

WHO'S WHO IN THE TOWN



TOWN BOARD

Chairman: Tom Fankhauser (715-296-6258)
Supervisors: Bob Slagstad (715-790-4888)
Mark Kucko (715-236-7311)
Dave Crotteau (715-434-4140)
Don Putnam (715-234-4702)

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

PHONE: 715-234-8087

Clerk/Treasurer: Janet Tomesh
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Connie Kahl
Patrolmen: Ralph Henningsen and Dave Mani
Recycling Attendant/Cemetery Caretaker: Dave Stepanek
Town Engineer: Stan Buchanan

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bldg. Inspector: Jim Heldstab (715-220-0259)
Town Assessor: Owen Assessing LLC (Kelly & Jack)
8E571 810th Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751
email: owenassessingllc@gmail.com
Phone & Fax: 715-643-2081

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Bob Slagstad, Chairman
Delores Buesser, Secretary

Lorraine Barta Paul Buesser
Joyce Kringle Dave Edming
Pete Schneider Kurt Wallace

Ex-Officio Members: Stan Buchanan, Town Engineer and
Jim Heldstab, Building Inspector

SWEDE CEMETERY

Located at the corner of 18th St. & 19th Ave.
Lots are available for purchase at \$150 each.
For more information, please contact the
clerk's office.



TOWN MEETING DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Board Meetings:

2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, held at the Town
Municipal Bldg.

Town Planning Commission Meetings:

As needed on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, held at
the Town Municipal Bldg.

Town Caucus: Will be held between January 2 and January
21, per WI Stat 8.05(1)(a). Date to be set at the December
board meeting and notice will be published in the Chronotype
the week prior to the caucus date. Offices up for election in
2017 include:

Chairman (Incumbent - Thomas Fankhauser)
Supervisor I (Incumbent - Robert Slagstad)
Supervisor II (Incumbent - Mark Kucko)

Annual Town Meeting: Mon. April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

2017 Election Dates:

Spring Primary (if necessary): Tues., February 21, 2017
Spring Election: Tues., April 4, 2017

TOWN OF RICE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE



Members: Ray Cook, Chairman
Bob Slagstad, Secretary Tom Fankhauser
Emmett Engstrom Dave Edming

Meetings are held at the Town Municipal Building, 1830 Ma-
cauley Ave., Rice Lake on a semi-annual basis, that being the
first Monday in June and December at 8:30 a.m., or on an as
needed basis.

A \$500 fee is imposed to property owners and/or responsible
parties for fire/rescue calls responded to by the RLFD.

TOWN OF RICE LAKE BARRON COUNTY, WI

1830 Macauley Ave.
Rice Lake, WI 54868
Phone & Fax: 715-234-8087
Email: townofrl@charter.net
Website: townofricelake.com

TOWN OF RICE LAKE BARRON COUNTY, WI

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please plan on attending a special meeting
of the electors being held on **MONDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2017 AT 7:00 PM** at the Town
Municipal Building, 1830 Macauley Ave.,
Rice Lake, for the purpose of obtaining
elector approval to construct a new town
hall and possibly town shop, with the
electors also reviewing possible locations
and approving cost estimates.

CLERK/TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 am—2:30 pm
Thursday: 12:00 pm—4:00 pm
Address: 1830 Macauley Ave., Rice Lake, WI 54868
Phone & Fax: 715-234-8087
Email: townofrl@charter.net
Website: townofricelake.com (meeting notices,
agendas and minutes are posted online)

DECEMBER, 2016

RECYCLING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Our recycling center at 1830 Macauley Avenue now has summer & winter hours as follows:

| | Winter Hours (November-April) | Summer Hours (May-October) |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mondays: | 12:00 pm—6:00 pm | 1:00 pm—7:00 pm |
| Saturdays: | 8:00 am—12:00 pm | 8:00 am—12:00 pm |

Bring in your separated materials including cardboard, plastics (#1 thru #7), glass, newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, cans (aluminum & tin), dry cell batteries and scrap metal. The Town will provide each household up to two recycling containers to collect and carry your recyclables in. Watch for our Spring Clean Up Day coming in April to dispose of your white goods (appliances), electronics, tires & automotive batteries.

RECYCLING FUN FACTS



DID YOU KNOW...

- Five plastic bottles recycled provides enough fiber to create one square foot of carpet or enough fiber fill to fill one ski jacket.
- Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.
- Recycling just one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11 watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.
- Recycling one ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- Source: <http://recycleacrossamerica.org/recycling-facts>
<http://www.afcec.af.mil/news/earthday>



SNOW NOTICE

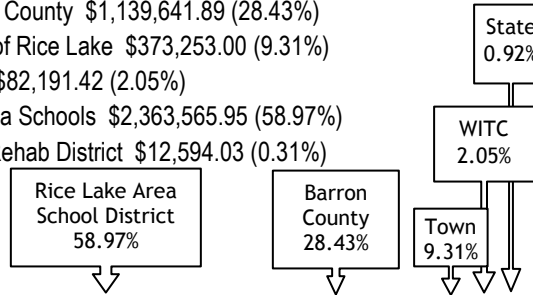
Please be advised that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways across town roads or to park vehicles or equipment in the Town road right-of-way.

This practice is in violation of WI Stat. 346.94 (5) and violators are subject to penalties.

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

Tax Levy Total for 2016 is \$4,008,188.76
(prior to school tax credit & includes Lake Rehab District)

State of Wisconsin \$36,942.47 (0.92%)
Barron County \$1,139,641.89 (28.43%)
Town of Rice Lake \$373,253.00 (9.31%)
WITC \$82,191.42 (2.05%)
RL Area Schools \$2,363,565.95 (58.97%)
Lake Rehab District \$12,594.03 (0.31%)



TAX PAYMENT DUE DATES & DETAILS

1ST INSTALLMENT - Due by January 31, 2017, payable to the Town of Rice Lake by any of the following means:

1. By Mail or Deposit in Drop Box by front door of Municipal Bldg - payable to the Town of Rice Lake, 1830 Macauley Ave., Rice Lake, WI 54868. **NO RECEIPTS WILL BE MAILED UNLESS A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IS PROVIDED!**
2. In Person - during the following hours:
 - * Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:00 am to 12:30 pm
 - * Thursdays 12:00pm to 5:00pm
3. Online (log on to townofricelake.com and click on the Tax Payment Information Tab) or by Phone (877-798-2040) -Service fees will apply as follows:
 - * Credit Card - 2.39% of the payment amount
 - * VISA Debit Card - Fixed rate fee of \$3.95
 - * ACH Direct Debit from a checking or savings account - Fixed rate fee of \$1.50

2ND INSTALLMENT - Due by July 31, 2017, payable to the Barron County Treasurer at 335 E. Monroe Ave., Room 2412, Barron, WI 54812. County Treasurer contact info: Phone (715-537-6280) Email bctreas@co.barron.wi.us

Your tax payment records are available online at:
<http://www.co.barron.wi.us/GCSWebPortal/Search.aspx>



ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

FAILURE TO LICENSE YOUR DOG ANNUALLY COULD RESULT IN A BARRON COUNTY FINE OF \$169 FOR FIRST TIME OFFENDERS!

In accordance with State Statute 174.05 and 95.21(2) and Barron County Ordinances, all dogs 5 months of age and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies and licensed. To obtain a dog license, simply submit a copy of your dog's RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE and the applicable fee (\$6 for spayed/neutered or \$11 for unaltered) to the Clerk's Office. A \$6.00 late fee will be added for applications received after March 31 for all dogs owned for more than one month and older than five months in age.

LANDLORDS: All landlords with rental property located in the Town of Rice Lake, please pass the dog licensing requirements on to your tenants.

BARKING & ROAMING: Both the Town and the County have ordinances prohibiting dogs from running at large and/or barking excessively. Please comply with these laws by keeping your pets leashed or fenced at all times, and if necessary, use barking restraints. To report violations, contact the Barron County Humane Officer at 715-537-3106 or the Town Chairman at 715-296-6258.

The Town of Rice Lake requires permits and/or approval for each of the following:



- **Burning Permits** (required year round & are not issued on Sundays or Holidays) - contact the Town Board Chairman or any Supervisor. Permits are free, but if you burn without one or the Fire Dept is called to respond, there is a \$500 fire call fee plus violation fees. If rental property, landlords are responsible for fees when tenants fail to pay. Please inform & oversee your tenants.
- **Building Permits** - contact the Building Inspector
- **Utility Excavation Permits** - contact the Town Clerk
- **Driveway Permits** - contact the Town Board Chairman, Building Inspector, or the Town Clerk (includes new driveways or changes to existing driveways)
- **Variances, Special Exceptions, Rezoning, & Land Divisions** - contact the Planning Commission Chairman or the Town Clerk.

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