



Town of Prairie du Sac Newsletter

Welcome to the 2016 edition of the Town newsletter. This newsletter is published by the Town Board to keep Town residents current on issues and events affecting the Town.

The Town Hall is available for rent to all Town residents. The cost is \$75 plus a deposit fee of \$25. Call the Town Clerk, Dick Nolden, at 544-2406 to arrange for the hall rental.

Commercial Agricultural Vehicle Permits

As farm equipment has become larger and heavier there have been increasing concerns on the safety and damage to our roadways. Heavy loads have been shown to accelerate the deterioration of roadways leading to additional road expenses for maintenance and repair. In order to address this issue Town, County and State transportation officials have been meeting with the state legislature, agricultural industry, and equipment manufactures to develop a comprehensive way of addressing this issue. Sauk County and local Towns have now developed new regulations to address the larger equipment. The weight limit on roads for certain farm equipment is now limited to 92,000 pounds. Any equipment that is over 92,000 pounds must apply for and be granted a permit. Permit applications can be obtained from the Town clerk.

Snow Plowing

When plowing your driveways please do not plow snow across roads or into the roads or cul-de-sacs.

2016 Property Tax Bills

When mailing your payment just remove the appropriate stub and mail with your check. If you received an escrow check from your Mortgage Company please make sure it is endorsed properly. If your mortgage company issues a check for more than the tax you owe ask the mortgage company to reissue the check. Remember to mail timely as the postmarked dates are used for payments. Postdated checks will not be honored. Tax payments made in December and by January 31, 2017 must be made out to

and mailed to the Town of Prairie du Sac Treasurer. If you pay the second half of the Real Estate Tax in July, that payment is made out to and mailed to the Sauk County Treasurer. Personal Property tax bills for both half's are paid and mailed to the Town Treasurer. Addresses are on your tax bills.

Dog License Registration

You must provide a copy of your Dog's vaccination record when requesting a Dog license. Fee this year is \$15 for all dogs. Registration form is enclosed or available on the Towns web site. *Please pay with a separate check.*

Outdoor Wood Heaters

The Town has adopted an Ordinance to regulate the placement of these outdoor heaters. Regulations include chimney height (minimum 12 feet), proximity to neighboring buildings (300 feet), and material burned in the heaters. They can only be installed in areas zoned Residential or General Agriculture if a lot is a minimum of 4 acres in size. The wood heaters require a \$25 permit for installation. Before installing a wood heater, please contact the Town Clerk, Dick Nolden at 544-2406 for a permit and more details on installation guidelines.

Land Use Planning

The two villages and town are in the process of updating their joint 2005 Comprehensive Plan. The three units of governments are finishing their plan update that was started in 2015. The plan is out for public review and is scheduled for adoption in early 2017. The plan can be reviewed on line at www.townofprairiedusac.org.

Land Divisions

If you have questions on land divisions or new driveway access in the town or have any questions regarding the need to obtain approval or a permit, you can contact the Town Clerk, Dick Nolden at 544-2406 or go to the town website at www.townofprairiedusac.org. The Town is in the process of updating its Applications Guide. This

document is available from the Town Clerk and web site, which may help answer your questions. If you have a question regarding the need for a building permit, you may call Tracy Johnson, the building inspector, at 608-444-0372.

Planning Commission

The Town Planning Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Town Hall. There are five citizens appointed by the Town Chairman on the committee. Members include Dennis Porter (Chairman), Janine Godfriaux-Leystra, Cheryl Schneller, Dave Lundgren, and Judy Schroeder. Committee members serve for a period of one to two years. If you are interested in serving on the plan committee, please contact the Town Chairman, Ron Lins.

Web Page

The town updated its web page in 2016. It is located at www.townofprairiedusac.org. The web page includes information on town meeting agendas and minutes. It is also a good resource for information on town ordinances, permit requirements and contacts.

Recycling and Trash

Residential pick up of recyclables is made twice a month on the second and fourth Monday of the month. All recyclables should be placed at the end of the driveway in a clear plastic bag. Recyclables are to be mixed in the same bag (they do not need to be separated) and may include glass, plastic, tin and aluminum as follows:

- Plastic - no. 1 thru 7, rinsed, caps off
- Glass - rinsed, caps off
- Aluminum/tin - rinsed
- Newspapers - bundled and tied
- Cardboard - flattened and tied in bundles
- Magazines – bundled and tied

This service has been contracted to Tim's Trucking; any questions call 544-2413.

It does not include regular garbage pickup (this must be contracted privately) nor does it include non-recyclables (lead batteries, tires, yard waste, major appliances or motor oil).

Dumping of any type of trash at the Town Hall is prohibited.

Fire Works Displays

Residents are reminded that the Town does require that anyone using fireworks in the Town need to obtain a permit from the town clerk. If you are planning a display, please call the town clerk and obtain the proper permit which needs to be signed by the town chairperson. Also residents will need proof of insurance liability coverage.

Road Improvements

In 2016, the town reconstructed Block Road from CTH PF to Church Road with a mill and asphalt overlay. Crack filling was done on Gilding Road and Old Bluff Trail from STH 60 to River Road. For 2017 the town is considering reconstructing Center Street in Harlow Acres and Rosser Road.

2017 Town Budget

At its November board meeting and public hearing, the Town Board adopted its budget for the 2017 calendar year in the amount of \$357,277. This year the Town's portion of the budget covered by property taxes will be \$166,273 as compared to \$165,260 for 2016. The Town's mill rate (tax per \$1,000 of assessed value) will be \$1.17 which is up slightly from last year's 1.16.

Major budgeted expenses for 2017 include roadway maintenance and repair (\$180,266), fire protection (\$43,000) and collection of recyclables (\$15,200). The town is again participating in the joint municipal recreation program this year and has budgeted \$4,000 for this.

Current Town Officers

Ron Lins - Town Chairman
John Lichtenheld - First Supervisor
Tom Schneller – Second Supervisor
Tom Murphy - Third Supervisor
Janine Godfriaux-Leystra - Fourth Supervisor
Richard Nolden - Town Clerk
Richard Meier - Town Treasurer

The Town Hall does have a telephone answering machine. You can leave a message at 643-3656.