



TOWN OF BIG BEND

Rusk County, Wisconsin

December 2019 Tax NEWSLETTER

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS....How to reach the Town personnel

All Town personnel are part time - Town Board, Clerk/Treasurer, Maintenance, others are volunteer's on committees. Our response to you will be as soon as possible. If we can't answer calls or return emails immediately Town Official's will get back to you as soon as possible. Office hours are during meetings, elections or by appointment. When the Town office is not staffed, leave a message on the Town Hall voice mail. Emergencies - Town Officials are listed in the web site, www.townofbigbend.com - Use "Town Contacts" tab.

2019 TAXES - PAYMENT INFORMATION....How to pay my taxes

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 21, Saturday December 28, Saturday January 25, Friday January 31 - - from 8am until 12 noon each day listed.

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

Receipts: Must include 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 by the Town Clerk. 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.

Escrow Tax Payments: Please have your bank or lending institution verify your tax payment amount with you before sending a check. Over payments are costly to the Town. Smaller overpayment amounts will no longer be returned to the taxpayer due to the expense of processing to the Town.

TOWN WEB SITE....Your source of Town Information....

Check out the Town Web Site, www.townofbigbend.com, for the up to date town news. Important information will be on the main page, either as a "Spot Light" on the left, or "News and Notices" on the right. Calendar for the Town of Big Bend or area events is a great place to see Town Meetings scheduled. If you have a "community" event the Town would like to add it to

the Web calendar. Web site has Town Contacts, Agendas & Minutes, Ordinances, Snow Plowing, Tax Information, Forms & Permits, Links, and more.

RECYCLING, GARBAGE BAGS, ALUMINUM & OTHER METALS....

There are three prices for garbage bags - \$2.00, \$4.00 and \$6.00. Unsure of what can be recycled; talk to the attendant about what may or may not be recycled! Town Web Site and County Web Site also have a recycling section for additional information.

When you bring in your cans, please be sure that is all that is in the bags. Aluminum cans in bags only, no other items or garbage. We pay to have the garbage taken out of the bags.

Recycling also includes clean metals - those not attached to objects. A roll-off type dumpster is provided on recycling days for metal disposal.

ELECTIONS - 2020....

February 18 - Spring Primary Election

April 7 - Spring Election

May 12 - Special Election

August 11 - Partisan Primary Election

November 3 - General & Presidential Election

Absentee Ballot Requests: Registered WI Voters may request an Absentee Ballot or obtain one online at <http://elections.wi.gov> - Form EL121 or request an Absentee Ballot for any election, you may make the request in writing to the Clerk. We will no longer be able to send the applications to you when you phone in a request. A copy of a photo ID must be submitted with the application. You may submit application and photo ID by mail, fax or email.

SNOW PLOWING.... Gravel roads, citizen snow removal, fire numbers

The Town Board asks for your patience for plowing snow. The Town has 43 miles of blacktop and gravel roads to plow; we clear roads as quickly as possible. Main access to Hwy 40 and County F is a priority. 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. Gravel roads present a problem in the late fall and spring. Soft gravel roads, not frozen up, tend to peel off layers of gravel - easily, thus some gravel roads are not plowed entirely clear, to the surface. We have drivers, trading off, to ensure that one driver is not on the road to many hours. Remember when you are clearing your driveways that it is illegal to put the snow onto the town road, as it then becomes a road hazard. 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.