



Town of Prairie du Sac Newsletter

Welcome to the 2019 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

The town roads are in very good condition. The road work for 2019 included the following:

Road Reconstruction:

Rahl Road and Loyster Road.

Crack Filling:

River Road, Exchange Street, Block Road, Center Street, and Roesser Road.

Road Shoulder and Gravel Work:

Ferry Bluff.

2020 Town Budget

At its November board meeting and public hearing, the Town Board adopted its budget for the 2020 calendar year in the amount of \$394,659. This is an increase of approximately \$17,000 over last year, state aid has increased as well, primarily transportation aid. This year the town's portion of the budget covered by property taxes will be slightly higher (by \$2200) than last year (2019). The town's mill rate (tax per \$1,000 of assessed value) will be \$1.18, up slightly from \$1.17 last year.

Major budgeted expenses for 2020 include roadway maintenance and repair (\$175,858), fire protection (\$49,000), salaries and wages (\$58,500) and collection of recyclables (\$15,200). The town is again participating in the joint municipal recreation program this year and has budgeted \$6,391 for this program. The town also earmarked funds for capital projects and equipment replacement (\$10,000).

Land Use Planning

The Town and the Villages are working together to

update the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement regarding Boundary and Other Land Use Matters. This updated agreement should take effect in 2020.

Landowners with farmland within the town and those in the Extraterritorial Zoning (ET) Agriculture Perseveration zoning district may be eligible for farmland preservation tax credits. Landowners who claim a farmland preservation tax credit must also be in compliance with Wisconsin soil and water conservation standards. Sauk County Department of Land Resources and Environment monitors compliance and issues certificates of compliance. For more information about the farmland preservation program tax credits, contact the Sauk County Department of Land Resources and Environment 608-355-3245.

The town has updated their ordinances to conform to both the updated Sauk Prairie Comprehensive Plan and Sauk County Ordinances. The updated ordinances may be viewed at www.townofprairiedusac.org

The 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. 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 Galen Alwin. 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. 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.

2019 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, 2020 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.

Property Reassessment

The town started a reassessment of all properties on its tax roll this year (2019) with completion to be done by 2020. This is part of a two year program to update property values in the town to meet state minimum valuation requirements. The last reassessment was done by the town in 2008/9. Property owners will receiving a letter from the town's assessor with more information on this assessment update. If you have any questions, you can contact the town assessor, Eric Kleven, @ 715-529-1032

Current Town Officers

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, or email townofprairiedusac@gmail.com