

## 2016 TOWN OF RIVERVIEW NEWSLETTER

**New This Year:** We have a new Clerk as Arnie Bubolz retired in August. We miss Arnie but we welcome Kris Barthel to our team. **Note:** The Clerk's **new hours are:** Tuesday 12:30pm-3:30pm; Wednesday 9:30am-3:30pm; and Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm. We also have a new Treasurer, as Darcy Smith was offered a position as Finance Director for Oneida County and has resigned. Darcy, too, will be missed, but we look forward to working with Debbie Niesen, starting December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Dog Park:** Crooked Lake is now able to dispose of their brush (under 6") and leaves/pine needles at their recycling center one day per month, the second Saturday of the month, May 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 2 pm. This service is 50% financially supported by the DNR. Free composted materials will be available this spring for use in gardens, flower beds, etc. Presently, ground bark is available at the Town of Riverview brush site, located behind the Town Hall for free if needed around bushes or trees. The Dog Park is officially open but there will be a grand opening in the spring. The rules are posted and there is a picnic table and chairs for the owners' comfort as the dogs romp around. The setting is serene. Users have expressed their appreciation for this experience. Our most joyful visitor, a Milwaukee resident being a 10 year old Shepard/hound mix, was off his leash for the first time in his life. New smells along with the feel of freedom made him one happy dog. Thanks to Geri Hammer-Bosanec and friends for their fund-raising efforts and for their dedication to make this project a reality, with **no cost** to the taxpayers. Thank-you to the Town for the use of the land, a steep hilly area, unusable for the general public.

**Website:** Check out our new website at [www.townofriverview.com](http://www.townofriverview.com) developed under the umbrella of the Oconto County site with the cooperation of their staff and the oversight of Darcy Smith. Some new changes include a link to view your current tax bill and tax bill history along with any outstanding amounts due. This link is maintained by Oconto County and is updated weekly at a minimum. We will also have the monthly meeting agendas posted on this website. We also have the events page updated for 2017 events. If you would like an event added, please contact Kris at (715) 276-6914.

**Help Needed:** The Town Board is looking to purchase 5 or more acres in the Crooked Lake area. If you have property to sell and want to help your community, please contact us. We are out-growing our Crooked Lake Recycle Center and we would like to expand our leaf and brush collection area. As it is now, large parcels of land are hard to find in this area. We want to continue providing as many services as possible to this end of Town preventing the need to move toward one centralized area for recycling, brush collection and other potential services. If you can help us, please contact Jim at 276-6196.

**Tax Collection:** 2016 tax bills should be mailed the second week in December. You will receive a separate mailer for each parcel you own. All parcels (including dog license fees) can be paid with one check. You do not need to write a check for each parcel. The first installment is due January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, and should be mailed to the Town of Riverview, P.O. Box 220, Mountain, 54149. If you would like a receipt, you **MUST** enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. No receipts will be mailed without one. The 2<sup>nd</sup> installment is due by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, and should be mailed to the Oconto County Treasurer. All payments, whether 1<sup>st</sup> installment or payments in full, paid prior to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, should be sent to the

Riverview Treasurer. Any payments made after that date should be sent to the Oconto County Treasurer. Hours for in-person collection are on Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Tax collection will also be held at the Crooked Lake Community Center on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9:00am-11:00am. Payments made by check should be made payable to the Riverview Treasurer. **NOTE:** Beginning in February, 2017, the **new hours** for the Treasurer will be the first Thursday of every month, 9:00am-12:00pm (starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017).

**Lottery Credits:** A homeowner's primary residence is eligible for a lottery credit. The home must have been your primary residence as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible for the lottery credit. Verify that you are receiving the lottery credit on your primary residence. If you are not, request a lottery credit form from the Treasurer or it is also available on the Town of Riverview website in the forms section. If you are receiving the lottery credit and the home isn't your primary residence, let the Treasurer know to remove the lottery credit. The homeowner is responsible to obtain the lottery credit.

**Dog Owners:** Dog owners, who keep a dog more than 5 months of age as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, or 5 months of age within a license year, are required under Wisconsin State Statue Chapter 174 to obtain a dog license. The license fee is \$3.00 Neutered Males and Spayed Females; \$8.00 for Males and Females; and 35.00 for a Multiple Dog License for 4 dogs or more (\$3.00 for each additional dog over 12). To obtain a license, complete a registration form and send with the required fee as stated above to the Riverview Treasurer and a tag and license will be returned to you. The registration form is available on the website or from the Treasurer at the Town Hall.

**Town Officials:** Your Town Board is here to serve you and our community. We are available to speak on Town issues for your group meetings if requested. Town Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and minutes of every board meeting are posted on our website. The annual meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April and the budget hearing is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November. We encourage you to attend the meetings to keep informed.

Town of Riverview Officials and their phone #s are:

Ann Hogan, Chairperson	850-1473	Driveway Permits Nels Jensen	276-6444
Dick Booth, Supervisor	850-0293	Building Inspector, Duff Leaver	882-2080
Mike Rzepka, Supervisor	850-1422	Keith Laluzerne, Humane Officer	850-2299/1141
Debbie Niesen, Treasurer	276-9478	<u>Deputy Zoning Administrators:</u>	
Kris Barthel, Clerk	276-6914	Pete Renteria	276-7661
		Bill Bartz	276-6640

If you have questions on the assessed value of your property, contact Val Baker at 276-6051 or at [www.assessordata.org](http://www.assessordata.org).

**Recycling Center Hours:** You are required to display your recycling permit at both recycling centers. If you do not have one, contact the Town Clerk during scheduled office hours. Compost units are available for \$40 each site.

Summer Hours

Sat., Sun. and Wed. 1:00—5:00 pm

Summer hours begin Memorial Day weekend and end after Labor Day weekend. Furniture will only be accepted during the summer-scheduled hours.

Winter Hours

Sat., Sun. and Wed. 1:00pm-4:00pm

**Brush Site Hours:** May 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>, every Saturday 11:00am-3:00p.m. behind the Town of Riverview Community Center and Fire Department site off of Hwy 32. The Crooked Lake Recycling

center accepts brush under 6" and leaves the second Saturday of each month, May 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm.

**Events:** For the 2017 list of events, please go to our website at [www.townofriverview.com](http://www.townofriverview.com). Check out the picture, too, taken by Mike Rzepka when Santa was delivered to the Tree Lighting Ceremony in 2015.

Happy Holidays to All of You and a Prosperous 2017!

The Riverview Town Board