

Information About 2020 Tax Bills (Payable in 2021)



Payment Options

- **In-person** at the Village Offices. We ask that tax payments are made between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please note the limited hours around the holidays listed below.
- **Mailed** to the Village of Union Grove, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182. If you wish to receive a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Placed in the **drop box** located outside the main entrance of the municipal center at 925 15th Avenue. No cash, please. If you wish to receive a receipt please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- By **credit card or e-check** in person or online on the Village's website at uniongrove.net and click on "Make an Online Payment." Processing fees will apply.

If you would like your payment recorded in 2020, it must be in the drop box or postmarked prior to January 1, 2021. First installment of tax payments are due by January 31, 2021.

Holiday Season Office Hours for Tax Payments:

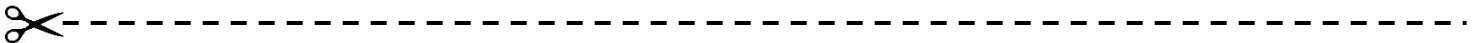
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DECEMBER 21 8:30AM – 4:00PM	DECEMBER 22 8:30AM – 4:00PM	DECEMBER 23 8:30AM – 4:00PM	DECEMBER 24 CLOSED	DECEMBER 25 CLOSED
DECEMBER 28 8:30AM – 4:00PM	DECEMBER 29 8:30AM – 4:00PM	DECEMBER 30 8:30AM – 4:00PM	DECEMBER 31 8:30AM - NOON	JANUARY 1 CLOSED

Overpayments

In accordance with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue procedures no cash refunds will be issued at the time the taxes are paid. Checks will be issued for all refund payments (please allow up to 30 days). The refund payments will be issued in the name of all property owners on the check. For example, if the escrow check is made payable to John Smith AND Jane Doe, the refund check will be made payable to John Smith AND Jane Doe.

Annual Dog and Cat Licenses

Dog and Cat Licenses are required in the Village of Union Grove and need to be renewed in January of each year. Cats are required to be licensed even if they are kept in the house. To obtain a license please submit the form below with payment and a copy of current rabies vaccination(s) in person or by mail to Village Office, 925 15th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182. **(SEPARATE CHECK IF MAILING WITH THE TAX BILL)**. Also include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of the license and tag. Any renewal not received by March 31st will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee per animal.



Dog and Cat License Application Form

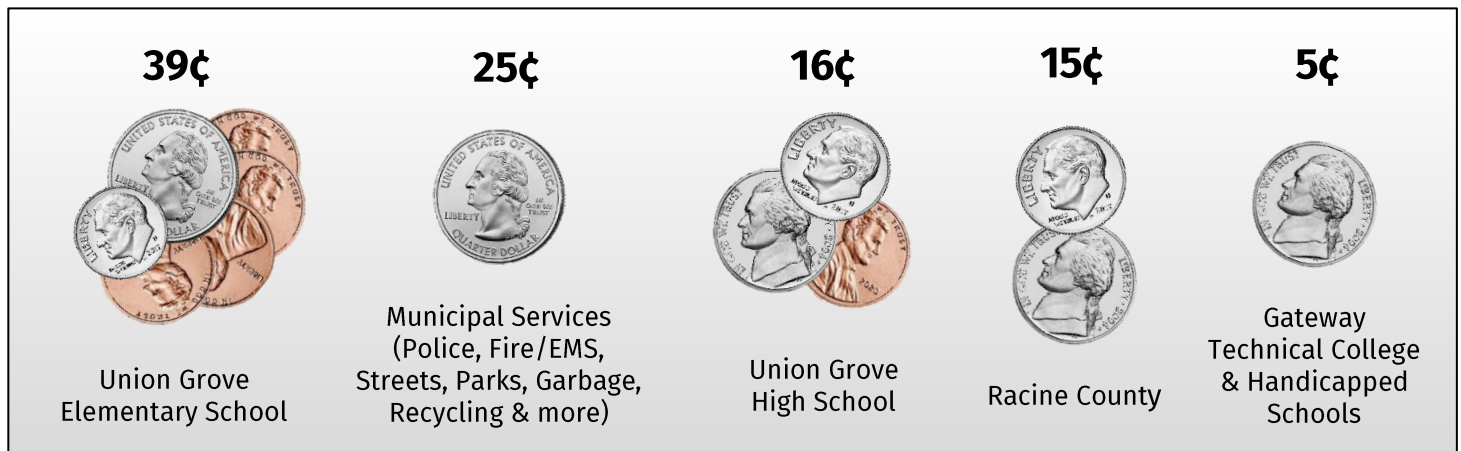
OWNER NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ VET CLINIC: _____

Animal #1 Name: _____ Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Breed: _____ Color: _____ ___ Altered Female (\$10) ___ Altered Male (\$10) ___ Unaltered Female (\$15) ___ Unaltered Male (\$15)	Animal #2 Name: _____ Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Breed: _____ Color: _____ ___ Altered Female (\$10) ___ Altered Male (\$10) ___ Unaltered Female (\$15) ___ Unaltered Male (\$15)	Animal #3 Name: _____ Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Breed: _____ Color: _____ ___ Altered Female *(\$20) ___ Altered Male *(\$20) ___ Unaltered Female *(\$25) ___ Unaltered Male *(\$25)
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**Three or four pets in any one household requires a Pet Fancier's License which costs \$10.00 in addition to the individual licenses. A Kennel License is required for more than four pets. See the Village Clerk if you need a Kennel License.*

Where Does Each Property Tax Dollar Go?

After property taxes are paid, they get distributed to several taxing jurisdictions to fund important community services and institutions. An approximate breakdown of where each Union Grove property tax dollar goes is illustrated below:



Check Your Lottery Credit

The Lottery Credit is shown on the tax bill. The credit applies to properties used as a primary residence as of January 1, 2020. If you have not received a lottery credit and believe that you qualify, contact the Village Office by January 31, 2021 to file for the credit. After that date you must contact the Department of Revenue.

Village-Wide Re-Assessment Scheduled in 2021

An interim market reassessment that was originally planned for 2020 has been rescheduled for 2021. During an interim market re-assessment, the village assessor reviews and adjusts property assessments throughout the Village based on recent sales and market conditions. While an inspection is not necessary for most properties, the assessor may inspect properties due to recent improvements or on an as-needed basis to ensure accurate assessments.

The purpose of the reassessment is to ensure property assessments in Union Grove are keeping pace with market changes and to avoid having to make more drastic adjustments in a future year. According to data released earlier this year by the state, Union Grove assessments as a whole are currently about 12% below fair market (equalized) value. Please look at your tax bill and note the “local assessed value” and the “estimated market value” which is determined by the level of assessment. If assessments remain more than 10% below fair market value, the state can eventually mandate a costly “full revaluation” of the Village (including interior inspections of all properties).



A common misconception about re-assessments is that an increase in one's property assessment leads directly to an increase in property taxes. This is not necessarily true in a reassessment year unless one's assessment has increased higher in relation to other properties in the taxing jurisdiction. For example, if the average assessment in the Village increases 10%, the owner of a home with an assessment increase of 10% would not see an increase in their share of taxes. A re-assessment does not change the total amount of taxes that the Village levies (which is capped by State levy limits).

Assessment notices will be sent out at the end of May 2021 with detailed information about Open Book reviews with the assessor and the 2021 Board of Review date and time. For questions about your property assessment, please contact village assessor Jim Henke at 262-498-7473.

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