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Office Hours:

Tuesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Village Clerk will have special hours to collect Property Taxes on December 29 and January 30. Taxes can also be placed in the Drop Box at the Village Hall door or mailed to: PO Box 37, De Soto, WI 54624



**Happy Holidays from
everyone at the
Village of De Soto.**

Village of De Soto Residents

Regular board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall or Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Check the notices, posted at the De Soto Post Office, River Bank, De Soto Library and the De Soto Village Office, for the location. Please contact the Clerk if you'd like to receive an email notice.

Spring Clean Up

Mark your Calendars: Our annual Spring Clean-Up Day will be the 1st Saturday, May 4, 2024. Dumpsters will be available in the Cottonwood Park parking lot. Large appliances, and electronics will be subject to a fee.

Vernon County WIC

2024 De Soto WIC Clinic Schedule:

January 15, April 15

July 15, October 14

Questions: 608-606-2970

2024 Sewer Rates

Rates will remain at their 2020 levels.

With the sewer plant almost 60 years old, replacement planning is underway. Stay tuned.

NEW CONSTRUCTION!!

The American Library Association along with the BNSF Railway Company have generously funded the reconstruction of our library entry and common areas. Included will be ADA compatible electric doors and a revamped public meeting area. Please stay tuned for an open house early in 2024.

Additionally, the Community Center entry area and side doors have been replaced through 100% funding from BNSF. Sufficient funding was received to include supplies to completely repaint the interior walls (painting done by community volunteers – THANK YOU!).

Bird City WI

The Bird City Celebration included a birding walk through village trails followed by a presentation from the Coulee Region Humane Society starring Flower, the Skunk.

De Soto Public Library

111 S. Houghton St

New Library hours are:

Tue. & Wed.: 11am-7pm

Sat.: 9am-1pm

Storytime the first Saturday of the month @ 9:30

Call: 648-3593 or email: desotopl@wrlsweb.org

De Soto Community Center

53 Crawford Street, De Soto WI

Capacity of 250 people, Handicap accessible, Air conditioned, Kitchen with stove, microwave and refrigerator.

Event Scheduling and Reservations:

Telephone: 608-648-2700 Email: vdesoto@mwt.net

2024 Elections

Spring Primary: Tuesday, February 20

Spring Election: Tuesday, April 2

Partisan Primary: Tuesday, August 13

General: Tuesday, November 5

2024 Roadwork

The repaving of Highway 82, Main Street, the village and beyond is scheduled to commence early in 2024.

SMRT Bus

The SMRT Bus stops in De Soto at the village parking lot between Pronto and the park. If you want more information or a copy of the SMRT Bus Schedule, please call 877-444-6543 or visit <http://www.ridesmrt.com>.

De Soto Tourism Commission

De Soto created a New Tourism Commission. Thanks to the Residents who are participating! More information to come in 2024!

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Lawn Care and Weed Control

Lawns in the Village shall be kept up and grass shall not be allowed to grow over eight inches high. Weeds are to be controlled in accordance with state statutes. While allowances are made for natural growth of prairie grasses, the property owner is responsible for the control of noxious weeds. The Village is requiring that all uncontrolled lots be mowed at a minimum of two times a year. Mowing shall be done **once** between **May 15th and June 15th** and **once** between **August 1st and September 30th**.

If not mowed by June 15th, the village will mow the lot and bill the owner. If the bill is not paid, it will be added to the property taxes with a 10% penalty. In addition, the Village will assess a \$50.00 administration fee for each violation. Any questions can be answered by calling the Village Office.

Sidewalk Maintenance and Snow Removal

De Soto Village Ordinance #2, Section 4:

It shall be the responsibility of the property owners in the Village of De Soto to provide for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of and surrounding their property. This removal shall be done within 24 hours after the sleet and/or snowstorm. If the property owners fail to do so, the Village will have the snow and/or ice removed. The cost for removal by the village shall be charged at the current village maintenance employee's wages with a one hour minimum plus an administration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per snowfall event. If not paid the cost shall be assessed on the landowner's property tax (WI STAT 66.0627).

Parking Ordinance

For general parking, no Vehicles, Equipment, and or Boats are allowed to be parked on the street in the same place for more than 48 hours, no more than 12 hours after every snowfall.

New Construction and Building Additions

New laws and ordinances make it necessary to get permits and inspections done on additions and or new construction, putting in driveways, decks, etc. Contact the Village Clerk if you have any questions. She can give you the information or direct you to the Village Building Inspector.

De Soto Boat Landing

Annual Boat Landing Permits are available at De Soto Pronto, Bright Spot and the De Soto Village Office. Residents = \$15, Non-Residents = \$30. Daily permits are available at the boat landing for \$5 each.

Burning in the Village

No open burning is allowed without approval of the Fire Chief (this may be required by the DNR). The Fire Chief or his designated officers issue burning permits. Burn barrels are allowed as long as they are permitted and you have a proper container and have a screen or vented lid to keep embers from spreading fire.

Burning permits are issued annually with renewal every January. **You can call Chief Chris Mussatti at 648-3303 or Carrie Brudos at 648-2700 to get your permit renewed. Permits are \$5.00.**

Persons in violation of the burning ordinance are subject to a stiff fine (state, county and local).

ATTENTION: Residents with Sewer

\$ NO WIPES IN THE PIPES \$
Disposable wipes are NOT disposable!!

Please do not put **GREASE, RAGS or DISPOSABLE WIPES** down your sinks or other sewer pipes. It requires expensive materials and labor to remove the coagulated grease from our sewer systems and your lateral sewer lines. Any repairs to your lateral sewer line are done at the homeowner's expense.

Any questions should be directed to the Village Board or Village Clerk. Please refer to the telephone numbers at the top of the letter.

THANK YOU!

