

**NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF VANCE CREEK TAXPAYERS
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**THE 2024 REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE
NOW DUE AND PAYABLE**

REAL ESTATE TAXES:

First payment is due by **JANUARY 31, 2025**. Make your check payable to the Town of Vance Creek. Mail to: P.O. Box 123, Prairie Farm, WI 54762. You may also make your full payment at this time. Tax payments postmarked after January 31st and received by the town treasurer will be sent to the county for receipt.

1. Second payment is due by **JULY 31, 2025**. Make this check payable to the Barron County Treasurer. Mail to: 335 East Monroe Avenue, Room 2412, Barron, WI 54812.

GENERAL TAX/PAYMENT INFORMATION:

1. I will be available at the Town Hall in Reeve from **4PM to 8PM on Thursday, December 19, 2024 and from 4PM to 8PM on Thursday, January 23, 2025** to collect your taxes if you choose to pay in person. Please call me for potential cancellation due to inclement weather or if you will need to make other arrangements for payment at 651-249-8180.
2. Forms of payment available: E-Check \$1.50 (Using your bank routing number and the payers bank account number). Debit Card \$3.95 (only allowable to do debit with Visa). Credit Card 2.39% transaction fee off of the amount paid (subject to all debit cards outside of Visa or credit card payment).
3. All delinquent taxes are subject to a 1% interest and .5% penalty charge. If you send LESS than the amount of taxes due for the first installment on each separate piece of property, the amount not paid will be DELINQUENT rather than postponed.
4. When mailing payments, please enclose a self-addressed stamped business sized envelope (especially when paying multiple parcels) if you want a receipt. A 2024 tax list will be posted on the Town of Vance Creek website: www.townofvancecreek.com.

DOG OWNERS NOTICE

The Barron County Sheriff's Department is enforcing the licensing of dogs. Persons with unlicensed dogs are subject to a Barron County Fine of \$169. To reach the Animal Control Enforcement officer, call 715-537-3106.

DOG LICENSE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. WI statutes require dogs older than 4 months to be licensed and vaccinated by a veterinarian against rabies.
2. License applications are available on the Town of Vance Creek website: www.townofvancecreek.com. A copy is posted on the Town of Vance Creek website to print or available at the Town Hall monthly meetings.
3. **License Fees are \$12.00 for each intact dog or \$7.00 for each spayed or neutered dog. Kennel Licenses are available for \$40.00 with an additional \$7.00 per dog over 12 dogs.** After March 31, there is a penalty of \$15.00 late fee per individual dog or kennel license plus the cost of the license. Make check payable to: Town of Vance Creek. Call me if you have questions regarding fees.
4. Include a phone number so you can be reached in the event your dog is missing. 5. **Send a copy of your current vaccination certificate for new dogs or if your dog has been recently vaccinated.** No tags will be issued without a current vaccination certificate on file. ****Please notify me if you no longer have a dog that had been licensed last year.**

TOWN WEBSITE

The Town of Vance Creek maintains a website where you will find important information regarding Town Officials, building inspector contact, meeting information, and much more. Visit www.townofvancecreek.com.

TOWN ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting will be **Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 8PM** at the Vance Creek Town Hall.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

We are anticipating one election in 2025: Spring General Election in April. Registration is possible the day of the election with proper documents. If you are interested in obtaining an absentee ballot or in becoming an election inspector, please contact the Vance Creek Clerk via email at vcclerk04@gmail.com.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

The Town Hall in Reeve is available for rent to Town residents for \$50 per day and for non-residents at \$75 per day. Please call Kara at 651-491-3067 or email vcclerk04@gmail.com schedule your event. The Paul Streif Memorial Park is free of charge for events, however a donation to the Town is welcome.

TOURIST ROOMING HOUSE LICENSING

Note that short term rental of a residential property (AirBnB, VRBO, Sonder, etc.) requires a permit from the Barron County DHHS, an annual inspection, and other approvals as necessary. Contact Barron Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services at 715-537-6844 with questions or clarification on the licensing process.

CLEAN-UP DAY

We anticipate holding another clean-up day mid April 2025. Watch for dates and current prices. Volunteers are needed to help – please call Samantha Obitz at 651-249-8180 or email her at vancecreektreasuer@gmail.com to sign up.

RECYCLING

Please abide by the recycling directions found by the recycling bin in the Town's parking lot. **The garbage dumpster located on the north side of the Town Hall parking lot is for the use of the Town Hall ONLY.**

MAILBOXES

The Town of Vance Creek updated their Mailbox Ordinance in 2022 with very specific requirements. For example, when replacing your mailbox and/or post, a swinging arm is mandatory and the post must be at least 3 feet from the shoulder of the road and the bottom of the mailbox must be between 42 to 48 inches above the road surface. The front of the box must be 6-8" back from the roadway. Please visit the Town of Vance Creek website for further requirements.

FIRE NUMBER/911 SIGNS

It is the owner's responsibility to **keep all the brush trimmed away from and your sign straightened** for the fire number/911 signs so emergency vehicles can see and read it.

SNOWPLOW POLICY

In the event that personal property is damaged during snow removal activities, the Town of Vance Creek will repair the personal property only if it was actually hit by Town of Vance Creek equipment. If the snow coming off the plow or wing does the damage, there will be no repair by the Town of Vance Creek. The Maintenance Worker and/or a member of the town board for the Town of Vance Creek that reviews the damaged property will make the determination as to whether the damage was caused by the Town of Vance Creek equipment or by the snow. Their decision is final. Any repairs done by the Town of Vance Creek will be of equal value to the previous state of personal property before damage. No other allowance will be made for renovations or improvements.

BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE NOTICE (RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING)

Barron Electric Cooperative will be performing right of way (ROW) maintenance in the Town of Vance Creek sometime during 2025. This may include mechanical chopping, hand cutting or side trimming. No chemicals will be used. The Cooperative's goal is to achieve a 40' ROW, 20' on each side of the pole, and may be cleared ground to sky. The removal of danger & leaning trees will also be considered. This clearing will be done on primary overhead lines up to the transformer only. Please communicate and clearly mark survey pins, markers or other privately owned facilities situated in the ROW work zone. If you have questions or concerns, please contact BEC's Operations Dept at 800-322-1008, or email operations@barronelectric.com.