

LUDINGTON NEWS

February, 2023

Town of Ludington – Eau Claire County, WI
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From the Board...

“The Town of Ludington will seek to preserve its rural character, promote a good neighbor attitude, discourage entities having a negative impact upon residents, and will strive to protect the rights of property owners.”

Ludington Mission Statement as stated in the Comprehensive Plan

We thank you, our residents, for the ongoing trust that you have in us to oversee the Town of Ludington. We have a beautiful, rural community that you entrust us to protect. We are proud to be your representatives and voice, as well as overseeing the day-to-day functioning of the Town of Ludington. The Mission Statement is strong and will remain the basis of how the Town Board conducts business.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful 2023!

Chairman Randy Horlacher Supervisor Ray Peterson
Supervisor Bill Ruff Treasurer Karen Schulner
Clerk Colleen Hawkins Town Employee Derrick Brown

Emergency Services

The Town of Ludington is serviced by the Fall Creek Area Fire District and Eau Claire Fire Dept. EMS. Please check your fire number sign to assure it is clearly visible. In the case of an emergency, the Fire Dept. and/or ambulance needs to locate you quickly.... seconds saved in locating your house can be the difference between life or death and saving your home. If you need a replacement fire number sign, please contact Derrick at 715-456-3890. Cost is \$25 for the sign, \$10 for the post. Orders need to be placed by April 1st.

If you need a burning permit during the year, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/permits> or call 888-947-2876.

Remember...call 911 in the case of an emergency!

2023 Rabies Clinic & Dog Licensing



The Town of Ludington will once again be hosting a dog Rabies/Licensing Clinic. Put **March 18th** on your calendar! Clinic will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Ludington Town Shop located at the corner of Town Shop Road and County Road D. All dogs do need to be on a leash. For licensing information and/or the form, please visit the Town of Ludington website: www.townofludington.com/dogs.php or call 715-877-2762 with questions. NOTE: Fee is \$20 per dog, or \$10 for a neutered/spayed dog. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for annual registration. **All dogs must be registered by April 1st of each year.**

Important Dates for 2023

2nd Thursday of each month – Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ludington Town Hall

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month – Recycling Center open to residents, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

April 20th – Monthly Board Meeting with Annual Meeting immediately following (this is 3rd Thursday)

April 13 – Annual Open Book, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Ludington Town Hall

April 27 – Annual Board of Review, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Ludington Town Hall

November 9th – Monthly Board Meeting with Annual Budget Meeting immediately following

ELECTIONS:



February 21st – Spring Primary

April 4th – Spring Election, including your
local Town Board positions

If you have questions regarding elections,

voting, registering, etc. you can either contact the Town Clerk or go to <https://myvote.wi.gov>

All voting for the Town of Ludington takes place at the Ludington Town Hall at E19980 County Road D, Fall Creek. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Town Hall, Pavilion, Playground



The Town of Ludington has a beautiful Town Hall and a newly developed Pavilion with a picnic and playground area with new brand new equipment (directly across from the Town Hall). These facilities are available for you, the Ludington residents, to use. If you have an event, family function, etc. and you just do not have room at home...you can rent the Town Hall for a minimal charge. There is no charge for the Picnic/Pavilion area.

If you would like to use the Town facilities – please contact Randy at 715-563-2612.

Ludington – Saving our History



The Town Board would like to help capture, retain, and share as much history of Town of Ludington as possible. The Board is discussing the possibility of devoting space at the Town Hall to properly house and display this valuable history...including putting up display cases, shelving, etc. We ask you, our residents, for assistance in this process. Do you have any pictures, items, stories, memorabilia involving the Town of Ludington that you would like to share? If so, please contact the Town Clerk (Colleen) at mudracingcma@hotmail.com. Thank you for your assistance!

PERMITS



Building:

Are planning to do any building this year? Ludington does have a few requirements/guidelines to follow. If you will be building a new home, you will need to contact Ludington's Building Inspector, Fred Hankel at 715-577-7983. He will work with you and/or your contractor to assure you have all necessary permits as well as conducting necessary inspections. If you are building a garage, outbuilding, etc. or even putting on an addition, a permit for the electrical work will be required (but no building permit). If you want to move a mobile home into the Town of Ludington, please contact Fred before doing so. He will work with you to assure the unit is an approved structure and that its placement is correct per code. If you will be doing any significant amount of work that disrupts land, please contact Randy Horlacher at 715-563-2612 to determine if an Erosion Control permit is necessary.



Driveway:

If you need to put in a new driveway and you are located on a Town Road – please contact Randy Horlacher at 715-563-2612. He will assist you with this process. If you live in the Town of Ludington, but your driveway would be on a County Road, please reach out to Eau Claire County directly at 715-839-4741 for assistance with securing this permit.

LUDINGTON CEMETERIES

The Town of Ludington has 2 cemeteries – one on County Road N and one on Weggen Road. Plots are currently available - single plots are \$350; full plots are \$2,450. Please contact Ray Peterson at 715-271-9748 if you need assistance with this or have questions about the cemeteries. Many thanks to Donna G for taking care of the appearance of our cemeteries for the past several years – they are always well groomed and beautiful.

Animal Control



Ludington's Animal Control Officer is Derrick Brown. When you find a stray dog, please call Derrick at 715-456-3890, **DO NOT** call or take any animal to the Eau Claire County Humane Association. The Town has a contract with the Humane Association that needs to be adhered to. If you find a large animal (horse, cow, etc.) on the road, please contact Derrick or if there is a potential hazard, contact the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Dept.

RECYCLING CENTER

Ludington's Recycling Center is located at the Town Shop. The Center is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There are recycling containers for plastics, glass, paper, and cardboard. There is also a garbage dumpster at this site, available to you, a Ludington Resident. Bags are required for this service (\$4.00 each, or 3 for \$10.00) and are available at the site. Residents can dispose of a maximum of 2 bags per day the center is open. Carl H is our Recycling Attendant and always has a friendly smile - very willing to help you with your recycling.

ATV/UTV use on Town Roads

There are many roads throughout the Town of Ludington that permit the use of registered ATV/UTV's. There is a club within the town, the Ludington 4-Wheelers, that actively works to keep signage up and paid for. For information on the Ludington 4-Wheelers Club, roads that are currently signed and legal to ride on, please contact Tommy Luedtke at 715-703-8158 or Neil Peterson at 715-379-6211.



BILL RUFF RETIRING

Bill Ruff is retiring from the Ludington Town Board after serving the Town of Ludington for many years. Bill has been a very valuable Board Member, helping out wherever needed as well as offering his knowledge and experience to the Town. We sincerely thank Bill for his dedication and service to the Town of Ludington. Please join us on April 20st for a small celebration for Bill. This will be held after the Monthly Board Meeting/ Annual Meeting at the Ludington Town Hall (meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.). **Thank you Bill!**



LUDINGTON Contact Information



Chairman – Randy Horlacher
715-563-2612

Supervisor – Ray Peterson
715-271-9748

Supervisor – Bill Ruff (until mid-April)
715-877-2883

Treasurer – Karen Schulner
715-877-2762

Clerk – Colleen Hawkins
715-563-5472
mudracingcma@hotmail.com

**Town Employee/Animal Control –
Derrick Brown**
715-456-3890

Building Inspector – Fred Hankel
715-577-7983

Town Assessor – Randy Prochnow
715-309-2863

Emergency – 911

Non-Emergency – 715-839-4972

Town Mailing Address: S1590 State Road 27, Augusta, WI 54722

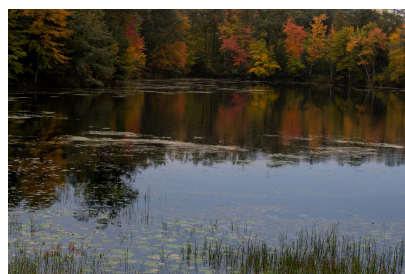
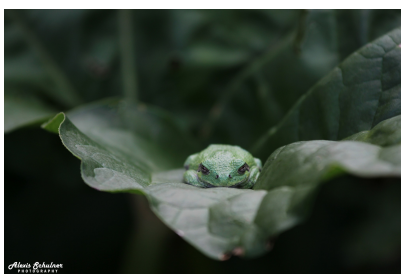
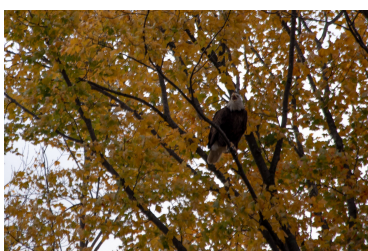
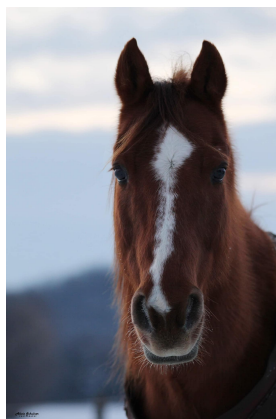
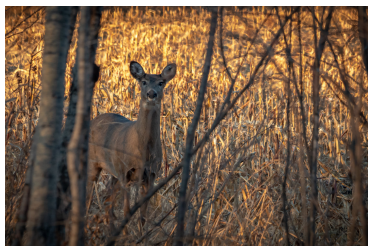
Town Hall Address: E19980 County Road D, Fall Creek, WI 54742

Town Shop Address: N956 Town Shop Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742

NOTE: When you have a Town concern, request, complaint, etc. the Board is happy to discuss it with you. We ask though that you be respectful and courteous during this conversation. Inappropriate language, harassment, disrespect will not be tolerated.



Beauty is all around in our rural community....
Remember to take the time to look and appreciate.



**If you have pictures you would like to share,
please forward on to Colleen and we will use them in future newsletters!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Board Meetings – 2nd Thursday of each month at the Ludington Town Hall (exception in April)

Recycling Station – 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Town Shop; Garbage bags available for \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

Election Day – Polls are open at the Ludington Town Hall from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Cemetery Plots are available for \$350/ea or a full plot for \$2,450. For info, contact Ray 715-271-9748

Town Hall/Pavilion is available for town residents to rent for special occasions. Call Randy 715-563-2612

Building/Electrical Permits/Inspections/Mobile Home – Fred Hankel, Building Inspector, 715-577-7983

Storm Water/Erosion Control Permit – Randy Horlacher, Town Chairman, 715-563-2612

Driveway Permits – if your driveway will be on a Town Road, call Randy at 715-563-2612 for a permit; if on a County Road, contact Eau Claire County directly at 715-839-4741

Fire/Burning Permits – to report a fire, please call 911 immediately! To obtain a burning permit, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/permits> and click on county or you can call 1-888-947-2876 and enter our County Code (18).