



Informational Booklet

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Village of Biron Board of Trustees holds a Board meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Municipal Center.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Maintain appropriate job descriptions for all Village of Biron personnel. Oversee the completion of employee evaluations. The Public Works Supervisor/Water Superintendent will evaluate the crew and report to the Personnel Committee. The Public Works Supervisor/Water Superintendent will be evaluated by all committees and input to Personnel Committee for final evaluation by Personnel Committee. Review wages and benefits of all non-represented Village personnel. Monitor the completion of all required training and maintenance of required certifications. In coordination with Village of Biron Committees and Board of Trustees, maintain appropriate levels of staffing for Village services. In coordination with supervisory/management staff, recruit, screen and submit recommendations to Village Board for open positions or positions created by the Village Board. In coordination with the Village of Biron Board of Trustees and their appointed legal representation, negotiate labor agreements with represented Village of Biron labor groups.

FINANCE & BUDGET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Review monthly all purchases made by Village personnel, departments, and committees. Review compliance of Village purchasing policies. Review investment accounts as submitted by Village Clerk or Treasurer. Make recommendation to the Village of Biron Board of Trustees regarding the monthly payment for approved purchases. At the Request of Village of Biron Committee Chairpersons, review bids and purchase recommendations exceeding \$1,000.00. Oversee purchase impacts on Village and Committee budgets. Review and submit preliminary budget proposals to the Village Board annually. Review funding needs and submit proposals to the Village Board. Submit preliminary budget adjustments as necessary to the Village Board. Authorize the examination, review or audit of Village financial records.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE, AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Make recommendations to the Village Board for necessary revisions of Village of Biron ordinances. Oversee enforcement of all Village ordinances and codes as designated by the Village Board. Establish policy/procedure to assist Village staff in handling ordinance violations and the issuance of ordinance citations. Oversee all contractual agreements with inspectors contracted by the Village. Coordinate Village legal activities pertaining to ordinance enforcement with the Village designated attorney(s). Review all building permits issued.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Responsible for the management of Village of Biron public use property and facilities, excluding Village of Biron property that serves as road rights-of-way. Oversee the rental activity of Village property. Oversee all contracts and services pertaining to Village safety including Village of Biron fire department.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

Responsible for planning and oversight pertaining to the maintenance, repair, and construction of Village streets, sanitation sewer systems, storm drainage systems, landfills, public lighting, solid and

recyclable waste disposal and services. Maintenance of Village public works equipment, buildings, and property. Assist in the identification and prioritization of Village public works crew activities.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE

Responsible for all maintenance, repair, and construction pertaining to the Village owned Water Utility. Monitor Biron Water Utility financial performance. Prepare and submit proposed Water Utility budgets to the Budget Development and Personnel Committee. Oversee the activities of the Village Water Superintendent.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS & PLAN COMMISSION

Zoning Board of Appeals is appointed by the Village President and is confirmed by the Village Board. It shall consist of five (5) citizen members with staggered three year terms and two alternate members with staggered two year terms.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear and decide all appeals and make their recommendation to the Village Board concerning variance request and zoning regulations. All meetings are open public meetings.

To request a variance to the zoning ordinance, please call the Village Clerk at 715-423-6584.

Plan Commission members consist of the Village President; one Trustee appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board for a one year term; the Director of Public Works; two citizen members appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board for a staggered three year term. The Village of Biron Plan Commission shall perform all duties, responsibilities and statutory requirements of Village Plan Commissions as identified in Wisconsin State Statutes 61.35 and 62.23 and the requirements identified in Village of Biron ordinances.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses and permits from the Village are required for various activities. For permit and license fees please contact the Village Clerk's office at 715-423-6584 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or you may access the information on the website www.bironwisconsin.org. Village of Biron contracts with Lorelei Fuehrer for building inspection. Any State building code questions may be directed to her at 715-459-8650.

Any ordinance questions such as setbacks etc. should be directed to the Village Clerk. Following are some of the permits and licenses required in the Village:

New Construction of Homes	Remodeling and Additions	Driveways
Accessory Buildings	Garages	Decks
Roofing	Siding	Fences
Windows (if replacement+windows, no permit needed)	HVAC	Electrical
Plumbing		Bartenders license
Alcohol and Cigarette sales license		

After the building permit request is made, any new construction or additions will need to be staked and reviewed by the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee Chairperson, the Public Works

Supervisor or the Building Inspector prior to the building permit being issued. *Work started before obtaining a permit will result in permit fees being doubled.*

If you are in a floodplain area of the Village, certain restrictions will apply.

POLLING PLACE AND VOTING

The polling place for all Village of Biron residents is at the Biron Municipal Center located at 451 Kahoun Road. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election days.



Election for Village President, Village Treasurer and three (3) Village Trustees are held on the first Tuesday in April of odd numbered years. Election for the other three (3) Village Trustee positions are held on the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years.

Primary elections are held as necessary the third Tuesday in February and the second Tuesday in September. In a presidential election year the presidential preference primary election is held in February.

Wisconsin now requires a photo ID to vote. Please bring it with you to the polls. Absentee ballots and further information on voting is available at the Village Clerk's office by calling 715-423-6584 or on the website at www.bironwisconsin.org.

PROPERTY TAXES

Village of Biron collects property taxes each year to help cover costs of providing Village services. The Village also receives other sources of revenue from state aids, recycling grants, licenses and permits. Included on your tax bill are taxes for State, County, Local (Village of Biron), Mid-State Technical College, and the Wisconsin Rapids School District. These are all listed separately on your property tax bill and combined into one tax payment figure.

Your tax bill payments can be made in two installments. The first installment, which may or may not include special assessments or special charges, is to be made at the Village of Biron Treasurer's Office located at the Biron Municipal Center or mailed to 451 Kahoun Road by January 31st of the current year. If you mail your payment and would like a receipt mailed to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. Your second installment is due by July 31st and must be paid at the County Treasurer's Office in the Wood County Courthouse.

RECREATION

The Village has a beautiful park located on South Biron Drive. Along with the park equipment there is a tennis court, basketball hoops and a volleyball court. The shelter house at the park is available for rental. Call 715-423-6580 to make reservations. Park hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday. Village of Biron curfew for anyone under 18 is 10:00 p.m. Pets are not allowed in the parks at any time.

A recreational trail extends from Kahoun Road to South Biron Drive. No motorized vehicles are allowed. Pet waste stations are installed at each entrance. Please pick up after your pet.

Along South Biron Drive, fish from the pier or relax and enjoy the river view from Gateway Park. The Village has two boat docks on the Wisconsin River. One is located just north of Kahoun Road and the other is located on North Biron Drive.

ANIMAL CONTROL AND LICENSING

Village Ordinance requires that dog owners obtain licenses for their pets. Every dog must be licensed each calendar year. Licenses are available through the Village treasurer's office located at the Biron Municipal Center. Village of Biron contracts with the South Wood County Humane Society. They accept stray dogs and cats and provide pickup of tied or contained animals.

License costs are: Neutered or spayed dog - \$5.00 per year
Unneutered or unspayed dog- \$15.00 per year

Dog licenses for the calendar year must be purchased by March 31st of each year or a \$5.00 late fee will be charged per license. There is no license required for cats. To receive your pet license, owners must show their pet's current rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian at the time of purchase of the license. Anyone who wants to keep more than three dogs must obtain a kennel license. Kennel licenses are only allowed as a conditional use permit after a public hearing is held by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ordinance 12.08 of the Municipal Code states: The maximum number of dogs and cats shall be as follows: a) Single Family Residential Areas no residence shall have more than 3 dogs, 3 cats or any combination of such dogs and cats exceeding four. B) Multi-Family Residential Area including the Mobile Home District . no residence shall have more than 2 dogs, or 2 cats, or any combination of such dogs and cats exceed 3.

All dogs and cats which are off the premises of the owner must be on a leash. If the owner of a dog, negligently or otherwise, permits the dog to run off the premises of the owner without a leash or permits a dog to be untagged, the owner shall forfeit \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for the second offense, \$150 for the third offense and an additional \$50 for each subsequent offense, together with the cost of prosecution and with any cost of securing the animal and, in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until said forfeiture and costs are paid, but not exceeding 90 days.

Keeping of Vicious Dogs Regulations: A vicious dog is any dog or hybrid dog with a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, assault, cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or other domestic animals as evidenced by its habitual or repeated chasing or snapping, or barking and/or snarling in a threatening manner. This includes but is not limited to pit bull dogs, pit bull terrier breed of dog, Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog, American pit bull terrier breed of dog, the American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog and any other mixed breed or other breeds whose breed or mix are commonly known as pit bull. All vicious dogs shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel, except when leashed (no longer than 4 feet) and muzzled. Indoor confinement shall **not** be allowed when windows are open or when screen windows or screen doors are the only obstacle preventing the dog from exiting the structure. All owners of vicious dogs shall display in a prominent place on their premises a sign easily readable by the public with letters not less than 2 inches in height stating "Danger . Vicious Dog." A similar sign is required to be posted on the kennel or pen of the dog. For a copy of the ordinance listing further restrictions on vicious dog and the penalty involved in not adhering to the ordinance please call 715-423-6584.

VEHICLES – UNLICENSED, INOPERABLE, OR ABANDONED

According to Village ordinances, unlicensed/inoperable/abandoned vehicles are prohibited in the Village of Biron. No person shall accumulate, store or allow any unlicensed, disassembled, inoperable, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors or trailers in the open upon any public or private property in the Village for a period exceeding 10 days. No person, except a junk dealer licensed in the Village of Biron, shall accumulate, store or allow any junk outside of any building on any public or private real estate located in the Village.

WINTER SNOW/ICE AND PARKING

Village of Biron property owners must clear snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall. When ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the property owner or occupant shall keep it sprinkled with salt or sand. If the snow and ice is not cleared or salted/sanded the Village will clear the walk when time allows and will charge the property owner a fee for the use of Village labor and equipment. Parking of all vehicles shall be prohibited on all Village streets when snow has accumulated to one inch or more. This prohibition shall remain in effect until the snow is cleared.

SNOWMOBILES

It shall be unlawful to operate any snowmobile or any other motor-driven craft or vehicle principally manufactured for off-highway use on private property or on the Village streets, alleys, parks, parking lots, or on any public lands or private lands or parking lots held open to the public, except on the snowmobile trail designated by the Village Board as follows: Snowmobiling shall be permitted along Huffman Road. The trail will be clearly marked and signed. No person shall operate a snowmobile anywhere within the Village between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. All state snowmobile laws have been adopted.

LAWN, LEAF AND BRUSH DISPOSAL

Village ordinance prohibits burning of leaves and trash of any kind.

Spring grass and leaf pickups are the second week in April through the second week in May. Fall grass and leaf pickups are the second week in October through the second week in November. Grass clippings and leaves are to be placed in untied bags and/or containers at the curbside. Containers should not exceed 32 gallons. **Leaves may also be placed on a tarp that can be handled by the crew. The tarp should be able to be folded so leaves do not blow. A tarp the size of 8' x 8' or 10' x 10' would be sufficient.**

Garden waste and grass clippings can also be taken to the compost site at Wolosek Landscaping or Adeal Wood Recycling for a small fee or an annual pass may be purchased at the municipal center to use the City of Wisconsin Rapids compost site. A \$50 pass fee for this service is set by the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

Grass & Leaves must be kept separate from the brush piles

Brush pickup is the last week of each month from April through October. It is considered the last week of the month if any day of the month is within that week. All brush must be piled in one direction

and placed parallel to the road. Brush cannot be over twelve (12) feet in length and must be piled away from mailboxes, lawn ornaments, street lights, signs, power poles or any other object that would prohibit pickup.

The Village crew will not pick up trees, large piles of branches and tree limbs/logs larger than 10 inches in diameter. If you have a tree service cut down trees on your property they need to be hauling everything away. If you cut down trees, you are responsible for hauling everything away.

WEEDS

Any grass/weeds in excess of twelve (12) inches in height from the ground surface are prohibited. If the owner/occupant fails to control the growth of such grass/weeds as required by ordinance, the Weed Commissioner of the Village shall serve upon him notice as to this fact. If such owner fails to abate this nuisance within five (5) days after service of the notice, the Weed Commissioner shall take action to abate such public nuisance. If the Village causes a nuisance to be removed as provided in the ordinance, the actual cost thereof, together with an administrative fee equal to 10% of the actual cost, shall be charged to the property owner.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Christmas trees are picked up curbside during January. Trees are to be clean of all decorations and free of all plastic wrap and should be set out on the curb by Monday of each week.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage is picked up weekly on Mondays. All garbage must be placed in garbage bags. The use of clear bags is encouraged. Garbage should be placed in the alley or the edge of the curb before 6:30 a.m. but no sooner than 24 hours before pickup. If a holiday falls on Monday, garbage will be picked up on the following work day. If using garbage cans they are to be no larger than 32 gallons.

Mattress, Box Spring, Large Furniture Items

There is a \$10 charge for each item listed above left out for garbage pickup. This fee is payable in advance at the Municipal Center. If the fee is not paid those items will not be picked up.

As of September 1, 2010, Wisconsin's electronic recycling law prohibits disposal of certain electronic devices in Wisconsin landfills, burning in an incineration facility, or placing these devices in a container intended for disposal or incineration. Further information may be accessed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin>. The following will **no longer** be accepted with the garbage collection: televisions, computer monitors, desktop and laptop computers, computer peripherals which includes keyBoards, mice and speakers, desktop printers, fax machines, DVD players, VCRs & digital video recorders and cell phones. Information on where to recycle products is listed on pages 19 to 24.

RECYCLING

Advanced Disposal collects recyclables at curbside in the Village. Each home in the Village was furnished with one red recycling bucket. Additional buckets may be purchased at the Municipal Center for \$8.00 each. Recyclables are collected every other Friday except when there is a holiday during the week; then recycling is picked up on Saturdays.

ALL ACCEPTABLE GLASS, PLASTIC, ALUMINUM AND TIN SHOULD BE PLACED IN A TOTE OR CART.

Items may be co-mingled except for paper which needs to be bundled separately and cardboard which must be broken down. Following are the items which are collected:

Paper Products – All Paper Products should be placed in a paper grocery bag or bundled in bundles not more than (12) inches high. Acceptable Paper Products . newspapers & inserts, magazines and soft cover books, junk mail and envelopes, phone books and catalogs, any color office paper, corrugated cardboard, paper grocery bags, non-corrugated cardboard such as cereal, soda and beer boxes. **NOT Acceptable** . Tissue products and paper toweling, frozen food boxes, dairy carton boxes, paper contaminated with food residue or debris, pizza boxes or carryout food wrappers; chipboard such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes and similar materials.

Glass – Clear, Brown or Green ONLY . Beverage & Food Containers (jugs & jars). Rinse out containers. Labels do not need to be removed.

Plastic Bottles - Includes plastic bottles and containers clearly marked with the recycling emblem encircling the #1 (PET or PETE) or the #2 (HDPE). Many #3 - #7 plastic items are now accepted by Advanced. This includes food & beverage containers, cat litter containers, ice cream pails, 5-gallon pails, medicine / pill containers, bakery containers, flower pots or trays, yogurt or cottage cheese containers, cups & tubs, clear and rigid clam shell packaging, It also includes aseptic containers which are cartons or boxes used for juice, milk, soy milk, ice cream, broths. Caps and covers must be removed. Labels and neck rings can remain on plastic. **PREPARATION FOR RECYCLING** . empty and rinse all containers. Average or small-sized #3-7 plastic and aseptic items can be placed in your container along with other recyclables. Large plastic items greater than 15 gallon containers, furniture items, toys, etc. are NOT collected at curbside recycling. These items can be delivered to the Portage County Material Recovery Facility in Plover for recycling at no charge. **PLASTICS NOT ACCEPTED**: #1 brown plastic bottles, #6 polystyrene foam (Styrofoam): egg cartons, hot beverage cups, plates, formed packing pieces, packing peanuts, motor oil containers, plastic film, shrink wrap and bags (all #s), CD cases, vinyl items such as windows, siding, etc., pesticide or herbicide containers.

Cans- Aluminum & Steel (or Bi-Metal) CANS ONLY . Rinse out containers. Paper labels do not need to be removed. Place lids inside can and squeeze top to secure lids. Items NOT accepted (place in trash) . aluminum foil, paint cans with lids removed and paint dried up (non-oil based only) and aerosol cans.

Major Appliances are the residents responsibility. Please refer to the South Wood County Recyclopedia for information on where to recycle these products.

Electronic Devices are the residents responsibility. Please refer to the South Wood County Recyclopedia for information on where to recycle these products.

Items that can be taken to a landfill or transfer station

Scrap Metal . Iron & Steel (non-tin), empty propane tanks (any size), pots & pans.

Please call the Municipal Center at 423-6580 if you have any other questions regarding recycling.

Recycling means separating, collecting, processing, marketing and ultimately using a material that would have been thrown away. This morning's newspaper can be recycled for another morning's news or other paper products. Cans and bottles can be crafted for other uses. Quality products and packaging are being made from recovered materials. We can all help create markets for recyclables by buying and using these products.

TIPS FOR REDUCING SOLID WASTE

REDUCE

1. Reduce the amount of unnecessary packaging
2. Adopt practices that reduce waste toxicity

REUSE

3. Consider reusable products
4. Maintain and repair durable products
5. Reuse bags, containers and other items.
6. Borrow, rent or share items used infrequently.
7. Sell or donate goods instead of throwing them out.

RECYCLE

8. Choose recyclable products and containers and recycle them
9. Select products made from recycled materials.
10. Compost yard trimmings and some food scraps.

RESPOND

11. Educate others on source reduction and recycling practices. Make your preferences known to manufacturers, merchants and community leaders. Get involved.
12. Be creative . find new ways to reduce waste quantity and toxicity.

Puzzled by Plastics?

Caps are not recyclable. Please remove them from the bottles and throw them in the garbage. All recyclable plastics should be thoroughly rinsed and cleaned.

If plastic bags are recyclable why doesn't the Village of Biron recycling program collect them?

Plastic bags can get tangled up in the machinery used to separate recyclable material such as plastic/glass bottles and cans. Several area stores are drop off sites for plastic bags.

COMPOST SITES

The City of Wisconsin Rapids has offered to the Village of Biron the use of the East side compost site available to residents (April through November) interested in purchasing a tag, which are \$50.00 each. The **East Side**, located on CTH W & STH 54 near the water tower, is open during the following hours (except holidays):

Monday & Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Accepted material: grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, brush and tree limbs.

Hours may change to accommodate daylight savings time. For Fall hours call 421-8288 or check the City of Wisconsin Rapids web site for updates: streets@wirapids.org

APPLIANCES

DK Recycling, 928 13th Avenue, Big Flats (608) 564-7387

Open M-F 8:00 a.m. . 4:00 p.m. (Please call ahead) They do pick up appliances for a charge or you can drop them off for no charge. They will buy specific metal items. No televisions.

Badger Iron & Metal, 9230 Hwy 54 East, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-8988

Open M-F 8:30 a.m. . 5:00 p.m. & Sat 8:30 a.m. . 3:00 p.m. They take all metals. Those with refrigerant have a \$15 charge, those without are free.

Nekoosa Auto, Iron & Metal, 369 Ten Mile Avenue, Nekoosa (715) 886-4716

Open M-F 8:00 a.m. . 5:00 p.m. & Sat 8:00 a.m. . noon

They take all appliances. There will be a \$20 charge for microwaves and appliances with Freon. They pay by the pound for other metal.

Express Recycling, 480 Strodman Ave, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-4999

Open M-F 10:00 a.m. . 4:00 p.m. & Sat. 9:00 a.m. . 1:00 p.m. <http://www.expressrecycling.biz/>

WASTE WOOD PRODUCTS

Adeal Wood Recycling 2820 Plover Road Wisconsin Rapids (715) 421-2212 Open 7 days a week

This business will also take yard waste and brush. Painted or treated wood is not accepted. Small charge of \$3.00 a pick up load or small trailer

ELECTRONIC WASTE

A disposal fee may be charged for some items; costs vary from business to business

As of September 1, 2010 Wisconsin law prevents households and schools from disposing of many electronic items. These items must be recycled by a registered recycler. Recycling your electronics is important because they contain valuable materials that can be recycled and reused, including plastics, steel, glass and precious metals like gold and copper.

Many devices also contain dangerous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chemical flame retardants. If disposed of improperly, these materials can leach into the environment where they may affect human and environmental health.

Items being recycled: all computers including desktops and laptops, televisions, printers, copiers, fax machines, computer monitors, mice and keyboards, DVD players, DVRs, VCRs, cell phones without the batteries.

Please check with the following for recycling and current fees:

Audio Sales & Services, 2900 Plover Road, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-5771

Opportunity Development Center, 1191 Huntington Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 424-2750

Express Recycling, 480 Strodman Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-4999

TELEVISIONS

ODC, 1191 Huntington Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 424-2712

27 inches or smaller is \$10.00 Over 27 inches and consoles are \$30.00

Express Recycling, 480 Strodman Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-4999

27 inches or smaller is \$10.00 Over 27 inches and consoles are \$30.00

Audio Sales & Services, 2900 Plover Road, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-5771

12 inches or smaller is \$15.00; 19 inch is \$18.00; 21 inch . 25 inch is \$20.00

26 inch . 32 inch is \$25.00; 33 inch . 37 inch is \$30.00; 38 inch and over is \$48.00

Advanced Cranberry Creek, 2510 Engel Road Wisconsin Rapids (715) 421-3939

Up to 29 inches is \$20.00; Over 29 inches is \$40.00

L & J Recycling; 3051 Highway 13 North, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-8239

30 cents per pound; 100 pounds or more is \$30.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Household compact, household batteries, fluorescent bulbs, plastic grocery bags, rechargeable batteries and cell phones

Ace Hardware, 2350 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 421-1550

Wal-Mart Super Center, 4331 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 423-1900

Printer cartridges, compact fluorescent bulbs, plastic grocery bags, light bulbs and cell phones

Home Depot, 1500 24th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 421-1510

Express Recycling takes a large range of items including ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, Christmas tree lights, aluminum siding and soffits. For a complete list visit their web site:

<http://www.expressrecycling.biz/>

Accepts clean, gently used clothing; furniture in good condition. Will take working appliances . pick up is available for a small charge. Must be preapproved by management . prices may change without notice.

Career Closet (715) 424-7544 Call first to assess need

Accepts seasonal clothing, must be clean and ready to wear.

Clothing is provided to low income families who need acceptable apparel while seeking employment.

WOOD COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP

Dispose of unwanted, unused, damaged, restricted and banned household, agricultural, chemical, and hazardous wastes. Free for Wood County residents. Small businesses can participate at the contracted rate.

CALL FOR DATES & DETAILS:

Marshfield Fairgrounds, East 14th Street entrance

Saratoga Town Hall, 1116 HWY 73 South

Advanced Cranberry Creek Landfill, 2510 Engel Road

Wood County Highway Department, 5324 E HWY 10, Auburndale

Examples of Acceptable Materials

Automotive: ether, fuel, degreasers, brake fluid, transmission fluid

Lawn, Garden & Farm: Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, 30 & 50 gallon drums, pesticide cylinders

Household: nail polish remover, moth balls, drain cleaner, silver polish, mildew cleaner, metal cleaners, photography chemicals, spot remover, swimming pool chemicals, oven cleaner, floor polish, dry cleaning fluid, NiCad batteries

Workshop: stripper, hobby materials, gun cleaning fluid, lead-based paints, lacquer, wood preservatives, thinner/solvents, turpentine, varnish creosote

MEDICATION COLLECTION

Monday through Friday during lobby hours at the Wisconsin Rapids & Marshfield Police Departments 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Unwanted, unused or outdated prescriptions or over-the-counter medicines. Pills, capsules, salves and creams accepted. Leave in original containers. Will not accept inhalers, sharps, nebulizers and radioactive cancer medications.

For more information: Wood County Health Department (715) 421-8911

www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Health

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Biron Fire Department has 18 paid volunteer members. Membership is open to any person 18 years of age, who possess a valid Wisconsin drivers license. The Fire Chief is Dan Muleski and the Assistant Fire Chief is Dave Schaetz.

The Fire Department has three vehicles: Engine #1 is a 1998 Pierce Pumper Fire Truck, Engine #2 is a 1975 Maxim, and Brush Truck #4 is a 2007 Ford F550.

BURNING REGULATIONS:

BURNING LEAVES OR TRASH

It shall be unlawful to burn leaves and trash of any kind in the Village of Biron

RECREATIONAL BURNING

Recreational burning is permitted in a fire pit; a minimum 3-sided enclosure; or a gas, electric or charcoal kettle. Recreational burning is subject to the safety requirements listed below.

BURNING BY PERMIT

Permits for burning brush may be issued by the Fire Chief or at the Village Municipal Center. All permits are subject to Department of Natural Resources regulations and are issued annually. Once the permit is issued the DNR website dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire or 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) will need to be checked for burning conditions prior to burning. Burning may not be done before 6:00 p.m. and must be completed by 12:00 midnight. No burning is allowed on Sundays or holidays. To obtain a permit you may call the fire chief at 715-423-6585 or stop at the Municipal Center.

All Burning is subject to the following safety requirements:

1. The fire is monitored by a responsible person until the fire is extinguished or burns out.
2. The fire is not lit on windy days or when atmospheric conditions will endanger the public health or safety.
3. The fire is located off the public right of way and in excess of 30 feet from the residence of another.
4. The fire is not used for the covert burning of plastic, rubber, garbage or other offensive materials.
5. The fire must be located off the public streets, curb, gutters and sidewalks.

Any person burning in the open, whether permitted or not, which results in a response by the Village Fire Department shall be billed for the cost of such response.

WATER UTILITY



The Village has seventeen (17) miles of water lines, two operating wells, a water treatment plant, and a 250,000 gallon water tower. Water system users are billed quarterly.

Water and Wastewater Utility payments may be made at Baker Street IGA or at the Biron Municipal Center between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Late payments can only be made at the Biron Municipal Center. Call 715-423-6580 for the utility clerk or 715-323-2001 for the Water Superintendent with any water or wastewater utility question

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

The Village has fourteen (14) miles of wastewater lines and five (5) lift stations. The Village wastewater is sent to the City of Wisconsin Rapids Treatment Plant. Users of the wastewater system are billed monthly for use of the system. The amount of water used in your home or business is the amount used to figure your wastewater bill.

MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTAL

The Biron Municipal Center has a 3,000 square foot assembly area and kitchen. This area is available for rental for both Village residents as well as non-residents. Following are some of the rules:

1. No smoking on premises.
2. Must be over 21 to rent the Municipal Center. If not, a cosigner is required.
3. No Cash Bar is allowed.
4. Party is to be over by 12:30 a.m.
5. Decorations can be mounted with poster putty only.
6. No confetti.
7. All garbage is to be placed in furnished containers. Recyclables must be placed in proper containers.
8. Renter is responsible for kitchen cleanup.

A complete list of regulations and fees for the rental of the Municipal Center is available at the Municipal Center Office at 451 Kahoun Road between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or on the website www.bironwisconsin.org Please call 715-423-6580 for more information or to reserve a date.