

CALEDONIA NEWS 2020

Town of Caledonia, Columbia County
Caledonia Town Hall
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TOWN OFFICERS

Stephen J. Pate, Chair	963-2684
Jim Zamzow, Supervisor	742-2261
Robert Loeffler, Supervisor	493-3425
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.

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Plan Commission Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Caledonia Town Hall.

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/.

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 or contact your local municipal town government official.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 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
Randy Hollander, Secretary	608-742-3533
James Ramsay	608-742-4552
Elizabeth Miller	608-742-4604
Lee Geymann	608-355-0283
James Zamzow	608-742-2261

REFUSE SITE HOURS

Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
5-7pm	10am-6pm	noon-6pm

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/

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.

TAX COLLECTION DATES/TIMES FOR 2019-2020 **AT THE CALEDONIA TOWN HALL**

December 18, 2019	4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
December 28, 2019	10:00 am-1:00 pm Saturday
January 11, 2020	10:00 am.-1:00 p.m. Saturday
January 25, 2020	10:00 am.-1:00 p.m. Saturday

Real Estate Taxes: ½ or more by January 31, 2020
Personal Property Taxes: Total due by January 31, 2020

Mailing your tax payment is another secure way to pay your taxes.

Checks Payable to: Caledonia Town Treasurer
W10806 Krejchik Road, Portage, WI 53901
NSF Checks will be returned to maker.

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

Another Option: Pay taxes online—See details on page 3

2020 ELECTIONS

Spring Primary (if needed) - February 18, 2020

**Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary-
April 7, 2020**

Partisan Primary – August 11, 2020

General & Presidential Election – November 3, 2020

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 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 or contact Stephanie Brensike, Town Clerk at caltown@caltown.org. 617-4154, or email 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. 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, in writing or in-person 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.

Caledonia Community Card Party

Held every second Friday of the month at the Caledonia Town Hall, Beich Road.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Card playing starts at 6:30 p.m.

You are welcome to bring a snack.

For more information contact:

David & Patty Ziehmk

608-742-4885

CHS (Caledonia Historical Society)

Meets 2nd Saturday in May and 2nd Saturday in November , 2-4 pm at the Caledonia Town Hall. For information on CHS contact Jennifer at 608-697-0279 or jenablau@hotmail.com.

DURWARD'S GLEN HCE

(Home & Community Education Club)

(Kay MacLeish, 608-493-2651)

The Durward's Glen HCE Club meets the 3rd 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.

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

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 2020. Look for notices at the 3 Legal Posting Locations &/or on www.townofcaledonia.org, the town's website:

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.

DURWARD'S GLEN 4-H Club

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

The Durward's Glen 4-H group meets the second Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Caledonia Town Hall, and focuses on youth activities that encourage kids to explore, to create and to participate in their community. Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to join at any time! Please contact Stacci Blau or Jessie Cross, Youth Leaders, for more information and to join this energetic group! For more information at the county level visit www.columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/.

Circle Homemakers HCE

You are always welcome at Circle Homemakers...a group of approximately 12 members meet once a month at member's homes or the Town Hall. Education opportunities are offered through the UW-Extension office and support is provided through our members' camaraderie and friendship. In October, our members invite our Caledonia friends to join our fall banquet and fund raiser. Monies raised go to local charities in the Portage area. Join us by emailing Kim, President for the next meeting day! Email address is: emery1954@yahoo.com

Township Wide Garage Sale...

will be held the 3rd Friday and Saturday of October, 2020. If interested in joining, contact Jennifer Blau at jenablau@hotmail.com or Richard Ziemke at 608-356-3662.

TAX COLLECTION NOTE

Four days have been set aside for tax collections at the Town Hall this year—dates and times are listed on page 1 of this Newsletter. **Be sure to bring your tax bill(s) with you when paying in person at the Town Hall.** 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, I encourage you to pay by mail or on-line. **Please include the payment coupon of your tax bill(s), when paying by mail or in person.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation, as we try to serve you better.

View and Print Real Estate/Personal Property Tax Bills On-Line: www.co.columbia.wi.us

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

DOG LICENSES (Dog License Application Form is on the back of page 3 of this Newsletter and on our web site)

All dogs 5 months old & older must be licensed.
 Male or Female \$12.00 per animal
 Neutered Male \$ 6.00
 Spayed Female \$ 6.00

***Complete Application Form** on back of page 3 of this Newsletter. Send/bring completed form with payment by January 31, 2020. Application form is also available at 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 3 and on the web: Licenses up to 12 dogs for \$35.00. A list of: name, breed, color and rabies information, for **each dog, is required.**

***When mailing Dog License Applications: Include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope**

Note: *Because the Town of Caledonia does not require licenses for cats, it is NOT responsible for the cost of abandoned cats. Contact Columbia County Humane Society for pick-up of stray cats. All costs are the responsibility of the person requesting pick-up.*

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.

ON-LINE OPTION TO PAY REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Residents of the Town of Caledonia can pay Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes online December 15, 2018 through January 31, 2019. 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.

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 and 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	2.39% of total payment

Please note that this online payment service is **for current 2019 Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax payments ONLY.** All **delinquent** Real Estate tax payments **MUST** be made to the **Columbia County Treasurer.**

The Town of Caledonia would like to keep you informed about Town-related business and events.

To keep informed and if you have not sent your info in previously, please record your email address on this form and return it with your real estate tax payment or dog registration. We pledge to not share or use your address with anyone or for any other purpose.

Your email address _____

Your first and last name _____

Thank you

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[\[Go to Dog License Applications\]](#)