IMPORTANT-----PLEASE READ NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE TAXPAYERS PATRICIA A. BREWER, TREASURER 746 21st STREET CHETEK, WI 54728 715-924-3640

"<u>NEW</u>" WEBSITE-WWW.townofprairielake.com THE 2008 REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE

REAL ESTATE TAXES:

- 1. Make check payable to the <u>Town of Prairie Lake</u>. Send to Patricia Brewer, Treasurer, 746 21st Street, Chetek, WI 54728.
- 2. First payment is due by January 31, 2009
- 3. Second payment is due July 31, 2009. Pay to the Barron County Treasurer, Room 2412, 330 E La Salle Ave., Barron, WI 54812.
- 4. All General Real Estate Taxes of \$99.99 or less on any one parcel are due in full by January 31, 2009.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES:

- 1. Pay to the Town of Prairie Lake on a **SEPARATE CHECK.**
- 2. Personal Property Taxes are due in full by JANUARY 31, 2009.

GENERAL TAX INFORMATION:

- 1. All delinquent taxes are subject to an interest charge.
- 2. Mailed-in payments only. Receipts will be sent.
- 3. Do not pay by cash. MONEY ORDERS OR CHECKS ONLY.
- 4. Send **PAYMENT STUB** from your tax statement with your payment.
- 5. To pay by credit card call 1-800-2PAY-TAX or visit <u>www.officialpayments.com</u>. The Town of Prairie Lake Jurisdiction Code is <u>5965</u> a fee will be charged.
- 6. A fee of \$30.00 will be charged for any returned insufficient fund checks.

CEMETERIES:

Cost of 1 burial plot is \$100.00 at the Otterholt or the Pleasant Plain Cemeteries.

Contact the town Treasurer for more information. 1-715-924-3640.

WEBSITE: Our Website lists current information about our town, fire permits, dog licensing, building permits, election information, snow plowing, etc. We encourage everyone

to use it as much as possible. www.townofprairielake.com

SNOW PLOWING:

Plowing will begin after 2 inches of snow has fallen and a total of 4 inches is expected. Plowing will be done during normal working hours (7:00 a.m. until dark). Between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. plowing will be done on an emergency basis only when requested by a sheriff's department, fire department, ambulance department, or other such organization. The objective of snow plowing is to make township roads passable. By State Statute 81.15 the township has three weeks in which to meet this objective. Residents should not expect that all roads will be completely clear of ice and compacted snow. Driveways will not be plowed until the roads are in passable condition. Driveways are plowed by contract only; sign up is in October only - contract is on the web.

BURNING PERMITS:

Controlled Burning permits are **REQUIRED** call Al Morley 924-3155, Almar Larson 924-1815 or Janice Rustong 924-2837 to get your permit, then you are **REQUIRED** to call the Barron Co. Sheriff Dept. non emergency number **537-3106** on the day of your burn to report the time and location of the burn. This will also apply to winter control burns when no permits are issued. Failure to do this can result in great expense to you. See our website for more information. Yearly burning permits are available, call for information.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Voter registration is now required in order to vote at any election. Once you have registered you do not need to do so again unless you have moved, changed your name or have been an inactive voter for 4 years or more. Visit website http://elections.wi.gov or call Karn Moe (Town Clerk) at 924-2580 for information.

JUNK CARS: Barron Co. and the Town of Prairie Lake have an ordinance against junk cars on property—see website for information.

DOG OWNERS NOTICE ALL DOG(S) NEED TO BE LICENSED NOW

ALL DOGS IN THE TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE MUST BE **LICENSED** AND **VACCINATED FOR RABIES**.

Wisconsin statutes require dogs 5 months or older to be licensed and vaccinated by a <u>veterinarian</u> against rabies. Dogs are to be licensed beginning **January 1, 2009.**

CURRENT VACCINATION CERTIFICATES MUST BE SENT WITH PAYMENT EACH YEAR.

The Town of Prairie Lake Dog Ordinance does not allow any dog to run at large or to be untagged. Any owner who violates any provision of this ordinance shall forfeit not less than fifty (\$50) nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars **plus costs** for the first violation. The penalty for subsequent violations shall be a forfeiture of not less than one hundred (\$100) nor more than two hundred (\$200) dollars **plus costs**. Each violation and/or each day that a violation continues or occurs may constitute a separate offense.

LICENSE INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. LICENSE FEES ARE: **\$8** for each unsprayed or unneutered dog listed or **\$3** for each spayed or neutered dog. Make check payable to the **Town of Prairie Lake**.
- 2. After April 1, 2009 a \$5.00 late fee will be charged for <u>each</u> dog
- 3. Pay your dog fees with a SEPARATE CHECK. SEND <u>THE CURRENT</u>

VACCINATION CERTIFICATE. It will be returned. **Do not** send a vet clinic receipt; I must have the vaccination <u>certificate</u>.

4. To report a **animal issue** such as a lost dog, stray dogs or cats (any animal) call the Barron Co. Animal Control Officer at **537-3106 - or you may take the animal to the Humane Society in Barron.**

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW WEBSITE www.townofprairielake.com