



DECEMBER 2022

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The River Falls Town Board would like to wish all Town residents a Happy Holiday Season! Below are several important year-end reminders.

PROPERTY REVALUATION

In 2022, the Town of River Falls underwent a full revaluation. State law requires a periodic revaluation to ensure equity among all property types. To meet this requirement, the total assessed value must be between 90%-110%. In 2021, the Town was at 74.39%, with a total assessed value of \$227,620,800. After 2022's revaluation, the Town is at 100% and the total assessed value is \$339,301,300. This is approximately a 49% increase in the Town's total assessed value. This will result in a lower mill rate and should not change your tax amount unless you've made improvements to your property.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Property tax payments should be made to the Pierce County Treasurer's Office in Ellsworth (not the Town of River Falls). Please turn this page over for more information on submitting property tax payments.

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal should be done by shoveling your snow to your right at your driveway entrance as you face the road. That way the snowplows will take the snow down the road. If possible, don't plow your driveway until the snowplow has gone by and don't leave snow on the road because it is state law and it creates a safety hazard to others and a possible legal liability.

SNOW SEASON PARKING

Snow season parking runs from November 1st through April 1st (exceptions can be granted through a Town Board permit). To avoid the possibility of a citation, please don't leave motor vehicles or any obstacles parked on any street, road or highway right-of-way during the season.

BURN PERMITS

2023 Burn Permits are available at the Town Recycling Center during center hours. Burn permits are also available from Town Board and staff members by appointment.

DOG LICENSING AND RABIES VACCINATIONS

Dog Licensing & Rabies Vaccinations are required by state law. A Town license will help quickly reunite lost dog and owner!! Please license your dog(s) using the form on the back side of this page. These payments are made to the Town Treasurer as indicated on the form (not the County Treasurer). Contact Rita Kozak, Town Treasurer at 715-425-8554 if you have dog licensing questions.

SWIFTCURRENT BROADBAND INTERNET

Are you connected to the new SwiftCurrent broadband internet? The Town of River Falls dedicated \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act grant money to SwiftCurrent to support the installation of broadband in underserved areas in the Town. In 15 months, SwiftCurrent has installed over 600 miles of fiber, passing over 4,000 homes. Nearly 1,900 homes and businesses have been connected, with more everyday!

TOWN CAUCUS

The caucus is the method the Town uses for nominating candidates to be placed on the Spring Election ballot. The caucus is open to the public, but only qualified electors of the municipality may nominate and vote for candidates. Nominations for the following positions will be accepted at the caucus on 1/17/23: Town Chairperson, Supervisor I, Supervisor II, Clerk, Treasurer.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dog Licensing: Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 9:00 until noon

Annual Town Caucus: January 17, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

February Primary Election: February 21, 2023

Spring Election: April 4, 2023

Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Winter Recycling Center Hours: Saturdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING TAX PAYMENTS

If you want a receipt dated 2022, your payment must be received at the county by Friday, December 30th. Receipts show the date the payment was processed, not the envelope postmark date.

Option One: Pay By Mail Please mail your tax payment to: Pierce County Treasurer
PO Box 87,
Ellsworth, WI 54011

Your payment must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2023. Please make checks payable to Pierce County Treasurer. Enclose the payment stub from your tax statement so payment will be applied correctly. However, if there are delinquent taxes, payment will be applied to delinquent taxes first. If you want receipts, please include a self-addressed envelope with appropriate postage. If you want a receipt with a 2022 date, it must be received by the county no later than Friday, 12/30/22.

DO NOT send dog license fees to Pierce County. Dog licenses are managed by the town and will be issued by the town treasurer (instructions below).

Option Two: Dropbox at Courthouse

We welcome you to use the 24-hour payment drop box which is located near the courthouse rear parking lot off Kinne Street. When you drive into the parking lot, look straight ahead and you will see signs marking the drop box location.

Option Three: Online Payment (<https://www.co.pierce.wi.us>)

On the Pierce County home page, hover over the word "Departments". Slide over and click on the word "Treasurer". Click on "Online Tax Payments". (You will need to click "Accept and Sign In" to access the guest portal.)

The Pierce County Web Search screen will appear. Type your last name in the "Last Name" field (or parcel number in the "Property Number" field) and press enter on your keyboard. A list of your parcel's tax bills will appear at the bottom of the screen. Put a check in the box on the left of the line for each parcel you would like to pay. Click "Add to Cart". Click "View Cart". Click "Checkout". You will be re-directed to Value Payment Systems. Click on your preferred payment method and make your payment by following the directions on the payment screens.

If you wish to pay taxes by credit card or electronic check, a credit card processing fee of 2.39% of the amount being paid or a check processing fee of \$1.50 for payments up to \$10,000 will be added to your transaction. You will need your parcel computer number and dollar amount to complete the transaction.

DOG LICENSING AND RABIES VACCINATIONS

DOG LICENSES ARE REQUIRED YEARLY.* PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY JANUARY 31, 2023

Please fill out form below and return with the proper fee. Checks should be made out to the Town of River Falls and mailed to the Town Treasurer, Rita Kozak, W9015 770th Avenue, River Falls, WI 54022. Phone: 715-425-8554.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____

Name of dog: _____
Breed: _____
Color: _____

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____ Male \$12.00 ____ Neutered Male \$7.00
____ Female \$12.00 ____ Spayed Female \$7.00

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Date of Rabies Vaccination: _____
Vaccine Mfg.: _____
Serial Number: _____

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____ Kennel License \$40.00 (A Town of River Falls conditional use permit and a kennel license are required. This fee licenses 6-10 dogs. For 11 or more dogs, please add an additional \$5 per animal.)

***WI STATUTES 174.05 (5) states there is a \$5.00 late fee per dog to be assessed to a dog owner if the dog was at least 5 months old and not licensed by April 1st.**