

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF ROCK CREEK**

The Dunn County will collect personal property and real estate taxes for the 2023 tax year. **THE DUNN COUNTY TREASURER OFFICES ARE OPEN MON-FRI (8:00-4:30), HOWEVER PAYMENTS BY MAIL OR DROPBOX ARE ENCOURAGED.** Please make checks payable to Dunn County Treasurer. First installment of real estate tax is due January 31, 2024. Second installment of real estate tax is due July 31, 2024. All personal property taxes are due in full by January 31, 2024. Other options are available if needed. Call 715-232-3789 for details. Please send the Dunn County Treasurer a check for **ONLY PERSONAL and PROPERTY TAXES** and **do not include** money for Dogs or Solid Waste. Mail all taxes to the address below:

Sifia Jevne, Dunn County Treasurer  
3001 US Hwy 12 E  
Suite #102A  
Menomonie, WI 54751

NOTE: Escrow Tax Payers. Solid Waste payment and Dogs are not collected and need to be paid to the Rock Creek Town Treasurer. See **PAYMENTS FOR DOGS AND SOLID WASTE.**

***PAYMENTS FOR DOGS AND SOLID WASTE***

When paying the Town of Rock Creek for Dog licenses and solid waste, please indicate how much is for dogs (if multiple dogs indicate if fixed or not) and how much is for Solid Waste. Please include your **tax parcel ID** with payment. All checks for Dog licenses and Solid Waste should be made payable to "Town of Rock Creek" and mailed to:

Morganne Bowe, Treasurer  
N995 County Road H  
Mondovi, WI 54755

If you have any questions, email Morganne Bowe at [morgannebowe@gmail.com](mailto:morgannebowe@gmail.com) or call/text 715-214-5791.

***DOG LICENSES***

If you own a dog(s) you are required by **STATE LAW** to have it vaccinated for rabies and be licensed. Yearly license fees are \$3 for each neutered or spayed dog and \$8 for each unaltered dog. Please **send proof of vaccination and payment** by April 1, 2024 to avoid late payment penalties of \$5 per license. Rental property owners should provide this information to their tenants. State statutes mandate dog owners to be in control of their pets at all time. Stray dogs will be impounded.

***SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PERMITS***

The Town of Rock Creek has been operating as its own Responsible Unit with regards to solid waste and recycling for almost three years. As in prior years, all households within the township equally share this cost. The annual fee will be **\$135** per residence again this year. This fee must be paid even if you do not use the transfer (dump) and recycling station; however, we hope you use the services provided. The solid waste fee must be paid, by **January 31, 2024**, to avoid having the fee, along with interest, added to your next year's tax bill. Please note that solid waste is not included in your escrow payment.

The Rock Creek transfer station will be open 2 days per week in 2024: **Wednesday 1-5 pm and Saturday 7:30-Noon.** Use of the transfer station requires you to display the solid waste sticker included with this letter.

***Items Included with Annual Fee***

**Household trash** is included in the annual fee. The **5, 30-gallon bag limit per week** will be continued. Since most households produce around 1 bag per week, this rule should not be too intrusive. However, you will need to plan accordingly. This

rule is due to the incredible stench created by bringing trash that has been sitting around for an extended period. Please do not include deer carcasses in your trash.

**Recycling items** are also free. This includes aluminum, steel, glass, #1 plastic, #2 plastic, and #5 plastic containers. Additionally, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, and plastic merchandise bags will be collected. Except for plastic bags, all the previously mentioned recycling items will be co-mingled. Please make sure recyclable items have been emptied and are reasonably clean.

**Other items included in the yearly fee:** Batteries, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, furnaces, water heaters, microwaves, miscellaneous scrap metal, sharps placed in proper containers, used motor oil and antifreeze, and oil filters. For scrap metal, we use the 60% rule. If something contains 60% or more metal, it goes in the scrap metal bin and is free of charge.

#### ***Items Not Included with Yearly Fee***

We will also be accepting construction and demolition, miscellaneous rigid plastic, tires, hot appliances (containing freon), TVs, furniture, mattresses, and fluorescent bulbs for an additional fee. The fees for these items can be found on the Town website and at the transfer station. The fees charged reflect the costs the transfer station incurs to dispose of these items.

#### ***Annual Report Filed with DNR***

In April of this year, an Annual Report was filed with the DNR. For the year, we recycled 36.8 tons

of aluminum, paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, and steel. This converts to 73.4 pounds per person. Both metrics are up from the previous year. Great work! However, we were still a little below the DNR goal of 82.40. Most residents are doing a great job recycling, but there is room for improvement. Let's all try a little harder to achieve the DNR goal in 2024.

In addition to the State mandated items listed above, we also collected 4,894 pounds of electronics, refrigerators, light bulbs, and batteries.

THANK YOU for your efforts in 2023!!

#### ***New and Familiar Faces***

Mark Stevens and Jon Sylte will be working most shifts. However, you may have noticed two new faces at the dump. Jeff Wagner and Bob Strand will be filling in for Mark and Jon as needed.

#### ***TAX LIST***

Tax information can be found through the Dunn County GIS. The link and instructions are available on the towns' web page.

#### ***ROCK CREEK TOWN HALL RENTAL***

Rental agreement and pricing are available on the towns' website. For availability/questions, contact the town clerk, Kelly Boardman at 715-563-3478.

#### ***ROCK FALLS ROCKETS 4-H CLUB***

Rock Falls Rockets 4-H Club 4-H is not only for kids doing animal projects. If you enjoy something, it can be made into a 4-H project. Kids can join from Kindergarten until age 19. Come and check us out. We usually meet the 1st Sunday of the month at the Rock Falls Town Hall at 6 pm. Call Missy at 715-495-3326, Paula at 715-579-5723, or Theresa at 715-495-5813 for more information.

**ROCK CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department hopes everyone has had a safe and healthy year. We would like to remind you that burning permits are completed by Dunn County Dispatch. You can reach them at 715-232-1348 or fill out the form on the website at

<https://www.menomonee-wi.gov/245/Rural-Burning-Regulations-Permits>. Please remember

that it is your responsibility to know and understand our burning ordinance. This can be viewed at the town's website or is posted on the board at the town hall.

If you are in need of emergency services please dial 911. If you are requesting emergency services at night, please note that it helps if you turn on as many lights as possible to help the responders identify your house. It is also important to make sure that your fire number is easily visible.

We would like to thank everybody for supporting the department at our pancake breakfast. With the proceeds we were able to purchase a ventilation fan that is dual powered with both electricity and battery. We are planning on having another pancake breakfast this coming year. Please watch for announcements.

Finally, we are in need of more Firefighters especially during the daytime. If you are interested please call the Fire Chief at (715) 828-0297. All training and expenses are paid by the town and state.

We wish you a safe year ahead!

**ELECTION WORKERS**

The Town of Rock Creek would like to thank the Election workers for all of their hard work and dedication. We appreciate you! If you would be interested in becoming an election worker please reach out to the Town Clerk or any of the Town Board Members for more details.

**POP UP FOOD PANTRY**

Stepping Stones mobile food pantry is available at the Rock Falls Town Hall. Prepackaged boxes are handed out on the first Tuesday of the month from 1:00 PM till 2:00PM. View the town's webpage for more details.

**PARK COMMISSION NOTES**

In fall of 2021, the Park Committee embarked with a group of individuals to create a vision of a Pickleball court here in Rock Falls. After much discussion and debate, the idea of a Pickleball court became a reality in the spring of 2022. Fundraising began with grants being submitted and donations being accepted. We were thrilled when we reached our fundraising goal so the park broke ground in the spring of this year. The Pickleball court is fully operational with a recent addition of a 6' fence around the court perimeter. This Pickleball court will undoubtedly become a focal point for friendly matches, social gatherings, and a hub for active lifestyles. It's a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared vision.

This year's July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities was undoubtedly challenging with the rain and tornado warning in the late evening. However, it was truly successful with a great turnout for the parade, kid's activities, grilled chicken dinner, and fireworks. Once again we would to thank all the volunteers including businesses & individuals who donated towards the fireworks.

The park shelter can be reserved for birthday parties, family reunions, or other special events between the months of April and early October. Please contact Missy Hazen at 715.495-3326 for availability.

The agendas and minutes are posted at the town hall and at [www.townofrockcreek.org](http://www.townofrockcreek.org) website. Follow us on Facebook at Rock Falls Offutt

**PARK COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Roy Splinter 608-213-5241  
Missy Hazen 715-495-3326  
Scott Lawton 715-520-0751  
Kirsten Francis 715-514-7771  
Jesse Weiss 715-279-2525  
Derrick Bauer 715-279-6061  
LaMoine Dohms 715-832-7018



@Rock Falls Offutt Park

**WATER TESTING**

Dunn County provided free water testing to anyone with a private well. If you have had your water tested through a state certified lab you may send your results to Dunn County zoning office so they can add the data to what has been collected. This will give us an idea of what our township looks like for water quality.

**ZONING**

The Town of Rock Creek has been asked to consider adopting the Dunn County Zoning Ordinance. The town has held a meeting with Dunn County Zoning staff. The town will hold another meeting for the citizens to come and ask the Dunn County Zoning Staff any questions they may have. The meeting will be posted at least 10 days in advance at the town hall, Luer's Grocery and the town web page. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall **February 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM.**

The Dunn County Zoning ordinance is available on the Dunn Co web page:

<https://www.co.dunn.wi.us/planningzoning>

Under helpful links click on:

"Dunn County Ordinances"

Select:

[Chapter 13 - Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance](#)

**PATROLMAN:**

Chris Gruber, the previous town patrolman, has retired after 15 years of serving our community. We would like to thank Chris for all his years of dedication and service.

The town has contracted with Next Level Excavation. If you have any issues/concerns please contact the town chairman or one of the town supervisors. Please be patient as we move forward with this process as there will be a learning curve. Thank you!

For stray dogs reach out to a town board member.

**MEETINGS:**

The town of Rock Creek will hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 P.M

**Note:** Monthly meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. NOTE at the end of December the town board meetings will no longer be available on zoom

**CURRENT Town Board Members:**

**Harry Warden, Chairman**

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**Kelly Boardman, Clerk**

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**TOWN OFFICIALS**

In 2025 the new board will be elected. If you would like to learn more about town government or would like to help out the community by joining the board please reach out we would be more than happy to talk to you.