



THE TOWN BEAT

FALL 2016 • NEWS & INFORMATION FROM THE RIB MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CENTER

GENERAL TOWN INFORMATION

Regular Meetings (Open to the Public)

Town Board

1st and 3rd Tuesday
6:30PM

Planning Commission

2nd and 4th Wednesday
6:30PM

Park Commission

2nd Tuesday
5:00PM

Meeting times are subject to change. Check for changes at the Municipal Center & website.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Municipal Center
(Weekdays)
8:00AM – 4:30PM

RIB MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD

Chairman,
Al Opall

Supervisor,
Gerry Klein

Supervisor,
Fred Schaefer

Supervisor,
Jim Legner

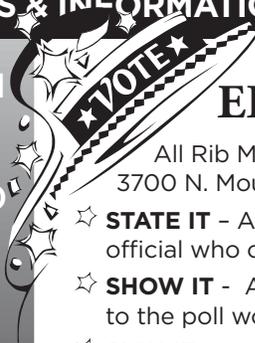
Supervisor,
Peter Kachel

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ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 8, 2016

All Rib Mountain residents vote at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 N. Mountain Rd. Polls open at 7a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

- ☆ **STATE IT** – All electors are required to state their full name and address for the election official who checks you in at the poll site.
- ☆ **SHOW IT** – After stating your name all voters will be required to present a statutory ID to the poll worker.
- ☆ **SIGN IT** – You will sign your name in the poll book (unless prevented by a physical disability).

Unable to vote at the poll site, or just want to skip the line – VOTE ABSENTEE!

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

BALLOTS ARE IN! - In-Person Absentee voting has already started. It will continue until the Friday before the election (November 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.). You can in-person vote at the Municipal Center. Regular business hours for the Town of Rib Mountain are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. **NEW THIS YEAR** Extended hours will be held the week before the election (October 31 – November 4), 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. During in-person absentee voting, voters must present photo ID just like on Election Day. **No ballots may be taken from the Clerk’s office.**

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

All registered voters can request an absentee ballot by mail, fax, or email. They must include a photocopy of their photo ID with their request, or the ballot will not be mailed. Voters who are “indefinitely confined” because of age, illness, infirmity or disability and voters in care facilities may have their absentee witness verify their identity instead of providing a copy of their photo ID. Active members of the U.S. Armed Services who are away from home are also exempt from the photo ID requirement. Please contact the Clerk’s Office for more information.

Your completed absentee ballot must be received by the Municipal Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on the night of the election.

For voting questions please contact the Clerk’s Office at 715-842-0983.



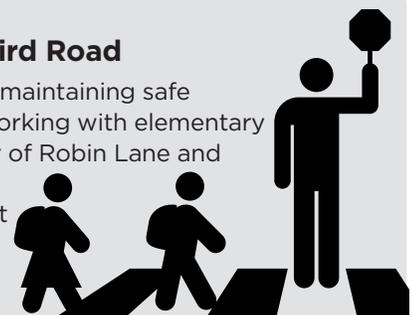
ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Please register to vote prior to ELECTION DAY. Not sure if you are registered? Check out myvote.wi.gov where you can register to vote, check your status, see what is on your ballot, and request an absentee ballot.

CROSSING GUARD NEEDED

at the Intersection of Robin Lane/Hummingbird Road

Responsible applicants sought for work in directing and maintaining safe pedestrian crossing for school children. Experience in working with elementary school age children preferred. Site location is the corner of Robin Lane and Hummingbird Road. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:45 am to 8:45 am. Pay rate is \$11.45/hour. Please contact Paul Hursh or Gaylene Rhoden at the Municipal Center for further information and/or application at 842-0983.



TAX PAYMENTS

Tax bills will be mailed out to Town residents during the second week of December. First installment and in-full payments are to be made payable by January 31, 2017 to the Rib Mountain Treasurer, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau WI 54401.

We encourage you to mail your payment by check or money order to the Town of Rib Mountain Treasurer. An envelope will be provided for you. To pay in person, visit the Rib Mountain Branch of Peoples State Bank or the Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

REVALUATION UPDATE

By now several residents received notification for a walk-through revaluation and have had in-person appointments with Town Assessor, Greg Schmidt. This project began late summer and will be completed for 2019. The first round of inspections will last until mid-November. It has been nineteen years since the last update was done for the Town's assessment records. The end result will be a fairer, more uniform assessment and importantly, the Town's assessment records will be accurate and vastly improved. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during this process. For further questions, please contact Greg Schmidt at 715-842-0983.

The Town currently has a VACANCY ON THE PARK COMMISSION

The Commission meets once a month. Commission members are involved in park planning and development and summer and winter recreation programs.

If you are interested in being a member of the Park Commission, please submit your letter of intent to the following:

Attention: Town Clerk
Town of Rib Mountain
3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401

If you need more information regarding the vacancy, please contact the Municipal Center at 842-0983.

BOW HUNTING & FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS

With hunting season underway in Central Wisconsin, we want remind residents the Town of Rib Mountain does contain areas of restricted use for both firearms and bow and arrow. No rifle, shotgun, handgun, arrow, or other firearm or projectile of any kind shall be fired or discharged in these regulated areas. To view a map highlighting these restricted regions within Rib Mountain, please go to www.townofribmountain.org and click on the 'Useful Links & Documents' menu on the left hand side of the page.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Beginning in early 2017, the Town of Rib Mountain will begin its effort in updating its Comprehensive Plan. The Plan functions as the Town's guide for physical, social, and economic development and was originally completed in 2005. A comprehensive plan is not a strict land use regulatory document. Rather, the plan provides the rationale for making land use decisions and specific regulatory documents such as zoning and subdivision ordinances. The plan also identifies goals and objectives for housing, transportation, natural resources, economic development, and intergovernmental cooperation. As part of this project, Town staff will be actively seeking input from residents in a number of different ways. Be on the lookout for how and when you can have your voice heard!

NEW EMERGENCY SIRENS

A recent analysis of the Town's emergency siren coverage indicated a need for additional sirens. This analysis identified two locations that would drastically improve the Town's coverage; one being the Town's Public Safety Building (SAFER) and the other in the vicinity of the South Mountain / Laurel Road intersection. The Town Board recently approved purchasing two smaller sirens to team with the existing siren atop Rib Mountain. Final details are still being worked out, but the plan is to install the sirens yet in 2016. Below are some frequently asked questions related to emergency sirens.

What is the purpose of the siren system?

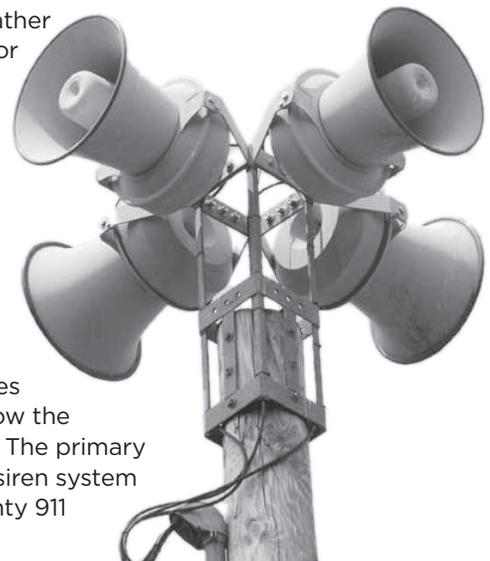
The sirens are to notify people who are outdoors they need to seek shelter immediately and turn on their TV or radio for further information.

When are the sirens sounded?

The sirens are sounded when the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning for Marathon County in the proximity of the Town of Rib Mountain.

Who decides to sound the sirens?

While the National Weather Service is responsible for issuing severe weather warnings, they do not decide when and how the sirens will be activated. The siren system is operated by the Marathon County Emergency Communications Center and County Communications policies determine when and how the sirens will be activated. The primary activation point of the siren system is in the Marathon County 911 Center.





Pet Licenses are available at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, located at 3700 North Mountain Road, during regular business hours.

State Law requires that all dogs & cats be licensed. A late fee of \$5 shall be assessed if an owner fails to obtain a license prior to April 1, 2017.

You are required to license a dog within 39 days of acquiring the dog.

Local ordinance requires all cats be licensed.

Dogs

Cats

Male/Female	\$15.00
Neutered/Spayed	\$10.00
Puppies 5 months old	\$5.00
Kennel License.....	\$60.00

Male/Female	\$12.00
Neutered/Spayed	\$7.00
Kittens 5 months old	\$5.00

Please provide a current vaccination certificate to show proof of vaccination against rabies at time of licensing. Fines up to \$100 may be imposed for unvaccinated pets.

In addition, please remember to:

- 1) *Keep your pet on a leash* - When out in public, animals need to be on a leash no more than six (6) feet in length and accompanied by, or under the control of, a responsible person.
- 2) *Keep your pet under control at all times* - Pet owners should not allow their pets to interfere with the enjoyment of the outdoors by others.
- 3) *Properly dispose of waste* - The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for **CLEANING UP ANY FECES** of the animal whether on their own property, on the property of others, or on the public property.

TOWN BOARD POSITIONS

The following Town Board positions will be on the ballot April 4, 2017.

OFFICE
 Town Board Chairman
 Town Board Supervisor
 Town Board Supervisor

INCUMBENT
 Allen Opall
 Peter A. Kachel
 Frederick A. Schaefer

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2016 and the final day to file nomination papers is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Contact the Clerk's Office at 715-842-0983 for more information.

YARD WASTE SITE

The yard waste site is now open on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Yard Waste Site will be CLOSED for the Season at dusk on Wednesday, November 16. Please note the site may close earlier due to snowfall or inclement weather. Please check the Town's website for updates.

LOCATION: 6703 South Mountain Road

HOURS: Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to dusk
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (October 9th - November 13th)

An attendant is on site to direct you to the appropriate area for leaves, grass clippings, and brush. Please be respectful of the closing times at the yard waste site and allow yourself ample time to drop off your yard waste. The yard waste site does NOT accept tree stumps, construction debris, or any animal/pet waste. Please cover your load when hauling brush and leaves to ensure they do not blow onto the roadways.

THANK YOU!

This year's bike rodeo was held in conjunction with the Rib Mountain Summer Recreation program. We want to thank all of our volunteers. A special recognition goes out to Emily Uhlig, from Safe Kids Wausau Area, and Randy Lackman, from Rib Mountain Cycle. It was a wonderful event and we appreciate everyone's help.

BIKE RACK PROJECT

This past summer members of the Rib Mountain Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee sent out letters to local Rib Mountain businesses encouraging them to install bicycle racks. Rib Mountain and the Wausau area continue to make our area more bicycle friendly. This is just another step towards making it happen. We greatly appreciate participating businesses. Keep up the good work!

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

The Town is proud to announce that Rib Mountain has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Marathon County Sheriff's Department to provide limited law enforcement services in town. Currently, the focus of these limited services will be to provide a presence and extra enforcement at large, special events and to provide dedicated traffic enforcement in certain areas of town. We look forward to working with the Marathon County Sheriff's Department to bring this the new level of public safety and public service to Rib Mountain.

Rib Mountain Sanitary District

5703 Lilac Avenue — Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 359-6177



WARNING

The Rib Mountain Sanitary District is **warning all customers not to flush items such as cloth rags, “flushable” wipes, disposable wipes and cleaning clothes, plastic or latex products down the toilet.**

These items are clogging pumps and valves in lift stations and they may clog your own private lateral creating sewer backups and flooding into your basement.

The Sanitary District does not provide any compensation to property owners or renters for damage done by sewer backups.

It is recommend that you add to your homeowner’s insurance policy coverage for this hazard. You may also install a check valve in your basement floor drain. While this check valve requires periodic cleaning to insure proper working conditions, it can reduce the devastating effects of a sewer backup.

DELINQUENT UTILTIY BILLS

Delinquent utility bills not paid before October 31, 2016 will be placed on the tax roll, with an additional 10% surcharge, as directed by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Delinquent bills placed on the tax roll and paid with your property taxes are **NOT** deductible, **PER INTERNAL REVENUE REGULATIONS.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS

If you would like to make a payment to eliminate or reduce your special assessment balance before preparation of the 2016 tax roll, please have your payment to our office by October 31, 2016.

MONTHLY MEETING

**6:00 P.M. THE THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH AT OUR OFFICE
5703 LILAC AVENUE**

BILLING STATEMENTS

Billing statements are due 20 days after billing is received. If you pay by check, the date used to determine whether a payment is late is the date the check is **RECEIVED** at the Sanitary District **NOT** the date of the check or postmark. A penalty of 1% is assessed monthly on all overdue utility balances.

3 EASY WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILLS

Drop Box: We have a drop box located outside our office door for after hours payment. Just place payment (check & stub) in an envelope and deposit in the drop box.

Automatic: We offer automatic bill payment from your checking or savings account. For more information or to have an authorization form sent to you, call us at 359-6177

Pay Stations: For your convenience, the following businesses will accept payment for utility bills:

**BMO BANK - RIB MOUNTAIN
MARATHON SAVINGS BANK—RIB MTN.
QUALITY FOODS IGA—RIB MOUNTAIN**

These locations require the billing stub accompany the payment and may require payment by check. **(Please allow enough time for payment to reach the Sanitary District by the due date.)**

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be a \$25.00 charge for any checks returned for non-sufficient funds.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

After Hours Emergency Number:	(715) 571-1226
Mike Heyroth, Director:	(715) 571-1225
Ed Abendroth, President:	(715) 359-6236
Ed Jensen, Commissioner:	(715) 359-5364
Bill Miller, Commissioner:	(715) 355-7156

HELP KEEP THE RECORDS STRAIGHT!

In order to keep records accurate, please notify our office whenever a property changes ownership, renters or a mailing address has changed—especially during the winter months when you head for warmer climates.

RIB MOUNTAIN DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

A culvert replacement project on Rib Mountain Drive is scheduled to begin on October 24, 2016. The project will replace deteriorated storm sewer culverts between Oriole Lane and Wren Street. Expect delays as traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction through the construction zone. The intersection of Wren Street and Rib Mountain Drive will be closed due to the lane closures.

It is anticipated that construction will be completed by November 4, 2016. Please check the Town's website for construction updates. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Turner, Street & Park Superintendent, at 715-848-5123. The Town appreciates everyone's understanding and patience during this project.

GRANT RECEIVED FOR TRILLIUM TRAIL PROJECT

The Town of Rib Mountain received a \$492,000 grant from Wisconsin's Transportation Alternatives Program for construction of the Trillium Trail. The proposed trail will connect the south end of Trillium Lane with Foxglove Road. The existing gravel trail along Trillium Ln will also be paved as part of the project.

The trail project is a vital connection to the existing metropolitan bike route system. The Trillium Trail will connect existing routes providing safe bicycle and pedestrian access over USH 51/139 via Foxglove Road to the Wisconsin River pedestrian bridge and surrounding communities. Construction is scheduled for 2019.

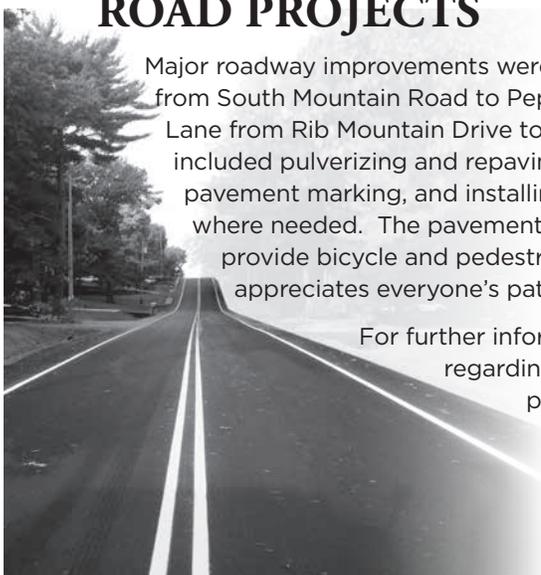
TOWN RECEIVES WALMART GRANT

Rib Mountain was awarded a \$2,500 grant for the Doepke Recreation Area nature trail. The grant funds will be used for educational signage along the trail and will be done in conjunction with UW-Stevens Point. The interpretative media signage gives walkers more information on the natural features along the trail. This would include information on the wetlands and natural habitants like the Sandhill Crane. The project is anticipated to begin next spring.

ROAD PROJECTS

Major roadway improvements were completed on Red Bud Road from South Mountain Road to Pepperbush Lane and on Parrot Lane from Rib Mountain Drive to Oriole Lane. Improvements included pulverizing and repaving the roadway, grading ditches, pavement marking, and installing new driveway culverts where needed. The pavement surface was also widened to provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The Town appreciates everyone's patience during construction.

For further information regarding any of these projects, you may contact Scott Turner, Street & Park Superintendent, at 715-848-5123.



LEAF DISPOSAL

The Fall Season is here and it's time take out the rakes, leaf blowers, mulchers, and baggers. While cleaning up your leaves please keep these guidelines in mind.

DO

- Take your leaves to the Town's yard waste site.
- Mulch your leaves when possible.
- Compost your leaves when possible.
- Help those who may need assistance.

DO NOT

- Deposit your leaves on any public or private property without permission.
- Obstruct or block any ditch, culvert or waterway.
- Burn your leaves.
- Obstruct or block any road, sidewalk or driveway.
- Allow leaves to blow out of your truck or trailer when transporting.

Thank you for your cooperation in making Rib Mountain a safe and beautiful place to live.

ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

Maintenance and pavement improvements were completed on several roadways this past summer. Crack filling was completed on numerous roads and drainage culverts and ditches were also improved in several locations throughout the Town.

Micro-surfacing was completed on Hollibush Lane, South Rose Avenue, Brookfield Lane, East Bluebird Lane, Dove Avenue, and Heron Avenue. Micro-surfacing is a high performance, enhanced slurry seal used on pavements in good structural condition with minor rutting, cracking, and raveling.

An asphalt overlay was placed on Aster Road that serves the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewage District treatment plant. The overlay was 2-inch thick polymer modified asphalt pavement designed for deteriorated surfaces and heavy truck traffic.



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Wausau, WI 54401



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POSTAL DELIVERY CHANGES

The Town is typically not notified when there are changes to your address. Residents should receive a newsletter three times every year. If one is missed, contact the Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Center at 715-892-0983

POSTAL PATRON

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Town of Rib Mountain Trick or Treat is
Monday, October 31 from 4-7 pm
Please leave your front porch light on if you wish to participate.



WINTER RECREATION AT DOEPKE PARK

The Town of Rib Mountain Parks Department looks forward to providing the winter recreation program at Doepke Park. The program includes a hockey rink, freestyle rink, and pavilion open for all skaters. The pavilion is heated with bathroom facilities. The hours will be 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The hours of the rinks are subject to change as the weather dictates. Depending on weather and cold temperatures, the Town hopes to have the rinks open for Christmas Break. Updates will be posted on the Town's website.

WINTER IS AROUND THE CORNER

Winter is almost here and the Rib Mountain Public Works Department will be making sure the Town roadways are clear and safe for driving. Here are a few requests from our snowplow drivers:

Place garbage and recycling containers at least two feet from the paved portion of the roadway. Do not park on Town roads during the winter season during enforcement hours. According to Town Ordinance 7.03 Winter Parking Regulations, "no person shall park any vehicle on any public street or highway in the Town between the hours of 3 a.m. and 10 a.m. from November 1 through March 31".

Do not remove and place snow on the road or shoulder. Per Town Ordinance 8.03 Snow and Ice Removal, "no person shall throw, pile or place any snow or ice upon any street, alley or other public way in the Town."

If there is grass directly adjacent to the pavement, the grass may be damaged by the plow wings, especially during an early fall or late spring snowfall when the ground is not frozen. Residents may mark the edges of their lawns, but crews need at least two feet of room to remove the snow off the edge of the road and the shoulders.