

TOWN OF BARTON NEWSLETTER 2021

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TREASURER/TAXES.....NEW FOR 2021

There is a "Tax Payment Drop Box" mounted on the building, just left 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.

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

2020/2021 Tax Collection Dates

There will be no In-person Tax Collection during the 2020/2021 tax season. Please use the drop boxes or USPS. The locked boxes are checked daily on business days. Your Taxes will have a date received stamp.

DOG LICENSES

New for 2021, is the Dog License form. The form allows for up to three (3) dogs. State Law requires dogs to be licensed and have a rabies vaccine (a copy of rabies certificate must be enclosed.) 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, 2021. There is a \$5 late fee for applications received after March 31st.

WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS/SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

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 on or 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 hit and damaged by snow plows, (not by snow coming off of the blade) 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.

*****POSSIBLE CURBSIDE PICKUP*****

The Board needs your input. The Board has been approached by town residents to consider curbside pickup as a convenience to residents. Residents would be billed yearly on their tax bills. Estimated cost would be \$14-18 per month. We need input before posing this question on the April 2021 ballot. Please contact us with Email thoughts or concerns.

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 aide. 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 2021, this service runs from May through October 13th 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 KRIS TURNER	262-808-9020
SUPERVISOR MIKE DRICKEN ..262-334-1335...	262-338-6388
SUPERVISOR JERRY MEULEMANS	262-338-1338
SUPERVISOR DAN MUELLER	262-334-8086
SUPERVISOR BILL RUSSELL	262-208-8540
ZONING ADM STEVE WENDELBORN	262-306-9446
BUILDING INSPECTOR, JEREMY PFIEFER	262-674-4434
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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, 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 – Sherry Eckert Mon & Thurs 8 – 2 pm
 Treasurer – Elaine Gauthier Tue 4 – 6 pm
 Zoning Adm Steve Wendelborn by appt. only

Please note: only the treasurer can process tax payments and Dog Licenses.



Merry Christmas & Best
Wishes for 2021!!!
from
The Barton Town Board