

PRAIRIE LAKE TAX NEWS & OTHER BUSINESS

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TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Make checks payable to the **Town of Prairie Lake**. Send to the Town Hall, Attn: **Liza Schroeder, Treasurer, 796 21st St., Chetek, WI 54728-9723**. Payment in full or the 1st installment must be post-marked by **January 31, 2020**.
- If paying by installment, the 2nd payment is due **July 31, 2020**, to the **Barron County Treasurer, 335 E Monroe Ave., Room 2412, Barron, WI 54812**, phone 715-537-6280. **The Town does not collect real estate taxes after January 31st.**
- **Mail-in or drop-off payments at the Town Hall**. There is a drop-box available for payments made after office hours, located by the front door. This is checked daily. Receipts will be sent.
- Do not pay by cash. **Check, money order and credit cards will be accepted**. If your check is not written out correctly, the bank may not cash it, resulting in a late tax payment.
- **Credit card payments** are accepted online at www.townofprairielake.com or in the clerk's office. Click on the "Point & Pay" icon located on the home page, this will take you to the credit card page. Credit card payment fee: 2.39%, \$2.00 minimum. E-check fee: Flat fee of \$1.50.
- Send **payment stub(s)** from your tax statement(s) with your payment. **ONE CHECK can be made out for multiple parcels**.
- You can **re-print your tax bills** on the Barron County web site <http://www.co.barron.wi.us/GCSWebPortal/Search.aspx>

- If you want to make your payment in 2019, it must reach the Treasurer on or before December 31, 2019.

Other tax questions: call 715-491-0984 or email prlaketreasurer@gmail.com

- If you have questions regarding your Property values, please contact Owen Assessing at (715) 643-2081.
- Please contact the Barron County Real Property Lister – Samantha Sommerfeld (715-537-6313) if changes need to be made to the mailing address on your tax bill or if there is a name change.

WEBSITE

Our Website www.townofprairielake.com lists current information about the Town – notices, calendar of events, meeting agendas and minutes, financial reports, various permits, dog licensing, election info, officers, cemeteries, etc. **You can also find us on Facebook.**

ELECTIONS

There will be elections on February 18, April 7, May 12, August 11, & November 3. Wisconsin requires that you have a photo ID in order to vote. The state website for elections is myvote.wi.gov and has information on all aspects of voting & registering online to vote. You can call the town clerk at 715-924-2580 or email prlake@chibardun.net for more information.

POLL WORKERS

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker for the upcoming election year, please contact the clerk at 715-924-2580.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Please call or email the clerk for an absentee ballot request. You may also vote in person at the clerk's office by appointment only.

BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required for any new structure over 100 square feet and for some remodeling projects. New or replacement decks nearly always require a permit as does any project that changes the footprint, square footage or roofline of an existing building. Permits are \$20 and even though a permit is required for most sheds and detached garages there is usually no fee for those types of buildings. Specific information can be obtained from the office by calling 715/924-2580 or emailing prlake@chibardun.net.

BURNING PERMITS

The town falls into 2 areas for burning regulations. The area east of "SS" is under DNR regulations and the area west of "SS" is subject to the Town of Prairie Lake *Open Burning, Outside Burning, and Refuse Burning* Ordinance. (See website for full text.) Any burning done in the DNR area must be permitted by a fire warden authorized to issue permits. In the area under the town regulations, permits may be obtained at no cost at the town office. No permit is required while there is snow cover.

DRIVEWAY PERMITS

Any new driveway requires a permit. See copy of the Driveway Ordinance on the website (Government > Ordinances > 2001-3). The charge for a permit is \$30. Call 715-642-0190 to obtain a permit, or for more information.

FIREWORKS PERMITS

Permits for fireworks displays may be obtained, at no charge, from the Chairman or at the town office at 796 21st Street.

RECYCLING

A Barron County recycling bin for aluminum, glass and plastic is located on the town grounds at 796 21st Street. There is no accommodation for paper at this site but there is a bin for paper and cardboard located in the City of Chetek near the waste water treatment plant (by the dam). Some of the waste haulers that serve the town offer curbside recycling, which includes paper, at a minimal cost. There is no accommodation for yard waste, brush or white goods/electronics. You must make other arrangements for disposal of these items.

HOUSE/FIRE # SIGNS

New signs are available, larger, two-sided and reflective, at a cost of \$75 which includes installation by the Town of Prairie Lake. For more information call the office at 715-924-2580.

ROAD BANS

Every early spring, weight restrictions will be placed upon the town's roads. No load over 6 tons per single axle or 10 tons per tandem axle will be allowed to travel over the town roadways. The date when these restrictions go into effect is dependent on weather conditions. The bans can go on any time from early February to mid-March and are usually in place for 4 to 8 weeks.

WINTER REMINDERS

- Please note that snow blowing or plowing snow across roadways causes problems for road users if it is not completely cleared from the driving area (leaving any debris, which includes snow, on the roadway is subject to a fine under §346.94(5)(7) Wis. Stats.) **and** it is also hazardous to the plow trucks.
- If it is likely that your road will be plowed within a few hours don't set your garbage containers on the road. Once the containers are emptied get them away from the road.
- If the plow truck/grader actually hits a mailbox that is placed according to post office standards, the Town of Prairie Lake will replace it. However, should snow rolling off the plow hit a mailbox that is not secured properly or is attached to an unstable post and knocks it over, the town is not liable for damage.