

# TOWN OF BIG BEND WINTER 2012 NEWSLETTER



## TAX INFORMATION

Payments by mail: You may pay by mail at anytime. Your receipt is not valid until your check clears the bank. We do not accept credit card payments.

Payments in person: December 29, December 31, January 12, January 31 from 8 until noon each day listed.

Address Changes: Please mark the corrected address on your payment stub

Receipts: Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt for your payment. If you have multiple receipts, please send a large enough envelope with additional postage.

Name Changes: These cannot be changed in our office. You must contact the Rusk County Register of Deeds and have your actual deed changed for changes to take effect. The only exception is Personal Property.

General: The Town Board did not raise the town levy even though the State allowed it. We felt it was more important to you for us to control our spending.

## AREA BREAK-INS

There have been several burglaries in the Town of Big Bend recently. Be sure your cabins, garages, and sheds are locked securely. If you live out of the area, have someone close by check your property. Report any suspicious activity to the Rusk County Sheriff's Department at 715-532-2200.



Whatever happens, DO NOT confront the persons who are committing the crime. Your safety is more important than any possessions.

## CAUCUS & ELECTION:

If you are interested in running for a position on the town board or in nominating someone, please attend the Caucus on January 2, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Any elector in the town is eligible to run for any position on the town board. Election will be the first Tuesday in April 2013.

Incumbent officers are: Chairman Tom Meisner, Supervisor Mark Schmitt, Supervisor Bob DeVoe and Clerk Treasurer Cecelia Stencil.

Absentee Ballot Requests: If you need an Absentee Ballot for any election, you must make the request in writing. We will no longer be able to send the applications to you when you phone in a request. This is a change from previous elections.

## **JANUARY 2, 2013 BOARD MEETING**

The board will be discussing the Public Nuisance Ordinance and the Junk Vehicle Ordinance at this meeting. If you would like to express your opinion on these two ordinances, please come to the meeting or send an e-mail to [bigbend@brucetel.net](mailto:bigbend@brucetel.net)

## **ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION & COST OF GARBAGE**

The aluminum can collection program at the town hall recycling center has netted over \$1000.00 for the Rusk County Animal Shelter Building Program. When you bring in your cans, please be sure that is all that is in the bags. We have been receiving bags with mixed recyclables. Then we have to pay someone to sort them which is not necessary. Please help us keep this great program going.

There are three prices for garbage bags - \$1.75, \$3.25 and \$5.00. Becky has a display at recycling to show which size is what price.

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Town of Big Bend's Local Emergency Planning Committee recently conducted radio operation training for its members. We are confident that, should an emergency occur, this committee is well-prepared to be called out and perform the necessary operations to keep the town safe.

## **SNOW PLOWING**

We would like to remind you that the town plows the roads as quickly as possible. We have a lot of residents who have to get out each day so in the spirit of fairness, the drivers will plow from north to south and then from south to north the next storm. We have two relief drivers this year to ensure than one driver is not on the road too long. Remember when you are clearing your driveways that it is not legal to put the snow onto the town road. It is also your responsibility to be sure the area around your mailbox is clear. For your safety, make sure your fire sign is visible too.



The Town Board thanks the Quilters from the Heart for the great job of painting the town hall. This is the first painting since the building was erected. Good job, ladies. A thank you is also extended to Bob Christenson and Bob DeVoe for cleaning up and organizing the town shop. They also renovated the trailer for aluminum can collection. And more thanks—to Pam Gunderson for all the years she tirelessly served as deputy clerk-treasurer. Although sad to see her go, we now welcome Sandy Rassbach to the job.