



TOWN OF BARNES

2024 TOWN INFORMATION

www.townofbarneswi.gov

New website coming in 2025

TOWN BOARD

Chairperson: Tom Renz chair@townofbarneswi.gov

Supervisor: Dave Scully sup3@townofbarneswi.gov

Supervisor: Jim Frint sup4@townofbarneswi.gov

Supervisor: Seana Frint sup1@townofbarneswi.gov

Supervisor: Eric Neff sup2@townofbarneswi.gov

Barnes EMS non-emergency: 715-795-2424

Bayfield County Sheriff non-emergency number: 715-373-6120

Town Office: 715-795-2782 Fax: 715-795-2784

Town Administrator: Lisa Meyer

E-mail: admin@townofbarneswi.gov

Clerk-Treasurer: Kari Hufnagle

Email: clerk@townofbarneswi.gov

Roads & Property Foreman: Jeff Jordheim

E-mail: garage@townofbarneswi.gov

Assessor: Ringlemon Appraisal Services—608-378-3003
www.ringlemonappraisal.com

PROPERTY TAXES PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment in full before Jan. 31 or 1st installment payments must be paid to: **Town of Barnes Treasurer and postmarked by January 31, 2025.**

Pay Online: www.GovPayNow.com. There is a minimum fee of 2.95% (\$1 min) for credit cards and 2.95% + \$1.00 flat fee for debit cards.

Pay by Phone: 1-888-604-7888. Telephone payments are \$2.50 for operator assistance (2.95% fee, \$1 min) Use Pay Location Code: "a0014e".

All payments paid by or postmarked by December 31st, 2024 can be claimed as deductions on your 2024 Income Taxes.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILLS!

- Your check or money order must be payable to the: "Town of Barnes Treasurer".
- Please print your Bayfield County 3-5 digit "Tax ID" (Not your parcel ID) on your check (the County's **Payment Tax ID** is printed on the upper right corner of your tax bill).
- Send the correct Payment Coupon from the bottom of the bill with your payment.
- If you want a receipt, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with your payment.
- Please check your tax bill to see if you have a lottery credit.

If you need to update your address, you must do so online at: <https://www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/FormCenter/Land-Records-18/Address-Change-Form-93>

All of your tax bills, payment history, etc.,(including prior years) are available online at the Bayfield County website. You can reprint your tax bill or print your receipt anytime after we enter your payment. The link is on the Bayfield County website: <http://www.bayfieldcounty.wi.org>.

For Your Property Tax Records, click on **Land Information**, then on the next page under "Treasurer" click on **Novus tax database**. Once the public access system page opens, Click on "agree" and then enter either your **Tax ID** or your last name in the appropriate search field to look up your tax records on your property.

Please Note: The Town can only accept payment for current year taxes. Any/all **DELINQUENT TAXES** for prior years must be paid by separate check directly to the County. Delinquent tax payments should be payable to: BAYFIELD COUNTY TREASURER and mailed to: P.O. BOX 397 WASHBURN, WISCONSIN 54891

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND: The cut-off dates for entering all the tax payments we receive in Dec. is Dec. 31, 2024 and Jan. is Jan. 31, 2025. Please check the Bayfield Co. website to see if your taxes have been posted after one of those dates depending on when you mailed your payment. We get over 300 payments a day and we are not able to search for your payment if it hasn't been posted. We suggest you mail your payment certified mail, make your payment online or by phone with a credit card or pay in person at the clerks office if you are close to one of the cut-off dates or need proof your payment has been received and don't have access to the Bayfield County website to confirm the payment has been posted. **The Town is NOT responsible for payments lost in the mail!** We use the postmark date as the date received when posting your payment to the county's Novus tax database.

TOWN OF BARNES TRANSFER SITE & RECYCLING CENTER

715-795-2244

Winter Hours: **WEDNESDAY**

8:00am - 2:00pm

SUNDAY

8:00am - 2:00pm

Spring Hours begin April 1st (also open Saturdays 8am-2pm)

THE TRANSFER SITE IS LOCATED JUST EAST OF LAKE ROAD ON COUNTY HIGHWAY N.

The Transfer Site will be closed on holidays (except Easter). If the holiday falls on a normal operating day, the Transfer Site will then be open the following day instead.

Transfer Site passes will be available for purchase at a cost of \$120.00 per calendar year. **NEW FOR 2025:** You will receive 2 passes for \$120.00. Additional passes will NO LONGER be available for \$5. If you need more than 2 passes you can purchase another 2 for an additional \$120.00. Passes can be purchased at the Clerk's office during business hours or at the Transfer Site during business hours. **Cash is no longer accepted at the Transfer Site.** Charges will still apply for items like TVs and mattresses and must be paid for by check/credit/debit card. A listing of recyclable materials and the fees for items needing disposal are available on the Town's website: www.townofbarneswi.gov

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

Per the Short Term Rental Ordinance effective 2023 any property that is rented out must file an application and a fee with the clerks office annually. The permit is good for a calendar year beginning on January 1st. The application is available on the town website under "forms" or you may pick one up at the clerks office. The annual fee is \$300/yr. Properties must be licensed through Bayfield County Health Department before the town license can be issued. Please visit or contact Bayfield County for their requirements.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Town of Barnes Committees are open to new members. Forms are available at townofbarneswi.gov under the "Committees" tab.

ELECTIONS

SPRING PRIMARY: Tues Feb. 18, 2025 (if needed)

SPRING ELECTION: Tues Apr. 1, 2025

AUGUST PRIMARY:

GENERAL ELECTION:

Local Offices on the Spring Ballot:

TOWN SUPERVISOR-Incumbent-Dave Scully

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TOWN CHAIR-Incumbent-Tom Renz

Request an absentee ballot or register to vote at <https://myvote.wi.gov>

WI State Law requires a Photo ID to be presented at polling place and to vote in-person absentee

BAYFIELD COUNTY DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FORM FOR ALL DOGS
FEES: \$5.00 (spayed or neutered) or \$12.00 (Not spayed or neutered)

OWNERS NAME: _____

BARNES STREET ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF DOG: _____ **AGE OF DOG:** _____ **BREED/COLOR:** _____

The Dog named above was vaccinated against rabies on: _____/_____/_____ **VET NAME:** _____

VACCINE MFG: _____ **SERIAL #:** _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

****Proof of rabies vaccination required****

Town RROW Policy regarding Clearing of the Right of Way: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 66.1037, the Town shall remove, cut or trim or consent to the removing, cutting or trimming of any tree, shrub, or vegetation in order to provide safety to users of the highway. The Town shall remove all trees and mow vegetation within ten (10) feet of the edge of the surface of the roadway.

Please see the Town Ordinance Chapter 17 for information regarding driveway requirements on our website under “documents” then “town ordinances”

Please keep your driveway clear of snow or ice so that if need be an emergency vehicle can enter without incident.

Per Wis. Stat. 941.03 it is illegal to plow snow from private property across public roads.

Do you Care about Keeping Barnes Lakes Clean and Free from Invasive Species?

Hopefully your answer is YES! Have you ever put your boat on one of our lakes and had a Monitor ask you questions? If so, you’ve already experienced part of the efforts to keep our lakes pristine. Have you ever seen or heard about the BAISS Pontoon boat? The BAISS pontoon works on several of the lakes to manually harvest invasive weeds that we don’t want on our lakes!

We need Volunteers to help continue the efforts that were started by people just like you, area owners who purchased in Barnes for a reason. No experience necessary for any of our volunteer positions, we can train.

The AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species Committee) formed in 2005 under the direction of the FOECLA (Friends of Eau Claire Lakes Association). The Committee is made up of members of FOECLA, ECLCC (Eau Claire Lakes Conservation Club) and concerned community members. The Committee oversees projects such as: beetle rearing and release to combat Purple Loosestrife, the CBCW (Clean Boats, Clean Water) boat landing monitoring, mechanical and manual removal of aquatic invasive species BAISS (Barnes Aquatic Invasive Species Sucker). We sure do love our acronyms, don’t we? To learn more, go to www.TownofBarneswi.gov. Or go to any of the FOECLA, ECLCC, BAISS Facebook pages to read more and see the efforts in action.

The Town of Barnes continues to enhance recreational activities in our area. Tomahawk Lake Park and the trail system have expanded to include a new snowshoe/fat bike trail. If you haven’t visited the Park recently, take a ride to see ongoing improvements, including a signed parking area off Barnes Road.

Volunteers are needed to maintain hiking/ski trails on a regular basis.

You can find Friends of Tomahawk Lake Park on Facebook for more information or reach them at

CURRENT TAX LEVY & MILL RATE –PRIOR YEARS COMPARISON

	2021	2022	2023	2024	Actual \$ Change (+/-) For Each Tax District
Taxing Dis- trict					
WI-STATE	0	0	0	0	0
BAYFIELD COUNTY	1,423,949.87	1,590,218.54	1,710,749.70	1,882,321.51	171,571.81
TOWN OF BARNES	851,387	898,139	901,006	973,951	72,945.00
DRUM- MOND School Dis- trict	957,355.64	953,614.62	1,052,424.15	1,928,167.84	875,743.69
STATE VTAE District	113,017.02	111,607.04	119,890.70	131,646.11	11,755.41
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GROSS TO- TAL LEVY:	3,345,709.53	3,553,579.20	3,784,070.55	3,943,109.41	1,132,015.91
Less STATE SCHOOL AID CREDIT	188,231.24	175,400.28	213,051.21	226,535.96	
NET LEVY:	<u>3,157,478.29</u>	<u>3,378,178.92</u>	<u>3,571,019.34</u>	<u>4,689,550.50</u>	
NET MILL RATE	0.009676021	0.010311955	0.	0.051378909	State VTAE <u>.39</u> Per Thousand Total Mill Rate: \$14.73
Equalized Valuation	352,127,200	408,608,600	476,598,300	549,203,900	
Assessed Value	326,919,900	327,598,300	328,618,600	333,322,100	
					Average Assessment Ratio for all Property: <u>0.6069</u>