

DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS (THEY WILL SAVE YOU TIME, \$\$, AND FRUSTRATION)!

Property tax payments should be made to the Pierce County Treasurer's Office in Ellsworth (not the Town of River Falls). More information can be found on the back side of this newsletter.

Snow season parking runs from November 1st through April 1st (exceptions granted by Town Board permit). To avoid the possibility of a citation, please don't leave motor vehicles standing on any street, road or highway right-of-way during this season.

Snow removal should be done by shoveling your snow to your right at your driveway entrance as you face the road. That way the snowplows will take the snow down the road. If possible don't plow your driveway until the snowplow has gone by and don't leave snow on the road – it creates a safety hazard and possible legal liability.

Dog Licensing & Rabies Vaccinations are the law (state law). Please license your dogs with the form on the back or come to the dog licensing morning at the Town Hall on Saturday, January 9th (also a good morning to get rid of all of those post-holiday recyclables /garbage at the Town Recycling Center).

2016 Burn Permits are available at the Town Recycling Center during center hours (Winter hours are: Saturdays from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM). Burn permits are also available from Town board and staff members by appointment.

ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED

The following town road projects were completed in 2015: Crack and chip sealing on 1015th St., 739th Ave., 870th St., and 902nd St.; Paving on portions of 950th St. and 790th St.; Spray patching on 770th Ave. and 950th St.; Pulverizing and culvert replacement on 770th Ave. (east of Cty. Rd. W); and sealing of four concrete bridges. Town of River Falls residents have made a significant financial investment into maintaining our town road system. To protect this investment no-fee permits to travel on town roads are required for certain Implements of Animal Husbandry (also known as IoH which in general includes heavy farm equipment). The town also currently issues fee based permits for waste hauler's that utilize the town roads.

Upcoming Dates: Town Caucus, Monday, January 18, 7:45 P.M.; Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 P.M. (Both at the River Falls Town Hall, W9015 770th Ave.

REVALUATION OF PROPERTIES

The 2015 Revaluation year is nearly behind us. Revaluation years are complex and will never be done to everyone's satisfaction, however most of the process went very smoothly with the assistance of Associated Appraisal Consultants. There were no objections heard at this year's annual Board of Review. This is highly unusual in a revaluation year, however Associated's goal was to have property owners questions and concerns addressed so that things did not get to the Board of Review appeal level. Now that your actual tax bill has arrived there might be more questions on your property valuation. One good publication that explains the assessment to taxation relationship is: "Understanding Property Valuation and Taxation in Wisconsin". It can be viewed on the

web at: <http://wistax.org/publication/navigating-the-property-tax>. Questions on your individual property assessment can be directed to: Associated Appraisal: 1-800-721-4157. The 2016 Open Book and Board of Review dates have already been established. Open Book will be held on Thursday, April 14th (6:00–8:00 P.M.) and Board of Review will be held on Thursday, May 19th (6:00–8:00 P.M.).

BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO THE POLLS IN THE 2016

While the state has announced this (twice) before, it looks like 2016 will be the year when the photo ID law actually gets implemented at the polls. For most people this will mean having your license with you when you come to vote. For those that don't have a driver's license with photo ID, there are other options including free, state issued ID cards. More information and a complete listing of eligible photo ID documents can be researched on the web at <http://bringit.wi.gov>. Taking care of this step now will save time later!

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Handicapped accessible areas of the Town Hall parking lot were recently paved, new signage installed, and the wheelchair ramp coated with a slip resistant material. This is in accordance with federal and state handicapped accessibility standards. There were also a few minor "cosmetic" upgrades inside the building. The Town Board continues to be mindful of maintaining the balance between keeping the Town Hall functional, in compliance with handicapped accessibility standards, and preserving the Randall School history without investing large sums of money on an older building to do so.

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