



Town of Prairie du Sac Newsletter

Welcome to the 2017 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.

Road Improvements

In 2017, the town reconstructed Center Street in Harlow Acres and Roeser Road with a mill and asphalt overlay. Crack filling was done on Seitz Road, Pine Circle, and Pine Meadow. For 2018 the town is considering holding off on any road reconstruction (the town would resume road reconstruction in 2019) and will focus on road maintenance. Currently the town has scheduled chip sealing Seitz Road for 2018.

2018 Town Budget

At its November board meeting and public hearing, the Town Board adopted its budget for the 2018 calendar year in the amount of \$355,452. This year the town's portion of the budget covered by property taxes will be slightly higher than last year (2017) in the amount of \$167,856. The town's mill rate (tax per \$1,000 of assessed value) will be \$1.17. Last year the mill rate was \$1.16.

Major budgeted expenses for 2018 include roadway maintenance and repair (\$132,013), fire protection (\$45,000), salaries and wages (\$60,000) and collection of recyclables (\$15,200). The town is again participating in the joint municipal recreation program this year and has budgeted \$5,795 for this program. The town decreased its road maintenance and repair budget this year and earmarked those funds for capital reserve and equipment replacement (\$35,000).

Land Use Planning

The two villages and town approved an update of their

joint 2005 Comprehensive Plan this year. The plan does not contain any major changes but does provide for the town's agricultural lands to continue to qualify for agricultural preservation funding outside of the Extraterritorial Zoning (ET) area. If you are in the ET area and would like to apply for agricultural preservation funding, please contact the town chair or town clerk. The 2017 updated Comprehensive Plan can be reviewed on line at www.prairiedusac.net

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 (as needed) at the Town Hall. There are five citizens appointed by the Town Chairman on the committee. Members include Dennis Porter (Chairperson), 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 Chairperson, Janine Godfriaux-Leystra.

Web Page

The town updated its web page in 2016/2017. 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.

Commercial Agricultural Vehicle Permits

The weight limit on roads is 92,000 pounds, any equipment that is over 92,000 pounds must apply for and be granted a permit to exceed those limits. This was a new regulation put into place in 2016 by Sauk County and local towns to address deterioration issues of roadways. Permits can be obtained from the town clerk.

Outdoor Wood Heaters

The Town has 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.

Snow Plowing

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

2017 Real Estate 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, 2018 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.***

Current Town Officers

Ron Lins retired this year after serving the town for 30 years. The last 10 years Ron served as the Town Chairperson. We would like to thank Ron for his dedication and service.

Janinie Godfriaux-Leystra-Town Chairperson
John Lichtenheld-First Supervisor
Tom Schneller-Second Supervisor
Tom Murphy-Third Supervisor
Craig Walch -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.