

WHO'S WHO IN THE TOWN



TOWN BOARD

Chairman: Dean Borofka (715-296-6258)
Supervisors: John Blaskowski (715-419-0272)
Tom Flaskamp (612-750-7447)
Gerry Lisi (715-205-5362)
Don Putnam (715-651-4679)

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (PHONE: 715-234-8087)

Clerk/Treasurer: Dawn Nelson
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Debbie Bouma
Patrolmen: Ralph Henningsen and Dave Mani
Recycling Attendant/Cemetery Caretaker:

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bldg. Inspector: Tall Pine Building Inspections, Inc.
Daryl S. Dostal, Owner: 715-205-7741
Town Assessor: Prochnow Assessing (Randy)
E5339 674 Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751
email: prochnowassessing@yahoo.com
Phone: 715-309-2863

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

John Blaskowski, Chairman	Kim Barta
Debbie Bouma, Secretary	Julie Erickson
Pete Schneider, Vice Chair	Sandy Derousseau
Louise Mathison	Jeff Frank

TOWN OF RICE LAKE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dan Carlson,	Dean Borofka
Tom Fankhauser	Julie Erickson
Gerry Lisi	

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 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

Public Safety Committee Meetings:

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

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2026, 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 2025 board meeting and notice will be published in the Chronotype the week prior to the caucus date. Offices up for election in 2026 include:

Supervisor III (Incumbent - Gerry Lisi)
Supervisor IV (Incumbent - Don Putnam)

2026 Election Dates:

02/17/26 - Spring Primary
04/07/26 - Spring Election
08/11/26 - Partisan Primary Election
11/03/26 - General Election

Please remember to register before election day. You can register in the clerks office or online at <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

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
1830 MACAULEY AVE.
RICE LAKE, WI 54868
PHONE: (715) 234-8087
EMAIL:
TOWNHALL@TOWNOFRICELAKE.COM
WEBSITE:TOWNOFRICELAKE.COM**



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: (715) 234-8087
Email: townhall@townofricelake.com
Website: townofricelake.com

(Visit us online for upcoming meeting notices, agendas, minutes, permit applications & other information)

August 2026

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) **No brown or black plastic.** glass bottles, cardboard, newspapers, mixed papers (including junk mail, advertising flyers, shredded documents, etc.), bound books including magazines & stapled papers (no hard cover books), aluminum cans, tin cans and scrap metal. The Town NO LONGER accepts batteries. 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.

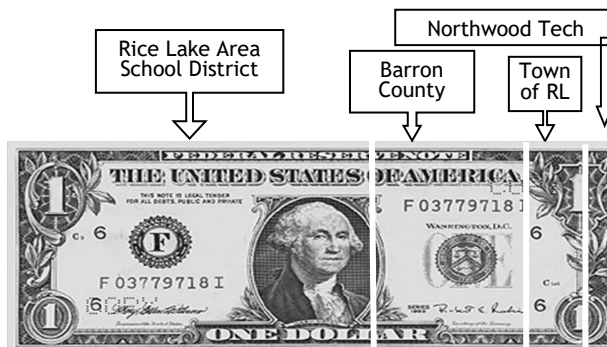
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN TOWN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Please be advised that Town Ordinance #21-101 and WI Stat. 346.94 (5) state 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 including ditches, without written permission from the Town Board. Therefore, snow cannot be plowed from driveways across town roads, vehicles or equipment cannot be parked on the road or in ditches, cement trucks cannot leave residue in the ditches, and the road cannot be used as a temporary drop site for landscaping or driveway materials. This policy is established to protect motorists and maintain proper flow of water runoff. 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 and 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:

1. **IN PERSON** - at the Town Hall on Tuesdays thru Fridays between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm
2. **MAIL** - send to Town of Rice Lake, 1830 Macauley Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868.
3. **DROP BOX** - deposit payment (checks only—**NO CASH**) at anytime in the small black box by the front door.
4. **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. 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. at 715-537-3106. 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 such as resurfacing or widening)
- **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

RENTING A RESIDENCE AS A VACATION RENTAL

Please be aware that Town Ordinance #23-103 establishes rules for using a residence in the township for short vacation rentals. If you are aware of properties being used for short term rentals or are considering renting your property on a website such as VRBO or AirBnB, please review the ordinance. Contact the Clerk's office with questions.