

TOWN OF BARTON

NEWSLETTER 2020

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TREASURER/TAXES.....NEW FOR 2020

There is a "Tax Payment Drop Box" mounted on the building, just right of the main doors.

Please mail your taxes in the enclosed return envelope and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a receipt returned to you or if you have a refund due. Please note that refunds of under \$2.00 will not be refunded. It is preferred that you mail your taxes or use the drop box.

NO CASH, CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ONLY CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Tax Collection Dates

December 10 & 17 2:30 – 4:30 pm

December 12 & 19 5:30 – 7:30 pm

January 7, 14, 21 & 28 2:30 – 4:30 pm

January 9, 16, 23 & 30 5:30 – 7:30 pm

DOG LICENSES

Also new is the Dog License form. The form allows for up to three (3) dogs. Please note the increase in fees. State Law requires dogs to be licensed. Enclose a **separate check** for dog licenses as the Tax Collection and Dog License program are two separate data base programs. **Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope for the license/tag to be returned to you.** The deadline to license dogs and kennels is March 31, 2020. There is a \$5 late fee for applications received after March 31st.

WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS/SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

New for the 2019/2020 season is that the roads will be plowed by the Town of Barton. We welcome our new full-time public works employee – Roger Hubbard. Please contact chairman or any supervisor with any concerns or questions.

Under Wisconsin State Stats 82.03, 83.01, 86.01 and 86.022 as well as Town Ordinance no. 86-2, Snow from your property is not to be plowed, moved or blown across the roadway into the Town's Right-of-Way. Citations may be issued for violations.

For safety and to prevent accidents, please do not follow plow trucks closer than 200 ft. When approaching the plow truck, **SLOW DOWN** to a crawl and both vehicles will be able to pass safely. ***Please be aware of your children playing on or around the snow piles within the Right-of-Way, as they may not be visible to the driver when trucks are clearing the roads.***

The Right-of-Ways need to be kept free of snow piles, rock piles, decorations, new plantings, fences, etc. Any items in the Right-of-Way may be removed by the town at the property owner's expense. For mailboxes damaged by snow plows, please note that a maximum of \$25 will be paid.

TRANSFER STATION

Winter hours are 12 Noon – 4:00 pm on Saturdays November through April. Summer Hours are 8:00 am to 12 Noon on Saturdays May through October.

Loose garbage is not permitted at the Transfer Station, all garbage must be bagged. Only household garbage is accepted. Appliances, furniture, rolls of carpet, electronics and any hazardous waste items are NOT accepted. Please do not use plastic bags for paper/cardboard as they cause problems with the equipment. The Town encourages recycling. Place glass, steel cans, plastic #1 & #2 and aluminum cans in the containers provided by the town for these items. Please **crush or flatten plastics** to save on space – often the bins become too full of recyclables. **We encourage everyone to separate their aluminum cans from the other recyclables and place them in the receptacle for the Good Luck 4-H Club. The Club uses this as a fundraiser.**

Electronics –The State DNR has a website that answers many questions, and lists businesses that are collection centers for electronics. Electronics are not accepted at the Transfer Station.

FIRE SIGNS

Fire signs are to be left alone, **not moved, altered or decorated**. The Town has an ordinance in place authorizing their use and where they are to be located. There is a penalty for signs that are moved or tampered with. These are put in place by the Fire Department so emergency responders can easily locate a residence when called upon for aid. If yours is damaged or missing, call the Town Hall to request a new one. Please keep the fire sign area free of snow, so that they are visible to emergency personnel. **Remember- fire signs are for your family's safety and protection.**

CHIPPING

In 2020, this service runs from May through October 14th and is available to residential properties only. The Chipper is operated by **Don Maurer**. **YOU MUST CALL DON TO HAVE YOUR BRUSH CHIPPED** – 262-338-8253

The rules for chipping service: pile branches with the cut ends all laying the same way and spread out enough so as not to create a tangle of branches. The cut ends need to face the road and be approximately 2 ft from edge of pavement the pile cannot exceed 3 ft in height. Please leave at least 2 ft between the piles. The thickest part of the branch cannot be more than 4 inches in diameter. Please trim any forks on heavy branches so as not to jam the chipper. **If these rules are not followed, brush will not be removed and property owner will be responsible for removal.** If you would like to keep the chips, please inform the men doing the chipping. Otherwise they are taken to the Transfer Station and are available to anyone.

If you would like chips, call **Don Maurer** for availability. *PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THE CHIPPING SERVICE – THIS IS NOT MEANT AS A WAY TO CLEAR HEAVY BRUSH-FILLED AREAS AND WOODS.*

Visit the Town's website for election information, agendas, minutes and Ordinance information.
Townofbarton.net

PHONE NUMBERS

CHAIRMAN DICK BERTRAM 262-355-5111
SUPERVISOR MIKE DRICKEN (10 AM – 7 PM).....262-334-1335
(8 PM – 9:30 PM) 262-338-6388
SUPERVISOR JERRY MEULEMANS 262-338-1338
SUPERVISOR DAN MUELLER 262-334-8086
SUPERVISOR KRIS TURNER 262-338-0815
ZONING ADM STEVE WENDELBN 262-306-9446
BUILDING INSPECTOR, GORDON HOFFMANN 262-677-2270
ASSESSOR, GROTA APPRAISALS 262-253-1142
PUBLIC WORKS, ROGER HUBBARD..... 262-808-3848
CHIPPING, DON MAURER 262-338-8253

BURNING PERMITS

The Chairman or any Supervisor may issue a burning permit to a property owner in the town to burn brush, leaves, pine needles, grass, clean wood and unrecyclable paper and cardboard (only these items are allowed by State Law). The fire needs to be adequately supervised so it will not spread out of control or endanger life or property. The property owner is to call the Washington County Sheriff's Department's non-emergency number (262-335-4420) to report that they will be burning and have obtained the required permit. Having a burning permit **does not** release you of responsibility if a fire gets out of control due to carelessness or negligence. In addition to the costs of a careless fire (up to \$3000), **a fine of \$100 for not having a permit will be issued.**

Burning barrels with screen coverings are allowed for burning without a permit. Any out of control fires that result will be charged back to the property owner(s). See above for items allowed to be burned by the Town per state law.

OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk – Aggie Pruner Mon – Wed 5 – 6:30 pm
Deputy Clerk – Sherry Eckert Tue & Thurs 8 – 11 am
Treasurer – Elaine GauthierTue 4 – 6 pm
Zoning Adm Steve Wendelbornby appt. only

Please note the Clerk and Deputy Clerk cannot process tax payment or Dog Licenses.

2020 ELECTION DATES:

February 18, 2020
April 7, 2020
August 11, 2020
November 3, 2020



Merry Christmas & Best Wishes for
2020!!!
The Barton Town Board