

TAX INFORMATION

Did you know that you can access your property tax information at no cost from the Village's website? The Village's website contains a link that will take you to website where you can access your tax information at no cost anytime you need.

We often get asked how taxes are determined. Your property tax bill is a combination of the Taxable Value of your property and the number of "Mills" levied. A mill is 1/1000 of a dollar. Meaning, for every \$1,000 of Taxable Value on a parcel, \$1 of tax is paid per Mill. For example, 1 Mill levied on a parcel with a \$50,000 taxable value would have a \$50 tax bill.

Over 75% of the parcels in Lake Isabella have a Taxable Value at or below \$50,000, including over 1,100 parcels that have a Taxable Value of \$5,000 or less. As a community, the total Taxable Value for 2018 was \$78,780,795 for the 2,419 parcels in the community for an average Taxable Value of \$32,567.⁵⁰.

When it comes to the Village's finances, the adopted budget and previous audits are posted on our website. The monthly Village Council packet also has detailed financial information included for the public's review. As stewards of the public's money, our goal is to provide information in an easy to access and transparent manner. If you ever have questions, please visit the Village Hall and we will be happy to assist you.

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The Village Council meets
on the 3rd Tuesday of the
month at 7 PM.

The Planning Commission
meets on the 2nd Tuesday
of the month at 7 PM.

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Village of Lake Isabella

November 2018 Newsletter



Exclusive Trash Service Begins January 1st

Beginning January 1, 2019, all residential refuse collection in the Village will be handled exclusively by King's Disposal of Vestaburg. After a long process, the Village Council at its meeting of October 16th approved an exclusive three-year license with King's Disposal for residential trash collection in the Village. This approval caps a process that was over one year in the making, which involved public hearings, surveys, and an open house for community members to come and meet the three companies that were interested in providing service to the community.

The agreement entered into by the Village does not include commercial properties or dumpster service. In reviewing the proposals submitted and in evaluating the feedback from our community, King's emerged as the clear choice of both the community members that engaged in the selection process and the Village Council.

In drafting the proposal, it was felt necessary by the Village to preserve the three different service levels that are used by our community. Those service levels are single tag/stickers placed on bags, a set number of bags left in a container owned by the resident, and cart service. Finding a workable solution to large and bulky items due to the closure of the Dent Refuse Transfer Station in Remus was also included. The exclusive license entered into includes bulk item service.

In moving to a single-hauler for the community, the goal of the Village was to provide quality services to our residents while saving them money on their trash service. In addition to those reasons, having garbage trucks on our streets one day per week rather than three should help extend the life of our roads and delay the need for costly replacement of the roads that were mostly paid for through the special assessment process.

We have been informed by Granger that their last collection day for their customers in the community will be on December 26th. We have also sent a notification to Waste Management, Affordable Refuse, and Central Sanitation of the agreement and requirement to discontinue service by January 1, 2019. These companies have been informed that they may not operate in the community for residential trash collection starting in January.

Residents will need to contact King's directly to set-up their service for their residence. Residents using tags/stickers will need to call so King's is aware of your location to make sure they include it on their collection route. Tags are currently planned to be sold at Out-a-Bounds. For a complete breakdown of prices and service options, please look inside this newsletter.



2018 LAKE ISABELLA ELECTION INFORMATION

At the statewide General Election this November 6th, residents of the Village will be asked to vote on three matters specific to the community.

Village Council Election

Section 5.02 of the Village Charter establishes a seven member Council as the legislative body of the community. Seats on the Village Council are divided into two groups elected on alternating election cycles. Each group serves four-year terms, with one group elected every two-years.

At this year's election, residents will be voting to elect four candidates to the Village Council. Terms for these seats will begin on January 7, 2019 and end on January 1, 2023.

Charter Commission Election

Residents will also be voting to elect five members to a Charter Commission. The Charter Commission is tasked with reviewing the existing Charter and drafting either amendments to update the current Village Charter, or creating a new Village Charter. If any changes to the Village Charter are proposed, those must be presented to the electorate at an upcoming election, and approved before taking effect.

Proposed Charter Amendment

Finally, voters will be asked to consider an amendment to Section 10.02 of the Village Charter. Section 10.02 of the Village contains the tax cap that limits the Village's operating millage to a maximum of 1 Mill.

The Village Council has drafted a proposed amendment to this section of the Village Charter that if approved will add a third sentence authorizing the Village to levy up to an additional 1 mill beginning in 2019, for a period not to exceed 5 years, for the sole purpose of funding a law enforcement services agreement with Isabella County.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT Q&A

Q. Has the Village already entered into an agreement with Isabella County for law enforcement services?

A. No, the Village Council has reviewed a proposed agreement with Isabella County for a single full-time dedicated Sheriff's Deputy to cover Lake Isabella, but negotiations are on-going, and no agreement has been entered into.

Q. If the costs of an agreement between the Village and Isabella County are more than the maximum 1 Mill authorized by this proposed Amendment, who will cover those costs?

A. Any costs above the maximum 1 Mill levy authorized by this proposed amendment would be covered by the Village through existing revenues.

Q. If approved, and an agreement is entered into, what would happen after the five-years covered by this proposed amendment?

A. If a continuation of services with Isabella County is desired, and there exists a need to fund that through a millage, voters would once again be asked to approve funding.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT Q&A CONTINUED...

Q. If this proposed amendment is approved, could the Village use the funds to create its own police department?

A. No, the proposed amendment is specific to limiting the funding to only an agreement entered into with Isabella County.

Q. If the Village does not enter into an agreement with the County, will the 1 Mill still be levied?

A. No, the only time taxes would be levied under this proposal would be to cover costs of a law enforcement services agreement with the county, with a maximum levy of 1 Mill.

Q. Why is this proposed amendment being presented to the voters at this election?

A. The Village is no longer allowed by state law to conduct its own elections, the ability to present these questions to the community are limited to only a handful of allowed election dates between now and the next Village election in 2020.

KING'S DISPOSAL EXCLUSIVE RATES

Service Option	Billed Quarterly	Billed Annually
Individual Tags/Stickers	\$1.50 per tag/sticker	
3 Bag Limit per week in container provided by resident	\$36.00	\$140.00
6 Bag Limit per week in container provided by resident	\$40.50	\$159.00
96 Gallon Cart provided by King's with 3 Bag Limit per week	\$39.00	\$153.00
96 Gallon Cart provided by King's with 6 Bag Limit per week	\$43.50	\$170.00
2 x 96 Gallon Carts provided by King's with 10 Bag Limit per week	\$49.50	\$194.00

- New Customers must call to set-up service (Including tag/sticker customers). Current customers will automatically drop to the new pricing in January. King's Service numbers are 989.268.5886 & locally 989.544.1164.
- January start the 1 bulky item per month collection for regular weekly service customers. Collection date will be the last Monday of the month.
- Additional information coming soon to the Village's website on what items can be included in bulky item pick-up.

King's cannot accept refuse in containers from other trash companies such as Granger, Waste Management, and Dent.