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THE TOWN BEAT



SPRING 2018 • NEWS & INFORMATION FROM THE RIB MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CENTER

GENERAL TOWN INFORMATION

Regular Meetings (Open to the Public)

Town Board

1st and 3rd Tuesday
6:00PM

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,
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RIB MOUNTAIN PARKS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

An Easter Egg hunt for all ages!

Explore our parks here in Rib Mountain from March 26th through April 1st.

Get your feet moving and see the signs of spring! To help get you moving, we will be hiding 10 special eggs in our parks during the week! If you are one of the lucky finders, please bring your egg to the Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Center during business hours to claim your prize. Our Municipal Center is at 3700 North Mountain Road.

A couple of eggs will be put out each day for you and your family to come and find!

Look in these parks on your self-guided hunt:

Rookery View Park, Chellis Park, Doepke Park, and Liberty Park

The GRAND PRIZE: A One night stay at The Hilton Garden Inn with Dinner for 4 Included! Each prize will feature gift certificates from businesses in the Town of Rib Mountain.

For more information, check out www.townofribmountain.org.

So get your family together and come explore our parks!

It's Back! RIB MOUNTAIN SUMMER PROGRAM JUNE 11 - AUGUST 3, 2018

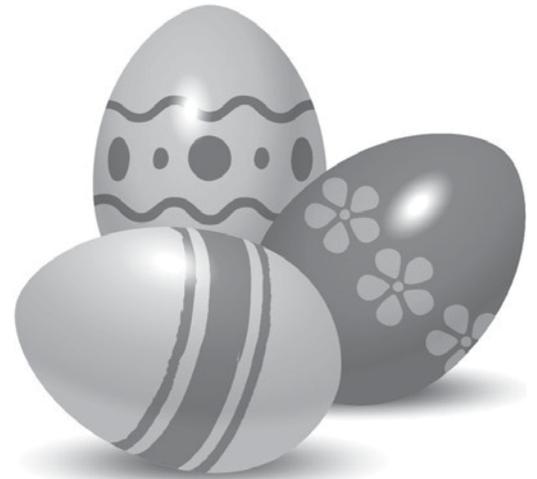
Registration Fee: \$75.00 (does not include Friday Field Trips)

Program will be held Monday- Thursday, Field Trips are held on Friday (in place of regular scheduled program.)

Register at the Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Center. Registration forms will also be available on the Town of Rib Mountain website: www.townofribmountain.org.

Rib Mountain Summer Program is not affiliated with the Wausau School District. All registrations prior to the start of program must be turned in to the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Please contact Emily Norton at 715-571-2326 or Emnort12@gmail.com with any questions.



YARD WASTE SITE

The Rib Mountain Yard Waste Site will open on Wednesday, April 4th (weather permitting). Please check the Town of Rib Mountain's website for updates on closings. The yard waste site will be open an additional day (Sunday) for the first six weeks in the spring and the last six weeks in the fall.

HOURS:

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Dusk

Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (until May 13th)

The yard waste site will be open until Wednesday, November 14th unless there is an early snowfall. 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 insure they do not blow onto the roadways.

KEEP YOUR YARD LOOKING BEAUTIFUL!

Yard waste services is available curbside through Advanced Disposal. This is an extra service charge through Advanced. Contact Advanced Disposal for further information and services.

**5509 Fuller Street, Weston,
Wisconsin 54476, (715) 359-6637.**



SCHOOL CROSSINGS

As the temperatures go up, so will the number of children walking or bicycling to and from school. Nothing is more important than the safety of our children and there are several traffic laws that help protect them. Please keep the following in mind next time you approach a school, school crossing or crosswalk.

The speed limit is 15 MPH when passing a schoolhouse where children are going to or from school or are playing within the sidewalk area at the school.

The speed limit is 15 MPH when passing an intersection or location marked as a "school crossing" and;

- Any child is present.
- A school crossing guard is within the crosswalk or roadway.
- A school crossing guard is placing or retrieving traffic safety devices.

If directed to stop by a school crossing guard, drivers must stop no closer than 10 feet nor more than 30 feet from the school crossing and remain stopped until directed to proceed by the crossing guard.

A crossing guard can report a violation of the school crossing law to the appropriate traffic enforcement officer, who may issue a citation to the owner of the vehicle.

COUNTYWIDE ADDRESSING PROJECT

On February 23rd, 2018 the Town of Rib Mountain submitted its final brief to the Circuit Court as part of its lawsuit challenging Marathon County's Uniform Addressing project. The timeline for receiving a decision from the Court is unknown at the time this article was drafted, but the Town will continue to update residents as it is able.





DUE BY APRIL 1ST

State law requires all dogs be licensed. Pet licenses are available at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center at 3700 North Mountain Road. Proof of vaccination against rabies is required.

Local ordinance requires all cats be licensed as well in the Town of Rib Mountain.

Rib Mountain Municipal Code 12.07(3) places restrictions on persons keeping dogs and cats.

No person shall keep any dog or cat which:

- Pursues any vehicle upon any public street
- Assaults or attacks any person
- Is at large within the limits of the Town (an animal is considered at large when it is not on the premises of its owner, unless it is on a leash, is being exercised, is in or upon a vehicle or is in or on the property of another who does not object to the presence of such animal)
- Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person(s)
- Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal
- Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.

An owner or person having immediate care, custody or control of any animal shall promptly remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner any excreta left or deposited by the animal.

An owner of any vicious animal shall keep it muzzled when exercising it.

An owner shall exercise or walk their pet on a leash less than six feet in length.

Call Rib Mountain's Code Enforcement Officer, Paul Hursh, if you have concerns or questions at 715-842-0983.

DOGS	Cost	CATS	Cost
Male/Female	\$15.00	Male/Female	\$12.00
Neutered / Spayed	\$10.00	Neutered/Spayed	\$ 7.00
Kennel License (12 or Fewer)	\$ 60.00		

Please provide a current vaccination certificate to show proof of vaccination against rabies. Fines up to \$200 may be imposed for unvaccinated pets.



DOG PARK PROJECT UPDATE

For the past several months, Town officials have been working on a new dog park for our community. The park will be located south of CoVantage Credit Union on Oriole Lane. The plans call for a fenced-in area with walking paths. We anticipate construction of the park this summer with a fall opening.

Through a generous donation from Richard Austin on behalf of his late wife, the new park will be named, "Sandy's Bark Park". The Town has also secured funding from Marathon County, the Department of Natural Resources and the Walmart Foundation. The Town would also like to acknowledge and thank all individuals and businesses who have financially supported the project.

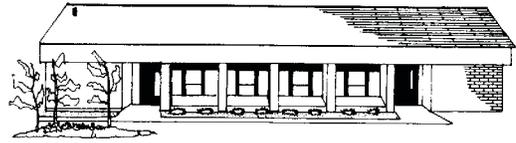
At the time of this article, the Town's application for grant funding was under review through the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. We anticipate hearing news on our application by the end of March.

The fundraising still continues. If you are interested in contributing towards the project, the Rib Mountain Community Improvement Foundation will be taking donations. We also have a Go-Fund-Me campaign. Check out: <https://www.gofundme.com/rib-mountain-dog-park>.

Please contact the Rib Mountain Municipal Center for further information at 715-842-0983.

Rib Mountain Sanitary District

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



WATER QUALITY STUDY

The District has above average levels of Iron and Manganese in our water. This results in the occasional yellow or brown tinted water for some of our customers. The water is safe to use, but can stain fixtures, laundry and is not esthetically pleasing. To help address this issue, the District has hired an engineering firm to conduct a pilot plant study on our wells. This will determine the most effective and efficient treatment method for removing these minerals. They will also outline possible solutions we can implement to resolve this issue and result in a better drinking water product.

This study will be conducted in early spring with a written report submitted in early summer. Stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions or comments, please email them to Mhey-roth@rmsdl.com or call our office.

CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTIONS

A Cross Connection is a direct arrangement of a piping line which allows the potable water supply to be connected to a line which may contain a contaminant. This type of connection is not allowed and can result in potentially dangerous backflow situations. The Wisconsin DNR mandates the water department inspect for these connections every 2 to 10 years depending on the building use. Violations need to be corrected in a timely manner. Please consult a certified plumber before making any changes to your water piping as they can recommend or install any required devices.

The Sanitary District, or its representatives, have been and will continue to perform these inspections to help protect your drinking water! This is typically done when we change out your water meter. Thank You for your help in this very important matter. If you have any questions about this process, please call our office.



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

SPRING FLUSHING APRIL 23RD THRU MAY 4TH

**FLUSHING HOURS ARE FROM
8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**

Flushing will start on Monday, April 23rd on the east side of I-39, and move to the west side of I-39 on Monday, April 30th. Please visit the website for a map of the flushing areas. townofribmountain.org Flushing should be completed by Friday afternoon, May 5th. You may see water spraying from fire hydrants, which is part of the flushing process.

Activities such as washing clothes or sprinkling lawns may draw some water that is tinted or brown. We suggest that customers avoid high water usage during this period. (The water may also appear milky as it comes out of the faucet and clear after a few seconds.) If you do notice tinted water, please let cold water run for about 10 minutes. The water is still safe to drink.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

NEW SEWER RATES

Some of you may have noticed a slight increase in the sewer rates on your bill starting in 2018. This is the first time the District has raised sewer rates in our 33-year history. The average bill will increase by \$8.19 or about \$2.79/month.

The Sanitary District felt this was necessary due to the increasing costs we are experiencing relating to the operation and maintenance of our equipment and the treatment of the wastewater. Treatment is our single largest expense and represents one third of our annual operating budget. We will continue to operate efficiently as in the past and keep future increases to a minimum.

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

LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS

Street improvements are planned on Goldenrod Rd from Bittersweet Rd to Clover Rd. Improvements will include pulverizing and repaving the roadway, grading ditches, and installing new driveway culverts where needed. The shoulders will also be paved wider for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Underground utilities including natural gas, cable, and telephone may have to be relocated due to ditch grading.



ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

Maintenance and pavement improvements will occur on several roadways this summer: To extend the life of asphalt pavement, crack sealing will be completed on numerous streets throughout the Town. An ultra-thin asphalt overlay will be placed on Bluebell Rd (north of Goldenrod Rd), Strawberry Ln, and Iris Ln. The overlay is a 1-inch thick polymer modified asphalt designed for deteriorated pavements.

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

CONSIDERING A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN 2018?

The Town of Rib Mountain requires homeowners or contractors to obtain a building permit prior to commencement of any construction, electrical or plumbing work. This includes the placement of yard sheds and the installation of fences and decks. Permits are available at the Municipal Center and can also be found on the Town's website under Building & Zoning Applications and Links. If you have questions about the application process or your anticipated construction project, please feel free to call the Municipal Center at 715-842-0983 and ask for Paul Kufahl or Steve Kunst or send an email to pkufahl@townofribmountain.org.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Rib Mountain is currently seeking applicants for our Summer Recreation Program and Public Works Department. These positions are part time for the summer months. Applicants must have a valid Wisconsin Drivers License.

Additional information regarding the positions may be found on the Town website www.townofribmountain.org

YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO WALKERS AND BICYCLISTS

With spring around the corner, please take notice of bicyclists and pedestrians. Please yield the right-of-way at all crosswalks. Chapter 346.46 (2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes regulates that vehicles must stop at a marked stop line before entering the crosswalk. A stop line is a clearly marked with a thick line on the road locating where you are to stop your vehicle before entering a crosswalk.

STORMWATER RUNOFF

Stormwater runoff is excess water from rain and melting snow that does not seep into the ground. Instead, it runs along the surface, picking up pollutants as it enters our storm sewer system. Whatever the stormwater picks up along its way goes directly into our lakes and streams. Garbage discarded in the streets, excess fertilizers on our lawns, soap from washing cars in our driveways, and diseases from animal waste all contribute to stormwater pollution. These pollutants are a direct cause of algae blooms, fish kills, closed swimming beaches, and fish that are unhealthy to eat.

The Town of Rib Mountain is working to protect our lakes and streams from these pollutants by reducing the pollutants entering our stormwater. And we need your help.

- Direct rain spouts/gutters to grassy surfaces so the water is absorbed into the ground
- Wash cars in the lawn, not on the driveway (grass removes toxins)
- Build rain gardens to increase infiltration of rainwater
- Use rain barrels to capture rain and re-use for plant watering
- Pick up your animals waste
- Pick up litter in the street
- Don't dump anything into storm sewers or ditches
- Use only the proper amount of fertilizer on your lawn... don't over fertilize!

For more information, visit the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition: <http://www.ncwrpc.org/NWSC>



Development News

2017 RECAP & 2018 OUTLOOK:

This past year was strong for residential construction in Rib Mountain. The Town saw the addition of 19 new single-family residences with an estimated \$6.15 million in construction value. In addition, another 154 residential projects for remodels, additions, fences and accessory buildings totaled approximately \$2.37 million in value. Early indications appear to project 2018 to be another busy residential construction year.

In 2017, the Town witnessed the completion and grand opening of a new Hilton

Garden Inn, replacing the former Howard Johnson hotel. Other businesses made decisions to either move to Town or reinvest in their Rib Mountain locations through remodeling projects; including, MBE CPA and Wealth Management, Active Family Chiropractic, All Star Nutrition, Kocourek Imports, Select Comfort, and Aldi. The Town also approved two new commercial projects slated to be built in 2018. A new multi-tenant building to be home to Five Guys restaurant and Kay Jewelers was approved to replace the current Gustave A Larson facility at the corner of Rib Mountain Drive and Starling Lane. Gustave A Larson was subsequently approved for a new facility along Cloverland Lane.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Rib Mountain Plan Commission has completed a significant amount of work on the Town's Comprehensive Plan update including elements related to housing, natural resources, demographic changes, community facilities, economic development, transportation, and intergovernmental cooperation. Now it's your turn to provide feedback! Be on the lookout for ways to have your voice heard at the April 3rd Election. Information is also available online on the Town's website as well as the Municipal Center. Questions or comments can be directed to Steve Kunst, Director of Community Development, at 715-842-0983, or by email at skunst@townofribmountain.org.

Seeking Applications for Zoning Board of Appeals Members

The Town of Rib Mountain is currently seeking interested residents in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Currently, two vacant seats, as well as both alternate positions, need to be filled. The ZBA meets on an as-needed basis on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The ZBA has the power to review and determine all matters related to zoning variance requests as well as appeals to interpretations of the Town Zoning Administrator. Each representative of the five-member Board serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Town Chairperson. Interested residents are encouraged to submit a letter of interest for consideration to Director of Community Development, Steve Kunst, at skunst@townofribmountain.org or by mail at 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401. The deadline for submittal is Friday, April 6th at 4:30 PM.

TAX PAYMENTS

The Town of Rib Mountain cannot accept 2nd Installment Payments.

Your second installment is payable to Marathon County Treasurer by July 31st. Payments must be mailed to 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403. Reminder notices are not sent out in Marathon County.

Celebrate our Parks!

The past six months the Parks Commission has been working with Chad Lemmens from Lemmens Creative Design in developing videos showcasing our Town parks. Please check out the videos on YouTube.

Doepke Recreation Area:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbywDH20EOg>

Rookery View Park: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md88nS08uYo>

You may also find the video links on the Town's website: www.townofribmountain.org.

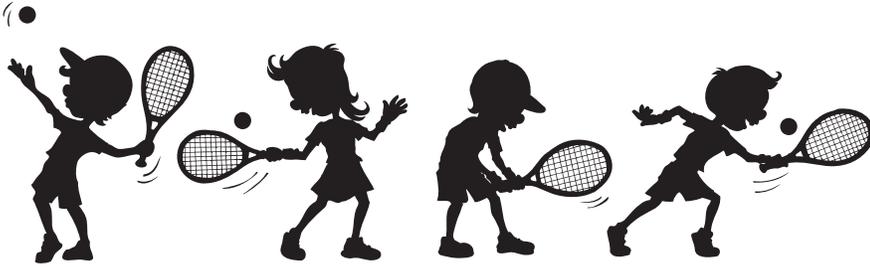
MEMORIAL DAY

The Rib Mountain Municipal Center will be closed on Monday, May 28th.

TENNIS LESSONS IN RIB MOUNTAIN

Warmer weather and melting snow means that the tennis courts will be open soon. Elementary school students between first and fifth grade can jump into this hobby by attending the tennis lessons held at the Rib Mountain Elementary Courts. Lessons start on May 7th and end on May 31st Monday through Thursday from 3:30 until 4:30. Forms are available at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

If there are any questions regarding this program, please call Theresa Miles at (715)-241-9304



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING | APRIL 17

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 17th, 2018**, at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, at **6:00 P.M.**

Wisconsin State Statutes provide that those attending may vote on some limited binding matters.

Business Expo

WAUSAU REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Come visit the Town of Rib Mountain at the Annual Business Expo on April 19, at the Central Wisconsin Expo Center in Rothschild. Elected officials and staff will be available to answer your questions and hear your comments. We will be located at Booth #90.



**TUESDAY,
APRIL 3, 2018**

Spring Ballot

The following Town Board positions will be on the ballot on April 3rd, 2018.

Town Board Supervisor

(Vote for no more than two)

1. Edward Gale
2. Gerard Klein
3. James Legner

When you present yourself at the polls for voting, please have a proof of identification and state your last name and first name aloud, along with your address even if you know the poll worker.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All residents of the Town of Rib Mountain vote at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road.

If you are a new resident or first time voter please bring proof of your Rib Mountain residency and be prepared to provide your Wisconsin Driver License number or Wisconsin ID Card on the voter registration application. The residency requirement is 10 consecutive days in the Town of Rib Mountain.

Contact the Municipal Center at 715-842-0983 if you need an absentee ballot. In-person absentee voting that starts on Monday March 19th, 2018, hours 8:00am - 4:30pm.



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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



MARATHON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Want to get rid of old appliances?
Electronics? Other items?

Give us a Call at 877-270-3989
Or visit: marathoncountysolidwaste.org