

2018 TOWN NEWSLETTER

Another challenging year, soon to end, and ending well. Our Clerk and our Treasurer now have a year plus in their positions and are comfortable with each and every duty required of them. We are pleased to have them on the Board. New to our Board, is volunteer Wendy Kroening, as Deputy Clerk. Wendy brings much to the table with her past experience, willingly sharing her knowledge with the Board if needed. Sadly, we accepted the retirement of Val Baker, our past Assessor, but we now welcome our new Assessor, Paul Denor, from Fair Market Assessments, LLC. We are pleased to have him on-board. Another new face, hired by the County, to replace Peter Renteria, Deputy Zoning Administrator, is Tim Barthel, yes, Kris' husband. Tim is anxious to meet all of you and help when needed with building permits and questions.

TAX COLLECTION; Tax bills were mailed out early this year. Treasurer's hours are as follows: Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 19 thru January 31st, 9-noon. Tax collection at the Crooked Lake Community Center will be Saturday, January 27, 2018, 9-11 a.m. Payments should be made by check. Payments made for the first installment or paid-in-full, prior to February 1st, should be made out to Riverview Treasurer. The first installment is due Jan. 31st, 2018-mail to the Town of Riverview, P.O. Box 220, Mountain, 54149. If you would like a receipt, you MUST, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No receipts will be mailed without one. The 2nd installment is due by July 31st, 2018, and should be mailed to the Oconto County Treasurer, and check should be made out to the same.

LOTTERY CREDIT; A homeowner's primary residence is eligible for a lottery credit. The home must have been your primary residence as of January 1st in order to be eligible for the lottery credit. Verify that you are receiving the lottery credit on your primary residence. If you are not, request a credit from the Treasurer. The homeowner is responsible to obtain this credit.

DOG OWNERS: Dog owners, who keep a dog more than 5 months of age as of January 1st of each year, or 5 months of age within a license year, are required under WI. State Statute Chapter 174 to obtain a dog license. The license fee is \$3.00 Neutered Males and Spayed Females; \$8.00 for Males and Females; and \$35.00 for a Multiple Dog License for 4 dogs or more. (\$3.00 for each additional dog over 12). To obtain a license, complete a registration form and send with the required fee stated above to the Riverview Treasurer, and a tag and license will be returned to you. The registration form is available on the website or by stopping at the Town Hall.

DOG PARK: The park is available for use and is provided to you through fund-raising dollars at no cost to taxpayers. Because it is a great service for visitors to our community, why would someone or more, intentionally make negative comments, vandalize that which exists, or steal supplies for future growth (fence and posts)? So sad when some work so hard for positive and affordable improvements or services, seeking no personal gain, only to be disheartened by a few. Maybe it is time for others to stand-up and appreciate what is done for them, perhaps with something so simple as a kind word?

TOWN OFFICIALS: Your Town Board is here to serve you and our community. We are available to speak on Town achievements and/or challenges for your group meetings if requested. Town Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., and minutes of every board meeting are posted on our website. The annual meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday in April and the budget hearing is held on the 2nd Tuesday in November. We encourage you to attend the

meetings to keep informed.

Town of Riverview Officials and their phone numbers are:

Ann Hogan, Chairperson	850-1473	Driveway Permits Nels Jensen	276-6444
Dick Booth, Supervisor	850-0293	Building Inspector, Duff Leaver	882-208 0
Jim Zittlow, Supervisor	276-6196	Keith Laluzerne, Humane Off.	850-2299/1141
Debbie Niesen, Treasurer	276-9478	<u>Deputy Zoning Administrators</u>	
Kris Barthel, Clerk	276-6914	Bill Bartz	276-6640
Wendy Kroening, Deputy Clerk	276-6914	Tim Barthel	920-659-9449

If you have questions on the assessed value of your property, contact Paul Denor, 800-236-1638 or pauldenor@new.rr.com.

RECYCLING HOURS: You are required to display your recycling permit at both recycling centers. If you do not have one, contact the Town Clerk during scheduled office hours. Compost units are available for \$40 at each site.

Summer Hours

Sat., Sun. and Wed. 1—5 p.m.

Summer hours begin Memorial Day weekend and end after Labor Day weekend. Furniture will only be accepted during the summer scheduled hours.

Winter Hours

Sat., Sun. and Wed. 1—4 p.m.

Note: The Town Board continues to look for a property purchase in the Crooked Lake area, minimum 3-5 acres. If we are to continue providing brush collection and recycle center services in this area, we need a place to grow to meet the needs of the community. If you have property to sell or know of any parcels for sale, please provide the information to Jim, 276-6196.

BRUSH SITE HOURS: May 1st through November 15th—Note: depending upon weather, may open sooner. Call a Board Member or follow FACEBOOK for changes.

Riverview Site: every Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crooked Lake Site: 2nd Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Leaves, pines needles and brush under 6" accepted. Free composted material and ground bark available for plants and gardens.

NOTE: The above service is partially (50%) funded by the Department of Natural Resources because we are in a high risk area for forest fires. We are pleased our community benefits from this program making us better prepared to prevent fires and protect our taxpayers, properties and resources.

NEW SERVICE--Pending: We are pleased to share with you a great collaboration between our 7 northern Oconto County Towns (Townsend, Lakewood, Doty, Riverview, Mountain, Breed, and Brazeau), Oconto County Board of Supervisors, the Oconto County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Natural Resources—we will be hiring a second officer to work full-time in our area starting April 1, 2018. This officer will be under the direction of the Sheriff's Department. The Towns will be responsible for the payment of salary and benefits in the amount of \$45,000, sharing the cost based on percentages of population and incidents. Car, equipment and supplies will be covered by a grant handled by the County. We expect this to begin April 1, 2018.

SOLAR SYSTEM INSTALLATION: The Town Board received approval from Taxpayers to install, prior to May 1st, a roof-mounted solar system. The total cost is \$42,700, less \$14,214 from the Renewable Energy Competitive Incentive Program. We will pay the balance off with a 5-year loan in the amount of \$28,486. Of the \$500+ monthly payment, \$333 will come from saved energy costs. Electrician costs of \$15,000, not included in the quote, will paid from our fund-balance. Payback for this system from electrical cost savings will be in 7.5 years. The electrical production in 25 years is \$99,525. There is a 30-year warranty and the system is computer-monitored 24/7 by the installation company. There will be no maintenance fees nor insurance premium increase. We look forward to the start of this project.

CHRISTMAS TREES: The outcry has been heard. With a little education about cutting the Terminal Leader down to the first Whorl of each tree, we are going to try and trim the trees to gain a few more years for the “Lights Spectacular”. We will also ask for tree sponsors to help in the cost for light-strand replacements, as each year we lose some of the strands. TJ, get that ladder truck ready because the elves have work to do! Thank you all for your encouragement. The fire department members have also requested the continuation of the children's Christmas party as it is a party Santa does not want to miss.

For a list of Events and other detailed Town information, please go to our website www.townofriverview.com. Mark your calendars for the 2018 Turkey Bowl on February 24th and our Christmas Celebration on December 1st.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas!

The Riverview Town Board