

**Transcript**  
**City of River Falls Mayor Dan Toland's weekly video update**  
**Nov. 03, 2020**

Hi, Mayor Dan here. It's Election Day! A day when all Americans exercise their right to vote. Election Days are always a long time coming and this one has been no different. I know you will be just as happy as me to be done with all of the campaign ads that we have constantly been hit over the head with. Hopefully we won't have to see them for another four years.

Because I want to focus on the election today, this update will be shorter than most. I'm pretty sure most of you will think that's a good thing. If you're curious about dashboard numbers for COVID-19 cases, they are included in the transcript of today's video. You can find the transcript on the City's COVID-19 webpage ([www.rfcity.org/COVID19](http://www.rfcity.org/COVID19)).

Even though a campaign can bring out the worst on both sides of the aisle, I have reflected lately on the hundreds of thousands of people who have participated in this greatest of American experiences, voting. For those of you who expended time and effort, our country thanks you.

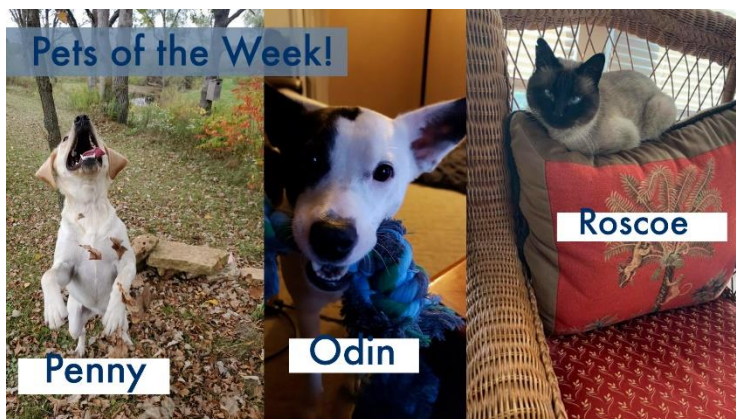
Yes, this election will surely be one for the books. So far, our City Clerk's staff has collected 3,545 of the 3,796 ballots mailed to registered voters in River Falls. They have also received 1,471 ballots from early, in-person voters over the last two weeks. That's a total of 5,016 absentee ballots received as of yesterday afternoon.

Back in 2016, we had 2,226 absentee ballots returned. That's an increase of over 125% – and that's not counting ballots that come in today! I want to thank the City Clerk's staff for the tremendous amount of work they did to prepare for this election.

Getting the official election results can sometimes be a slow and methodical business, especially since each state has its own counting timelines. It's likely that we won't know the official outcome of the election as quickly as we may hope for.

So, I ask for your patience. And, after the election is over, no matter who wins, I ask for your kindness and civility and we will do what we always do here in River Falls after an election: we will embrace our neighbors and continue to work together to make our community a better place to live, work, and play.

Remember that polls close today at 8 p.m. Ballots can still be received in the Clerk's Office at City Hall until 8 p.m. this evening. Ballots should **NOT** be dropped off at your polling location. To check your polling location, visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).



As I have been doing lately – and to put a smile on your face – I want to leave you with some cute pet pictures. Today we have Penny, followed by Odin, and, last but not least ... Roscoe.

Please email me a picture of your favorite pet and I will include it in an upcoming video.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have questions or comments on any subject. I want to hear from you. You can find me at [dtoland@rfcity.org](mailto:dtoland@rfcity.org).

**COVID-19 Case Dashboards from Oct. 25/26-Nov. 2, 2020**

<b>Pierce County</b>	<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Change</b>
Cumulative confirmed cases	689	881	+192
<b>Active cases</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>+109</b>
Recovered cases	592	682	+90
Negative cases	9,701	10,157	+456
Deaths	7	8	+1
Activity level	High	High	No change

<b>St. Croix County</b>	<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Change</b>
Cumulative confirmed cases	1,795	2,256	+461
<b>Active cases</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>+331</b>
Recovered cases	1,006	1,135	+129
Negative cases	20,833	22,024	+1,191
Deaths	11	12	+1
Activity level	High	High	No change

<b>State of Wisconsin</b>	<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Change</b>
Cumulative confirmed cases	201,049	232,296	+31,247
<b>Active cases</b>	<b>41,067</b>	<b>48,366</b>	<b>+7,299</b>
Recovered cases	158,158	181,845	+23,687
Negative cases	1,777,892	1,846,618	+68,726
Deaths	1,788	2,050	+262

<b>Local/regional</b>	<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b>
Adequate PPE supplies for staff	Yes	Yes
City/regional testing capacity	Yes	Yes
Case contact within 24 hours (Pierce County)	Yes	Yes
Close contact tracing within 24 hours (Pierce County)	No	No