



# **TOWN OF BIG BEND WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER**

## **2014 TAX INFORMATION.....**

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

**Payments in person at Town Hall:** Saturday December 28, Tuesday December 31, Saturday January 25, Friday January 31 - - from 8am until 12 noon each day listed.

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

**Receipts:** Please send self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a return 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. 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 of WI allowed it. The Board felt it was more important to you for us to control our spending.

## **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 the North to South and then the next snow fall, from the South to the North. We have two relief drivers this year to ensure that one driver is not on the road to many hours. 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 of snow. For your safety, make sure your fire sign is visible to emergency response personnel - Fire, Sheriff, and Ambulance.

## **DECEMBER 30, 2013 BOARD MEETING**

Revised date for regular monthly board meeting replacing the January meeting.

## **TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours are during meetings and elections or by appointment. When office is not staffed, leave message on Town Hall voice mail.

## **YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK....**

This past year the Town and you have certainly reinvested in Big Bend. Numerous loads of gravel to reshape roads, record year in culvert replacement, extra semi loads of dust control chemicals to reduce road dust past your home, extra grading to start getting back the crown and slope in the roads, limb control, brushing, repairs to equipment done by Town personnel saving many tax dollars, and more. Best of all - its within budget constraints!

## **TOWN WEB SITE**

Check out the Town Web Site, [www.townofbigbend.com](http://www.townofbigbend.com), for the up to date town news. The site is updated often. Important information will be on the main page. Note the calendar for Big Bend or area events. If you have a "community" event the Town would like to add it to the calendar. Site has Town Contacts, Agendas & Minutes, Ordinances, Snow Plowing, Tax Information, Forms & Permits, Links, and more.

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Town of Big Bend's Local Emergency Planning Committee annually conducts training for its members. We also spend time going over assigned equipment to verify we are ready should an emergency occur, this committee is well-prepared to be called out and perform the necessary operations to keep the town safe. Donation of emergency equipment or funds to the LEPC would be appreciated; we have a very limited budget.

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

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.

The aluminum can collection program at the town hall recycling center has benefited 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.

## **ELECTIONS - 2014** (Possible dates)

February 18 - Spring Primary    April 1 - Spring Election

August 12 - Partisan Primary    November 4 - General Election

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.