

DECEMBER 2024

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The River Falls Town Board would like to wish all Town residents a Happy Holiday Season! Below are several important year-end reminders.

DOG LICENSING AND RABIES VACCINATIONS

Dog Licensing & Rabies Vaccinations are required by state law. A Town license will help quickly reunite lost dog and owner!! 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.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

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.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Home remodeling, deck building, and new home or shed construction are all examples of activities requiring permits. This is not an all inclusive list. Businesses (homebased or not) also require permits. Remote officing or businesses where the only contact with customers is remote do not require a permit. Contact Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator for more information. 715-307-0564 or zoning@riverfallstown.com

WINTER REMINDERS

Pushing snow across the road is a safety hazard. The practice of pushing snow across the road when plowing creates a safety hazard for the traveling public and creates a problem for the road plowing operation.

If you believe your mailbox was damaged during a snow event, assess if the mailbox was hit by the force of the snow hitting the mailbox or was it physically hit by the plow equipment. The mailbox policy states that a damaged mailbox will be replaced with a plain standard mailbox when it is evident that the snow removal equipment damaged the box. If you believe the damage was caused by the plow equipment, call the Town Chair to report the damage.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dog Licensing: Sat, January 25, 2025, 9am - 12pm
Annual Town Caucus: January 21, 2025, 7:30pm
February Primary Election: February 18, 2025
Spring Election: April 1, 2025
Annual Town Meeting: Tue, April 15, 2025, 7pm
Winter Recycling Center Hours: Saturdays 8am - 4pm

BURN PERMITS

2025 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.

ABANDONED WELLS

Wells no longer used or maintained should consider formal abandonment and closure because they act as direct conduits to groundwater and make it more vulnerable to contamination from the surface. Most well abandonments are eligible for costing sharing assistance through the Pierce County Land Conservation Department.



Use this link to visit our facebook page. Follow us to get regular updates and announcements as they are posted.

TOWN CAUCUS

The caucus is the method the Town uses for nominating candidates to be placed on the Spring Election ballot. The caucus is open to the public, but only qualified electors of the municipality may nominate and vote for candidates. Nominations for Supervisor I, Supervisor II, Town Chair, Clerk, and Treasurer will be accepted at the caucus on 1/21/25.

UPDATE FROM THE ROADS COMMITTEE

In October, we celebrated the completion of a 2 year resurfacing project on 770th Ave with a picnic at the Town Hall.

Looking ahead to 2025, the Town plans to start work on resurfacing 850th Street north of State Road 29. Other projects will include cold patch, sealcoating and more tree work.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING TAX PAYMENTS

If you want a receipt dated 2024, your payment must be received at the county by Tuesday, December 31. Receipts show the date the payment was processed, not the envelope postmark date.

Option One: Pay By Mail Please mail your tax payment to: Pierce County Treasurer
PO Box 87,
Ellsworth, WI 54011

Your payment must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2025. 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. If you want a receipt with a 2024 date, it must be received by the county no later than Tuesday, 12/31/24.

DO NOT send dog license fees to Pierce County. Dog licenses are managed by the town and will be issued by the town treasurer (instructions below).

Option Two: Dropbox at Courthouse

We welcome you to use the 24-hour payment drop box which is located near the courthouse rear parking lot off Kinne Street. When you drive into the parking lot, look straight ahead and you will see signs marking the drop box location.

Option Three: Online Payment (<https://public-portal.co.pierce.wi.us/Login>)

On the Pierce County home page, hover over the word "Departments". Slide over and click on the word "Treasurer". Click on "Online Tax Payments". (You will need to click "Accept and Sign In" to access the guest portal.) Click on the word "search" located in the left column of the screen. The Pierce County Web Search screen will appear. Type your last name in the "Last Name" field (or parcel number in the "Property Number" field) and press enter on your keyboard. A list of your parcel's tax bills will appear at the bottom of the screen. Put a check in the box on the left of the line for each parcel you would like to pay. Click "Add to Cart". Click "View Cart". Click "Checkout". You will be re-directed to Value Payment Systems. Click on your preferred payment method and make your payment by following the directions on the payment screens.

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.

DOG LICENSING AND RABIES VACCINATIONS

DOG LICENSES ARE REQUIRED YEARLY.* PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY JANUARY 31, 2025

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, W9015 770th Avenue, River Falls, WI 54022. Phone: 715-425-8554.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____

Name of dog: _____
Breed: _____
Color: _____

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___ Male \$12.00 ___ Neutered Male \$7.00
___ Female \$12.00 ___ Spayed Female \$7.00

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Date of Rabies Vaccination: _____
Vaccine Mfg.: _____
Serial Number: _____

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___ Kennel License \$40.00 (A Town of River Falls conditional use permit and a kennel license are required. This fee licenses 6-10 dogs. For 11 or more dogs, please add an additional \$5 per animal.)

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