

# Town of Rib Mountain – Where Nature, Family & Sport Come Together

# THE TOWN BEAT



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

## GENERAL TOWN INFORMATION

### Regular Meetings (Open to the Public)

#### Town Board

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
6:00PM

#### Planning Commission

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
6:30PM

#### Park Commission

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## UPDATE ON RURAL ADDRESSING

On Tuesday, June 5, the Town of Rib Mountain received news from the Wisconsin Court of Appeals that it reversed the lower Circuit Court's decision that Rib Mountain, as an unincorporated municipality, would be required to participate in Marathon County's uniform addressing ordinance. The Town had taken the position that Marathon County had exceeded its statutory authority by implementing a uniform addressing system, which only applied to rural roads. The Appellate Court agreed that the definition of “rural” within the Wisconsin State Statutes did not simply mean unincorporated. However, the Court of Appeals have left the definition of “rural” to

further consideration by the lower court. At the time of this article, the Town of Rib Mountain was in process of reviewing the court's decision and determining the next steps going forward. If you have any questions, please contact Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden at [grhoden@townofribmountain.org](mailto:grhoden@townofribmountain.org) or at 715.842.0983.



*Come Join Us!*

## ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE!

South Area Fire Department (SAFER), 5901 Hummingbird Rd

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Join us for food, games, and tours of the fire station along with appearances from Sparky and Freddy.



## KOCOUREK SHELTER ADDED TO THE 51/29 TRAIL

We want to thank Keith Kocourek and company for the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian shelter along the 51/29 trail. Similar to the Lions Club shelter, this shelter will not only provide shade for trail users, but also a Fix-it-Station. The bicycle Fix-it-Station was made possible through Marathon County and the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN

## CONSIDERING A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THIS SUMMER?



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](mailto:pkufahl@townofribmountain.org).

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT & ROTARY DONATIONS

The Town of Rib Mountain was recently awarded an Urban Forestry grant from the Department of Natural Resources for \$5,000. The grant is a 50% match for tree plantings in our parks and roadways. Generous donations from the Wausau Noon Rotary Club and Wausau Morning Club of \$195 and \$159 respectively, will support the Town's 50% match. It is Rotary International's pledge this year to plant a tree for every Rotarian. The Wausau Noon Rotary Club has agreed to sponsor the planting of trees along Lakeshore Drive near King's Campers. The Wausau Morning Club is a sponsor of the tree plantings along the USH 51/STH 29 corridor. Trees have also been planted along the CTH R/Hummingbird Road corridor.

## ROADSIDE DITCHES

In an effort to keep storm water flowing, the Town of Rib Mountain Public Works Department prohibits the placement of yard debris such as grass clippings, leaves, or brush along roadways. The debris clogs culverts and can reduce storm water flows. Plugged culverts can lead to flooding and roadside washouts. Please bring these materials to the Yard Waste Site.

## ROAD PROJECTS

Roadway projects planned for 2018 construction season include Goldenrod Rd from CTH KK to Clover Rd. Road improvements 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. Construction will begin in late June with completion in July.

## ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

In late June 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. Sealcoating and crack filling, replacement of drainage culverts, and ditch grading will also occur throughout the community.

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

## YARD WASTE SITE

Located at 6507 South Mountain Road.

**HOURS:** Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Dusk  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Yard Site will be CLOSED on July 4th.

The yard 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.

## CHANGES IN SCHEDULE FOR ADVANCED DISPOSAL

As a reminder, if a holiday falls during the week of pickup, the schedule for refuse/recycling will be moved back one day. For example, for Independence Day, the schedule will remain the same for Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3 pickup. However, Wednesday, July 4, pickup will be moved to Thursday and Thursday, July 5 pickup will be moved to Friday, July 6.

We encourage residents to either check our Facebook page or our website for the latest updates. This would include any unforeseen changes to the schedule by Advanced Disposal. You can also call the Municipal Center at 715-842-0983 or Advanced Disposal at 715-359-6637.



## 2ND INSTALLMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES

Second installments for property taxes are due by July 31st. Please take/mail payments to the Marathon County Treasurer. The Town cannot accept your payment. No notices will be sent.

Make your check payable to Marathon County Treasurer, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

## SANDY'S BARK PARK UPDATE & CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Rib Mountain's first ever dog park project is getting closer to breaking ground! The Town was scheduled to approve fencing options at the June 19th Town Board meeting. It is still anticipated that the park will open in early fall. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Since the last Town Beat, the Town was awarded a grant for \$12,500 from the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. The Town also received a generous donation from Cloverbelt Credit Union. Individual donations are also being accepted. 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>. Otherwise, please contact the Rib Mountain Municipal Center for further information at 715-842-0983.

Once the park opens, we are seeking volunteers to assist in maintaining the park. Friends of Sandy's Bark Park would be responsible for clean-up of the park area minimally once a month. The Town will provide the necessary supplies. We are looking for a Chair for the Friends group. If you are interested, please email Gaylene Rhoden at [grhoden@townofribmountain.org](mailto:grhoden@townofribmountain.org) or call 715-842-0983.



## Still Seeking

### APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

The Town of Rib Mountain continues seeking interested residents in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Currently, one vacant seat, 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](mailto:skunst@townofribmountain.org) or by mail at 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401.

### CHANGES TO TOWN BOARD

After serving the Town Board since 2009, Pete Kachel resigned from his position as Town Board Supervisor this past May due to residency change. We thank Peter for his years of service on the Town Board as well as his prior years of public service.

With the early resignation of Pete Kachel, the Town Board opted to appoint a new Board Supervisor to fulfill the remaining time of Supervisor Kachel's term, which is due to expire in April 2019. On June 19, the Town Board of Supervisors appointed Brad Conklin. Brad grew up in Rib Mountain and currently works for Regal Beloit Corporation. He serves on the Town of Rib Mountain's Park Commission and also was part of the Rib Mountain Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee.

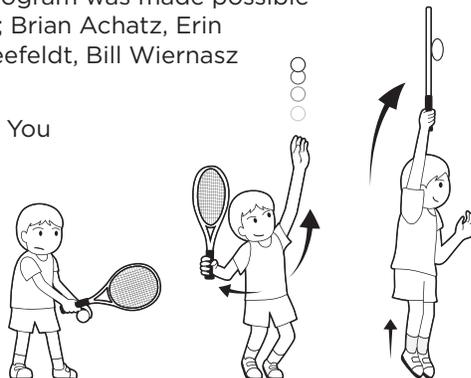
## MUNICIPAL CENTER CLOSED JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

The Rib Mountain Municipal Center and Yard Site  
will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

## TENNIS PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all those who participated in the tennis program this year. We had 70 participants from K through 5th grade. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) supplied racquets and prizes. This program was made possible through the volunteer work of Theresa Miles; Brian Achatz, Erin Achatz, Kathy King, Marie Martens, Jackie Seefeldt, Bill Wiernasz and Jonah Stieber.

We may need your help at next year's event. You don't need to be an expert or pro tennis player. If you are affiliated with Rib Mountain Elementary, this would be especially useful. If you are interested, please contact Gaylene Rhoden, [grhoden@townofribmountain.org](mailto:grhoden@townofribmountain.org) or call the Municipal Center at 715-842-0983.





## **2017 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

### **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

The Rib Mountain Sanitary District is pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you of the quality water and services we deliver every day. **Once again, your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements.** Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. By testing for over 250 parameters every year, we are committed to ensuring the quality of your drinking water.

### **Health Information**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemo-therapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

### **Additional Health Information**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Rib mountain Sanitary District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

### **Quality Monitoring**

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or are man-made. These constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. The Rib Mountain Sanitary District routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables on pages 2 and 3 show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

The Rib Mountain Sanitary District also monitors for unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

## Our Water Source

Our water is pumped from four wells located along the west bank of the Wisconsin River. Each well is approximately 90 feet deep and produces about 500 gallons per minute. The water is treated with a specialized system to remove some of the iron and manganese. Fluoride is added to help promote healthy teeth and chlorine is added to kill bacteria. The pH is also adjusted to make the water non-corrosive, so it does not damage your water pipes.

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Mike Heyroth at (715) 359-6177.

**\*Note: In all cases, our drinking water is below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**

## Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date. There was no presence of other contaminants.

### Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	B1	60	60	3	3		NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	B1	80	0	13.5	13.5		NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination

### Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Action level	MCLG	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.590	0 of 20 results were above the action level.		NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	6.10	0 of 20 results were above the action level.		NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

### Inorganic Contaminants continued

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ANTIMONY TOTAL (ppb)	6	6	.02	0.0-0.2		NO	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	.130	.032-130		NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM (ppb)	100	100	9	0-9		NO	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	.4	0.2-0.4		NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)	100		10.0000	1.900-10.000		NO	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)	10	10	1.7	.95 – 1.70		NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	170.00	51.00-170.00		NO	n/a

### Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)	5	0	1.9	1.3-1.9	4-30-2014	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

### Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

#### Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

## Definition of Terms

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### Any Questions?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mike Heyroth, Director at (715) 359-6177. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regular monthly meetings. They are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the district administration office, 5703 Lilac Avenue.



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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

### NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN TEAM

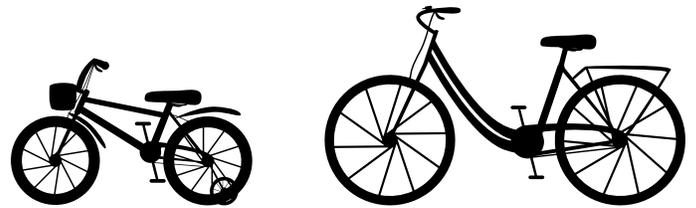
We are excited to welcome Polly Lentz and Nicole Dunbar to the Town of Rib Mountain staff.

Polly Lentz started this past March as the new Office Assistant. Polly had previously worked for River Valley Bank as a Teller and Receptionist. She is a graduate of Northcentral Technical College and of Wausau West High.

Polly will probably be the first person you see or talk to in the afternoons. She will be assisting with general office duties as well as working on various department projects. If you need assistance, Polly will be able help, including checking to see if the Doepke Shelter rental is available.

Nicole Dunbar also started in March as the new Finance Director. She grew up 45 minutes west of Wausau and is familiar with the central Wisconsin area. As a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Superior, Nicole has her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and is also a Certified Public Accountant. She has almost six years of experience as both a private and public-sector accountant, having worked with various entities, and another two years in banking.

Nicole will be working closely with the Town Administrator on the annual preparation and administration of the general fund budget, debt service schedule, and five-year capital improvement plan. In addition, she manages Town investments and debt, and provides oversight on payroll and human resources management.



### RIB MOUNTAIN BIKE RODEO - JULY 19

Once again, the Rib Mountain Bike Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the Summer Recreation program. However, you do not need to be registered for the Summer Recreation program to participate.

There will be two sessions with the morning session starting at 10:00 am and going to 11:30 am at Rib Mountain Elementary. The afternoon session will be a repeat of the morning and is from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at South Mountain Elementary.

The Rodeo will offer bicycle inspections and the opportunity for children to visit several stations to test their bicycle safety skills. Also, does your helmet fit properly? Come find out.

This event is put on through the volunteer efforts of the Rib Mountain Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee. Other participants include Rib Mountain Cycles and Aspirus Safe Kids Coalition.

