

# TOWN OF LUDINGTON

*Eau Claire County, Wisconsin*

## FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### Local Girl's Gold Award and Emergency Siren

Lauren Lea accomplished a major goal in 2016, with Ludington and Bridge Creek residents being major benefactors. Lauren is a local Girl Scout who set out to achieve the highest award a Girl Scout can – the Gold Award. This requires that the Girl Scout must lead a project that will have a lasting impact on her community. Lauren chose to have an Emergency Weather Siren installed on Lake Eau Claire. This was a very ambitious project. The project was originally projected to cost \$25,000. Lauren worked closely with the Town of Ludington, the Lake Eau Claire Rehabilitation District, and the Lake Eau Claire Association. Raising \$25,000 was not going to be an easy task – she spent countless hours putting together packets for a mass mailing, writing speeches, presenting, writing articles, writing grants, sending emails, and talking to numerous people about the project. Well ..... in 6 months, Lauren raised \$24,000+. This money paid for the siren in full, which does include monies for on-going maintenance. Lauren's family fully supported her efforts on this project plus contributed \$1,000 for materials and expenses during her research, fundraising, etc.

The Siren was installed on Lake Eau Claire on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and is up and running. The siren is connected to the Eau Claire county-wide emergency management system and is triggered and tested with the other sirens in the county. The first test was on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Congratulations to Lauren on doing a fantastic job in accomplishing her goal. We commend her. We, the residents of Ludington, want to thank Lauren for bringing this siren to our community! It is now a safer place to live.



**LUDINGTON**  
**PERMITS/INSPECTIONS**

Permits and inspections may be required for construction of a building or a new residence, when performing electrical work, construction of storm water and erosion control management systems, and new driveways. These permits are issued directly through the Town of Ludington, not through Eau Claire County. For building or electrical permits, contact our Inspector – Fred Hankel at 715-577-7983. For storm water/erosion control or driveway permits, contact Chairman Randy Horlacher at 715-877-2578. You can also come to a Town Board meeting if you have questions – meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Ludington Town Hall located at E19980, County Road D, Fall Creek.

Burning Permits are also required by the State of Wisconsin. See “Important Information” on the “SAVE THIS PAGE”.

**OUTDOOR BURNING**



*...Burning any material, whether plastic, paper, or wood, produces a variety of hazardous and toxic air pollutants, including carcinogens such as arsenic, benzene, and formaldehyde. Children and others with asthma are especially at risk from smoke from burning garbage," said Jim Zellmer of the Department of Natural Resources waste and materials management program... taken from an April, 2011 DNR publication*

We ask that you please abide by the rules for burning trash. The smoke/fumes generated from what you burn affects not only you and your family, but all of your surrounding neighbors. Thank you.

***During the winter months,  
please avoid pushing snow across the road...  
(it is dangerous for drivers, plus illegal to do so).  
Thank you!***

**VOTERS...**  
**Information Available**

If you would like information about Elections/Photo ID, here are a few websites that you may find beneficial:

[http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/  
do-i-have-right-photo-id](http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id)

[http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/  
frequently-asked-questions](http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/frequently-asked-questions)

You can use this website to see if or where you are registered:

[https://myvote.wi.gov/Voter/V  
oterSearchScreen.aspx](https://myvote.wi.gov/Voter/VoterSearchScreen.aspx)

# ANIMAL CONTROL



## Please License your Dog!

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 the animal to the Eau Claire County Humane Association.

The State of Wisconsin mandates you license your dog(s). Per State Statute 174.05 Dog License Tax. (1): REQUIREMENT. Except as provided in s. 174.054, the owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the license tax and obtain a license.

To license your dog in Ludington, you can do so at the annual Ludington Rabies Clinic generally held in February (this year's date is **February 11<sup>th</sup>** from 10a.m. – 12:00 a.m. at the Town Shop ), or you can complete the form available at the Town Hall/Shop and send it along with a copy of current rabies vaccination and payment to the Ludington Treasurer.

NOTE: Failure to comply with the mandate to license your dog(s) on time will result in additional fees and potential fines, something no one wants, including the Ludington Board. Late fees/fines are assessed beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make everything easy and license your dog(s).

For questions about dog licensing in Ludington, please contact the Ludington Treasurer at 715-877-2762.

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**INTERNET:** Good news from CenturyLink! There will be high speed fiber optic internet coming to our area in the spring. The CenturyLink representatives have told us that everyone interested in the new service should call 1-800-201-4099 and give them their address. The more who call in, the higher the priority of getting it here. Please tell everyone you know in the area!

### 2017 Important Dates

#### ELECTIONS



**February 21<sup>st</sup>** – Spring Primary  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Election

Ludington residents vote at the Ludington Town Hall located at E19980 County Road D, Fall Creek. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. Call the Town Clerk at 715-563-5472 with questions on voting or to obtain an absentee ballot.

#### **BOARD OF REVIEW**

**June 5, 2017**

Ludington Town Hall

Open Book 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board of Review 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Call Assessor Randy Prochnow  
with questions: 715-556-7607

*If you are interested in being an  
Election Inspector, please contact  
Colleen at 715-563-5472.*



## Your LUDINGTON Contacts:



**Chairman** – Randy Horlacher  
715-877-2578

**Supervisor** – Ray Peterson  
715-877-2417

**Supervisor** – Bill Ruff  
715-877-2883

**Treasurer** – Karen Schulner  
715-877-2762

**Clerk** – Colleen Hawkins  
715-563-5472  
[mudracingcma@hotmail.com](mailto:mudracingcma@hotmail.com)

**Patrolman/Animal Control** - Derrick Brown  
715-456-3890

**Building Inspector** – Fred Hankel  
715-577-7983

**Town Assessor** – Randy Prochnow  
715-556-7607

**Emergency** – 911

**Non-Emergency** – 715-839-4972

### ***Important Information:***

***Town Board Meetings*** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Ludington Town Hall

***Recycling Station*** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 8am – 12pm at the Town Shop

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

***Cemetery Plots*** are available for \$350/ea or a full plot for \$2,450. Call Bill 877-2883

***Town Hall*** is available for town residents to rent for special occasions. Call Randy 877-2578

***Building/Electrical Permits/Inspections*** – call Fred Hanke, Building Inspector, 715-577-7983

***Storm Water/Erosion Control Permit*** – call Randy Horlacher, Town Chairman, 715-877-2578

***Driveway Permits*** – if your driveway will be on a Town Road, call Randy at 877-2578 for a permit; if on a County Road, contact the County directly

***Fire/Burning Permits*** – to report a fire call 911. Steps for Responsible Burning:

- \* Obtain an annual permit from The Woodland, a local Ranger Station, or by dialing 1-888-947-2876 to have permit mailed or instantly emailed.
- \* On the day of the burn, check after 11:00 a.m. on the internet or over the phone: [dnr.wi.gov/wisburn](http://dnr.wi.gov/wisburn) and click on county OR 1-888-947-2876 and enter our County Code (18).
- \* Follow the rules for the day, have tools and water, and make certain your fire is completely out before leaving.