

Notification Letter — Misslich Drive Closure

September 6, 2026

To:

- Richland Fire Department
- Richland County EMS
- Richland County Sheriff's Department
- Ithaca Bus Barn
- WRCO Radio and other local media
- Richland County Highway Department / Highway Commissioner
- Affected residents and property owners

Subject: Temporary Closure of Misslich Drive at County N

To whom it may concern:

The Town of Richland is notifying you that **Misslich Drive will be temporarily closed at or before its intersection with County N**, effective **immediately**.

The closure is being made because the intersection presents an immediate and unacceptable safety hazard. Trees and overgrown vegetation obstruct the view of traffic approaching on County N, making it difficult or impossible for a driver traveling from Misslich Drive to see approaching vehicles before entering the intersection. This condition creates a serious risk of a collision, particularly for school buses, emergency vehicles, residents, and other motorists.

The Town has repeatedly brought this sight-distance problem to the attention of the Richland County Highway Department and other appropriate agencies. The Town has requested that the County investigate and correct the condition. To date, the County has not corrected the obstructed sight distance or otherwise provided a safety solution acceptable to the Town. Because the hazard remains unresolved, the Town must take reasonable steps to protect the public using Misslich Drive.

This closure is a public-safety measure. It is not intended to interfere with emergency services or to create unnecessary inconvenience.

Access and routing information

There will be no designated detour. Motorists will need to use other existing roads to reach their destinations and should not attempt to enter the closed portion of Misslich Drive from

County N.

For emergency personnel, fire, sheriff, EMS, and other authorized responders, **access to Misslich Drive and Three Springs Lane will be available from Hustlers Ridge. Access will not be available from County N.** Emergency agencies should update their maps, dispatch information, and response-routing instructions accordingly.

Please share this notice with dispatchers, drivers, school transportation personnel, and other staff who may use or route traffic through this intersection.

The closure will remain in place until the sight-distance hazard has been corrected or until a qualified safety or engineering review determines that Misslich Drive can be reopened safely. The Town Board will review the closure periodically and will provide notice of any change.

Please direct questions about the closure to:

Matt Williams, Chairman

Town of Richland

23076 Three Springs Lane

Richland Center, WI 53581

Phone: (608) 383-9003

Email: townofrichlandchair@gmail.com

Please direct questions about the County N right-of-way, tree location, or requested vegetation removal to:

Richland County Highway Department

Phone: (608) 647-4707

Thank you for your cooperation in preventing a foreseeable crash and protecting the traveling public.

Sincerely,

Matt Williams

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