



HAPPENINGS IN HILES

December, 2004



TAXES - One of the Two Things That We Have to Do!

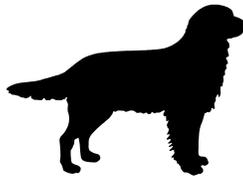
Real Estate Taxes may be paid in full at one time or in two installments. In either case, a payment is due by January 31. The proper amount, for either full payment or installment payments, can be found in the dark bordered boxes on your tax bill. If you have chosen the installment method of payment, the second payment will be due by July 31 at the Forest County Treasurer's office. For Personal Property taxes, payment is due in full by January 31. The installment method of payment is not available.

Taxpayers should note that all current year Real Estate Payments made by January 31 should be made to the Town of Hiles Treasurer at the address that appears in the upper left corner of your tax bill. Please enclose a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) if you would like a receipt for your payment. Real Estate tax payments made after January 31 should be made to the Forest County Treasurer at 200 E. Madison, Crandon WI 54520.

The Town Treasurer will be available for tax collection payments at the Town Hall on Saturdays (not holidays) in the months of December and January from Noon until 3PM

Annual Dog Licenses: A

reminder to you that in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 174.05 every dog over the age of 5 months is required to be licensed. A requirement of licensing is that proof of rabies vaccination be provided to the Town Treasurer. Licenses can not be issued without proof of rabies vaccination. Dog license fees are as follows and are renewable at the first of every year. Please enclose a SASE for the return of the license and the rabies certificate.



Male/Female: \$8.00

Neuter/Spay: \$3.00

Town Internet Web Site: Usage of the Town web site (www.townofhiles.org) continues to increase. If you have a computer and Internet service check it now and then for any updates. The current and past

issues of the 'Hiles News' written by Pat Pfeiffer and regularly published in the Forest Republican can also be found at the site. Suggestions for adding information items to the site - please let us know. The site receives many inquiries from potential visitors and Pat Pfeiffer's 'Hiles News' is a big hit with users.



Fire Department News: Good news is that the entire Town is now served by enhanced 911 service (E911). Now when you dial 911 with an emergency the answering dispatcher is presented with a

display that includes your name, address, phone, and a listing of your emergency providers. For emergency services to find you it is important that your address in the 911 data base be correct and that you have a highly visible fire number sign in an easily observable location. Several years ago the Town of Hiles named some previously unnamed private roads and updated fire number addresses in several locations in order to prepare for E911 service. Last year some additional road name changes were implemented. In both cases, property owners should have contacted their telephone company business office to assure that their E911 data was correct. It has come to our attention that some of you may have not done this and this could be a serious problem in the case that an emergency vehicle needs to find your location. Please contact the Verizon business office at 1-800-483-4000 or the Frontier office at 478-3333 to confirm your correct address. One way of checking is to look at the address listed for you in the current phone book - if this is wrong then your 911 data will also be wrong. **This is important - please follow through on this!**

The fire department has completed the projects that were authorized in the \$44,000 grant that we received from FEMA and all members are now equipped with pagers and portable radios. We are glad that we were able to extend the project to include a community fire prevention program. We were able to acquire 300 smoke alarms and 75 fire extinguishers for those who requested them. We also assisted with smoke alarm installation and conducted several home safety inspections.

We Need Your Help!! The Town of Hiles provides two convenient facilities for the disposal and recycling of most of your household trash. The open hours for the recycling center are chosen to provide access for all residents and to make the service cost effective for the Town. More than occasionally, the recycling center attendant finds unwanted surprises when reporting to open the center. Our standing policy is that entrance during closed hours is not allowed. We are able to take only recyclables and normal household trash in plastic bags. We are not able to accommodate large items or those that may contain hazardous materials. Please understand that it is extremely difficult and time consuming for us to dispose of these materials when they are left at our facility. Your cooperation is requested in honoring our policies and we thank you for your assistance. Nearby facilities that will accept larger items we are not able to accommodate include the Eagle Waste and Recycling Center (located two blocks behind Pamida in Eagle River) and the Vilas County and Oneida County landfills. These facilities have a nominal charge for disposal of items.



Voting and Elections: Now that we have just completed a major election we thought that we would publish the answers to the most asked questions of us relating to absentee voting.....



Q - How do I vote absentee? A - You may request absentee ballots up until 5:00 PM on the Friday before an election from the Town of Hiles Clerk, Cathy Votis, 9156 N. Main Street, Hiles WI 54511. To allow sufficient time for mailing, please request these as soon in advance as possible - each elector requesting an absentee ballot must do so in writing (one person can not request ballots for him/her self and their spouse). Your written request must list your voting address, where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may download an absentee ballot application from the Town web site. You can also personally go to the clerk's office, complete an written application, and vote an absentee ballot until 5:00 PM the day before an election.

Q - What is my municipality? A - Your municipality is **Hiles**.

From the Hiles Service Club: The Hiles Service Club is alive and doing well - very well. Please see the additional insert in this mailing to find out what the Hiles Service Club has been up to!!

Who to Call For What - here are your current Town Officials (elections for Town Officials are in April)

Name, Title	Address	Contact	Contact For ---
Karl Tauer, Chairperson	10796 W. Pine Lake Rd Hiles WI 54511	715-649-3299 karl@townofhiles.org	General Town information, snow plowing, roads
Chuck Hill, Supervisor	10851 Nature Trail Ln Three Lakes WI 54562	715-479-6903 chuck@townofhiles.org	General Town information
Mike Votis, Supervisor	10920 Yellow Birch Rd Hiles WI 54511	715-649-3648	General Town information
Judy McKay-Burkey, Treasurer	10744 W. Main Street Hiles WI 54511	715-649-3320	Snow plow contracts, real estate tax questions, dog licenses, transfer station permits
Cathy Votis, Clerk	9156 N. Main Street Hiles WI 54511	715-649-3469 cathy@townofhiles.org	Cemetery, alcoholic licenses, elections, hall bookings
Todd M. Pauls, Assessor BA Pauls & Associates	PO Box 2190 Wausau WI 54402	715-848-9300 bapauls@charter.net	Questions on tax assessments

Call the above people or call the Town Office (715-649-3680) and leave a message. You may also e-mail us at hiles@townofhiles.org



A Happy Holiday Season to all of you





HILES SERVICE CLUB



The word went out and in October of 2003 a willing group met to form the Hiles Service Club. Their expressed purpose was to be of service to our community, taking charge of the town hall kitchen, and organizing any funeral dinners that might be needed. They also intended to find a permanent place to display some of the fine old pictures, documents, and other artifacts from Hiles' past that had been collected for the Centennial Celebration.

By January they had chosen officers and had already done a good job of cleaning the town hall kitchen, including an inventory of the contents of the cupboards. Current club officers are President Marilyn Pfeiffer, Vice President Jolynn Pfeiffer, Secretary Pat Pfeiffer and Treasurer Colette Guth. This group, with the addition of Dorothy Djupstrom, makes up the Executive Board which has the responsibility for planning funeral dinners for the year. Later a constitution was adopted, and dues set at one dollar, mostly as a way to keep track of who the members are.

Some of the accomplishments of the club this year are:

- ✓ Received instruction from a member of Forest County Historical Society on the proper way to catalog artifacts and track donations and loans
- ✓ Cleaned up the half of the old fire department garage allotted to them for a museum and erected walls
- ✓ Sadly, held funeral dinners for the families of Grace Tauer and Mary Coulburn
- ✓ Moved remaining Hiles History books into the museum
- ✓ Moved old Hiles post office front into place in the museum along with a lot of other displays
- ✓ The guest book stand was covered in pine by volunteers
- ✓ Hiles' slice of the MacArthur Pine was put into a stand by volunteers
- ✓ A lot more work was done on the museum by many volunteers
- ✓ Catered a Wisconsin Town Associations lunch
- ✓ Held a cookie sale to raise funds
- ✓ Placed a bin for the collection of aluminum cans near the town playground
- ✓ Held a Community pot luck to introduce the community to the new museum

- ✓ Purchased donation deeds and loan forms for museum items
- ✓ Put up displays of old photos and documents
- ✓ Purchased a glass display case
- ✓ Made up a packet of welcome materials to be given to newcomers
- ✓ Attended several town board meetings to ask for cooperation, which they have been very good about providing

Some of our future plans include card parties for the winter, helping the Fire Department with the food service at the Fisheree, special events at the museum such as honoring veterans on Memorial Day Weekend, a community picnic for Independence Day, a possible trap shoot for Labor Day, and a Holiday Open House in December.

The museum can be open for any events at the town hall or by appointment, by calling any of the officers of the Hiles Service Club. If we can get enough volunteers, we hope to have the museum open on a regular schedule over the summer months.

The club welcomes new members. The dues are low, only a dollar a year, and the meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM at the museum in the town hall.

We also welcome volunteers for all the activities we have planned. And speaking of welcomes, if you know of any new residents of Hiles let us know so we can give them a welcome packet. If you have a business or service in Hiles or the surrounding areas and want to include information, ads, brochures, coupons or whatever in the packet, let us know about that, too. We want our new residents to feel welcome and to know about some of the opportunities available to them in our area. If you are a new resident, permanent or seasonal, and would like a packet please contact us.

Contact numbers are: Marilyn Pfeiffer (649-3381), Jolynn Pfeiffer (649-3208), Pat Pfeiffer (649-3568), and Colette Guth (649-3367). Welcome Committee members are Fran Pfeiffer (649-3178), and Rita Tauer (649-3532). New officers and their phone numbers will be posted in the Hiles News in the Forest Republican newspaper or online at Hiles' website, www.townofhiles.org.