

**TOWN OF SWISS**  
**BURNETT COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
**2018**

**Town Officers**

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| • Judith Dykstra, Clerk        | 715-656-3030 | townofswiss@yahoo.com          |

**2017 Taxes due in 2018**

- Full payment or first installment is due by January 31st, payable to Town of Swiss. Please write your Tax ID# on your check and include your tax statement stub with your payment. If you overpay your taxes, reimbursements will be mailed to you after the February board meeting.
- Mail tax payments to: Lassie Helin, 7606 Oak Street, Danbury, WI 54830-9316. To receive a receipt, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.
- Late payments made after January 31st and second installments are payable to the Burnett County Treasurer, 7410 County Road K, #101, Siren, WI 54872. For more information, call 715-349-2187.

**Dog Licenses**

- Chapter 174 Wisconsin Statutes requires all dogs 5 months of age or older to be licensed.
- Dog license application forms (Notice to Dog Owner) are sent with tax statements and are also available by contacting the town treasurer and are available online at <http://burnettcounty.com/index.aspx?nid=927>. Applications for a dog license, along with a current certificate of rabies vaccination, must be received by the town treasurer no later than April 1st. Make checks payable to the Town of Swiss Treasurer. A late fee of \$5.00 per license will be charged for applications received after April 1st.
- Please be mindful not to let your dogs run loose or bark continuously as this is a nuisance to your neighbors.
- Contact the Humane Society regarding lost dogs, 715-866-4096, [hsbc@centurytel.net](mailto:hsbc@centurytel.net)

**Important Dates**

- Monthly Town Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of every month (except April and November), Town Hall.
- April 17, 2018: Annual Town Electors Meeting, 6:00 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Town Hall.
- April 17, 2018: Town Board Meeting held following conclusion of the Annual Town Electors Meeting.
- May 2018: Open Book and Board of Review. Contact Robert Pardun, Town Assessor, at 715-866-4245 for questions about the valuation of your property (not the taxes).
- May 1, 2018: Danbury Cemetery and Swiss Cemetery clean-up in preparation for Memorial Day.
- May 2, 5, 6, 9, 12 & 13, 2018: 50% off prices at the Oakland Collection Center (NO free day in 2018).
- June 30, 2018: Danbury Volunteer Fire Department Open House, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Fire Hall.
- June 30, 2018: Independence Day Parade, Main Street, 11:00 a.m.
- October 27, 2018: Fire Department Trunk or Treat, Saturday, Danbury Ball Park, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- November 13, 2018: Budget Hearing, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Town Hall followed by Town Electors Meeting.
- November 13, 2018: Town Board Meeting held following conclusion of the Town Electors Meeting.

**Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Program**

Visit [www.getasmokealarm.org](http://www.getasmokealarm.org) to register. A team of Red Cross volunteers will schedule a visit to install up to 3 FREE smoke alarms.

**Property Fraud Alert**

According to the FBI, Property and Mortgage Fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime. It can be as simple as someone recording a fraudulent document in the County Register of Deeds Office making it look like they now own your home or property. The County Register of Deeds has teamed up to create a notification service that will help you combat the effects of land fraud. Sign up at [www.propertyfraudalert.com](http://www.propertyfraudalert.com) and you will be notified when a document is recorded with your name match.

**Support the Forts**

Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park provides thousands of youth and adults with an unparalleled appreciation for the history of the area and a positive vision of the cooperation between the Ojibwe people and European traders along with great community-building events. Group tours and individual families bring much needed tourist dollars to the county. With your help, in 2018, the historical park can create new exhibits, new programs and do needed repairs to the fur trading post buildings and Ojibwe Village. Consider a tax deductible donation to the Burnett County Historical Society to support the forts [www.theforts.org](http://www.theforts.org)

## Town Hall

- 7551 Main Street, Danbury
- Phone: 715-656-3030, Fax: 715-656-7911
- E-mail: townofswiss@yahoo.com
- The town hall is available for rent by contacting the town clerk on a first-come, first-served basis. For non-profit use such as weddings, graduations, and other gatherings and non-profit charitable use such as garage sales or suppers with proceeds for charity, the cost is \$50.00/day for Town of Swiss taxpayers and \$100.00/day for Non-Town of Swiss taxpayers. For-profit use such as garage sales, tool sales, and health screenings, the cost is \$100.00/day for Town of Swiss taxpayers and \$200.00/day for Non-Town of Swiss taxpayers. A \$350.00 cleaning/damage deposit fee in addition to the rental fee is required.

## Building Permits and Inspections

- Building permits and inspections are required for all new construction and most modifications to structures.
- Building (land use) permits: Contact Burnett County Zoning/Land Use Office, 715-349-2138
- Inspections: Contact Dennis Quinn, 715-866-8148. Any construction or modification 1,000 square foot or larger requires an inspection.

## Driveways

- **Please note:** Make sure your fire/address signs are visible at your driveway for emergency services - fire department and ambulance. If the fire department needs to access your property in an emergency, the department may cut trees and brush as necessary in order to protect your property.
- Per Burnett County Code of Ordinances Sec. 30-482, driveways shall have a minimum clearance width of 20 feet, and overhead clearance shall be a minimum height of 13 feet. Curves in driveways must not be less than 100 foot radius, and driveways exceeding 150 feet in length must provide an adequate turnaround area that will accommodate a 30 foot long fire truck.

## Emergency Services – Ambulance, Fire and Police

Call 911 for emergencies. The county's non-emergency dispatch center number is 715-349-2128.

## Fire Department

The Danbury Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for new members! If you are 18 years or older and interested in protecting your community, contact the fire department at 715-656-3030. Members meet a minimum of twice a month for meetings and training at the fire hall: 30251 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Danbury.

## Fireworks

- The possession or use of fireworks requires a permit per state law. Fireworks permits are free and can be obtained by contacting the town chairman. A certificate of liability insurance is required. The purpose of the permits is to protect people and property.
- Please be respectful of your neighbors when using fireworks.

## Recreational Vehicles on Roads

- ATV/UTV: Allowed on most town roads. Not allowed on state highways.
- Snowmobiles: Travel is allowed only from a residence or lodging establishment to a snowmobile route or trail that is closest to that residence or lodging establishment.

## Oakland Collection Center (OCC)

- The Oakland Collection Center is for the collection of residential garbage and recycling and is open to all property owners of the Town of Swiss. Admission is with the OCC card issued and mailed with your annual tax statement. If a card is lost, a replacement card may be purchased for \$20.00 from Town of Swiss Treasurer Lassie Helin, 7606 Oak Street, Danbury, WI 54830-9316.
- The OCC is located at 28558 French Road – approximately five miles south of Danbury. From State Highway 35, turn west on County Road U, then turn north on French Road, drive 9/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile, the OCC is on the east side of French Road.
- See separate OCC flyer for additional information.

## Snowplowing

- Do not park on roadways during winter.
- Snow removal starts when there is an accumulation of three (3) or more inches. The Town of Swiss assumes no responsibility for mailboxes, fences or similar items that may be damaged during the normal course of operations.
- It is dangerous and unlawful to plow or push snow onto or across a public road because snow left in ridges or piles on the road create a hazard for vehicles. Section 346.94(5), Wisconsin statutes prohibits this action.