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## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

**THE YEAR, 2020, never to be forgotten, but not powerful enough to diminish our stamina—the pandemic with the loss of family members and friends, the division in our country over political differences, racism, the elections and the controversy that followed, and lastly the continuance of Covid-19 until vaccinations are administered mid December or early spring. With that said, we move on to some of the positive accomplishments that kept us working hard throughout the year bringing success and smiles, even if only momentarily.**

The clean-up from the July, 2019, macro-burst, and the road repairs are 95% completed at a cost of approximately \$300,000. Due to the severity of the storm, we were eligible to apply to FEMA for financial assistance and we were reimbursed close to \$250,000. An additional financial advantage came to us from the U.S. Forest Service. They contracted us for some of their road debris clean-up, and they granted us free gravel from their Sunrise Lake gravel pit which we matched with the trucking and grading of the materials for their gravel roads, according to our on-going maintenance agreement we have with them. Between FEMA and the FS, we were able to pay off our Disaster Bank Loan and even came out ahead of budget, made whole with our over-budget expenses. We were lucky to have access to both of these resources, and for this we are thankful.

With climate change expect more disasters with increased intensity. Know what to do when the next one hits.

- Check on your neighbors. If all ok, tie a ribbon (flagging tape) on their physical address sign indicating all is well. This will save the first responders hours of time when they go to check on the well-being of all our landowners in their cabins/homes
- If you help with clean-up in any way, write down your name, the date, hours, job performed, equipment used, location and include pictures prior to clean-up. These hours can be used as a match if Federal or State funds are applied for.
- Ask before you do. A call to a Town Board member will prevent problems in the future if clean-up is not done properly.
- Volunteer no matter what your age or physical ability, if you were not affected by the storm. There is so much need, so many responsibilities, and so many hours and days that work needs to be done. Some of the jobs just require a presence, like taking messages, giving callers direction, sitting at the Town Fire Department directing people to water for their use, overseeing the shower usage, letting people cool down in the air conditioning. Just helping in any way you can will ease the responsibility of those in charge. Everyone needs a break and a few cannot be responsible for all without help.

Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic and because of the Presidential election, various grants

became available to municipalities. The Pandemic funding dollars were used to provide Town of Riverview Suring School students (50 of them,) with a box of 50 masks, a small bottle of hand sanitizer to carry in their pocket, and a large bottle of hand sanitizer for home use. Every household in our Town received a large and a small bottle of hand sanitizer, and a disinfectant spray. If you did not receive your supplies, call Town Clerk to schedule a time for pick-up. We also purchased 100 pulse oximeters allowing patients to monitor their blood oxygen levels, hopefully keeping them out of the hospital. With the monies granted to provide for a safe election, we purchased and installed a secure drop box for absentee ballots, purchased plexi glass panels to protect workers and voters, paid wages for our deputy clerk to help with the added workload for staff, paid wages for additional poll workers, purchased sanitary supplies (disinfectant sprays, wipes, hand sanitizer, etc) for all to use entering the building, and purchased a UV Sanitizing Wand, like those used by the airlines, to sterilize our Town Hall.

Since tourism is our main economy, it is important for you to all know that a secure WI-FI access is available in the Riverview Town/FD parking lot for people to use if needed. With reception so poor in our area, this can be very important to our visitors. Let them know it is available if they ask.

Recycle Centers—Please, please rinse out your cans and bottles before bringing to our centers. If not done, bees/wasps/and other animals are attracted by the smell. Some people are allergic to bee stings as are some of our workers. We need to protect our users and our staff, so please help us by taking this small step. Thank you.

Tax Bills should be mailed out by the County prior to December 15<sup>th</sup>. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, there will be no in-house tax collections for this tax season. This policy will be reviewed next year and then determined for the future. You may mail in your payment or use our new secure drop-off box, located in rear of building, next to service door. The mail goes directly into the Clerk's locked office into a locked box. After January 31<sup>st</sup>, all payments are to be mailed to the County Treasurer. Dog license applications can be downloaded from our web page, [townofriverview.com](http://townofriverview.com), found on right-hand side, under Dog Licenses. Or, you can pick one up during Clerk's office hours. Completed form, check, and self-addressed, stamped envelope, may be mailed or dropped off in secure mail drop-off box. Treasurer will then mail your dog tags to you.

#### **BRSH SITE HOURS**

Crooked Lake Site: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 1-4; add 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1-4 May, Sept. Oct. Weather dependent

Riverview Site: Wed. 1-4; Sat. 10-3; Sun. 1-4 May 1st thru Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Weather dependent

#### **RECYCLE CENTER HOURS**

Crooked Lake Site and Tar Dam Site:

Summer Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day: Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday----1-5 pm.

Winter Hours: Labor Day to Memorial Day: Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday----1-4 pm.

The Riverview Town Board wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Here is hoping the new year will be better for all of us compared to 2020. Stay healthy and well!