



Town of River Falls Spring Newsletter

Spring 2023

Notes from Town of River Falls Chair, Diana Smith

Happy Spring to all! This warmer weather and melting snow and sunshine is a great improvement over this winter.

I know this winter and all the heavy snow was hard on us all. We are very fortunate to have dependable road employees who have done such a great job keeping our roads safe and making it possible for all of us to get where we needed to be in a timely manner. One thing we can all help with is keeping things out of the road right-of-way (there is an article on road right-of-way in this newsletter). This makes it easier to keep the snow back far enough for the road to be safe. Please also note that you are responsible for any damage that is caused, either to your property or Town equipment by anything in the right-of-way. When the snow is as heavy as it was and as often as it snowed it was important to keep it as far off the roadway as possible. We appreciate your consideration as many times this year you had to clear snow around your mailbox and driveway. I have heard from many residents who are very happy with their new SwiftCurrent internet service. A great improvement for all!

We are looking for Recycling Assistants. Let me know if you are interested or know of someone who might be.

Thank you for helping make the Town of River Falls a great place to live!

-Diana Smith

2023 Spring Election Results

On April 4, 2023, there were 909 voters that voted in the Town of River Falls. The following were all re-elected to their current positions:



- Diana Smith (Town Chair)
- John Galgowski (Supervisor I)
- Siri Smith (Supervisor II)
- Sarah Meyer (Town Clerk)
- Rita Kozak (Town Treasurer)

Road Right of Way

The Town of River Falls follows Wisconsin State Statute when it comes to road right of ways. State Statute 82.18 states that: Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, highways laid out under this chapter shall be laid out at least 66 feet wide unless, in the town board's discretion, that width is impractical. If the town board determines that a 66-foot width is impractical, the width shall be determined by the town board but shall be at least 49.5 feet in width. When no width is specified in the highway order, the highway shall be 66 feet wide.

Dog Licensing and Rabies Vaccinations

State law requires all Town residents to license their dog and report rabies vaccination date. The 2023 dog licensing indicates 155 Town dog owners have complied with this law. Besides the legal requirement, dog licensing in the Town has reunited dogs and owners. Since it is after April 1, dog licenses have a penalty charge of an additional \$5. Currently, dog licenses are \$17 for intact dogs and \$12 for neutered/spayed dogs. Licenses may be obtained from and payments are made to the Town Treasurer, c/o Rita Kozak, W9015 770th Avenue, River Falls, WI, 54022.

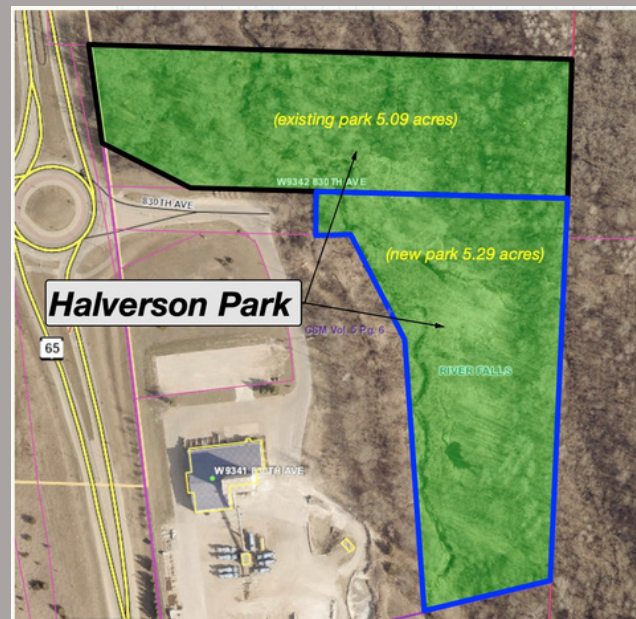
Town of River Falls Parks

The Town of River Falls has eight day use rustic parks spread throughout the township and an active volunteer crew who provide basic park maintenance that includes trail mowing, tree trimming, and brush and buckthorn removal. Follow the link for a description of each park. <https://riverfallstown.com/parks-recreation/> The 2023 Park workplan continues the efforts started in 2022 with cutting and chipping buckthorn at Southridge and expanding the trail system and removing the damaged bridge at Rocky Branch. The parks crew will also continue with new conservation tree plantings at Meents Meadow and other park sites.

New to the 2023 Park work plan, is the expansion of the trail system onto the newly acquired park property at Halverson Park. As with the original park property, the new 5.27 acre parcel was donated to the Town from the Halverson Family Trust. This new park property doubles the size of the existing park. Halverson Park is actively used for walking, bird watching, fishing, and picnicking.

The Parks Committee would like more volunteers to help with a variety of projects. Watch the Town website and Facebook for work-day information.

For more information about Town Parks, email Garrett Gill, Committee Chair at garrett.gill@gmail.com



Permits Required

Here is your reminder that you need permits for:

Fire/Burning

2023 burn permits are available at the Town Recycling Center during center hours—Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. year-round. From April through September, the recycling center is open on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Permits are also available from the Town Board and staff members by appointment.

Business

All businesses operating in the Town of River Falls, homebased or not are required to obtain a permit. Contact Jerome Rodewald, Zoning Administrator for more information.

Fireworks

Fireworks permits are required for shooting off large firework displays. A permit can be requested from Diana Smith, Board Chair at 715-821-4049. You must have your permit at least TWO business days ahead of your event in order to provide the required notification to the River Falls Fire Department. State law exempts from permits small fireworks displays such as sparklers, caps, snakes.

Special Events

A permit is required for events where an entrance fee is charged or attendance is expected to be over 300 people. Applications for special event permits must be submitted to the Town Clerk at least 30 days prior to your event to be considered by the town board. The permit application can be found on the Town website.

Town of River Falls Recycling Center

Located at W7750 Hwy 65

Open Saturdays 8:00am - 4:00pm Year Round, Wednesdays 5:00pm - 8:00pm April - September

The following items are banned from landfills and incinerators statewide and should be reused, recycled or composted. These items **MUST NOT** be put in the solid waste dumpster but many of them are accepted for recycling.

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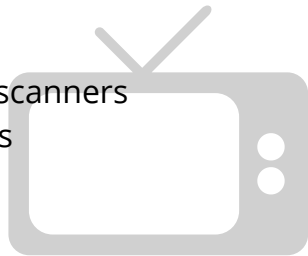
All must be clean and dry, with **NO** food waste!

- #1 PETE: water bottles, pop bottles, fruit juice containers, oil containers
- #2 HDPE: milk jugs, bottles from shampoo, body wash, conditioner, bleach, cleaning agents
- #5 PP: Cottage cheese, sour cream containers, etc
- Glass: Any color (no window glass, table glass, ceramic glass, tempered glass)
- Aluminum: Cans, foil
- Bimetal cans: cans from soup, vegetables, fruit



Electronics

- computers - desktop, laptop, netbook, tablets, monitors, keyboards, mice, scanners
- phones
- printers, fax machines, scanners
- DVD players, VCRs, DVRs
- external hard drives
- flash drives, USBs
- televisions



Vehicle Items

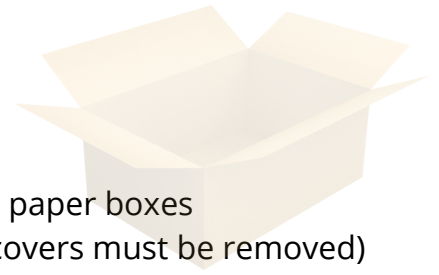
- lead - acid batteries
- tires
- used oil filters
- waste oils
- antifreeze



Cardboard and Paper

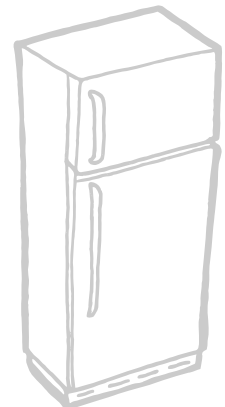
Boxes must be broken down!

- corrugated cardboard & cardboard boxes
- cereal boxes
- paper
- magazines
- newspaper
- fruit and milk paper boxes
- books (hard covers must be removed)
- oatmeal boxes



Appliances

- air conditioners
- boilers
- washers/dryers
- dehumidifiers
- dishwashers
- freezers/fridges
- microwaves
- ovens
- water heaters



We recycle metal too!

We DO NOT accept

- yard materials: grass clippings, debris and brush, leaves
- home or hazardous chemicals
- concrete
- pavement



For more information about pricing and what is accepted at the Town Recycling Center visit
<https://riverfallstown.com/recycling-department-fees/>

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Meeting Information

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8:00pm
Plan Commission: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm

Parks Committee: 4th Thursdays at 6:30pm
Cemetery Committee: 3rd Thursday as needed

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE FOR UPDATED MEETING INFORMATION

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Town newsletter will be
moving online. Sign up to
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via email, rather than a paper
copy. Send an email to
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important updates!