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THE TOWN BEAT



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GENERAL TOWN INFORMATION

Regular Meetings (Open to the Public)

Town Board

1st and 3rd Tuesday
6:00PM

Planning Commission

2nd and 4th Wednesday
6:00PM

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,
Brad Conklin

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2020 ELECTIONS

Election season is upon us and now is the time to make sure that you are registered to vote. Please visit www.myvote.wi.gov to see if you are registered or to view your ballot.

We have four more elections this year. They are:

- **April 7**
Presidential Preference, WI Supreme Court, County Board, Town Board, and School Board
- **May 12**
7th Congressional District Special Election
- **August 11**
Partisan Primary
- **November 3**
President, State Legislature and Congress
- The following Town Board positions will be on the ballot on April 7, 2020:
Town Board Supervisor (Vote for no more than two)
 - 1) John Happli
 - 2) Gerard Klein
 - 3) Dan Fiorenza

If you wish to vote early for the April 7th election, you may now do so at the Municipal Center from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until April 3rd. Please remember to bring along photo identification.

Due to the recent coronavirus scare, if you are not comfortable coming to the Municipal Center to vote, you can always request an absentee ballot. Please go to www.myvote.wi.gov to request the absentee ballot. You will also need to provide a copy of your photo identification before a ballot can be mailed to you.

For the traditional voter who enjoys the excitement of Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center. Our election workers will be happy to assist you along with keeping the election facility as clean and safe as possible. Extra efforts will be taken to continually wipe down voting booths and election equipment throughout the day.

All of the addresses in the Town of Rib Mountain have been updated in the poll books. The only people who need to register are those that have moved, changed their name or are a new voter to the Town of Rib Mountain.

You will still need to show photo identification on election day, but if your address is not updated, it is still acceptable. The Election Inspectors will be looking at the photo identification to make sure that the picture resembles the voter, that the name on the photo identification conforms to the name in the poll book, and the expiration date on the photo identification is not expired.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Joanne Ruechel, at 715-842-0983 or jruechel@townofribmountain.org.



YARD WASTE SITE

With all the snow this past winter, the Yard Waste Site will be opening a week later this spring. The Yard Waste Site will open for the season on Wednesday, April 8th (weather permitting). Please check the Town of Rib Mountain's website for updates. The 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 to 5:00 p.m.
(April 12th - May 17th)

The Yard Waste Site will be open until Wednesday, November 18th unless there's 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 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.

GHIDORZI GREEN & CLEAN 2020

Saturday, April 25 you may see several people around town picking up garbage for the annual clean-up. This program has taken place throughout the Wausau area the last few years. We are happy this event is taking place within our community. Clean-up sites in Rib Mountain include the County Highway R, County Highway NN and the Rib Mountain Drive areas. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please visit: <https://www.ghidorzigrreenandclean.com/>. Special thanks go out to all the volunteers. Keep it green and clean Rib Mountain!

BLOOD DRIVE

Patients at our local hospitals rely on volunteer blood donors because, quite simply, there is no substitute for human blood. Donors provide a life-saving opportunity with each pint of blood gifted.

Support the Town of Rib Mountain and the patients at our local hospitals by donating at the upcoming blood drive:

Friday, April 10

9AM - 1PM

Rib Mountain Municipal Center
227800 Snowbird Ave., Wausau, WI 54401

Schedule your lifesaving donation today!

Sign up at:

www.save3lives.org **Code OT57**

Call The Community Blood Center
at 1-800-280-4102



**THE COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTER**

BOARD OF REVIEW

The assessment of your property is determined by the Assessor as of January 1st of each year. Under Wisconsin Statutes, the Assessor's values are assumed to be correct until proven otherwise, which places the burden of proof upon the taxpayer.

If you believe your property is not fairly assessed in relation to other comparable Rib Mountain properties, you must file a written objection form to be heard by the formal Board of Review.

If you are not satisfied with the assessment of your property, the time for you to do something about it is during Open Book which will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This time is set aside for property owners to view all Rib Mountain property assessments. You may also call 1-877-687-3445 to schedule an appointment to speak with Assessor Greg Schmidt.

The formal Board of Review is scheduled for June 2, 2020, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 227800 Snowbird Avenue. It is open to the public.





DUE BY APRIL 1ST

Pet licenses are available at the Rib Mountain Municipal Building located at: 227800 Snowbird Avenue.

State law requires that all dogs be licensed. Your dog's license must be renewed annually by **March 31st** or a \$5.00 late fee will be charged. You are also required to license a dog within 30 days of acquiring the dog

DOGS		CATS	
Male / Female	\$15.00	Male/Female	\$12.00
Neutered / Spayed	\$10.00	Neutered/Spayed	\$ 7.00
Puppies		Kittens	
5 months old after July 1	\$ 7.50	5 months old after July 1	\$ 3.50
Kennel License (12 or fewer)	\$60.00	Local ordinance requires all cats be licensed.	

YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION.

Fines up to \$200 may be imposed for unregistered pets



LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS

The long awaited Swan Avenue repaving project scheduled for 2019 will be completed this summer. The project was delayed due to the relocation of numerous buried utilities that were in conflict with proposed drainage improvements. Roadway 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.

ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

It will be another big year for asphalt paving in the Town. An ultra-thin asphalt overlay will be placed on the following roads: Oriole Ln - East of Rib Mountain Dr, Orchid Ln, Yellow Poppy Ct, Wisteria Ln, Bluebell Ln - from Goldenrod Rd to Dragonwing Ln, Waxwing Rd, Spring Creek Dr, Karavin Ln, St Francis Way, Fall Cir, North Grouse Ln, Sandpiper Ave, Sharptail Ln, and Mockingbird Ln. The overlay is a 1-inch thick polymer modified asphalt designed for deteriorated pavements.

Pavement maintenance will also be ongoing throughout the summer. To extend the life of asphalt pavement, crack sealing will be completed on numerous streets throughout Town. For further information regarding any of these projects, you may contact Scott Turner, Street & Park Superintendent at 715-848-5123.

SANDY'S BARK PARK EXPANSION

As noted in the Spring 2019 newsletter, the Town of Rib Mountain received a donation from the Austin Living Trust for 19 acres of land south of Sandy's Bark Park. Preliminary planning for the Dog Park expansion is underway. The land will also be utilized for walking trails and conservancy of the wetland areas. The Rib Mountain Community Improvement Foundation will be starting a fundraising campaign later this year. If you would like to donate to the Dog Park Expansion, please complete the form below. The Town of Rib Mountain appreciates everyone's generosity.

RIB MOUNTAIN DOG PARK FUND

Name _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____

Please mail this form and your check payable to:
Rib Mountain Community Improvement Foundation,
Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 227800 Snowbird Ave,
Wausau, WI 54401.

The Rib Mountain Community Improvement Foundation is a 501(C)3 and your donation is tax deductible.



Rib Mountain Sanitary District

224505 Lilac Avenue — Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 359-6177



SPRING FLUSHING APRIL 20TH - 30TH, 2020

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



Flushing will start on Monday, April 20th on the east side of I-39, and move to the west side of I-39 on Monday, April 27th. Flushing should be completed by Thursday afternoon, April 30th. 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 water run for about 10 minutes. The water is safe to drink.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE



ONLINE BILL PAYMENTS COMING SOON!

Rib Mountain Sanitary District customers will have the ability to pay their water bills online. This should be available and functioning by early summer. You can find this information on the Town website under the Sanitary District, Water/Sewer Tab. Make sure you use the bill payment options in the Water/Sewer Section.

Do not use the Point and Pay option on the Homepage.

Another option to pay your bill will be calling a phone number and completing payment using a credit card. After the first call, the system will remember you and make subsequent payments even quicker. An option we have available right now is to use automatic debit from your checking/savings account for the full bill amount on the due date. Call or visit the website for more information.

Have a great day from the Rib Mountain Sanitary District.

**MONTHLY MEETING: 6:00 P.M. THE
THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT OUR OFFICE
224505 LILAC AVENUE**

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

The Rib Mountain Sanitary District is looking for someone to join our team and help us during the summer of 2020. This person would help with daily maintenance activities to help keep the district running smoothly. Tasks would be varied including hydrant maintenance, valve turning, basic office help, painting, water/ sewer line maintenance and much more. The applicant must have a valid Wisconsin driver's license. If interested, drop off a cover letter and resume at our office, or email the director at mheyroth@rmsd1.com. Call with any questions you may have. Thanks.

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

BILLING STATEMENTS

Billing statements are due 20 days after billing is mailed. 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

What to expect in the mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail. Every household will have the option of responding online, by phone, or by mail.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking them to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We are working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter invitation and paper questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their package. The package will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

We understand that you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- If you don't respond online, by phone, or by mail, we will follow up in person.

What we will send you in the mail:



March 12-20

An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census.

(Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)



March 16-24

A reminder letter.



March 26-April 3

A reminder postcard.



April 8-16

A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.



April 20-27

A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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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 cross walks. Chapter 346.46 (2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes regulates that vehicles must stop at a marked stop line before entering the crosswalk. A marked stop line is a clearly marked thick line on the road locating where you are to stop your vehicle before entering a crosswalk.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 21, 2020

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 227800 Snowbird Avenue, Wausau at 6:00 p.m.

Wisconsin State Statutes provide that those attending may vote on some limited binding matters such as authorizing the Town Board to purchase land, dispose of Town property, and construct Town buildings. Other votes are advisory.

KEEP YOUR YARD LOOKING BEAUTIFUL!

Yard waste services is now available curbside through Harter's Fox Valley Disposal. There is an extra monthly service charge through Harter's. The program runs from April through October.

How does the program work?

1. Call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at 1-888-804-8556 and tell them you would like to participate in their yard waste curbside pick-up program.
2. Harter's Fox Valley Disposal will provide you with a 95-gallon cart designated for yard waste only. **Do not use plastic bags.** Simply dump your yard waste into the container.
3. Harter's Fox Valley Disposal will pick up your yard waste curbside every week. Please contact Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at 1-888-804-8556 for pick up dates.

The following items will not be accepted and should not be placed in your yard waste container for curbside collection:

- garbage
- food waste
- animal waste
- tree stumps
- tree limbs & brush



Please contact Harter's for further information: **1-888-804-8556.**

Welcome

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN TEAM

The Town of Rib Mountain welcomes **Jared Wehner** as the new Director of Community Development. Jared previously worked as the Assistant Planner for the Village of Weston and has nearly seven years of local government experience. Jared grew up in the area and in his free time, he enjoys hiking the area's various trails, including Rib Mountain State Park and the Eau Claire Dells County Park, Kayaking the Eau Claire River, brewing beer, Brewers baseball and volunteering with the Chamber of Commerce as an Ambassador.

The Town of Rib Mountain also welcomes **Debbie Heeg** as the new Deputy Treasurer. Debbie and her family have made Rib Mountain their home for over 21 years. As a graduate of the University of Memphis, Debbie has her Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Master's degree in Finance. She brings with her over 16 years of experience in accounting in the private sector.

As the Deputy Treasurer, Debbie will work under the supervision of the Finance Director in carrying out special projects, performing general accounting responsibilities and assisting the citizens of Rib Mountain in addressing their inquiries. Welcome aboard Debbie!

Help Wanted...

...PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CLERK:

This is a regular part-time position with limited benefits for approximately twenty hours a week. May require working once a month in the evening for a few hours. Office experience is essential including customer service and working with software, especially Microsoft Office. Pay rate is \$12.92/hour to \$16.15/hour. Open until filled.

For more information on these positions with full job descriptions, please visit our website (www.townofribmountain.org). Resume and applications must be submitted to be considered. You may also contact the Town Administrator for further information at 715-842-0983.

...SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

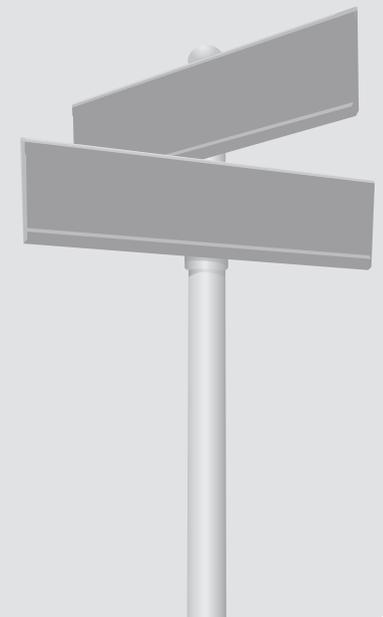
The Town of Rib Mountain is currently seeking applicants for the Summer Recreation Program and Seasonal Maintenance in the Public Works Department. Six positions are available including:

- Park Maintenance (3 Positions) - Duties include lawn mowing, maintaining parks, and miscellaneous jobs as directed.
- Call-in Equipment Operator (2 positions) - Duties include assisting with operating dump trucks and associated equipment for drainage and roadway improvement projects and miscellaneous jobs as directed.
- Summer Recreation Co-Activities Director (1 position) - Duties include assisting the Director in planning and oversight for program activities for elementary aged children.

These positions are part time up to 40-hours per week for the summer months. All Applicants must have a valid Wisconsin Drivers License and Equipment Operator Applicants must have Commercial Drivers License. Deadline is April 22, 2020. Additional information regarding the positions may be found on the Town website www.townofribmountain.org or by calling the Public Works Department at 715-848-5123.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OLD STREET SIGNS?

Last fall, the Town Beat had an article on how the Town planned to dispose of the old street signs. Instead of an auction, the Town will be selling the signs for \$20 each. All proceeds will go towards the dog park expansion project. Because there are several duplicates of the same street sign, there should not be a problem for multiple requests. However, if there are more requests than signs available, the Town will look at an auction for those particular signs. Due to the number of signs to be removed and inventoried by the Public Works crew, the sale of signs will not occur until late fall. Please stay tuned and we will have more details later this year.



RIB MOUNTAIN PARK COMMISSION OPENING

If you are a Rib Mountain resident and have an interest in the development of Town parks and recreational areas, please send your inquiry to Scott Turner (sturner@townofribmountain.org) or call 715-848-5123 to express interest in serving on the Park Commission.





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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 715-842-0983

POSTAL PATRON

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We want your feedback on naming one of the Town's newest roads. The Town of Rib Mountain will be taking over jurisdiction of a service road near Kwik Trip along Rib Mountain Drive and Lilac Avenue. It was suggested that the Town ask for residents' input. The Public Works Committee will be narrowing the list of road names to three. You can vote for your favorite on the Town's Facebook Page in the weeks to come.