



Town of Medary

Winter 2025

Town Hall Hours

Tuesday, 8 – 11am

Thursday, 3 – 6pm

Friday, 8 – 11am

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Town Board

Chairperson: Steve Elsen

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Clerk: Diane Elsen

608 781-2275

Treasurer: Helen Roop

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The Town Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. All residents are encouraged to attend.

- **Town of Medary Newsletter**
- Season's Greetings Everyone!
- We hope everyone has enjoyed the pleasant weather we've been experiencing. As the season changes, it won't be long before winter arrives.
- **Recent Town Board Updates**
- Since our last newsletter, the Town Board has been actively working on several projects:
 - Replacement of large culverts in the Meadow Wood neighborhood
 - Chip sealing of several roads in the Meadow Wood neighborhood
 - Modification of our fire protection contract with the City of La Crosse, allowing funds to be directed toward training, equipment, and other resources that benefit the Town
 - Transition to General Engineering Company for building permits and inspections
 - Reminder: Residents must continue to contact La Crosse County Zoning first for construction projects
 - Ongoing meetings of the Town Plan Commission to explore and implement initiatives outlined in our comprehensive plan
 - Successful completion of the annual Funday event; a new piece of playground equipment has been ordered and is scheduled for installation in the spring
- **Financial Update**
- - The Town Board made the difficult decision to raise the Town's portion of property taxes by 10%.
- - This increase was approved by the Town electors and was necessary to account for State required property assessment updates.
- - The adjustment will help ensure the Town can continue funding essential services, maintain infrastructure, and support community priorities.
- - We thank all residents for their understanding and continued support. Your cooperation allows the Town to meet its obligations while investing in the future of our community.
- **Preparing for Winter**
- As winter approaches, we extend our sincere appreciation to the dedicated Town of Medary Road Crew. Their commitment ensures our roads remain safe throughout the season. Please keep the following reminders in mind:
 - Snow Plowing: Roads are plowed once snowfall has ended, or as necessary during a heavy snowfall. If a road is missed, **notify the Town Hall directly. Do not contact the snow removal contractor.**
 - Sand/Salt Mixture: Available behind the Town Hall in the sand shed for residents to use on driveways

Refuse/Recycling

- Landscaping Restrictions: Do not place landscaping within 33 feet of the road centerline, as this is the Town's right-of-way.
- Garbage /Recycling bins: Remove bins from the roadside within 24 hours of collection
- Mailbox Clearance: Keep the area around your mailbox free of snow and ice. If a mailbox is damaged, notify the Town Hall so the Road Crew Supervisor can inspect.
- Road Shoulder Maintenance: Snowplows may damage shoulders and grass. Please note that the Town will not repair grass in the spring, as this area is part of the right-of-way.
- Safe Driving: Reduce speed on snow-covered roads. While the Road Crew will remove snow and slush, cautious driving is essential for safety.

⚠ Important Reminder: Internet Scams

With internet scams on the rise, please be aware:

- The Town will never call, text, or email residents to demand payment.
- Tax bills will be sent through the U.S. Postal Service.
- If you receive suspicious communication, please contact the Town Hall and/or the Sheriff's Office.

✉ Message from the Town Board Chair

As we close out the year, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and engagement in our community. The Town Board recently made the difficult decision to raise the Town's portion of property taxes by 10%, a measure approved by our electors to account for recent property assessments. While we recognize the impact this may have, the adjustment ensures we can maintain essential services, invest in infrastructure, and plan responsibly for the future. Your understanding and cooperation make all the difference. Together, we've celebrated community events, improved our roads, and strengthened the services that keep Medary safe and welcoming. On behalf of the Town Board, I wish you and your families a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Elsen
Town of Medary Chairman

The 2026 Recycler brochure will be mailed out in mid-December. The first and last page has general information on recycling. Pages 2 and 3 have information that pertains only to the Town of Medary. Please save this brochure for future reference. If you do not receive it or need additional brochures, they are available at the Town Hall. Your 2026 Recycler has the Refuse/Recycling Collection Calendar, map and information on how to correctly prepare your Refuse/Recycling materials.

Christmas Tree Collection

A dumpster will be available from December 26, 2025 until January 12, 2026 behind the Town Hall for tree disposal. Please remove all tinsel as well as the plastic tree bag before placing them in the collection box. Please do not throw them on the ground.

Burning Permits

Burning permits are for 5 DAYS ONLY!

Remember you must get your permit before you burn, from the Town Hall during business hours, a board member or from one of the following:

Jimmer Christenson – Sunset Lane – 608 498 6343 – Hwy 16 area

Randy Dewhurst – Timbercrest Dr. E Onalaska area. 608-7817343

Bob Skemp – Potato Ridge Rd/Top of the Ridge area. 608-790-5785

Jason Stanton – Meadow Wood Area. 608-386-6931

Still looking for someone to be a fire warden in the Wolf Ridge/ County Road B area.

- We encourage you to burn your brush/yard waste during the winter months when there is a snow cover.
- The La Crosse Fire Department advises against creating a huge fire, but a smaller one that can be fed from a larger pile.
- **Also, remember to call the non-emergency numbers on the upper right corner of the permit before and after you burn each day. Make sure your fires are out before you call when finished burning!**

Building Permits

The Town of Medary is now contracting General Engineering Company for our building permits and inspections. If you are planning to build or remodel in the future, your first step is to contact La Crosse County Zoning. After you have a zoning permit, you will need to contact GEC to get your building permit. You can apply for your building permit on line at www.generalengineering.net or call the office at 608 742 2169.

Tax Information

Please note: the special charge on your tax bill is for Fire Protection

- All payments (first half or full) are due by January 31, 2026.
- Make checks payable to:
Town of Medary.
- Please include the payment stub from your tax bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt mailed to you.
- Dog licenses may be paid at the same time with a separate check. Please see below.
- Taxes may be paid as follows:
- 24/7 using the drop box at the Town hall
- By mail to: Treasurer, N3393 Smith Valley Road, La Crosse, WI 54601
- In person at Town Hall during the hours below:

- To verify that your payment has been processed, go to: lacrossecounty.org
- Click on: How Do I
- From the drop down menu under "Find"
- Click on tax/parcel search
- Accept and sign in as guest
- Enter your information & perform search
- Click on your record
- Click on "taxes" on the top of the screen.
- Allow one week for processing.

Dog Licenses

All dogs over 5 months old must be licensed by April 1, 2026 (limit 2 dogs per household). We have a computer printout of dogs previously licensed in the Town of Medary. If the rabies vaccination is current, just send the correct fee along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of tags. If the rabies shot has expired since you purchased last year's tag, you will need to provide proof of the current rabies vaccination. It is the dog owner's responsibility to provide the rabies information (not the vet clinic). For new dogs, please provide date of birth, dog's name, breed, color, sex (provide documentation, if altered).

Dog Fee:

\$12 if spayed or neutered

\$23 if not

Dog licenses can be purchased from the town treasurer N3393 Smith Valley Road, La Crosse, WI. This can be done by mail, town hall drop box, in person during tax collection or regular town hall hours. Late payments (after April 1) are paid to the La Crosse County Clerk and subject to a fine. All dog calls are handled by the Coulee Region Humane Society at 608-781-4014.

For new residents or for newly acquired dogs, all tags are to be purchased from the local treasurer within 30 days or a late fee may apply. A new puppy must be licensed within 5 months of birth or a late penalty may apply.

Please be courteous when walking your dog in public areas. Help us keep the town park clean. You must keep your dog on a leash and clean up after it. Please do not place dog droppings in our town garbage cans by the shelter. It's the Law!!! Ordinance #6.02.

2nd Half of Tax Payment

- Due: July 31, 2026
- Payable to: La Crosse County Treasurer
212 6th St. N. Room 1900
La Crosse, WI 54601

Phone - 608-785-9711

Medary Fun Day

Thank you so much for your continued support of Medary Fun Day. Thanks to local sponsors we were able to exceed our goal for this year's event, fundraising over \$4,000.00. The funds raised will go right back into serving the needs of the township. Since the beginning of Medary Fun Day in 2010, the committee has been able to put over \$58,000.00 back into the community. Although we were able to raise enough funds to finish the last addition to our playground, we would need additional funds to cover the cost of installation to complete the project. If anyone would like to make a monetary or in-kind donation to help us finish the playground, please contact Diane Elsen at the town hall.

While the weather was not in our favor this year, our families were able to enjoy music, bounce house, see tow trucks in action, take part in visits by the City of La Crosse Fire Department, La Crosse County Sheriff's Department and more. The memories made among our community members help to build and strengthen our relationships.

The Medary Family Fun Day Committee would not be able to host such an exciting event without the generous support of our caring community.

Thank you kindly,

The Medary Fun Day Committee

Diane Elsen – Special Event Chairperson

Looking ahead: Planning for the 2026 Medary Family Fun Day will be on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Medary Town Hall. Please feel free to join us. We are looking for new people to add to our committee. Many hands make light work.