



**MEMORANDUM**

To: City of Menasha Common Council

From: Peggy Steeno, <sup>PS</sup> Director of Administrative Services

RE: 2013 Tax Rate Details

Date: December 16, 2013

Please find attached the tax rates used for the 2013 tax bills along with an example for each set of rates illustrating the tax bill for an 'average' home. As you can see by the attachment, there are three different sets of tax rates for City property owners, depending on the County and School District in which the property is located.

Please let me know if you have questions in advance of the meeting on Monday, otherwise I look forward to discussing this with you then.

**LEVY AND RATES FOR 2013**

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY/MENASHA SCHOOLS**

	2013 LEVY	2013 RATE	2012 RATE	CHANGE	
STATE	134,642.36	0.1679	0.1677	0.0002	0.12%
COUNTY	4,094,976.93	5.3614	5.6406	(0.2792)	-4.95%
FVTC	1,491,259.88	1.9524	1.9458	0.0066	0.34%
SCHOOLS	7,830,949.00	10.2527	9.7326	0.5201	5.34%
<b>CITY</b>	<b>7,897,676.11</b>	<b>10.3401</b>	<b>10.2236</b>	<b>0.1165</b>	<b>1.14%</b>
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	21,449,504.28	28.0745	27.7103	0.3642	1.31%
CREDIT	1,219,437.63	1.5206	1.5075	0.0131	
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	20,230,066.65	26.5539	26.2028	0.3511	1.34%

**Affect on Residential Tax Bills**

	2013 Tax Bill	2012 Tax Bill	Increase Over 2012
<b>\$111,000 HOUSE (Average)</b>	\$ 2,947.49	\$ 2,908.53	\$ 38.96
Subtract: Lottery Credit	\$ 112.96	\$ 90.63	
First Dollar Credit	\$ 66.32	\$ 65.02	
	\$ 2,768.21	\$ 2,752.88	\$ 15.33

**CALUMET COUNTY/MENASHA SCHOOLS**

	2013 LEVY	2013 RATE	2012 RATE	CHANGE	
STATE	30,803.00	0.1553	0.1656	(0.0103)	-6.22%
COUNTY	738,034.95	4.2146	4.4277	(0.2131)	-4.81%
FVTC	316,300.52	1.8063	1.9213	(0.1150)	-5.99%
SCHOOLS	469,387.00	9.4850	9.7426	(0.2576)	-2.64%
Waverly	119,425.27	0.6859	0.6962	(0.0103)	-1.48%
<b>CITY</b>	<b>1,675,119.89</b>	<b>9.6268</b>	<b>10.1587</b>	<b>(0.5319)</b>	<b>-5.24%</b>
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	3,349,070.63	25.9739	27.1121	(1.1382)	-4.20%
CREDIT	246,222.26	1.2416	1.2853	(0.0437)	
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	3,102,848.37	24.7323	25.8268	(1.0945)	-4.24%

**Affect on Residential Tax Bills**

	2013 Tax Bill	2012 Tax Bill	Increase Over 2012
<b>\$196,000 HOUSE (Average)</b>	\$ 4,847.47	\$ 5,062.09	\$ (214.62)
Subtract: Lottery Credit	\$ 112.96	\$ 90.63	
First Dollar Credit	\$ 66.32	\$ 65.02	
	\$ 4,668.19	\$ 4,906.44	\$ (238.25)

**CALUMET COUNTY/APPLETON SCHOOLS**

	2013 LEVY	2013 RATE	2012 RATE	CHANGE	
STATE	30,803.00	0.1553	0.1656	(0.0103)	-6.22%
COUNTY	738,034.95	4.2146	4.4277	(0.2131)	-4.81%
FVTC	316,300.52	1.8063	1.9213	(0.1150)	-5.99%
SCHOOLS	1,080,604.89	8.6017	9.0309	(0.4292)	-4.75%
Waverly	119,425.27	0.6859	0.6962	(0.0103)	-1.48%
<b>CITY</b>	<b>1,675,119.89</b>	<b>9.6268</b>	<b>10.1587</b>	<b>(0.5319)</b>	<b>-5.24%</b>
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	3,960,288.52	25.0906	26.4004	(1.3098)	-4.96%
CREDIT	246,222.26	1.2416	1.2853	(0.0437)	
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	3,714,066.26	23.8490	25.1151	(1.2661)	-5.04%

**Affect on Residential Tax Bills**

	2013 Tax Bill	2012 Tax Bill	Increase Over 2012
<b>\$196,000 HOUSE (Average)</b>	\$ 4,674.40	\$ 4,922.54	\$ (248.14)
Subtract: Lottery Credit	\$ 102.44	\$ 85.71	
First Dollar Credit	\$ 60.15	\$ 61.48	
	\$ 4,511.81	\$ 4,775.35	\$ (263.54)



# The Horizon

Special Edition

December 2013

## Year in Review

We've accomplished a lot in the past year thanks to the efforts of so many people in our community who work hard, think creatively, and bring their dedication and commitment to tasks every day. Following are just a few of the accomplishments that we have achieved in 2013.

- \$175,000 grant to improve the Senior Center
- \$499,400 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to create a linear riverfront park on the Gilbert Paper site
- \$15,000 donation from CN to plant 240 new street trees celebrating 30 years as a Tree City USA
- Completion of a joint City/Utility staffing and efficiency study
- Completion of a \$90,000 fundraising effort to create a Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Dive Team
- Purchase of new 5 acre east side park
- Completion of a Community Health Improvement Plan
- Acceptance as an inaugural member of the Connect Communities program
- Implementation of community oriented policing programs including: Coffee with the Cops and the Community Traffic Safety program
- Repaving Melissa Street, Arthur Street, Hickory Hollow Lane, Dunning Street, Northridge Court, and Milwaukee Street
- Implementing an employee wellness program
- Payment of over \$3 million of City debt



## Tax Levy Decreases for Third Year

The City's tax levy has decreased more than \$30,000 over the past three years while at the same time decreasing debt by \$7.7 million. The steps the City has taken place Menasha in a stronger financial position for future growth and provision of essential services to the community. It has only been through the support of residents, businesses, and property owners with a strong commitment by employees that Menasha has been able to achieve this status.

Crucial to the City's financial well being is the health of our businesses and neighborhoods. Menasha continues to be committed to growing business and residential value in the community. With that in mind the 2014 budget commits increased resources to economic development staffing and maintaining our participation in the Fox Cities Regional Partnership. A planned update of the City's website will provide a more comprehensive image of our community, its services, and attributes; ensuring that people get the full picture of Menasha when they explore our offerings.

2014 will bring investments of nearly \$2 million in streets, sidewalks & trails, construction of a new riverfront park, and expansion of our senior center. We will continue to support and enhance our award winning library, provide essential services, and grow partnerships to enhance the quality of life for those who live here and those that visit.

Menasha continues to make progress restoring its financial health and growing the residential and business community. In 2014 we will maintain that momentum in a fiscally sound manner while funding those services, infrastructure, and amenities that provide for a better quality of life here in Menasha.

## Did you know?

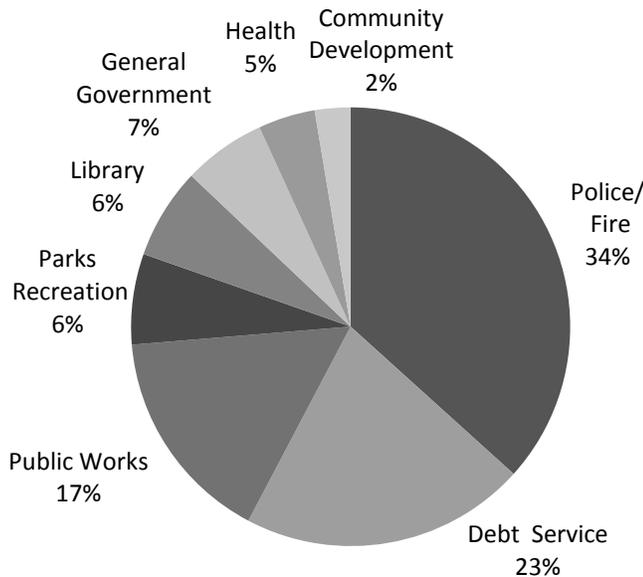
**You can rent the Senior Center for your parties and special events.**

**Call 967-3530**

**You can rent a 2 cubic yard dumpster from the city for your cleaning or remodeling needs for only \$45.**

**Call 967-3620**

# Budget at a Glance



## 2014 Street Construction

The 2014 budget anticipates major investments in street infrastructure including reconstruction of the following streets:

- London Street (Plank Rd to Ninth St)
- Lakecrest Drive
- Emily Street
- Ninth Street (Lake to Tayco St)
- Sunset Drive
- De Pere St (River to Third St)
- Parkview Place

Reconstruction of streets is included with your property tax payment. There are no additional charges for reconstruction or rehabilitation projects.

The City will also be undertaking a more aggressive program in 2014 to repair and replace damaged curbs and sidewalks throughout the city.

Initial curb and gutter and permanent pavement construction projects are scheduled for the following new streets:

- Harold Dr.
- River Lea Ct.
- Grassymeadow Ln.
- Grassy Plains Dr.
- Ridgecrest Ln. (portions of)
- Prairie View Ct.

Residents are assessed for initial improvements of new streets. The charges are billed with tax bills and have options for 5 year repayment and 10 year repayment plans.

## Support the Menasha Library Endowment

Our award winning library provides exceptional services, but part of what makes it so special is the programming and special events that they sponsor. Much of the funding for these events is supported by sponsorships and the library endowment. You can help support your library and these great events with tax-deductible donation to our endowment fund. The endowment depends on your donations to continue and grow. There are several forms of donations:

- Memorials and Honorariums may be donated in someone's name. This can be done with a single small donation or a fund can be created in a person's name that carries from year to year to support the library. We are happy to work with you so that funds are being used in a way that will honor a person's interests.
- General donations are accepted to support the library in numerous ways. These may be given with a specific purpose in mind or just as an open donation for the library to use to support its programs and services.
- Gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds are welcome, as are legacies in a will or living trust.

Questions? Contact library director Vicki Lenz at 967-3661

Donations may be brought to the library or sent to Director, Elisha D. Smith Public Library, 440 First St., Menasha, WI 54952. You will receive a substantiation form in return, for your taxes. Thank you!

## Did you know?

You can report streetlight outages on the Menasha Utilities website.

[www.menashautilities.com](http://www.menashautilities.com)

You can receive the weekly Menasha library newsletter by signing up on their website.

[www.menashalibrary.org](http://www.menashalibrary.org)

The average residential property owner saves 18% or \$174 annually on their electric bill by having a municipal utility in Menasha.

# Smith Park Winter Gala Returns



Join in the winter fun with this great family event, on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Events include a 3-hole winter golf experience, snow sculpting, and storytelling.

**Amateur Snow Sculpting** – Judging at 3PM / register to carve a block with the form found online or at the Menasha Library

## **Pro Sculptors Competition**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Frozen Flamingo Open** – play begins at Noon / three-hole groomed golf course (equipment provided) and cool prizes in multiple categories

**Petting Zoo** – Noon – 3PM

## **--Warm up in the Memorial Building--**

**Storytelling** –1PM with Menasha Library Children’s Librarians

**Menasha Historical Society Exhibit** – Menasha from Past to Present

Chili, Hot Chocolate, & Cookies throughout the day in the Memorial Building. Spend the day enjoying some winter fun!



## **K9 Fundraising Underway**

Menasha mourned the loss of its K9 officer Gommez last August. Gommez proved to be a valuable asset to our city. He immediately had an impact on the number of

drugs being located on traffic stops and search warrants in our city. He was called upon by other jurisdictions to aid in their searches as well. Citizens quickly stepped up to raise funds to continue the program, and are well on their way to a \$20,000 goal.

Donations will be accepted at the Menasha Police Dept, 430 First St. payable to the Menasha K9 Corps.



## **Dive Team Fundraising Complete**

Earlier this summer NM Fire Rescue met its fundraising goal of \$90,000 to support the creation of a dive team. This

endeavor was a high priority given a dramatic increase in ice/water rescue calls over the past five years. As we enter the season to be out on the ice remember safety procedures and use caution especially at night and near dams and open water.

## **Did you know?**

**Menasha has lower storm water fees than many neighboring communities.**

Menasha \$75  
Neenah \$84  
Harrison \$96  
Little Chute \$96

Town of Menasha \$100  
Oshkosh \$107.68  
Kimberly \$110  
Appleton \$155

# Handy Contact Information

## City Hall

8:00AM – 4:00PM M-F  
920-967-3600

## Public Works Facility

7:00AM -3:00PM M-F  
920-967-3620

## Police

Open 24hrs Daily  
920-967-3500

## NM Fire Rescue

Open 24hrs Daily  
920-886-6200

## Menasha Public Library

8:30AM – 8:30PM M-Th  
8:30AM – 6:00PM Fri  
8:30AM – 4:30PM Sat  
1:00PM – 5:00PM Sun  
920-967-3690

## Heckrodt Wetland Reserve

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Tue-F  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sat-Sun  
Closed Monday

## Trail System

6:00 AM – 9:00 PM Daily  
920-720-9349

## Menasha Health Dept.

8:00AM – 4:00PM M-F  
920-967-3520

## Menasha Senior Center

8:00AM – 4:00PM M-F  
920-967-3520

## Menasha Utilities

7:30AM – 4:00PM M-F  
920-967-3400  
Digger's Hot Line  
1-800-242-8511

# Senior Center Fundraising Underway

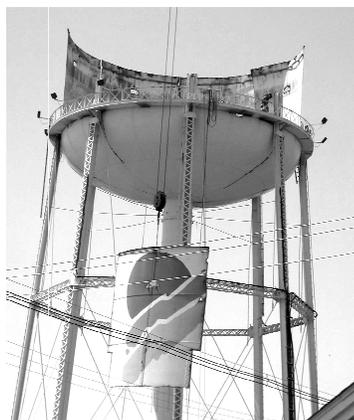
Fundraising has begun to renovate and expand the Senior Center rectifying several space and safety needs of the center, including a covered entry canopy at the rear of the building. A new entrance and reception area will also be created to make better use of the available space and less interruption of activities.

Renovations are planned to be complete in summer of 2014. A fundraising goal of \$87,500 has been established matching an equal donation from the City, and a \$175,000 grant. Donations will be accepted at the Menasha Senior Center, 116 Main St. payable to the Menasha Senior Center Legacy Account.

## CN helps Menasha Celebrate

You may have noticed the 240 new trees gracing Menasha this fall. The trees are part of a partnership with CN railroad and multiple volunteer groups to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City's Tree City USA status.

30 trees were planted in each aldermanic district with mainly volunteer planters. Thank you!



Goodbye to a Menasha landmark, you have served us well since 1927. Everything has a lifespan, and all good things come to an end. We will miss your shining beacon coming into town by water or by land.

2014 Dog & Cat licenses are available at the finance department; a rabies vaccination certificate is required.

2014 Fire permits are now available in the finance department. Renters must have the signature of the property owner to receive a permit.

### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

City of Menasha tax bills may be paid at First National Bank-Fox Valley (Menasha Branch/In Lobby Only), located at 320 Racine Street, through January 31, 2014.

## Did you know?

You can **Like** Police, Fire, Recreation & Pool, Utilities Library, Senior Center, and Mayor on Facebook. We'll keep you informed!

Common Council meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at 140 Main St.; the public is welcome to share their views.

2014 Election Dates are:  
February 18  
April 1  
August 12  
November 4