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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
6:30PM

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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RIB MOUNTAIN DRIVE PHASE II CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

Roadway improvements on Rib Mountain Dr from Morning Glory Ln to Cloverland Ln and from Oriole Ln to Robin Ln are nearly complete! Construction crews are wrapping up the final touches including; asphalt pavement resurfacing, curb and gutter replacement, lengthening left turn lanes, new raised medians between Oriole Ln and Robin Ln, and traffic signal upgrades. Sidewalks were constructed on the west side from Oriole Lane and Robin Lane and on the east side for the entire length of the project. Rib Mountain Dr now has sidewalk on the east side of the roadway from Tulip Ln to Robin Ln providing much needed pedestrian accommodations. Aesthetic improvements included; new street lighting, burial of utilities such as overhead telephone, electric, and cable, and median areas were constructed with decorative colored concrete, trees, and grass. The Town appreciates everyone’s cooperation and patience during construction.

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



UPDATE ON THE TOWN’S LEGAL ACTION FOR UNIFORM ADDRESSING

In early September, Marathon County Judge Greg Huber upheld Marathon County’s ordinance for uniform addressing. The Town has contended the County’s ordinance for uniform addressing overreaches their statutory authority given by the State of Wisconsin. As of Thursday, October 12, the Town of Rib Mountain filed an official appeal to Judge Huber’s decision. As a result, the Town’s case will now be heard by an Appeals Court Judge. The timeline for this process could extend 12 months or more. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden at grhoden@townofribmountain.org or by calling 715-842-0983.



2018 PROPERTY TAXES

The Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Center and Peoples State Bank-Rib Mountain Branch will process the first installment of property tax payments from mid-December through January 2018.

For your convenience, you are encouraged to pay your property taxes by mail. You may include your pet license renewals with your tax payment. Be sure to include a copy of each pet's rabies vaccination.

More information about tax collection will be included with your tax statement in mid-December.

YARD WASTE SITE

The Yard Waste Site is now open on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Yard Waste Site will CLOSE for the season at dusk on Wednesday November 15th. 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 8th - November 12th)

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.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING THIS NOVEMBER

The Town will be holding the annual Special Town meeting for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The tentative date is Tuesday, November 14. Please check the Town's website and Municipal Center for postings later this month for date and time. All meetings will be held at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road.

As part of the Special Town meeting, the agenda will include a vote on splitting the Clerk/Treasurer position. Under State Statutes 60.305(1)(a) the position was approved to be combined; and, therefore, will require a Special Town meeting to split the positions. At the October 3 Town Board meeting the Board of Supervisors approved moving forward with splitting the Treasurer and Clerk position in order to seek a Finance Director (Treasurer). The appointment of the Clerk position is un-determined at this time. The final decision on the Clerk's appointment will be decided by the Town Board over the next few months.

As a reminder, Wisconsin State Statues provides that those attending may vote on limited binding matters including the 2017 Town levy payable in 2018.

TOWN COMPLETES EMERALD ASH BORER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle from Asia that reached the United States in 2002 and is rapidly spreading across Wisconsin. In April 2016 it was discovered in Portage County and recently discovered in Marathon County. To help plan for the beetles arrival and potential destruction of ash trees, the Town partnered with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc. to conduct an inventory of ash trees on Town owned property and completed a Preparedness Plan. The plan identified 85 ash trees in street right of way, parks, and municipal land. The plan prioritized the removal of hazardous trees, provided budget costs to treat priority trees, and plan for disposal of removed trees.

The Town of Rib Mountain is encouraging residents to be on the lookout for EAB and start preparing now to manage ash trees on their property. Several EAB insecticide treatments are available to homeowners or they can be applied by a professional arborist.

For more information on the EAB and treatments please see the following web links datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp or www.goldensandsrscd.org/our-work/land/eab-outreach



CONNECTIONS PLACE UPDATE

Several months ago, the Town introduced the Connections Place. The Connections Place is a nonprofit organization dedicated to actively engaging seniors in the Central Wisconsin area.

The Town of Rib Mountain is working closely with the Connections Place representatives. Over the last several months, vacant land adjacent to The Rib Mountain Municipal Center was selected as their preferred site location.

The organizers of the Connections Place would like the facility to open by the end of 2018. Fundraising efforts continue. For more information, please check out their website: www.theconnectionsplace.org.

SEEKING APPLICANTS



FINANCE DIRECTOR

Rib Mountain will be seeking a Finance Director this fall. The details for the position is being finalized and should be ready next month. Please check out our website for the latest information. Also, GovHR has been selected as the hiring firm for the Town of Rib Mountain. The job posting will also appear on their website: www.govhrusa.com.

SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR PLAN COMMISSIONER

The Rib Mountain Plan Commission currently has a vacant seat and is seeking residents interested in serving on the Commission. The Plan Commission makes recommendations and generates reports related to planning, zoning, and development to the Town Board while also overseeing the Comprehensive Plan. Plan Commission appointments are made by the Town Board and serve five-year terms. Regular meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Residents are encouraged to submit a Letter of Interest for consideration by the Town Board. Letters should be directed to Community Development Director, Steve Kunst, by mail or email at skunst@townofribmountain.org. The selected applicant will serve the remaining term of the vacant position until April of 2022.

TOWN BOARD POSITIONS

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

OFFICE
Town Board Supervisor
Town Board Supervisor

INCUMBENT
James Legner
Gerard Klein

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2017 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Contact the Clerk's Office for more information at 715-842-0983 or mpeter@townofribmountain.org.

LEAF DISPOSAL

The Fall Season is here and it's time to 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.

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 the entire length of Sunbird Ln, Bluejay Ln, Killdeer Ln, northern sections of Quail Ave, and Pheasant Ave, and southern section of Falcon Ave. Micro-surfacing is a high performance enhanced slurry seal used on pavements in good structural condition with minor rutting, cracking, and raveling.

An ultra-thin asphalt overlay was completed on Phlox Ln, Lakeshore Dr from Phlox Ln to Fern Ln, on Fern Ln from Lilac Ln to Lakeshore Dr, Pintail Ln, and portions of Teal Ln. The overlay is a 1-inch thick polymer modified asphalt designed for deteriorated pavements.

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 WILL 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, 2017 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 2017 tax roll, please have your payment to our office by October 31, 2017.

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
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.

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE HEYROTH!

Rib Mountain Sanitary District Utility Director, Mike Heyroth, recently received the Leon A. Smith Award from the Wisconsin Section of the American WaterWorks Association. The Leon A. Smith Award recognizes distinguished service to the American WaterWorks Association and exceptional activity on behalf of the waterworks industry. It is offered in commemoration of the high ideals, constructive leadership, and accomplishments of Leon Albert Smith who served for 40 years as superintendent of the Madison Water Works, served as an officer of the Wisconsin Section, a National Director and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Section for nearly 30 years. Congratulations Mike!

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROJECT

The Rib Mountain Plan Commission continues working diligently on updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan serves as the Town's guide to land use, social and economic development decisions. To-date, the Plan Commission has discussed housing, natural resources, demographic changes, community facilities, economic development, transportation, and intergovernmental cooperation. Additional input will be provided by the Rib Mountain Park Commission and Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee in the coming months. Be on the lookout for opportunities to provide your input as well! Information will be 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.



MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Please note, the Rib Mountain Municipal Center will be closed for the following holidays:

- Thursday, November 23
- Friday, November 24
- Friday, December 22
- Monday, December 25
- Friday, December 29
- Monday, January 1

Peoples State Bank will be open on Friday, December 29 and Saturday, December 30 for collection of property taxes.

RECYCLE RIGHT

As a reminder, mix all recyclables and rinse out all containers.

The following materials are accepted for recycling:

- Aluminum Beverage Containers, Aluminum Food Containers
- Steel Tin Containers
- Paperboard: Cereal Boxes, Tissue Boxes, Paper Towel and Tissues, Paper Cores, Shoe Boxes, Soda & Beer Cartons
- Cardboard Boxes (flattened)
- Mixed Paper: School Papers, Carbonless Forms, Calendars, Computer Paper, Paperback Books
- Junk Mail: Discarded Mail, Greeting Cards, Envelopes
- Plastics #1 through #7
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Newspaper & Inserts
- Kraft Paper, Paper Grocery Bags, Paper Lunch Bags
- Glass

The following are NOT accepted for recycling:

- Styrofoam
- Electronics
- Ceramics or Dishes
- Food Waste
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Motor Oil Containers
- Hazardous Waste Containers
- Light Bulbs, Window Glass or Mirrors
- Yard Waste
- Garbage

This information is provided by Advanced Disposal. For more information on recycling right, please check out AdvancedDisposal.com/RecycleRight





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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 **Tuesday, 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 UPON US

Winter will be arriving shortly 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 Ordinances 7.03 Winter Parking Regulations, "no person shall park any vehicle on any public street or highway in the Town between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. from November 1st through March 31st."

Do not remove and place snow on the road or shoulder. Per Town Ordinances 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.