



Town of Sioux Creek

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Please visit our website www.townofsioux creek.com, where you will find useful information, including Town ordinances. Use these ordinances as a reference. As Sioux Creek residents, we must all adhere to their requirements.

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IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING TAX SEASON....

If your taxes are escrowed and your lender is making your real estate tax payment for you, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY HAVE OUR CORRECT ADDRESS. Last year we had multiple payments sent to the old town hall address and previous town treasurer's homes! It is not their responsibility to forward these payments to the town.

Tax payments should be mailed to: 2077 3 ½ Ave, Chetek, WI 54728 (for payments made on or before January 31st)

PROPERTY TAXES: Barron County prints all tax bills and also mails them out in December. They will be mailed to the name and address on record at the County. Please contact the Barron County Real Property Lister-Samantha Sommerfeld (715-537-6313) if changes need to be made to the mailing address or if there is a name change. Tax bills can also be viewed and printed from the Barron County website: <http://www.co.barron.wi.us/GCSWebPortal/Search.aspx>.

2020 ELECTION SCHEDULE:

- **Spring Primary Election – Tuesday, February 18, 2020**
- **Spring General Election – Tuesday, April 7, 2020**
- **Partisan Primary Election- Tuesday, August 11, 2020**
- **Fall General Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Applications need to be filled out and photo ID provided in order to receive an absentee ballot. You can request an application from the Clerk or fill out the application online at myvote.wi.gov. You can make the request well ahead of time and designate to receive absentee ballots for all elections throughout the year or for one particular election. Absentee voting at the municipal building typically begins two weeks prior to each election.

SNOW PLOWING: This service is available only to the Town of Sioux Creek residents and landowners. If you would like to set up a new contract with the Town for snow plowing your driveway, please contact Brian at (715) 764-0090. A contract is already included with this newsletter if we plowed your driveway last year. Requests should be made by October 21, 2019, with signed contracts due no later than November 11th. Feel free to use the drop box if you wish to make payments in person after office hours, located in the front entry of the municipal building. Sand is available for residents at the Town Shop. Please be advised that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways across town roads according to WI § Sec. 346.94(5).

DOG LICENSING: A **dog license application** will be enclosed with your property tax statement in December. WI Statutes require dogs 5 months and older to be licensed and vaccinated by a veterinarian against rabies. Please submit a separate check or cash; fees are \$5.00 per neutered/spayed dog and \$10.00 per intact dog. All pet owners must comply with the laws regarding licensing, vaccinations and leashing of pets. In order to issue a license, please include a copy of the certificate of rabies vaccination with date and tag number. Additional information is available on our website or from the Clerk's office. **LATE FEES:** A late fee of \$5.00 per dog will be collected from every owner of a dog 5 months of age or over, if the owner fails to obtain a license prior to April 1st of each year (WI § Sec. 174.05(5)).

To **report lost/stray animals** or animal abuse, call the Barron County Animal Control Enforcement officer at 715-537-3106.

Prior to **starting a sizable fire**, please inform the Barron County Sheriff's Department at 715-537-3106 (non-emergency). Burning permits are NOT required in Sioux Creek; however, because of public concern it is advisable to contact the fire chief for your district and the non-emergency Sheriff's Department number prior to starting a fire. If you start a fire, you are responsible for the fire. If it gets out of control and fire vehicles are dispatched, you will be charged. Fire district maps are available at the municipal building or on the home page of the Town website.

Town Website & Meeting Notices www.townofsiouxcreek.com Our goal is to provide our Town residents and visitors an easy way to access information. The user-friendly content is well-organized so you can easily navigate the site to find the information you're looking for. Meeting minutes will be available on the website after they are approved by the board. The Town Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm. The Town Plan Commission meets as needed on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. Meeting and election notices are posted in the front entry of the municipal building, on the town website and published in The Chetek Alert.

Swing Mailboxes

The Postal Service suggests using an extended arm-type support which allows snowplows to sweep under mailboxes without damaging supports. Mailboxes should be installed at a height of at least 41" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox. Lamperts in Chetek carries the Swingaway arm shown in the photo below. We **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** the Swingaway as it helps protect your investment from snow plow damage!



LAND SUBDIVISIONS: If you are planning to **subdivide** your land, please contact the Town Plan Commission Chair, Peter DeJardin at 715-205-1192 or peterd@chibardun.net. Peter is familiar with our Town Ordinances and can assist you with the necessary paperwork or forms and answer any questions, therefore avoiding delays in your land division. All land divisions in Sioux Creek must begin with the Town; the Town's Land Division Ordinance requirements may differ from those of Barron County. Once again, all Town ordinances are available on the town website www.townofsiouxcreek.com.

PERMITS: A **land use/building permit** is required for a new residence or addition. A **driveway permit** is required for any new driveway, residence, field, etc; also for any existing driveway or field road serving land without improvements and proposed to be converted to a driveway to serve structures. Forms are available on the website or from the Clerk's office.

The **ditches** need to be kept clear of junk and other obstructions. The right-of-way is 33 feet from the center line of the road or 15 feet from the edge of the road. It is also necessary to keep animals and irrigation pivots out of the right-of-way and for no crops to be planted in the right-of-way. All signs, such as "garage sale", etc., must be removed after one week.

FIRE # SIGNS: For new or replacement fire # signs, please contact the Barron County Zoning office at 715-537-6375. A Barron County Rural Address Application must be filled out, which is available at the Clerk's office, on the Barron County website and at the Barron County zoning office. The county will order your sign. It will get shipped to the Town and Brian will put it up for you. All new residential driveways or new driveways with any type of building, shed, garage, etc, must have a fire number.

HALL RENTAL: The hall is available for rent. Half day (4 hours or less): \$40.00 Full day: \$75.00 A \$50.00 refundable deposit is required with all rentals for incidentals or excessive clean-up. All pertinent information, rules and forms are available on our website or from the Clerk's office.