

News Release

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Local finance and elections workshops for town and village officials

The University of Wisconsin-Extension Local Government Center will conduct nine workshops on local finance and elections administration around the state this fall. The timing of the workshops, according to Kate Lawton of the Local Government Center, coincides with the local government budget process and election law changes. Two simultaneous workshops are held--one for new officials and one for more experienced officials. Village and town board members, clerks and treasurers can all benefit from the workshops.

The workshops are conducted in cooperation with the Wisconsin Towns Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, county UW-Extension Offices, the Department of Revenue, the Internal Revenue Service and the State Elections Board.

New officials will receive an overview of the budget and accounting process. The Internal Revenue Service will go over payroll taxes, and the State Elections Board will cover the administration of elections and recent law changes, including requirements associated with the statewide voter registration laws.

Continuing officials will learn about ordinances to deal with common problems, such as, burning trash, nuisances, fireworks and other explosives, junk cars, and building and razing structures. The Internal Revenue Service will cover a number of different tax scenarios to answer frequently asked questions. There will be a session on the basics of budgeting, on property tax literacy, on law changes, and a "cracker barrel" session for participants to raise any questions or concerns they have.

To request a registration form and further information, contact our office at 683-4168. To download a brochure, go to <http://www.uwex.edu/lgc/program/workshops.htm> The cost of the workshop is \$50, or \$55 at the door. The cost includes instruction, materials, snack and lunch. Workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

Dates are:

Sept. 20 Ripon
Sept. 21 Waukesha
Sept. 22 Richland Center
Sept. 27 Rhinelander
Sept. 28 Cable
Sept. 29 Eau Claire
Oct. 4 Tomah
Oct. 5 Stevens Point
Oct. 6 Kimberly

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