at Stoughton Veterinary Service, Inc. (873-8022) located at 1900 Hwy 51-138, Stoughton on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9 to 11:30. Simply ask for the Rutland Rabies Clinic pricing of \$10.00 per rabies shot which will be honored. No appointment is needed.

~~There is a \$30 charge for NSF checks plus the bank fees.