

## WHO'S WHO IN THE TOWN



### TOWN BOARD

Chairman: Dean Borofka (715-296-6258)  
Supervisors: Brooke Harycki (952-240-2461)  
Peter Gallagher (318-614-9041)  
Dave Crotteau (715-651-6656)  
Don Putnam (715-651-4679)

### MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (PHONE: 715-234-8087)

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

### CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bldg. Inspector: Tall Pine Building Inspections, Inc.  
Daryl S. Dostal, Owner: 715-205-7741  
Town Assessor: Owen Assessing LLC (Kelly & Jack)  
E3571 810th Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751  
email: owenassessingllc@gmail.com  
Phone & Fax: 715-643-2081

### TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Doug Kucko, Chairman Mary Dodge, Secretary  
Kim Barta John Blaskowski Jeff Frank  
Brooke Harycki Pete Schneider Vacancy  
Ex-Officio Members: Stan Buchanan (Town Engineer) and  
Daryl Dostal (Building Inspector)

### TOWN OF RICE LAKE FIRE DEPT. FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

Paul Buesser, Chairman Dean Borofka  
Tom Fankhauser Julie Erickson  
Stan Buchanan, Vice Chairman & Secretary



To help reduce taxes, the Committee and Town Board have established fees for emergency calls responded to by the Rice Lake Fire Department. Those who receive services will be charged \$500 for fire and rescue calls and \$200 for miscellaneous calls.

## TOWN MEETING DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS (HELD AT THE TOWN HALL)

### Town Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

### Town Planning Commission Meetings:

As needed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm

### Fire Dept. Feasibility Committee Meetings:

Semi-annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in June and December at 8:30 a.m., or on an as needed basis.

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, April 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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 2020 board meeting and notice will be published in the Chronotype the week prior to the caucus date. Offices up for election in 2021 include:

Chairperson (Incumbent—Dean Borofka)  
Supervisor I (Incumbent - Thomas Field)  
Supervisor II (Incumbent - Peter W. Gallagher)

### 2021 Election Dates:

Feb. 16, 2021 (Tues): Spring Primary, if applicable  
April 6, 2021 (Tues): Spring Election

### SWEDE CEMETERY

Located at the corner of 18th St. & 19th Ave.  
Lots are available for purchase at a cost of \$200 each. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office.



## TOWN OF RICE LAKE BARRON COUNTY, WI

1830 MACAULEY AVE.  
RICE LAKE, WI 54868

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# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER & TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

### TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 am—2:30 pm

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Address: 1830 Macauley Ave., Rice Lake, WI 54868

Phone & Fax: 715-234-8087

Email: townhall@townofricelake.com

Website: townofricelake.com (Visit us online for upcoming meeting notices, agendas, minutes, permit applications & other information)

DECEMBER, 2020  
(Revised May 10, 2021)

## **RECYCLING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

Our recycling center at 1830 Macauley Avenue is open for business during the following hours:

Mondays:	12:00 pm—6:00 pm
Saturdays:	8:00 am—12:00 pm

Bring in your **cleaned and separated** materials including plastics (only #1, #2 & #5), glass bottles, cardboard, newspapers, mixed papers (including junk mail, advertising flyers, shredded documents, etc.), bound books including magazines & stapled papers, aluminum cans, tin cans, scrap metal, and dry cell batteries. 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 (large appliances), electronics, & automotive batteries. Fees will be charged for disposal of these items on the day of the event.



### **CODE RED Enrollment**

Barron County has contracted with CodeRED to allow anyone throughout the County the opportunity to receive free emergency alert notifications including evacuations, shelter-in-place instructions, missing children alerts, tornado warnings, etc. Anyone wanting the free alerts sent to their cell phone, VoIP phone, or email accounts can register online at [www.barronsheriff.org](http://www.barronsheriff.org) and click on the Code Red icon in the lower-right column.

## **DRIVEWAYS & CULVERTS**

Please be advised that Town Ordinance #21-101 states it is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any weeds, sod, brush, yard clippings, leaves, snow, gravel, stones, boulders, garbage or other waste or rubbish in or on the right-of-way of any highway located in the Town of Rice Lake, without written permission of the Town Board. This policy is established to maintain proper flow of water run-off, and therefore, all driveway culverts must be kept open and free of all debris and/or materials listed. Violations will be addressed on a case by case basis.

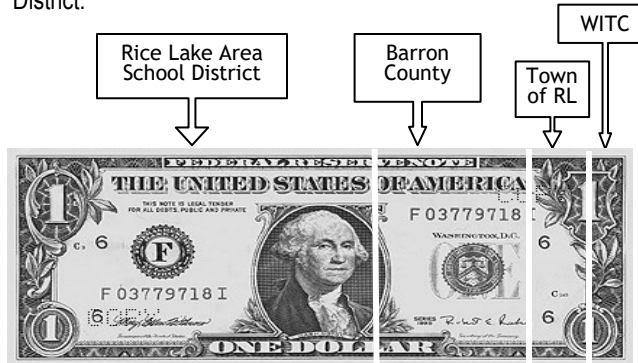
## **SNOW NOTICE**

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**

Approximately 10% of your tax dollars are retained by the Town of Rice Lake. Other taxing entities receiving your tax dollars include Barron County, Rice Lake Area School District, the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, and for some, the Rice Lake Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.



## **TAX PAYMENT DETAILS**

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

1. **BY MAIL** - send to the Town of Rice Lake, 1830 Macauley Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868. Receipts will not be mailed unless a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** is provided!
2. **IN PERSON** - at the Town Hall on Tuesdays thru Fridays between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm
3. **DROP BOX** - deposit payment anytime in drop box at the Town Hall. Receipts will not be mailed unless a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** is provided!
4. **ONLINE OR BY PHONE** - log on to [townofricelake.com](http://townofricelake.com) and click on Government, then Tax Payment Information or by Phone call 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**, payable to the **Barron County Treasurer** at 335 E. Monroe Ave., Room 2412, Barron, WI 54812. Barron County Treasurer contact info:

Phone (715-537-6280) Email [bctreas@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:bctreas@co.barron.wi.us)

**All tax payment records are available online at:**

<http://www.co.barron.wi.us/GCSWebPortal/Search.aspx>



## **ATTENTION DOG OWNERS**

### **LICENSES ARE DUE BY MARCH 31**

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. Failure to license your dog annually could result in a fine imposed by the Barron County Sheriff's Dept.!

**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 DOGS:** 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.

## **PERMITS & LAND USE REQUESTS**



- **Burning Permits (are 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 minimum \$500 fire call fee. If you own 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)
  - **Land Use Requests including Variances, Special Exceptions, Rezoning, & Land Divisions** - contact the Planning Commission Chairman or the Town Clerk.
- All contact numbers are listed in this newsletter under the "Who's Who in the Town" section and most applications are available online at [townofricelake.com](http://townofricelake.com)