Enclosed is your Real Estate Tax Statement for 2018. The Village of Pleasant Prairie mails your tax statement to you and collects your payment on behalf of Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha County, the Village, Gateway Technical College, and the public library system.

# **General Information About Your Property Tax**



### **Making Your Payment**

Village Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Village offices will be closed on December 22, 25 and 29, 2018 and January 1, 2019.

Your entire real estate tax bill, or your first installment, is due by January 31, 2019. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the entire tax bill becoming due and payable. Additionally, interest and penalties at the rate of 1.5% per month will begin to accumulate as of February 1, 2019. Payments not receipted at Village Hall by February 7, 2019 or postmarked on or before January 31, 2019 are delinquent. There are several ways for you to make your real estate tax payment.

## Installment Plan Option

The Village offers a three installment payment plan for your real estate taxes only. Please refer to your enclosed statement for the respective due dates and amounts for each of the installments. If an installment is delinquent, the total remaining unpaid tax becomes delinquent and interest and penalties are calculated back to February 1, 2019.

#### **Pay From Home**

The Village offers the option of using credit cards to pay real estate and personal property taxes. Payments can be made either online or by telephone through *Official Payments Corporation*. *Official Payments* will charge a convenience fee averaging 2.5% - 3.5% for this service. While this fee may seem excessive, it may be less than the delinquency interest and penalties described to the left.

To pay by credit card
Call 1-800-2PAY-TAX\*\* or visit:

www.officialpayments.com
(Use jurisdiction code 5862)

VISA

A nominal fee will be charged for this service.

#### Save Time - Pay By Mail

Make your check payable to the Village of Pleasant Prairie, write your tax parcel number on the check and enclose the payment stub only (top portion of your Real Property Tax Statement).

## Village Hall Drop Box

For your convenience, a 24-hour drop box is available for payment of your tax bills. It is located on the north wall of Village Hall to the right (west) of the main entrance at 9915 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please enclose your payment stub along with a check in an envelope before depositing. No cash please. Village Hall will be closed on December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019.

Payments deposited in the drop box on these days will be receipted in 2018.

#### Tax Receipts

The Village is no longer mailing real estate tax receipts. If you would like a tax receipt, you will need to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope when making your payment, or come to Village Hall located at 9915 39th Avenue to make a payment. This change was made as a cost savings measure.

#### **Lottery Credit**

The maximum 2017 lottery credit was \$121.76. As of the printing of this notice, the maximum 2018 lottery credit was not yet available. Only owners of a home in Wisconsin who used the home as their primary residence on January 1, 2018 qualify for the credit. An owner who qualifies for the credit but whose tax bill does not reflect the credit, may claim the credit until January 31 with the Village of Pleasant Prairie Treasurer.

#### Online Tax and Payment Information

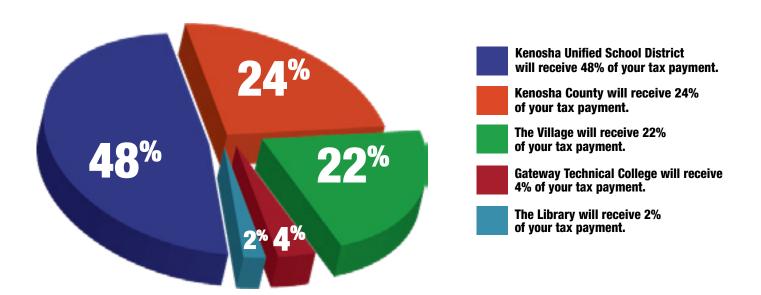
Property information is now available at **www.co.Kenosha.wi.us/apps/propinq/** or at **pleasantprairiewi.gov/departments/ finance/property\_tax\_faq.** 

Inquiries can be made by property address or parcel identification number. The site contains a considerable amount of information about your property, including taxes due and taxes paid.

Tax payment information is updated daily.



## **Where Does Your Property Tax Payment Go**



## **What Happens to the 22%**

The majority of 2019 budget dollars (approximately 68%) will be used to provide public safety services, such as police, fire and rescue, and public works services, such as snow plowing, road maintenance, and similar work. The remaining amount (roughly 32%) will be used to: pay down existing debt, finance General Government's day-to-day operations, operate a Community Development Department, and maintain the Village parks. Percentages\* for each area are shown below.

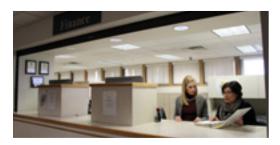


**48%** will be invested in public safety services, including police, fire and rescue





**20%** will be invested in public works services, such as snow plowing, road maintenance and similar work



8% will be used to pay down existing debt, and another 19% will be used for general government operations





**5%** will be used for the Community Development Department and the Village parks system

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages are rounded.