

# WEEKLY UPDATE



## Weekly TM Highlights

Starting Monday, November 30 many of our departments will be shifting to a Team A/Team B staffing model. This will mean that should a member of our staff test positive for COVID-19 the department they work in will not need to shut down while everyone quarantines for 10 days. Only the members of that team in that department will need to isolate and the reserve team can come in to keep the department open. For the health and safety of all of our staff and to keep our offices open for service please make sure that you are following all CDC guidelines while not at work. Masks are now required in all public spaces and the CDC is urging people to avoid travel during the holidays and to keep celebrations small and with household members only. If you are traveling out of state please speak with your supervisor to make a plan for your safe re-entry into work. Keeping our staff safe and healthy and our offices open so that everyone remains able to work a full week depends on all of us making thoughtful choices in our personal lives. We are all weary of a disrupted life and missing family and friends. My own Thanksgiving Day gathering will be a shadow of what I look forward to each year. It is sad and frustrating - though I think I'll still make the same number of pies and enjoy that particular silver lining. Let's keep communication open and find some assurance that we should be in the last stretch of COVID-19 challenges.

## Finance/Tax Collection Update

Department staff has been working diligently processing tax payments and vehicle registrations. Current tax collection rate for 2021 taxes is 20.83% as of 27 days from commitment (through 11/19/20) compared to the 2020 collection rate of 19.93% for the same time frame. Residents are encouraged to utilize the drop box outside the Finance entrance if they don't want to come into the building.

## Assessing Department Update

Our office worked very hard to finish our commitment of taxes. We finished on October 23rd. Our tax rate is \$10.48 per thousand at 96% ratio. The staff has been busy fielding tax assessment questions and updating change of addresses for tax bills that were sent out originally and returned via the post office. It is very important if a mailing address changes to please contact local government offices as well. We have many come back to our office without a forwarding address and it takes an extraordinary amount of time to locate new owners and current owners change of addresses.

## Code Enforcement Update

The Code Office has been busy working with home owners and contractors trying to get projects buttoned up before snow comes.

Due to the office being complaint driven, we have been responding to an unusually high volume of complaints this year. The complaints include junk yards, unsafe structures, and projects started without permits. Often we work with people over a period of time to bring the property / situation into compliance. Compliance is always the Towns' goal.

### Upcoming Events

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting — Monday, Nov. 23rd @ 7PM
- Thanksgiving Holiday — Thursday-Friday, Nov. 26th & 27th