

# TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

December 2025

## 2026 Elections

We have an exciting Election update! Starting in 2026, the Town of River Falls will utilize an electronic poll book system called Badger Books. Badger Books is used to check in voters, process Election Day Registrations and record absentee participation. Badger Books are not voting machines – you can't cast votes on them. Voting will continue to be done on paper ballots. They are not vote tabulators – they don't count votes. The vote tabulation process will not change. Badger Books are not connected to the internet. Residents with questions about the electronic poll books should please contact Town Clerk Sarah Meyer, 715-629-8240 or [clerk@riverfallstown.com](mailto:clerk@riverfallstown.com)

### 2026 Election Dates

- February Primary Election: February 17, 2026 (if required)
- Spring Election: Tuesday, April 7, 2026
- Fall Primary Election: Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Fall General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

## Town Roads Update

The primary road rebuilding project undertaken by the Town in 2025 was an approximate 0.92 mile stretch of 850th St. (Saddle Club Road) north of Highway 29 to the Kinnickinnic town line. This is a very heavily traveled stretch of road as it's an arterial from the north. This section was completely rebuilt over the summer which entailed tree/brush removal, milling the old asphalt, new gravel/breaker rock underlay, shoulder enhancement, ditch shaping, culvert evaluation and 3 inches of new asphalt. Asphalt was laid toward the end of October and only some shouldering remains to be done to finish up. The total cost of this project was approximately \$356,000, far less than the cost would otherwise be if the Town did not have its own road equipment and employees. Over the next two years the tentative plan is to continue rebuilding an additional 1.5 miles of Saddle Club Road south of Highway 29 with final paving expected in 2027.

A huge thanks goes out to Rob Schaar and Dalton Flick, our two Town road employees, who work amazingly hard to manage these projects and are committed to keeping our roads maintained and safe for all residents. If you should ever wonder who is out plowing snow at 3:00am so you can get to work on time after a storm, it's Rob and Dalton.

## 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 if it was 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 Terry Kusilek (715-821-4049) to report the damage.

## Dog Licensing

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 (715-425-8554) if you have dog licensing questions.

## Upcoming Events

Annual Town Caucus: 1/20/26, 6:30 P.M.

Dog Licensing: Sat., 1/24/26, from 9:00 A.M. until noon

Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Winter Recycling Center Hours: Saturdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

## 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: 715-307-0564 or [zoning@riverfallstown.com](mailto:zoning@riverfallstown.com)

## Burn Permits

2026 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.



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING TAX PAYMENTS

If you want a receipt dated 2025, your payment must be received at the county by Wednesday, 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, 2026. 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 2025 date, it must be received by the county no later than Wednesday, 12/31/25.

## **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.

**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).**

## **DOG LICENSING AND RABIES VACCINATIONS**

**DOG LICENSES ARE REQUIRED YEARLY.\* PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY JANUARY 31, 2026**

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.