



Town of Prairie du Sac Newsletter

Welcome to the 2011 edition of the Town newsletter. This newsletter is published by the Town Board to keep town residents current on issues and events affecting the Town.

The Town Hall is available for rent to all Town residents. The cost is \$75 plus a deposit fee of \$25. Call the Town Clerk, Dick Nolden, at 544-2406 to arrange for the hall rental.

Snow Plowing

When plowing your driveways please do not plow snow across roads or into the roads or cul-de-sacs.

Fire Number Signs

Sauk County would like to remind everyone that they are responsible for the maintenance, replacement and placement of your fire number signs. Please make sure those are visible at all times.

2011 Property Tax Bills

Tax bills will be mailed directly from the county again this year. When mailing your payment just remove the appropriate stub and mail with your check. If you received an escrow check from your Mortgage Company please make sure it is endorsed properly. If your mortgage company issues a check for more than the tax you owe ask the mortgage company to reissue the check. Remember to mail timely as the postmarked dates are used for payments. Postdated checks will not be honored. Tax payments made in December and by January 31, 2012 must be made out to and mailed to the Town of Prairie du Sac Treasurer. If you pay the second half in July, that payment is made out to and mailed to the Sauk County Treasurer. Addresses are on your tax bills.

Dog License Registration

You must provide a copy of your Dog's vaccination record when requesting a Dog license. Fee this year is \$15 for all dogs. Registration form is enclosed or available on the Town's web site. www.townofprairiedusac.org

Outdoor Wood Heaters

Because of the concern expressed by some town residents and the problems that have occurred in other communities, the Town has adopted an Ordinance to regulate the placement of these outdoor heaters. Regulations include chimney height (minimum 12 feet), proximity to neighboring buildings (300 feet), and material burned in the heaters. They can only be installed in areas zoned Residential or General Agriculture if a lot is a minimum of 4 acres in size. The wood heaters require a \$25 permit for installation. Before installing a wood heater, please contact the Town Clerk, Dick Nolden at 544-2406 for a permit and more details on installation guidelines.

Road Improvements

Road repair this year focused on seal coating portions of Old Bluff Trail Road. Next year, the 5 Year Road Program calls for reconstructing either Von Wald Road or Exchange Road and seal coating Rahl Road.

The town did replace its 17 year old snow plow this year and purchased a new truck with a snow plow and salting box.

Land Use Planning

In 2009 the two villages and the town agreed on a Boundary Agreement Memorandum that focuses on determining the long term role of the airport, establishes the future boundary extension between the two villages, reaffirms the area's longstanding control on growth in the peripheral areas of the community, and encourages the continuation of consolidation of municipal services.

Over the two years, the two villages and the town have been meeting with Sauk Prairie Hospital in regard to determining a location for a new hospital. The new location for the hospital has been selected by the hospital and is just west of the Village of Prairie du Sac between CTH PF and Sauk Prairie Road and east of USH 12. The hospital management is currently finalizing the design and it is anticipated that it will be requesting a rezoning and construction approval for the first phase early in 2012.

The town's planning commission has been working with the Village of Prairie du Sac on a new zoning and subdivision

ordinance that updates the current Extraterritorial Zoning (ET) area. Public Hearings on the new ordinance are scheduled for early 2012 with adoption to follow.

Land Divisions

If you have questions on land divisions or new driveway access in the town or have any questions regarding the need to obtain approval or a permit, you can contact the Town Clerk, Dick Nolden, at 544-2406 or go to the town website at www.townofprairiedusac.org. The Town is in the process of updating its Applications Guide. This document is available from the Town Clerk and web site, which may help answer your questions. If you have a question regarding the need for a building permit, you may call Joe Costanza, the building inspector, at 643-5329.

Planning Commission

The Town Planning Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Town Hall. There are five citizens appointed by the Town Chairman on the committee. Members include Dennis Porter (Chairman), Janine Godfriaux-Leystra, Cheryl Schneller, Dave Lundgren, and Judy Schroeder. Committee members serve for a period of one to two years. If you are interested in serving on the plan committee, please contact the Town Chairman, Ron Lins.

Web Page

The town does have a web page. It is located at www.townofprairiedusac.org. The web page includes information on town meeting agendas and minutes. This web site is also a good resource for information on town ordinances, permit requirements and contacts.

Recycling

Residential pick up of recyclables is made twice a month on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

All recyclables should be placed at the end of the driveway in a clear plastic bag. Recyclables are to be mixed in the same bag (they do not need to be separated) and may include glass, plastic, tin and aluminum as follows:

- Plastic- no. 1 thru 7, rinsed, caps off
- Glass- rinsed, caps off
- Aluminum/tin-rinsed
- Newspapers-bundled and securely tied
- Cardboard- flattened and securely tied in bundles
- Magazines

This service is available to all town residents and includes recyclables only. This service has been contracted to Tim's Trucking; any questions call 544-2413. It does not include regular garbage pickup (this must be contracted privately) nor does it include non-recyclables (lead batteries, tires, yard waste, major appliances or motor oil).

Fire Works Displays

Residents are reminded that the town does require that anyone using fireworks in the township obtain a permit. If you are planning a display, please call the town clerk to obtain the proper permit, which also needs to be signed by the town chairperson. You will also need proof of insurance liability coverage.

2012 Town Budget

At its November board meeting and public hearing, the Town Board adopted its budget for the 2012 calendar year in the amount of \$344,167. This is an increase of \$4,600 from the 2011 budget. This year the town's portion of the budget covered by property taxes will increase from \$160,000 in 2011 to \$162,260 in 2012. This increase is due to the reduction in intergovernmental income and other reductions in revenue. The town's mill rate (tax per \$1,000 of assessed value) will increase from \$1.14 in 2011 to \$1.16 for 2012.

Major budgeted expenses for 2012 include roadway maintenance and repair (\$124,100), fire protection (\$35,100), and collection of recyclables (\$15,140). The town is again participating in the joint recreation program this year and has budgeted \$3,600 for this program.

Election Workers Needed

The town is in need of one or two additional election workers for the upcoming elections in 2012. This is a paid position and does require a short training session. If interested please contact the Town Clerk, Dick Nolden at 544-2406.

Current Town Officers

Ron Lins - Town Chairman
John Lichtenheld - First Supervisor
Tom Schneller - Second Supervisor
Tom Murphy - Third Supervisor
Dave Lundgren - Fourth Supervisor
Richard Nolden - Town Clerk
Richard Meier - Town Treasurer

The Town Hall does have a telephone answering machine. You can leave a message at 643-3656.