

WHO'S WHO

TOWN BOARD



Chairman: Dean Borofka (715-296-6258)
Supervisors: Brooke Harycki (952-240-2461)
Peter Gallagher (318-614-9041)
Dave Crotteau (715-651-6656)
Don Putnam (715-651-4679)

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (PHONE: 715-234-8087)

Clerk/Treasurer: Janet Tomesh
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Mary Dodge
Patrolmen: Ralph Henningsen and Dave Mani
Recycling Attendant/Cemetery Caretaker: Dave Stepanek
Town Engineer: Stan Buchanan

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bldg. Inspector: Tall Pine Building Inspections, Inc.
Daryl S. Dostal, Owner: 715-205-7741
Town Assessor: Owen Assessing LLC (Kelly & Jack)
E3571 810th Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751
email: owenassessingllc@gmail.com
Phone & Fax: 715-643-2081

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Doug Kucko, Chairman Mary Dodge, Secretary
Brooke Harycki, Vice Chair Kim Barta
John Blaskowski Sandy Derausseau
Jeff Frank Pete Schneider
Ex-Officio Members: Stan Buchanan (Town Engineer) and
Daryl Dostal (Building Inspector)

TOWN OF RICE LAKE FIRE DEPT. FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

Paul Buesser, Chairman Dean Borofka
Tom Fankhauser Julie Erickson
Stan Buchanan, Vice Chairman & Secretary



To help reduce taxes, the Committee and Town Board have established fees for emergency calls responded to by the Rice Lake Fire Department. Those who receive services will be charged \$500 for fire and rescue calls and \$200 for miscellaneous calls.

TOWN ARPA COMMITTEE

Peter Gallagher, and David Crotteau, Co-Chairmen
Randy Bina Dan Graff Tom Field, Member & Secretary

TOWN MEETING DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS (HELD AT THE TOWN HALL)

Town Board Meetings:

2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

Town Planning Commission Meetings:

As needed on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm

Fire Dept. Feasibility Committee Meetings:

Semi-annually on the 1st Monday in June and December at 8:30 a.m., or on an as needed basis.

ARPA Committee meetings: As needed basis.

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Town Caucus: Will be held between January 2 and January 21, per WI Stat 8.05(1)(a). Date to be set at the December 2021 board meeting and notice will be published in the Chronotype the week prior to the caucus date. Offices up for election in 2022 include:

Supervisor III (Incumbent - David Crotteau)
Supervisor IV (Incumbent - Donald Putnam)

2022 Election Dates:

Feb. 15, 2022 (Tues): Spring Primary, if applicable
April 5, 2022 (Tues): Spring Election
August 9, 2022 (Tues): Partisan Primary
November 8, 2022 (Tues): General Election

SWEDE CEMETERY

Located at the corner of 18th St. & 19th Ave.
Lots are available for purchase at a cost of \$200 each. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office.



TOWN OF RICE LAKE BARRON COUNTY, WI

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RICE LAKE, WI 54868

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EMAIL: TOWNHALL@TOWNOFRICELAKE.COM
WEBSITE: TOWNOFRICELAKE.COM



ANNUAL NEWSLETTER & TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 am—2:30 pm

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Address: 1830 Macauley Ave., Rice Lake, WI 54868

Phone & Fax: 715-234-8087

Email: townhall@townofricelake.com

Website: townofricelake.com (Visit us online for upcoming meeting notices, agendas, minutes, permit applications & other information)

DECEMBER, 2021

RECYCLING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Our recycling center at 1830 Macauley Avenue is open for business during the following hours:

Mondays:	12:00 pm—6:00 pm
Saturdays:	8:00 am—12:00 pm

Bring in your **cleaned and separated** materials including plastics (only #1, #2 & #5), glass bottles, cardboard, newspapers, mixed papers (including junk mail, advertising flyers, shredded documents, etc.), bound books including magazines & stapled papers, aluminum cans, tin cans, scrap metal, and dry cell batteries. The Town will provide each household up to two recycling containers to collect and carry your recyclables in. Watch for our Spring Clean Up Day coming in April to dispose of your white goods (large appliances), electronics, & automotive batteries. Fees will be charged for disposal of these items on the day of the event.



CODE RED Enrollment

Barron County has contracted with CodeRED to allow anyone throughout the County the opportunity to receive free emergency alert notifications including evacuations, shelter-in-place instructions, missing children alerts, tornado warnings, etc. Anyone wanting the free alerts sent to their cell phone, VoIP phone, or email accounts can register online at www.barronsheriff.org and click on the Code Red icon in the lower-right column.

CULVERTS & DITCHES

Please be advised that Town Ordinance #21-101 states it is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any weeds, sod, brush, yard clippings, leaves, snow, gravel, stones, boulders, garbage or other waste or rubbish in or on the right-of-way of any town road located in the Town of Rice Lake, without written permission from the Town Board. This policy is established to maintain proper flow of water runoff, and therefore, all driveway culverts must be kept open and free of all debris and/or materials listed. Violations will be addressed on a case by case basis.

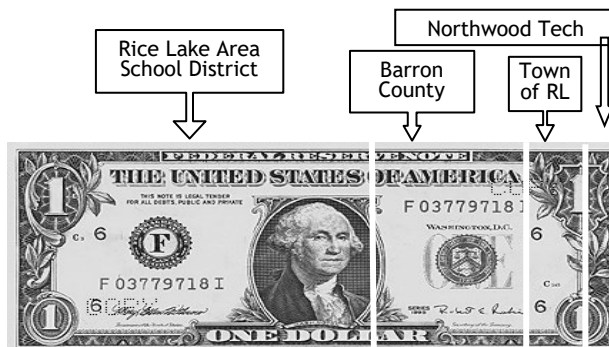
SNOW NOTICE

Please be advised that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways across town roads or to park vehicles or equipment in the Town road right-of-way. This practice is in violation of Town Ordinance #21-101 and WI Stat. 346.94 (5) and violators are subject to penalties.



WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

Approximately 10% of your tax dollars are retained by the Town of Rice Lake. Other taxing entities receiving your tax dollars include Barron County, Rice Lake Area School District, the Northwood Technical College, and for some, the Rice Lake Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.



TAX PAYMENT DETAILS

1ST INSTALLMENT - Due by **January 31**, payable to the **Town of Rice Lake** by any of the following means:

- IN PERSON** - at the Town Hall on Tuesdays thru Fridays between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm
- MAIL** - send to Town of Rice Lake, 1830 Macauley Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868.
- DROP BOX** - deposit payment (checks only—**NO CASH**) at anytime in either drop box—large blue box on the west side of Town Hall or small black box by the front door.
- ONLINE** - <https://publicportal.co.barron.wi.us/Login> or visit townofricelake.com and click on Government, then Tax Payment Information to find the link

SERVICE FEES WILL APPLY AS FOLLOWS:

Credit Card or Corporate Debit Card - 2.39% of the payment amount with a minimum fee of \$2.00

Personal VISA Debit Card - Fixed rate fee of \$3.95

E-Check (direct debit from a checking or savings account)- Fixed rate fee of \$1.50

Receipts will not be mailed unless a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** is provided!

2ND INSTALLMENT - Due by **July 31**, payable to the **Barron County Treasurer** at 335 E. Monroe Ave., Room 2412, Barron, WI 54812. Barron County Treasurer contact info:

Phone (715-537-6280) Email bctreas@co.barron.wi.us

All tax information & payment history is available online at: <http://www.co.barron.wi.us/GCSWebPortal/Search.aspx>



ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

LICENSES ARE DUE BY MARCH 31

In accordance with State Statute 174.05 and 95.21(2) and Barron County Ordinances, all dogs 5 months of age and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies and licensed annually. To obtain a dog license, simply submit a copy of your dog's **RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE** and the applicable fee (\$6 for spayed/neutered or \$11 for unaltered) to the Clerk's Office. A \$6.00 late fee will be added for applications received after March 31 for all dogs owned for more than one month and older than five months in age. Failure to license your dog annually could result in a fine imposed by the Barron County Sheriff's Department!

LANDLORDS: All landlords with rental property located in the Town of Rice Lake, please pass the dog licensing requirements on to your tenants.

BARKING & ROAMING DOGS: Both the Town and the County have ordinances prohibiting dogs from running at large and/or barking excessively. Please comply with these laws by keeping your pets leashed or fenced at all times, and if necessary, use barking restraints. To report violations, contact the Barron County Humane Officer at 715-537-3106.

PERMITS & LAND USE REQUESTS



• **Burning Permits** (are required year round & are not issued on Sundays or Holidays)

- contact the Town Board Chairman or any Supervisor, then notify Barron County Sheriff's Dept. Permits are free, but if you burn without one or the Fire Dept is called to respond, there is a minimum \$500 fire call fee. If you own rental property, landlords are responsible for fees when tenants fail to pay. Please inform & oversee your tenants.

• **Building Permits** - contact the Building Inspector

• **Utility Excavation Permits** - contact the Town Clerk

• **Driveway Permits** - contact the Town Board Chairman or the Town Clerk (includes new driveways or changes to existing driveways)

• **Land Use Requests including Variances, Special Exceptions, Rezoning, & Land Divisions** - contact the Clerk's office.

All contact numbers are listed in this newsletter under the "Who's Who in the Town" section and most applications are available online at townofricelake.com