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THE TOWN BEAT



FALL 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,
Brad Conklin

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SANDY'S BARK PARK GRAND OPENING!

The Town of Rib Mountain Dog Park officially opened on September 21st! The dog park is located at the corner of Hummingbird Rd (CTH R) and Oriole Ln across from CoVantage Credit Union.

The nearly four-acre park provides a wonderful green space for man's best friend to enjoy. The park is open to everyone, including residents and visitors to the community. The fenced-in park features 2,000 feet of crushed gravel walking paths, benches, water bottle filler/fountain, dog water spigot, and “Mutt Mitt” dispensers with garbage cans to dispose of dog waste. The park is accessible via the CTH R trail and also has a parking lot conveniently located onsite.

The Town has received over \$110,000 in donations and grant funds for the project. This included funding from the Austin Living Trust, Marathon County Environmental Impact Fund, The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin and several individual and business donors.

Fundraising for future improvements continues. If you are interested in contributing towards the Dog Park, the Rib Mountain Community Improvement Foundation will be taking donations. Please contact the Rib Mountain Municipal Center for further information at 715-842-0983.

This project would not have been possible without all the generous support. A special thank you to all the donors and to the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce for officiating the grand opening ceremony.

Come enjoy all of our Town Parks!



TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Town of Rib Mountain Trick or Treat hours are
Wednesday, October 31 from 4-7 pm

Please leave your front porch light on if you wish to participate.



2019 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 2019.

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 be CLOSED for the Season at dusk on Wednesday, November 14th. 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 7th - November 11th)

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.

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Town of Rib Mountain, Marathon County

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Rib Mountain, Marathon County, Wisconsin, on November 6, 2018, the following proposed referendum question relating to a possible amendment to the U.S. Constitution to provide for restrictions on political contributions and spending by certain organizations will be submitted to a vote of the people.



THE QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS FOLLOWS:

“Should the United States Constitution be amended to allow restrictions on political contributions and spending by unions, corporations or other similar entities?”

EXPLANATION

The United States Constitution currently does not restrict political contributions toward political campaigns from certain organizations.

A “yes” vote supports the United States Constitution should be amended to allow restrictions on political contributions and spending by unions, corporations or other similar entities.

A “no” vote does not support a proposal to amend the United States Constitution to allow restrictions on political contributions and spending by unions, corporations or other similar entities.

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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.

**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 2, 2018 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. **No ballots may be taken from the Clerk's office.**

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 and request an absentee ballot.

TOWN BOARD POSITIONS

The following Town Board positions will be on the ballot - April 2, 2019.

OFFICE
Town Board Chairman
Town Board Supervisor
Town Board Supervisor

INCUMBENT
Allen Opall
Brad Conklin
Frederick A. Schaefer

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2018 and the deadline to file nomination papers is 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

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

SEEKING APPLICANTS



SEASONAL WINTER MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Town of Rib Mountain is currently seeking one individual for snow removal on multiuse trails, sidewalks, and at municipal facilities. The position is call-in, on an as needed basis that involves the operation of light, medium, and heavy construction equipment or comparable automotive equipment. A commercial driver's license is not required. Additional information and job application may be obtained from the Town's website www.townofribmountain.org or by contacting the Public Works Department at 715-848-5123.



PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

This is a regular part-time position with limited benefits for approximately twenty hours a week. Officer investigates citizen complaints and ordinance violations. Prior law enforcement experience is highly desirable. Pay rate is \$18.24/hour to \$20.38/hour. Applications are due by November 12, 2018.

FULL-TIME TOWN CLERK

This is a full-time position with benefits. This position includes, but is not limited to, all duties as described in State Statutes 60.33 as well as any duties prescribed by law relative to elections. A minimum of Associate's degree in business management or related field and three years of increasingly responsible administrative support service to management activity, or any equivalent combination of acceptable or suitable related experience or training is required. Pay is \$40,219 to \$44,944. Applications are due by November 19, 2018.

For more information on these positions with full job descriptions, please visit the town's 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.

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.

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.

An ultra-thin asphalt overlay was completed 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.

ROAD PROJECTS

Major roadway improvements were completed on Goldenrod Rd from CTH KK to Clover Rd. Improvements included pulverizing and repaving the roadway, grading ditches, 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.

Rib Mountain Sanitary District

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

AROUND THE DISTRICT

We have been busy this summer with many new residential and commercial construction projects in addition to our regular work. Most of our time is spent on many projects that may go unnoticed but are very important. These include some of the following. Operating and maintaining over 350 hydrants in Town so they will operate during an emergency. Checking over 1,000 water valves for proper operation and condition. Periodic pressure cleaning of over 50 miles of sewer mains throughout the Town to make sure they function as intended. Maintain and update our 2 water booster stations, 500,000 gal water reservoir, 4 drinking water wells, 7 wastewater lift stations and countless other pumps and equipment. So, as you can see, it takes a lot of effort to delivery about ½ a million gallons of drinking water every day and also carry it away again as wastewater. We are here 24/7 to make sure everything is operating as it should. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns by calling the office at 715/359-6177 or emailing us at Mheyroth@rmsd1.com.

DELINQUENT UTILTIY BILLS

Delinquent utility bills not paid before October 31, 2018 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 2018 tax roll, please have your payment to our office by October 31, 2018.

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.

WATER QUALITY STUDY

The water quality study on the optimal way of removing Iron and Manganese from our Wells #1 and #2 was completed during August. We are now waiting for the final report and results which should be ready in October. This will help guide us on how to remove these minerals and reduce the issue of yellow or discolored water in the drinking water system. Check the Sanitary District section on the Town of Rib Mountain Website for the final report in the next month or two. This will have all the details and recommendations from the study.

2019 BUDGET HEARING

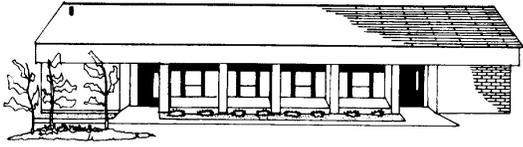
The public hearing for the 2019 Rib Mountain Sanitary District budget will be held on October 24th at 6pm at our office – 5703 Lilac Ave. This is where we will set our operation and maintenance budget for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, feel free to stop by for the meeting.

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

MONTHLY MEETING

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



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.

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.

RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTIONS

The area of land between the edge of pavement and the private property line is referred to as the road right-of-way and is public property. The road right-of-way typically extends 33 feet from the center of the road. During winter operations, the Town will occasionally remove snow from the side of the road and at driveway openings to provide better visibility. As the Town is clearing the right-of-way, many items become buried in the snow and are difficult to see. The following items should not be located within the public right-of-way:

- Landscaping materials (shrubs, rocks, boulders, planters, decorative pieces)
- Signs
- Lawn sprinkler systems
- Pet fences
- All other items that could be damaged by equipment

Any items that are placed within the right-of-way are there at the risk of the owner. The Town is not responsible for any damage to these items.

CONSIDERING A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT?

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.

BOW AND ARROW & 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.



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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

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 that is 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 snowfall (a snow base is needed to make the ice) 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 JUST AROUND THE CORNER

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:

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 a.m. and 10 a.m. from November 1st through March 31st."

Please keep snow on your property for roadway safety. Do not blow, plow, or shovel snow onto or across public roadways. This creates a safety hazard and is a violation of State Statutes and Town Ordinances (Sec. 86.022 Stats and Sec. 8.03 Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Code)

Please give plows room to maneuver. Place garbage and recycling containers at least two feet from the paved portion of the roadway. It is also important to stay at least 200 feet behind a snowplow. These vehicles make frequent backing maneuvers, primarily at intersections, and can't easily see behind them.

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.