

# CALEDONIA NEWS 2022

Town of Caledonia, Columbia County  
Caledonia Town Hall  
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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

Stephen J. Pate, Chair	963-2684
James Zamzow, Supervisor	742-2261
Robert Loeffler, Supervisor	347-3425
Stephanie Brensike, Clerk	617-4154 or 742-4801
Mardell Krejchik, Treasurer	742-3364

**All meetings are open to the public & held at the Caledonia**

### **Town Hall:**

**Office Hours:** Mondays 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Bi-Weekly Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 4:30 p.m.

**Monthly Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

**Plan Commission Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

## **FIRE WARDEN**

Countryside Automotive 608-742-5470

**Burning Permits** are required for all burning from the time the snow melts in the spring until May 31 and are effective for the entire year. Permits can be obtained from the fire warden or on-line at [dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/](http://dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/).

You are required to contact the DNR web site or phone # for burning details and daily restrictions, **every time you burn.:**

**1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)**

**ALSO:** Call the **Columbia County Sheriff** at **742-4166** and the **Portage Fire Department** at **742-2172** one half-hour before you burn, **even if you have a burning permit**. Residents who live in the **Merrimac Fire Service Area** should **also** call **Sauk County** dispatch at **355-4495** before burning.

**FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911**

## **Fire Call & Emergency Response**

Per ordinance 05-08-96A, the Town of Caledonia charges back, fire services to the recipient of those services. If 911 is called, there will be a full emergency response by the fire department. **For non-emergencies, please dial (608)742-4166.** Please note that the **individual taxpayer** is responsible for **all costs** of a fire response to your property. Check with your insurance company to verify coverage for such costs.

**Know & Maintain Your Fire Number Sign** so that it is clearly visible. For information on Emergency Fire Number placement and maintenance, please go to the Columbia County web site at [www.co.columbia.wi.us](http://www.co.columbia.wi.us) or contact your local municipal town government official.

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 7pm, Caledonia Town Hall

### **NOTE:**

**See Town Web Site for updated newsletter information.**

## **PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Eric Anderson, Chair	608-742-2572
Emmett Kevin O'Niell	608-745-8234
Sandy Nachreiner	608-516-8266
James Ramsay, Vice-Chair	608-742-4552
Elizabeth Miller, Secretary	608-742-4604
Lee Geymann	608-355-0283
James Zamzow, Bd. Liaison	608-742-2261

## **LEGAL POSTING LOCATIONS**

Hohl's Farm Supply, Hwy 33  
Refuse Site, Potter Drive  
Caledonia Town Hall, Beich Road

## **ASSESSOR INFO**

### **Accurate Appraisal LLC**

PO Box 415  
Menasha, WI 54952  
Phone: 1-800-770-3927 [www.accurateassessor.com](http://www.accurateassessor.com)

## **OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Open Book & Board of Review Meetings are held in conjunction with the Assessor. The dates are to be determined by June 2022. Look for notices at the 3 Legal Posting Locations &/or on the Town's website: [www.townofcaledonia.org](http://www.townofcaledonia.org).

## **REFUSE SITE HOURS**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
5-7pm	10am-6pm	noon-6pm
4-7 pm November 1st to March 15th		

The Town of Caledonia provides waste disposal services at the **Refuse Site** on Potter Road. You may be asked to show your Refuse Card to the Supervisor on duty. Refuse cards are available from the Clerk or Treasurer. Certain items are not allowed to be dumped, such as large appliances, furniture, building materials. For more recycling disposal information in Columbia County go to:

[www.co.columbia.wi.us/ColumbiaCounty/solidwaste/](http://www.co.columbia.wi.us/ColumbiaCounty/solidwaste/)

## **WASTE COLLECTION**

Columbia County Solid Waste, 742-6651, provides waste collection service at the Town of Caledonia Refuse Site on Potter Road.

If you prefer, you can contact a waste disposal service in the area to pick up waste at your door on an individual basis & at your own expense.

**2022 ELECTIONS**

**Spring Primary (if needed) - February 15, 2022**  
**Spring Election April 5, 2022**  
**Partisan Primary August 9, 2022**  
**General Election November 8, 2022**

**Polling Hours:** 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Polling Location:** Caledonia Town Hall

N5479 Beich Road, Portage, WI 53901

*For elections info, please visit: [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) and <http://elections.wi.gov/voters>*

**VOTER REQUIREMENTS**

In the State of Wisconsin, you must show an acceptable photo ID- such as a Wisconsin driver license, U.S. passport, military ID, or a free Wisconsin state ID card- before casting a ballot in any election. Voters who choose to vote absentee, by mail or in-person, also must provide photo ID. If you have questions about the Voter Photo ID law, including a list of other acceptable forms of photo ID or how to obtain a photo ID for voting purposes, please visit [bringit.wi.gov](http://bringit.wi.gov) or contact Stephanie Brensike, Town Clerk at 617-4154, or email [caltown@caltown.org](mailto:caltown@caltown.org).

**VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS**

To register to vote, or to change your name or address on your voter registration, please contact Clerk Brensike or visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). MyVote also provides access to information on upcoming elections including sample ballots, polling place information. An Absentee Ballot Request can be made at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov), or in writing to the Town Clerk. For further assistance on these, or other elections related information, including deadlines for registration and absentee ballot requests, please contact Clerk Brensike at (608) 617-4154, or email [caltown@caltown.org](mailto:caltown@caltown.org).

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**DURWARD'S GLEN HCE**

*(Home & Community Education Club)*

**(Kay MacLeish, 608-493-2651)**

The Durward's Glen HCE Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the homes of our members. A dessert or fruit is served at 6:00 pm with the actual meeting starting at 6:30 pm. HCE's mission is to offer educational programs to help strengthen the community. We welcome new members! Contact Kay for more information.

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS**

To comply with the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, all new single and two-family homes, and additions to such homes built after 1980, will require building inspections for all building permits issued. The Town of Caledonia has contracted General Engineering Co. of Portage, to perform these inspections. It is the owner's responsibility to contact General Engineering, telephone #608-742-2169, after obtaining a zoning permit from the Columbia County Planning & Zoning Office and before beginning construction.

**Township Cemetery Clean Up—2021**

The Township is responsible for the upkeep of five cemeteries: Indian Farm, Jerrison, McDonald, Rubin-Guenther, & Zastrow. With the talented aid of Robert and Andi Rietmann, a large amount of brush was removed along the edges, fence lines and within the borders of each cemetery. Also, several headstones needed to be put back on their base, straightened and or repaired. Neil Blau provides mowing of the cemeteries. The Caledonia Town board wishes to sincerely thank all the individuals for their thoughtful care in improving and maintaining the cemeteries. Please take a moment to drive by or visit them. They are a treasure to the Township.

**TOWN HALL RENTAL NOTE**

The Caledonia Town Hall may be rented by Town residents for a fee of \$50 per day, plus a \$50 refundable deposit. No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed. For more information or to reserve the Town Hall:

Call the clerk at 617-4154 or 742-4801

**TOWNSHIP WIDE GARAGE SALE**

will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and Saturday of October, 2022. If interested in joining, contact Jennifer Blau at [jenablau@hotmail.com](mailto:jenablau@hotmail.com) or at 608-697-0279.

**CHS (Caledonia Historical Society)**

For information on CHS contact Jennifer at 608-697-0279 or [jenablau@hotmail.com](mailto:jenablau@hotmail.com)

**DURWARD'S GLEN 4-H Club**

**(Stacci Blau, 697-2527 or Jessie Cross, 697-9135)**

The 2022 meeting schedule has not been established yet. First meeting is January 10, 2022. Please contact Stacci or Jessie for updates. Children age 5 and up are eligible to join. For more information at the county level visit:

[www.columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/](http://www.columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/).

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## VIEW & PRINT REAL ESTATE/PROPERTY TAX

**BILLS ON LINE:** [www.co.columbia.wi.us](http://www.co.columbia.wi.us)

Click *Tax Parcel Data Search, Municipality: Town of Caledonia*; Enter your tax parcel # or name, following the directions on the screen.

## 3 COLLECTION METHODS for 2021 TAXES

There are three options to choose from when paying Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes. **In all 3 cases, INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT COUPONS to ensure proper credit.**

### 1.MAILING YOUR TAX PAYMENT

Checks Payable to: *Caledonia Town Treasurer*

Send to: *W10806 Krejchik Road, Portage, WI 53901*

**Include the payment coupon(s)**

If you require a **receipt**, include a **self-addressed stamped envelope**. Otherwise, your cancelled check is your receipt.

**NSF Checks** will be returned to maker.

### 2.PAYING ON-LINE

*Residents of the Town of Caledonia* can pay Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes online December 15, 2021 through January 31, 2022. The *Town of Caledonia* has contracted with **Point and Pay**, a leading provider of electronic payment solutions, to offer payment processing over the Internet at [townofcaledonia.org](http://townofcaledonia.org). Visa, Discover and MasterCard debit and credit cards are accepted as well as Electronic Checks. This service offers payers a fast, easy way to pay online so they can reap the benefits of convenience, cash management and credit card rewards.

Simply go to our website [townofcaledonia.org](http://townofcaledonia.org) and, under "Taxes" click on either "**Real Estate Tax Online Payment**" or "**Personal Property Tax Online Payment**". Follow the instructions on the screen.

**\*Your Confirmation Number acts as your receipt.** If you do not get a confirmation number, your payment was not processed.

**There is a fee for the online payment service:**

E-Check	Flat fee of \$1.50
Debit Card	Flat fee of \$3.95
Credit Card	<b>2.39% of total payment</b>

**Please note** that this online payment service is for **current 2021 Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax payments ONLY**. All **delinquent** Real Estate tax payments **MUST** be made to the **Columbia County Treasurer**.

### 3.PAYING IN PERSON AT THE TOWN HALL

**Be sure to bring your tax bill(s) with you when paying in person at the Town Hall.** Town of Caledonia will follow State of Wisconsin guidelines regarding masks and social distancing. To reduce the waiting time when paying in person at the Town Hall, if you have multiple parcels, please call **(608)-742-3364**, 24 hours in advance, with the **check number, date coming, amount of the check, and the numbers of the parcels** being paid. (If waiting in line is a problem for you, you are encouraged to choose one of the other 2 payment options.)

### IN-PERSON PAYMENT DATES/TIMES FOR 2021-2022

December 18, 2021	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.. Saturday
December 29, 2021	4:30 am-7:30 pm Wednesday
January 15, 2022	10:00 am.-1:00 p.m. Saturday
January 29, 2022	10:00 am.-1:00 p.m. Saturday

*Real Estate Taxes: ½ or more by January 31, 2022*

*Personal Property Taxes: Total due by January 31, 2022*

Note: **2<sup>nd</sup> half real estate taxes**, due July 31, 2022, are paid to the **Columbia County Treasurer**, not the Town Treasurer.

The Ballot Drop Box will NOT be used for payments.

If eligible, check for Lottery and Gaming credit on tax bill.

### DOG LICENSES

All dogs 5 months old & older must be licensed.

Male or Female	\$12.00 per animal
Neutered Male	\$ 6.00 per animal
Spayed Female	\$ 6.00 per animal

**\*Complete Application Form** on back of page 4 of this Newsletter. Send/bring completed form with payment by January 31, 2022. Application form is also available at [www.townofcaledonia.org](http://www.townofcaledonia.org). In addition to a source of identification, dog licensing is also **Proof of Rabies Vaccination, which is required at time of licensing.**

**\*Multiple Dog License Application**, also on the back of page 4 and on the web, is used to license 3 to 12 dogs for \$35.00. Licensing more than 12 dogs requires \$35 plus \$3 for each additional dog. A list of: name, breed, color and rabies information, for **each dog, is required.**

**\*When mailing Dog License Applications:**

**Please include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope.**

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