

# PRAIRIE LAKE NEWS ABOUT TAXES & OTHER STUFF

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## TOWN OFFICERS ARE:

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*Janice Rustong, Supervisor 715-764-0854*

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*Liza Schroeder, Treasurer 715-491-0984*

## REAL ESTATE TAXES

1. Make check payable to the **Town of Prairie Lake**. Send to **Liza Schroeder, Treasurer, 796 21<sup>st</sup> St., Chetek, WI 54728-9723**. Payment in full or the 1<sup>st</sup> installment is due by **January 31, 2019**
2. Any General Real Estate Tax of \$99.99 or less on any one parcel is due in full by January 31, 2019.
3. If paying by installment the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment is due **July 31, 2019**, to the **Barron County Treasurer, 335 E Monroe Ave., Room 2412, Barron, WI. 54812**, phone 715-537-6280.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1. Pay to the Town of Prairie Lake on a **SEPARATE CHECK**.
2. Personal Property Taxes are due in full by **JANUARY 31, 2019**.

## GENERAL TAX INFORMATION

1. **Mailed-in payments only**. Receipts will be sent.
2. Do not pay by cash. **Checks or money orders only**. (There is no option for credit card payments.)
3. Send **payment stub** from your tax statement with your payment.

**Other questions about taxes:** call 715-491-0984 or email [prlaketreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:prlaketreasurer@gmail.com)

## DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

1. License fees are: **\$12** for each unspayed or unneutered dog listed & **\$6** for each spayed or neutered dog. Make check payable to: **Town of Prairie Lake** and

- send to Treasurer at address as noted.
2. Pay your dog fees with a **separate check**. **Send your current rabies vaccination certificate and include a current phone number**. The certificate will be returned with your tags and receipt. Notify the Treasurer if your dog has died or if you no longer own your dog.
3. After **April 1** a **\$5.00** late fee will be charged for each dog, and if not paid within the 10-day grace period the matter will be referred to the Barron County Animal Control Officer. Persons with unlicensed dogs are subject to a minimum Barron County fine of \$169.
4. To report **animal issues** such as a lost dog, stray dogs or cats, any animal abuse - call the Barron Co Animal Control Enforcement Officer at **715-537-3106**.
5. **LANDLORDS**---Please notify your tenants of the dog license requirements.

## FIRST RESPONDER COURSES

WITC & Emergency Responders of Barron Co. are hosting 2 - 80 hour classes. They both begin on Mon., January 21, 2019 and end March 11. One is held at WITC, 1900 College Dr., Rice Lake; the other at the Almena Fire Dept., 201 Soo Ave. W, Almena. The cost of the course is \$267 plus \$160 for books. To register visit [www.witc.edu](http://www.witc.edu) (click "find a class", 25486 for the WITC class or 25487 for Almena FD; then "register"). For more information call 715-234-7082 ext. 3112. There are no prerequisites to become a first responder. The Chetek Ambulance/Fire Dept. is seeking individuals who would like to volunteer as Medical First Responders and/or EMTs. If interested in becoming a Medical Responder in the Chetek area please call 715-764-5788.

## WEBSITE

Our Website [www.townofprairielake.com](http://www.townofprairielake.com) lists current information about the Town - notices, calendar of events, meeting agendas and minutes, financial reports, various permits, dog licensing, election information, officers, cemeteries, etc. Our email address is [prlake@chibardun.net](mailto:prlake@chibardun.net)

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## **BUILDING PERMITS**

A building permit is required for any new structure over 100 square feet and for some remodeling projects. New or replacement decks nearly always require a permit as does any project that changes the footprint or roofline of an existing building. Permits are \$20 and even though a permit is required for most sheds and detached garages there is usually no fee for those types of buildings. Specific information can be obtained from the office by calling 715/924-2580 or emailing [prlake@chibardun.net](mailto:prlake@chibardun.net).

## **BURNING PERMITS**

The town falls into 2 areas for burning regulations. The area east of "SS" is under DNR regulations and the area west of "SS" is subject to the Town of Prairie Lake *Open Burning, Outside Burning, and Refuse Burning Ordinance*. (See website for full text.) Any burning done in the DNR area must be permitted by a fire warden authorized to issue permits. In the area under the town regulations, permits may be obtained at no cost at the town office. No permit is required while there is snow cover.

## **DRIVEWAY PERMITS**

Any new driveway requires a permit. See copy of the Driveway Ordinance on the website (Government > Ordinances > 2001-3). The charge for a permit is \$25. Call 715-642-0190 to obtain a permit, or for more information.

## **FIREWORKS PERMITS**

Permits for fireworks displays may be obtained, at no charge, from the Chairman or at the town office at 796 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

## **RECYCLING**

A Barron County recycling bin for aluminum, glass and plastic is located on the town grounds at 796 21<sup>st</sup> Street. There is no accommodation for paper at this site but there is a bin for paper and cardboard located in the City of Chetek near the waste water treatment plant (by the dam). Some of the waste haulers that serve the town offer curbside recycling, which includes paper, at a minimal cost. There is no accommodation for yard waste, brush or white goods/electronics. You

must make other arrangements for disposal of these items.

## **ELECTIONS**

There will be an election on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2019; perhaps also a primary on February 19. Wisconsin requires that you have a photo ID in order to vote. The state website for elections at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) has information on all aspects of voting and you can even register online now or call the town clerk at 715-924-2580 or email [prlake@chibardun.net](mailto:prlake@chibardun.net) for more information.

## **HOUSE/FIRE # SIGNS**

New signs are available, larger and with the new formatting, at a cost of \$50 which includes installation by the Town of Prairie Lake. For more information call the Town of Prairie Lake office at 715/924-2580

## **ROAD BANS**

Always in early spring weight restrictions will be placed upon the town's roads - no load over 6 tons per single axle or 10 tons per tandem axle will be allowed to travel over the town roadways. The date when these restrictions go into effect is dependent on weather conditions. The bans can go on any time from early February to mid-March and are usually in place for 4 to 8 weeks.

## **WINTER REMINDERS**

- Please note that snowblowing or plowing snow across roadways causes problems for road users if it is not completely cleared from the driving area (leaving any debris, which includes snow, on the roadway is subject to a fine under §346.94(5)(7) Wis. Stats.) **and** it is also hazardous to the plow trucks.
- If it is likely that your road will be plowed within a few hours don't set your garbage containers on the road. Once the containers are emptied get them away from the road.
- If the plow truck/grader actually hits a mailbox that is placed according to post office standards, the Town of Prairie Lake will replace it. However, should snow rolling off the plow hit a mailbox that is not secured properly or is attached to an unstable post and knocks it over the town is usually not liable for damage.