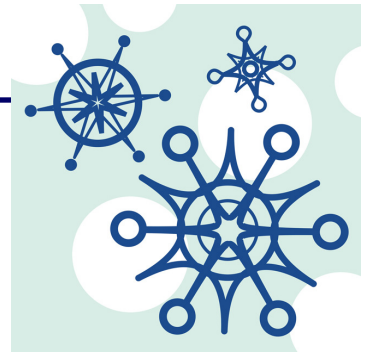




# Happy Holidays!

*Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!*



## **ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO END**

Town Chairman Jeff Long announced that he is not seeking re-election in April after 38 years on the Town Board. Jeff holds office hours on Monday through Friday from 11AM to noon. Be sure to stop by to thank him for his outstanding service to the town. A celebration is being planned in his honor. If you would like to contribute to a "thank you" gift or have any ideas for a party, please contact the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

**LOCAL ELECTION NEWS** The following seats are open for election and are for two year terms beginning on April 12th: Town Chairman (\*incumbent Jeffrey L. Long), Town Supervisor (\*incumbent David B. Schuenemann), Town Supervisor (incumbent Charles P. Spencer), and Town Clerk/Treasurer (incumbent Cindy Howard). The Office of Municipal Judge was abolished by the Town Board in November due to rising costs to maintain a court in compliance with new state laws. Vilas County Circuit Court will hear municipal ordinance violation cases beginning on May 1st. The Office of Municipal Judge is currently held by R. Thomas Sommerfeld (please see election calendar on page 2). **\*filed non-candidacy papers**

**TOWN FINANCES** The town's budget and financial statements have a "new look" this year showing greater transparency of the town's financial processes. The documents were created by Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Howard with the assistance of our new accountant appointed last fall and support of the Town Board. The budget worksheets are posted to the town's website ([www.townofboulderjunction.org](http://www.townofboulderjunction.org)) and are in much greater detail than what was previously provided at budget hearings. Notable changes in the budget reflect the re-classification of capital projects and purchases now being reported as "Capital Outlay". The Special Points of Interest document outlines these expenditures and their revenue sources. The 2011 budget was approved for \$2,114,825.66.

The town's reserve funds are fiscally sound with 2009 year-end balance of \$694,093.77 with an anticipated 2010 year-end balance of \$869,975.83, both of which includes a DNR grant of \$47,455 for the Bike Trail Extension Project. These reserves are earmarked for future projects or purchases within specific categories, such as, vehicles, equipment, and other projects. Without reserves funds, the town would have to borrow money or raise taxes as emergencies or needs arise. Therefore, prior planning, including vehicle and equipment replacement programs, and healthy reserves balances are essential in today's economy. The major projects and purchases for 2011 include the 911 Readdressing Project, Bike Trail Extension Project, and the purchase of a new ambulance and dump truck with a snowplow. The expected 2010 year-end Debt Retirement balances from loans taken out by the town is around \$539,500 which goes up to an estimated \$588,000 when you include the fire lease (article continued on page 2).

## **LIVE BOARD MEETINGS ONLINE**

Coming soon...a new website will be launched that provides a way to attend meetings from the comfort of your own home! The November 30th Budget Hearing, Special Electors Meeting, and Town Board Meeting were videotaped using a webcam. Future meetings will be aired LIVE at [www.townofboulderjct.org](http://www.townofboulderjct.org) as soon as all the testing is complete. Previously taped meetings will be archived on the website. This will be a wonderful resource to seasonal, homebound, or working residents and taxpayers to see our town's local government in action.

## TOWN FINANCES *(continued from page 1)*

The tax levy for the town was approved by electors on Nov. 30th with a 3% increase at \$756,861.97. The combined tax levy from all taxing bodies is \$ 4,726,820.57. After applying the school credit tax by the state, the mill rate on tax bills is \$7.74 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Please see the chart to the right for a complete break down on where your taxes dollars go.

As always, please contact the Town Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Howard if you have any questions pertaining to the town's financials or your tax bills.

State of Wisconsin	\$ 94,693.76	2%
Vilas County	\$ 968,443.70	20.5%
North Lakeland School District	\$ 1,155,476.00	24.5%
Lakeland Union High School	\$ 1,131,472.00	24%
Nicolet Area Technical College District	\$ 619,873.14	13%
<b>Town Levy</b>	<b>\$ 756,861.97</b>	<b>16%</b>

## TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

**REAL ESTATE TAXES:** First Installment is due by January 31, 2011 to the Town Treasurer. Second Installment is due by July 31, 2011 to the Vilas County Treasurer. Optional full payments will be accepted by the Town Treasurer through January 31, 2011. Payments after January 31, will be collected by the Vilas County Treasurer. Those paying delinquent taxes need to pay the delinquent portion plus penalty and interest to the Vilas County Treasurer prior to paying the current taxes.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES:** Personal property taxes must be paid in full to the Town Treasurer by January 31, 2011. Those paying delinquent taxes need to pay the delinquent portion plus penalties and interest to the Town Treasurer prior to paying the current taxes. Beginning this year, personal property tax charge-backs will not be allowed. What this mean's is that the town will be charged for the town's portion of the other taxing jurisdictions that are unpaid as a result of non-payment of personal property taxes. Because of this new legislation, all unpaid personal property taxes will be sent to collection.

**Accepted Payment Forms:** Check, money order, or cash

- Make Checks and Money Orders Payable to: Boulder Junction Treasurer
- Escrow checks must be endorsed by the taxpayer.
- Cash should only be paid in person; only the exact amount of dollars and cents will be accepted.
- The correct remittance stub must be enclosed with payment.  
(full payment, 1st installment, 2nd installment)
- Overpayments will be refunded by check.

**Payment Locations:**

- 1st Installment or payment in full ON OR BEFORE January 31:  
Town Treasurer, 5386 Park Street, Boulder Junction, WI
- 2nd Installment payments AFTER January 31:  
Vilas County Treasurer, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521

**Tax Payment Hours (Only through January 31st):**

PAYING IN PERSON AT TOWN HALL, 5386 Park Street, Boulder Junction:

TAX COLLECTION SEASONAL HOURS:

Monday—Thursday 9:30 AM—4:00 PM  
Friday 9:30 AM—NOON

HOLIDAYS HOURS:

Christmas Eve CLOSED  
New Years Eve 9:30 AM—NOON

**NEW!** An indoor payment drop box will be available at Town Hall during the tax season 24-hours a day!

**MAIL PAYMENTS TO:** TOWN TREASURER  
PO BOX 616  
BOULDER JUNCTION, WI 54512

**NEED A RECEIPT?** Please Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you desire a receipt.

**Due Dates:** 1st Installment DUE January 31, 2011

2nd Installment DUE July 31, 2011

### ELECTION DATES:

**NOMINATION PAPERS DUE**

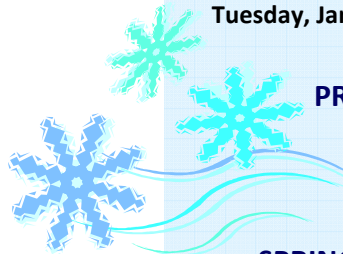
Tuesday, January 4, 2011

**PRIMARY ELECTION**

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

**SPRING ELECTION**

Tuesday, April 5, 2011



### DOG LICENSES DUE BY JANUARY 31

Please contact Town Hall at (715) 385-2220 if you need a dog license application mailed to you. Forms may be downloaded from our web-site at [www.townofboulderjunction.org](http://www.townofboulderjunction.org).



## 911 RE-ADDRESSING PROJECT COMING SOON!

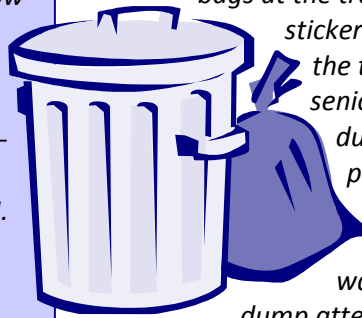
Coming in 2011, the town will be updating fire numbers and street names within the municipality. This project has been underway for several years now. The town is mandated to comply with Vilas County's Ordinance which requires any private road or easement that provides access to three (3) or more homes to be given a street name. New street names will be selected by the town and you will be notified of the proposed road name and your new fire number as the project moves forward. Some residents will be receiving a new fire number even though they do not fall into the above category. All fire numbers are being coordinated by using GPS tracking software through our contractor, Lange Enterprises, and verified by the Vilas County Mapping Department prior to issuance. The goal of this project is to help emergency personnel easily find your respective homes in the event of an emergency, thus reducing service response times. Please contact Officer Jim Hanson, the town's project liaison, at (715) 892-4926 if you have any questions about your address.

### NEW BRUSH REGULATIONS

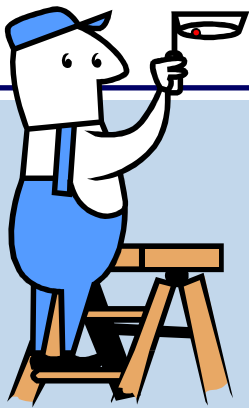
Effective this winter season, the Town of Boulder Junction will no longer be utilizing the burn pad. The DNR urged town officials to eliminate the burning operation and use a more environmentally-friendly alternative. An alternative method of brush disposal was recently approved by the Town Board that will not impact residents. The town will continue to accept brush 3" or less in diameter (now increased to 12" or less in diameter) seasonally. The brush pile will be relocated to another area of the transfer site and stockpiled until such time as a contractor comes in to mulch the brush for their use. Residents are reminded that DNR burning permits are required and available by telephone at 1-888-WIS-BURN. Permits are also available at Knitt's Hardware. Please see the dump attendant if you have any questions.

### TRIAL GARBAGE STICKERS PROGRAM

Yet another new program is on the horizon for Boulder Junction residents. The town is in the process of reviewing a trial program that would allow dump users the option of purchasing town dump stickers instead of the town's garbage bags. Those in possession of garbage bags have no worries as the town dump will continue to accept town bags at the transfer site. It is hoped that the sticker program will be a cost savings to the town and will provide ease to seniors from lifting heavy, over-sized dump bags as well as the ability to purchase stickers through the mail. More information will follow in the coming months. Please watch the town's website or ask the dump attendant for a copy of the most current information.



### ATTENTION: LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, FAMILIES & SENIORS!



As supplies last, **FREE** smoke detectors are available at Town Hall courtesy of the Boulder Junction Lions Club.

**OPTIONAL:** If requested, the Fire Dept. will install these smoke detectors in your home by appointment.

This program is geared to assist the elderly and lower income families.

**SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!**

Have you checked your batteries?

### FREE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN GOODS

**TIRES & APPLIANCE** amnesty vouchers give residents a free way to dispose of these goods at Highway G Landfill.

**ELECTRONICS** are no longer accepted at the Highway G Landfill. Electronics Recycling Vouchers can be used at Veolia in Minocqua or Eagle Waste in Eagle River.

Vouchers are first come, first serve and available in the Clerk's Office.

### LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

During the winter season, residents are reminded to refrain from clearing driveways into the town road or right-of-way areas. Town businesses are reminded to please clear the walks in front of your business.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



### There's a New Group in Town: The Boulder Junction Community Foundation!

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation (BJCF) is a newly formed, incorporated local charity whose first major focus was the creation of the Boulder Junction Endowment Fund that will benefit our community for a very long time. As it grows, the endowment's earnings will be used to award grants to local organizations for charitable projects or programs in the community. To function as a full foundation without the higher expenses of an office and staff required to administer a foundation, the BJCF has affiliated with the highly respected Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin of Wausau, WI. With assistance from this expert staff, the BJCF will be able to offer a variety of giving and fund options for those who love Boulder Junction and want to insure it remains a strong and vibrant community into the future. For additional information about the BJCF, its affiliation, and how to donate, check out our website (currently under construction): [www.boulderjunctioncf.org](http://www.boulderjunctioncf.org). The local foundation looks forward to working hand in hand with donors and our community's local charities! Questions can be directed to the Boulder Junction Community Foundation, Box 675, Boulder Jct., WI 54512 or to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin at [www.cfoncw.org](http://www.cfoncw.org).

Big, small–We accept them all...Donations to build the Endowment Fund of the BJCF!

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

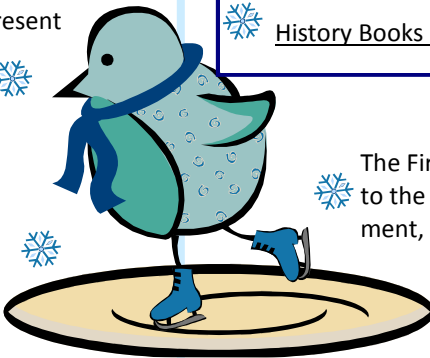
### FIREWORKS FUND:

Thanks to your kind donations, the Town of Boulder Junction has in the past shown beautiful fireworks displays and would like to repeat this in 2011. ❄️

With your continued support, the Town will present firework displays at the following events during 2011:

- Dec 30 (2010) Winterpark Celebration
- July 4 Independence Day
- August 12 Musky Days

Please include a check payable to the **Boulder Junction Fireworks Fund** when you send in your tax payment. Thank you!



### HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Memberships and donations are needed to help with utility costs and can be mailed to:

BJ Historical Society, PO Box 447, BJ, WI 54512.

❄️ History Books 1: \$25 and 2: \$30 are sold in the Library.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

❄️ The Fire Department accepts donations payable to the Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 395, Boulder Junction, WI 54512.

*To those that are able, you can show your community support with a tax-deductible gift this holiday season to any of our area's not-for-profits.*

**LIBRARY FUND:** See insert or mail to:

Boulder Junction Library, PO Box 9, BJ, WI 54512.

**BJCF:** See above instructions and mail to:

BJ Community Foundation, PO Box 675, BJ, WI 54512.