

Enclosed is your Real Estate Tax Statement for 2010. 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, the public library system, and the State of Wisconsin.

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 24, 27 and 31, 2010 and January 3, 2011.

Your entire real estate tax bill, or your first installment, is due by January 31, 2011. 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, 2011. Payments not received at Village Hall by February 7, 2011 or postmarked on or before January 31, 2011 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, 2011.

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. Since the credit card customer will be paying the fee, this service will not cost the taxpayers that do not choose this payment option any extra expense. While this fee may seem excessive, it may be less than the delinquency interest and penalties described at the left.

To pay by credit card
Call 1-800-2PAY-TAXSM or visit:
www.officialpayments.com
(Use jurisdiction code 5862)

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). If you would like a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and your entire Real Estate Tax Statement. Receipts will not be provided unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided.

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 39th 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, 2010 and January 3, 2011. Payments deposited in the drop box on these days will be receipted in 2010.

Lottery Credit

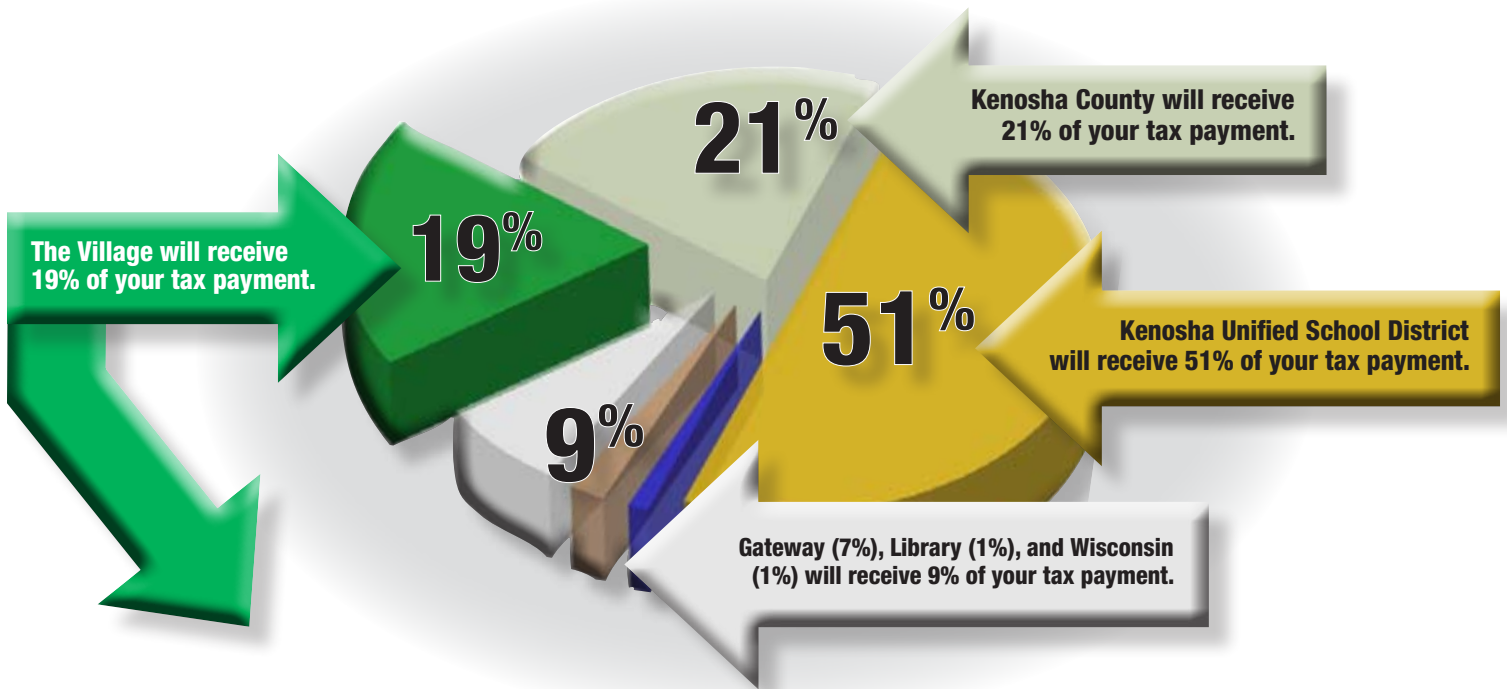
The maximum 2010 lottery credit is \$92.21. Only owners of a home in Wisconsin who used the home as their primary residence on January 1, 2010 qualify for the credit. An owner who qualifies for the credit but whose tax bill does not reflect the credit, may claim the credit until January 31 with the Village of Pleasant Prairie Treasurer.

Online Tax and Payment Information

Property information is now available at www.co.Kenosha.wi.us/apps/propinq/ or at www.PleasantPrairieOnline.com/assessmentsandtaxes/tax_faq.asp. 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 19%

The majority of 2011 budget dollars (approximately 67%) 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 33%) 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



19% will be invested in public works services, such as snow plowing, road maintenance and the like



11% will be used to pay down existing debt, and another 17% will be used for general government operations



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

*Percentages are rounded.