

# LUDINGTON NEWS

February, 2022

Town of Ludington – Eau Claire County, WI  
[www.townofludington.com](http://www.townofludington.com)

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 are proud to be your representatives and voice, as well as overseeing the day-to-day functioning of this Town. We have a beautiful, rural community. The Mission Statement is strong and will remain the basis of how the Town Board conducts business.

Wishing you and your family a healthy and happy new year!

*Chairman Randy Horlacher  
Supervisor Bill Ruff  
Clerk Colleen Hawkins*

*Supervisor Ray Peterson  
Treasurer Karen Schulner  
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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

## 2022 Dog Licensing



The Town of Ludington will not host a dog Rabies Clinic this year. For licensing information and the form, please visit the Town of Ludington website: [www.townofludington.com/dogs.php](http://www.townofludington.com/dogs.php) or call 715-877-2762 with questions. If you can't print a form, just stop by the Town Hall or Town Shop – there are forms in the mailboxes. NOTE: Fee is \$20 per dog, or \$10 for a neutered/spayed dog. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for registration. All dogs must be registered by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## Important Dates for 2022

### Town Meetings:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month** – Board Meeting (7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall)

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month** – Recycling Center open to residents from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Monthly Board Meeting with Annual Meeting immediately following (this is 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

**Summer/Fall** – Annual Open Book and Board of Review meetings (dates yet to be determined)

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Board Meeting with Annual Budget Meeting immediately following

### ELECTIONS:



**February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Primary (if needed)

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Election

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – Partisan Primary

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – General Election

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 and Pavilion



The Town of Ludington has a beautiful Town Hall and a newly developed Pavilion with a picnic and play area (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.



NOTE: There is a beautiful Veteran display under the pavilion – organized by Tommy Luedtke. You are encouraged to stop on your way through and take a look. If you know a name that needs to be added, please let us know.

## 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 [clerk@townofludington.com](mailto:clerk@townofludington.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.

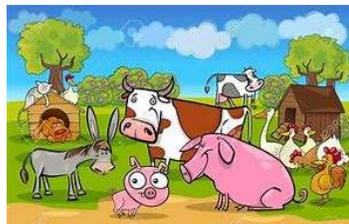


## Driveway:

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. There are single plots (\$350) as well as full plots (\$2,450) available for purchase. Please contact Ray 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 – 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (\$3.00 each, or 4 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. Thanks Carl!

## 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.



### **Key Town Employee**

Ludington's Patrolman is Derrick Brown. He is the Town's only full-time employee. The Town runs as smoothly as it does partly because of Derrick's dedication and commitment to the Town of Ludington. He has been with the Town of Ludington 20+ years! He performs a wide variety of tasks including road maintenance, snow plowing (day and night so we can all get to our destination safely), sanding/salting, brushing, mowing, removing dumped garbage from ditches, culvert repair/replacement, facility upkeep and maintenance, equipment maintenance/repair (he has developed a significant knowledge of Town equipment and does do the majority of the repair), signage – if it needs to be done, Derrick takes care of it. He is also our Animal Control Officer so you may see him out trying to catch a dog or sometimes even chase cattle off the road (either of which can be quite a task). If you notice something on the roads that needs attention, see a stray, or even notice something special that needs a thank you, give Derrick a call at 715-456-3890.

**Thanks Derrick!**



## **LUDINGTON Contact Information**



**Chairman – Randy Horlacher**  
715-563-2612

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

**Clerk – Colleen Hawkins**  
715-563-5472  
clerk@townofludington.com

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

**Emergency – 911**

**Supervisor – Ray Peterson**  
715-271-9748

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

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

**Town Assessor – Randy Prochnow**  
715-309-2863

**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



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



*Special thanks to Bill Boyea for sharing some of his wonderful photos.*

## **GENERAL 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 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Town Shop

**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 715-877-2578 for a permit; if on a County Road, contact Eau Claire County directly at 715-839-4741

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

Town of Ludington  
S1590 State Road 27  
Augusta, WI 54722