



TOWN of RIVER FALLS YEAR-END NEWSLETTER

Town website:
www.riverfallstown.com

The Town of River Falls would like to wish our Town residents a very Happy Holiday season! Below are several important reminders that the Town makes each year.

Property tax payments should be made to the Pierce County Treasurer’s Office in Ellsworth (not the Town of River Falls). Please turn this page over for more information on submitting property tax payments.

Snow season parking runs from November 1st through April 1st (exceptions can be granted through a 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 the 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 to others and a possible legal liability.

Dog Licensing & Rabies Vaccinations are required by state law. Please license your dog(s) using the form

on the back side of this page. These payments are made to the Town Treasurer as indicated on the form (not the County Treasurer). Contact Rita Kozak, Town Treasurer at 715-425-8554 if you have dog licensing questions.

2018 Burn Permits are available at the Town Recycling Center during center hours. Burn permits are also available from town board and staff members by appointment. 2017 burn permits expire on December 31st.

Fire Number Signs are critical to our local emergency service providers. Please make sure that yours is in good condition and displayed facing the road. If you need a replacement fire number sign you can order one through the Pierce County Land Management Office in Ellsworth at 715-273-6746. The cost of a replacement fire number sign is \$25.00.

Driveway Access is also critical to our local emergency service providers. The Town will be sending informational materials to residents that may have a driveway that is inaccessible or partially accessible to the ambulance and fire departments due to narrow width, steep slope, heavy vegetation overgrowth, etc. It is impossible for the Town to monitor all driveways for safety. Residents should take it upon themselves to ensure that their driveway meets emergency service response needs. Questions about access for emergency response vehicles can be directed to Jerome Rodewald, Town Zoning Administrator and Driveway Permit Issuer at 715-307-1774.

Recycling Center Hours will remain the same over the holidays. This includes being open every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Town Recycling Center is located at N7750 Hwy. 65, River Falls.

Illegal Garbage Dumping is becoming more of a problem throughout the Town. This costs all of us in terms of tax dollars and staff time. If you see suspicious activity, please report it immediately to a Town official. Contact information can be found on the Town website.

2017 ROADWORK REPORT

The biggest roadwork project that was undertaken in the Town this year was reconstruction and paving a portion of 690th Ave. (Forestville Road) Only one “lift” (one layer of pavement) was laid this fall due to weather conditions and the contractor’s work schedule. This means the final lift will be accomplished in 2018. The Town will continue working on 690th Ave. to complete further sections. This is expected to be a two to three year project to complete.

UPCOMING DATES

Dog Licensing: Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 9:00 AM until Noon at the Town Hall

Annual Town Caucus: January 15, 7:45 PM; Town Hall

Annual Meeting: April 17, 2018, 7:00 PM, Town Hall

2018 Election Dates: January 16, February 20, April 3, August 14, November 6th, River Falls Town Hall



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING TAX PAYMENTS TO PIERCE COUNTY

OPTION 1 - PAY IN PERSON

Pierce County Treasurer’s Office, 414 W. Main Street, Ellsworth. 715-273-6743
Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For your added convenience, you can use the 24 hour payment drop box. Drive in the rear parking lot from Kinne Street, enter the building from the sidewalk between the courthouse and the annex, and a drop box is located just inside the building on the wall to your right. **Please note: The Pierce County Courthouse is closed on Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th, and Monday, January 1st. If you want a receipt showing December payment, the payment must be here by Friday, December 29th.** For year-end payments, your receipt will show the date payment was received, not the postmark date.

OPTION 2 - PAY BY MAIL

Pierce County Treasurer, PO Box 87, Ellsworth, WI 54011 – **Must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2017.** Please make checks payable to Pierce County Treasurer. Enclose the payment stub from your tax statement so payment will be applied correctly. However, if there are delinquent taxes, payment will be applied to delinquent taxes first. **If you want receipts**, please include a self-addressed envelope with appropriate postage. **Please do not include fees for dog licenses with your property tax payment.** Dog licenses will be issued by the town treasurer (instructions below).

OPTION 3 - PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC CHECK

If you wish to pay taxes by credit card or electronic check, a credit card processing fee of 2.39% of the amount being paid or a check processing fee of \$1.50 for payments up to \$10,000 will be added to your transaction. You will need your parcel computer number and dollar amount to complete the transaction. Please go to the Treasurer’s Office page of the Pierce County website (www.co.pierce.wi.us) or type the following link into your web browser. <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/CountyofPierceWI>

Kathy Fuchs, Pierce County Treasurer
Phone: 715-273-6743 kathy.fuchs@co.pierce.wi.us

2017 DOG LICENSE – SUBMIT TO THE TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

DOG LICENSES ARE REQUIRED YEARLY.* PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY JANUARY 31, 2018 – to Rita Kozak, W7843 810th Ave, River Falls, WI 54022

Please fill out form below and return with the proper fee. Checks should be made out to the **Town of River Falls** and mailed to the Town Treasurer, Rita Kozak, W7843 810th Avenue, River Falls, WI 54022.
Phone: 715-425-8554. Please use additional forms for more than one dog.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____

Name of dog _____ Breed _____ Color _____

Male \$12.00 Neutered Male \$7.00 Kennel License \$40.00**

Female \$12.00 Spayed Female \$7.00

Date of Rabies Vaccination _____

Vaccine Mfg. _____ Serial Number _____

***WI STATUTES 174.05 (5) states there is a \$5.00 late fee to be assessed to a dog owner if the dog was at least 5 months old and not licensed by April 1st.**

****A Town of River Falls Conditional Use Permit and kennel license are required. This fee licenses 6-10 dogs. For 11 or more dogs, please add an additional \$5 per animal.**