

TOWN OF BARTON NEWSLETTER 2023

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2023 TAX INFORMATION

Property tax payment information will be “real-time” which means as soon as your payment posts it will be visible online. You can view and print a receipt by entering the following web address into your internet browser:

www.washcowisco.gov/departments/county_treasurer

- Mail your taxes using the enclosed return envelope or place in the Town Hall drop box.
- Please include your phone number and/or email with your payment so we may contact you, if necessary.
- The Treasurer will accept in-person Tax payments by appointment only.
- Only Checks or Money Orders will be accepted forms of payment. NSF checks will incur a \$40 fee.
- Property Tax receipts will not be sent to you unless you enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your initial payment.
- Refunds of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.

DOG LICENSES

State law requires dog licenses and verification of rabies vaccine.

- The Town dog license application form allows for listing up to three dogs.
- Attach a copy of each dog’s rabies certificate to the annual application.
- If you submit your dog license application after March 31 add a \$5.00 late fee for each dog.
- Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your dog license application for the new license and tag(s) to be returned to you.

WINTER ROADS SNOW REMOVAL

Wisconsin State Statutes and Town Ordinance require that snow from your property is not to be plowed, moved, or blown on or across a roadway into the Town’s Right-Of-Way. Citations may be issued for violations.

Plow truck drivers have limited visibility in their snow removal operating environment. Plow trucks typically operate at speeds of 15 mph or less. Be aware of the following safety precautions:

- Do not follow closer than 200 feet behind a snow plow truck. Plow trucks may make sudden stops. This distance will also help avoid having your car sprayed with rock salt.
- Very often a snow plow truck will be driving over the center line during plow operations. When approaching a plow truck slow down to 5 mph to allow time for the plow truck to move over and pass with sufficient clearance.
- Do not allow children to play near the road or in the road right-of-way. During plow operations the driver’s visibility can be impaired by blowing snow. Additionally, snow is thrown from the plow blade with significant force into the road right-of-way. Consider the road right-of-way to be an additional distance of 17 feet from the road edge.

Should a snow plow hit and damage a mailbox the Town will reimburse the owner a maximum of \$25.00. No reimbursement will be made for damage caused by the force of snow being thrown from the snow blade.

The road right-of-way must be kept unobstructed and may not be used by the resident for erection of fences, buildings, landscape plantings, rock walls, seasonal decorations or signage. The Town may remove any of the above noted obstructions from the road right-of-way at property owner’s expense

TRANSFER STATION

Normal Saturday hours of operation

November thru April from	Noon to 4:00pm
May thru October from	8:00am to Noon

No Special Holiday adjustments for the Transfer Station operations during December 2022 or January 2023

TRANSFER STATION (continued)

Transfer Station usage requirements:

- No trash drop-off outside of posted hours.
- Only bagged household trash allowed.
- Cardboard for recycling must be flattened and placed in the farm wagon.
- No electronic devices are accepted.
- No appliances, furniture, building materials, rolls of carpet, or hazardous waste.
- To help support the Good Luck 4-H Club please drop your aluminum cans in their separate bin.

FIRE SIGNS

As directed by Town Ordinance, the blue and white numeric fire signs are authorized and specifically located and placed by the Town. These signs are not to be moved, altered, decorated, or obscured in any way. There is a penalty should a sign be tampered with or moved.

BRUSH CHIPPING

For 2023 residential brush chipping service will be available from May through October 11. To arrange for chipping call **Don Mauer** at **262-338-8253**. The rules for limited residential chipping services are as follows:

- Pile branches with cut ends facing the road edge placed 2 feet away from the road edge.
- Each pile should not exceed 2 feet in height, 4 feet width, and 8 feet in length. Multiple piles should be separated by 2 feet of clear space.
- The maximum diameter of a branch is 4 inches.
- Trim forks on heavy branches.
- Advise Don if you would like to keep the chips.
- If you would like to have a load of chips, call Don.
- If you hire a tree service, that tree service must remove all brush and trees they cut.

BURNING PERMITS

The Chairman or any Town Supervisor may issue a burn permit to a property owner in the Town to burn only the following: brush, leaves, pine needles, grass, clean wood, unrecyclable paper and cardboard. Obtaining a burning permit will inform various agencies of a burn location to reduce responses to false-alarms and subsequent property owner charge-backs for agency expenses (typically \$3000).

Having a burning permit **does not** relieve you of responsibility if a fire gets out of control due to carelessness or negligence. An out-of-control fire that requires outside assistance will be very expensive for the property owner (\$3000). Burning without a permit may result in a \$100 fine.

Follow these Burning Permit steps:

- Call the Town Chairman or a Town Supervisor to obtain a Burning Permit. Consideration will be given to wind conditions, weather, and drought status. This will be a verbal approval to burn on a particular date.
- On the Date you requested to burn, call the Washington County Sheriff's non-emergency number **262-335-4420** to inform them that you will be burning and have obtained the required permit.
- Ensure the fire remains at a manageable size, supervise the fire at all times, and ensure you have a means of extinguishing the fire should it get out of control.

Burning barrels with screen covers are allowed without a burning permit.

PHONE NUMBERS

Chairman Kris Turner	262-808-9020
Supervisor Mike Dricken	262-334-1335/262-338-6388
Supervisor Clay Eggie	414-755-9025
Supervisor Dan Mueller	262-689-6087
Supervisor Bill Russell	262-208-8540
Zoning - Steve Wendelborn	262-306-9446
Building Insp. - Jeremy Pfieler	262-689-7346
Town Clerk - Sherry Eckert	262-334-2765
Treasurer - Jenny Lenzendorf	262-334-2765

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE TOWN WEBSITE

www.TownOfBarton.net

OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk	Monday and Thursday	8am-2pm
Treasurer	Friday (or by appointment)	10am-Noon
Zoning	By appointment only	