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Newsletter

Spring 2025



Greetings from the Village of Biron!

The coming of Spring is just around the corner, and I expect that all of us are looking forward to longer days, and opportunities to enjoy the warming weather and to get back outdoors! Many of us will soon begin spring cleaning of our yards and homes. On page two of this newsletter is important information about options for disposing of yard waste, brush, and bulk/large (garbage) item pickup. Please check it out!

2025 is shaping up to be a busy year for Biron's Public Works Department. Take a moment to read Public Works Director and Water Superintendent Kayla Lumaye's article on page 6. These projects represent a significant investment in Biron's infrastructure.

In 2026 Wood County will be reconstructing and expanding Biron Drive from the intersection of Eagle Road through to Huffman Road. Wood County is finalizing planning and preconstruction activity this year. We are excited to see this project come to fruition as it features a pedestrian/multi-use trail through the project area, that will connect Central Biron to the Bridgewater trail system.

As these projects commence, we appreciate the patience and understanding of all Biron residents, as maintenance and construction can create some short-term inconvenience. Thank you and let's all look forward to these coming improvements to Biron's facilities! **Jon Evenson, President - Village of Biron**

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Yard Waste, Brush and Bulk Item Pickup

- * **Yard Waste pickup** begins April 7th continuing through May 16th. **Grass clippings and leaves are to be placed in paper bags.** Residents may also take their yard waste to the Village Compost site at the end of Badger Street. Materials accepted include: **leaves, grass clippings and garden waste.** Wisconsin Rapids Compost passes will be available for purchase at the Biron Municipal Center in April.
- * **Brush pickup** is the **last week of each month April to October.** Place your brush piles/limbs on the curb no later than 7:00am Monday of the pickup week. Piles should be **no larger than 4ft high, 6ft wide, and 10ft long.** Please place items in an orderly fashion. Limbs larger than 10in diameter will NOT be picked up. Please check our website for more information.
- * **Bulk Item pickup** will be the last week of **April (April 28– May 2nd) and the last week of October (Oct 27-Oct 31).** To have bulk items collected at the curbside contact the office to schedule a pick up and complete the form. Fees are based on items to be picked up. **Forms are available on our website under Services/Garbage and Recycling or at the Municipal Center.**



Biron Volunteer Fire Dept

I am honored to introduce myself as the newly appointed Fire Chief for the Village of Biron. It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I step into this role, committed to serving and protecting our community. With 14 years of experience in fire service, I bring a wealth of knowledge and a deep dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents. My journey in fire service has equipped me with the skills and expertise necessary to lead our fire department with integrity, professionalism, and a strong sense of duty. As a certified Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I, II, III (WFST), I have had the privilege of teaching and training fire and emergency services personnel at multiple levels, developing advanced instructional methods and curriculum at Mid-State Technical College. My qualifications as a Fire Officer II and Hazardous Materials Technician have provided me with both fundamental and advanced firefighting skills, including leadership roles in fireground operations and emergency response. As Fire Chief, my primary goal is to enhance our fire department's capabilities and readiness to respond to emergencies. I am committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement, teamwork, and community engagement. As a department, we will be continuing our education and expanding the services we can provide to the village. Together, we will work towards creating a safer environment for all. — Chief Shawn Dillingham

Training Hours	
Year	Total Hours
2019	645
2020	484
2021	643
2022	1,224
2023	989.5
2024	1,574

Calls For Service	
Year	Total Calls
2019	86
2020	94
2021	109
2022	129
2023	124
2024	174



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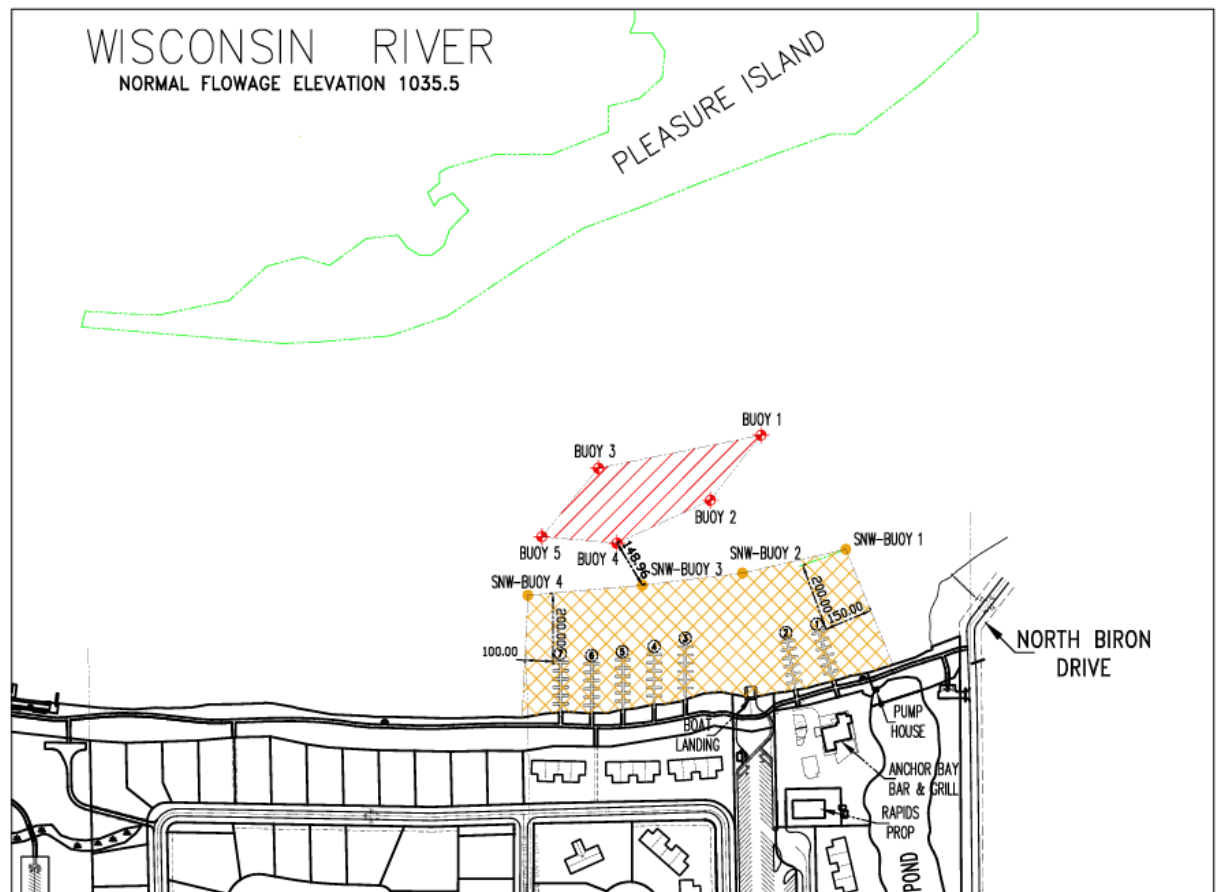
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<https://bironfirefightersassociation.org>

Dock and River Updates



WITHIN 100 FEET
OF DOCKS



- ♦ Look for the **SLOW NO WAKE** zone near the CWPCo/Biron Boat Landing. The zone is marked by 4 buoys. Village ordinance states that this shall be **enforced by the officers of the village, DNR, and/or the Wood County Sherriff**
- ♦ CWPCo plans to implement a **boat launch fee starting 2025** for those who launch using the CWPCo/Biron boat landing. There will be two options: **a daily or annual pass**. There will be a kiosk for payment and receipt.
- ♦ **Dock rentals are still available for this summer!** The dock/slips are designed for boats with a maximum length of 26 feet. Reservations can be made in person at Biron Municipal Center 451 Kahoun Road or by phone at 715-423-6580

Permits

Park Shelter and Municipal Center Rentals

A large, vibrant rainbow arches across a cloudy sky above a wet parking lot. In the foreground, a red pickup truck is parked on the right, and a white car is further back on the left. A brick building with a green door is visible on the left side of the frame. The wet pavement reflects the colors of the rainbow and the vehicles.



Updates from Superintendent Lumaye

The board voted to discontinue the addition of fluoride to the Village's drinking water. The last day of fluoridation was December 31st, 2024. On April 17th the Village's water tower will be taken offline for approximately 6-8 weeks to restore and repair the tower's interior and exterior. We do not anticipate any interruption of services while the tower is being repaired. Huffman Road reconstruction will begin in early May and is expected to take approximately 3-4 months to complete. During reconstruction there will be limited access to the road. The Village replaced all water meters to ones that have the capability of detecting leaks. The smallest leak can cause major increases in water usage. See the diagram below for reference. If you suspect a leak, contact the village and we will provide toilet leak detection stipes. Wastewater rates are increasing this summer. This increase was approved by the board and will take effect for the July 13th bill cycle. The increase will go from \$9.42 per thousand gallons to \$10 per thousand gallons with the minimum charge increasing from \$20 per month to \$22 per month.

Water Saving Tips

- Plant **drought-resistant native trees and plants** (saves 750 gal/month)
- **Run only full loads** of laundry and dishes (saves 74-200 gal/month)
- **Keep water bottled** in the fridge instead of running the cold tap water (saves 200-300 gal/month)
- **Adjust sprinklers** so they aren't spraying the pavement (saves 500 gal/month)
- **Shorten your shower time** (1-2 min reduction saves 700 gal/month)
- **Check for water leaks** in your household appliances

Unrepaired Leaks Can Be Costly

Water Loss in Gallons at 50 psi

Leak this Size	Loss per Day	Loss per Month	Loss per Year
●	120	3,600	43,200
●	360	10,800	129,600
●	693	20,790	249,480
●	1,200	36,000	432,000
●	1,920	57,600	691,200
●	3,096	92,880	1,114,560
●	4,296	128,880	1,546,560
●	6,640	199,200	2,390,400
●	6,984	209,520	2,514,240

Scarecrow Contest Winners



1st Place Winner

Thank you for everyone that **participated** and **volunteered** in our first Scarecrow contest! These are our 1st, 2nd and Village Choice Winners!



2nd Place Winner

Upcoming Village Events

April 1st — Spring Primary Election

April 17th — Water tower work begins

May 3rd — Paws for a Cause vendor and craft show.

May 3rd — Village wide rummage sale.

May 15th — Biron's parks restrooms will be open for the season and boat docks will be installed.



Village Choice Winner

VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEMBERS

JON EVENSON

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

MARK HONKOMP

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

MIKE GUILLEMOT

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

JAMIE BIEGEL

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

PATTY GAPEN

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

DAN MULESKI

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

TAMMY STEWARD

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Holiday Office Hours

Memorial Day - Closed

May 26th

Independence Day - Closed

July 3rd & 4th

Labor Day - Closed

September 1st



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