

Spring has arrived, meaning yard clean up and brush burning might be in your plan.

Please remember to notify the Town Chair via text or call at 715-307-1364 before you begin burning.

Most importantly, you must also notify Pierce County Dispatch at 715-273-5051 prior to any burn. You will be responsible for any costs incurred if you fail to do so.



Martell Town News

Your quarterly update from the Martell Town Board

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Letter from the Town Clerk

Greetings from your Town Clerk. As we welcome spring and I mark one full year serving the Town of Martell, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on my role as your clerk and share some important information.

Managing the day-to-day operations of our town has been a pleasure and a valuable learning experience, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve our community in this way. Over the past year I have worked hard to better understand the responsibilities of the role and continue building the knowledge and systems needed to effectively serve our residents.

As your Town Clerk, one of my most important responsibilities is administering elections and ensuring that they are conducted fairly, accurately, and transparently. With the upcoming Spring Election on April 7th, I want to share some important details to give residents a better understanding of how we do this.

Before every election, Wisconsin law requires municipalities conduct a public test of the voting equipment. For the Town of Martell, this test will take place April 2 starting at 3:00 PM. During this process, the tabulator is tested using pre-marked ballots to confirm that the machine is accurately counting votes for each candidate or referendum. This public test helps ensure the integrity and reliability of the equipment used on Election Day.

The public test is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Residents are welcome to observe the process and see firsthand how

the equipment is verified before ballots are cast. Transparency is an important part of maintaining confidence in our elections, and I encourage anyone who is interested or concerned to stop by.

Beyond elections, the Town Clerk's role includes maintaining official records, managing public notices, coordinating meetings, processing licenses and permits, and ensuring the town complies with state and local regulations. To fulfill these duties effectively, I am committed to ongoing learning and collaboration. I regularly participate in meetings with other Pierce County clerks to share information and best practices, and I pursue continuing education to stay current with election law and municipal procedures.

I also rely on resources provided by the Wisconsin Towns Association, which offers guidance, training, and support to help town officials operate effectively and in compliance with state law.

Finally, I am continually looking for ways to make town information easier to access and understand, whether through our new website, newsletters, meeting notices, or other forms of outreach. I know that keeping residents informed is the best way I can help ensure everyone has the opportunity to stay engaged in local government.

If you ever have questions about elections, town records, licensing, or other clerk-related matters, please reach out; I'm happy to help!

Robin Boles

Your Board

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Keep yourself in the loop!

To access specific township information including meeting dates, agendas & minutes, public notices, Ordinances and Resolutions, voter registration and information, local news, and other valuable Town of Martell information please visit our new website

www.townofmartell.com

Town of Martell
W5581 800th Ave
Spring Valley, WI 54767

Town Board Meetings

Regular town board meetings are typically held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Martell Town Hall
W5581 800th Ave

~ April 14, 2026, 7 PM~
Regular Town Board Meeting

~ April 21, 2026, 7 PM~
Annual Town Meeting

~ May 12, 2026, 7 PM~
Regular Town Board Meeting

~ June 9, 2026, 7 PM~
Regular Town Board Meeting

Town of Martell Election Information: Spring Election, Tuesday, April 7th

The Town of Martell reminds all residents of the upcoming Spring Election scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th. This is an important opportunity to cast your vote for Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, County Supervisor, local school board members, and to weigh in on the Ellsworth School District Referendum if it applies to you.

Polls will be open at the Martell Town Hall, located at W5581 800th Ave from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you are not currently registered to vote at your current address, please note the following deadlines:

- By Mail or Online: Sorry, the deadline was Wednesday, March 18th
- In Person at the Town Clerk's Office: Up until Friday, April 3rd. Call for an appointment: 715-317-1395
- In Person at the Polls on Election Day: You must present proof of residence

For those unable to vote in person on Election Day:

- The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday, April 2nd, visit myvote.wi.gov
- In-person absentee voting (Early Voting) will be conducted at the Town Hall starting March 24. Please call or email for an appointment: 715-317-1395 or clerk@tn.martell.wi.gov

For detailed voter information, please contact the Town Clerk or visit the myvote.wi.gov

On Your Ballot

Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court

- Chris Taylor
- Maria S. Lazar

County Supervisor District 12

- Larry Knutson
- Melissa Petersen

County Supervisor District 8

- Wendy DiPeso
- Frank F. During

Ellsworth Community School District Board

vote for up to 3 candidates:

- Kurt Buckner
- Gary Kressin
- Jay Acker
- Dave Beck

River Falls School District Board

vote for up to 2 candidates:

- Stay Johnson Myers
- Alison H. Page

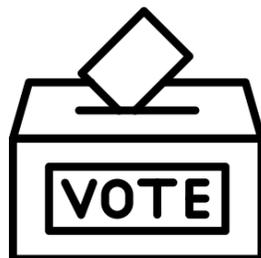
Spring Valley School District Board

vote for up to 3 candidates:

- Monica Vorlicek
- Emily Collins

Ellsworth Community School District Referendum

Question: Shall the Ellsworth Community School District, Pierce County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,185,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, transportation, technology, and facilities?



Town Polling Place
Martell Town Hall
W5581 800th Ave
Spring Valley, WI 54767

2026 Elections

~ April 7, 2026 ~
Spring Election

~ August 11, 2026 ~
Fall Primary

~ November 3, 2026 ~
General Election

Need to Know!

Road Restrictions

Effective March 3 until signs are removed

Limits:

- 6 tons gross load for single axle vehicles
- 10 tons gross load for tandem axle vehicles

Penalties: \$50 - 100 plus applicable surcharges, assessments and costs per incident

Road Tour Scheduled

The Board will assemble to tour the Town Roads on **Friday, March 27th at 1 PM.** No official action will be taken at that time.

Stray Animals & Barking Dogs:

Please DO NOT pick up any stray animals in the township. The township is not responsible for any animals taken to an animal shelter or vet clinic. Please contact a town supervisor regarding stray animals and barking dogs that have become a nuisance.

Mark your Calendar!

Free well water Nitrate Screening at the Martell Town Hall
Tuesday, June 16, 3-6 PM

Bring a sample of your well water to the Town Hall and Pierce County Land Conservation and Public Health will use a portable spectrometer to test your water for nitrates. Their staff will also be available to discuss results, concerns, and offer further testing options.

Open Book & Board of Review

Open Book
Tuesday, June 2, 6-8 PM
Board Of Review
Monday, June 15, 6-8 PM

Opt in for digital!

To save paper and postage and receive future copies of the Martell Town News in your inbox, email the clerk at clerk@tn.martell.wi.gov with the subject line: **Opt In**

SHOUT OUT!

Thank you Bob & Steve for keeping our town roads clear and safe this winter!