



DECEMBER 2023

# 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.

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

Starting Spring 2024, the Town newsletter will be moving online. Sign up to receive the Town's newsletter via email. No paper copies of the spring newsletter will be mailed. Send an email to [clerk@riverfallstown.com](mailto:clerk@riverfallstown.com) so you don't miss out on important updates!

## 2024 ELECTIONS

2024 is shaping up to be a busy election year! Visit [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) to check and update your voter registration status. Starting January 1, you may request absentee ballots for any/all of the 2024 elections. We are always looking for individuals to assist with Election Day by acting as Election Inspectors. If you are interested in working at any Election Day, please contact Clerk Sarah Meyer, [clerk@riverfallstown.com](mailto:clerk@riverfallstown.com).

## WE'RE HIRING

The Town is currently hiring a custodian for the Town Hall as well as assistants at the Recycling Center. Contact Clerk Sarah Meyer (715-629-8240) or Chair Diana Smith (715-821-4049) for more information.

## 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 against 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.

## 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.

## BURN PERMITS

2024 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.

## BUSINESS PERMITS

All businesses operating in the Town of River Falls, (homebased or not) are required to obtain a permit. Contact Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator for more information. 715-307-0564 or [zoning@riverfallstown.com](mailto:zoning@riverfallstown.com)

## 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 Supervisor III and Supervisor IV will be accepted at the caucus on 1/16/24.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Dog Licensing:** Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 9:00 until noon

**Annual Town Caucus:** January 16, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

**February Primary Election:** February 20, 2024

**Spring Election:** April 2, 2024

**Annual Town Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

**Fall Primary Election:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024

**Fall General Election:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024

**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 2023, your payment must be received at the county by Friday, December 29th. 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 2023 date, it must be received by the county no later than Friday, 12/29/23.

**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, 2024**

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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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.