



SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR

6500 TOWER DRIVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

SPRING 2008

FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, DOUGLAS KRANIG

Greetings Seymour Residents,

You may have noticed on your tax statement that the rate for the Town was less than last year while the County and the Schools had significant increases. The State tax increased also. The Town Board over the years has attempted to maintain a stable tax rate, that is, no large increases to pay for special projects. We have generally put money aside in advance, when possible, for special projects and this has helped to level out our tax rate. Even with the State cap on tax increases we reconstructed an additional mile of road last year for a total of 3 miles. One of the reasons for our low tax rate is the income generated from the landfill. Even though many of us do not appreciate how the landfill was sited in our Town we do benefit monetarily from its existence there.

Remember to remove your garbage containers from the road side promptly after the garbage has been picked up. We have gotten some complaints about residents who leave the containers out for extended periods of time. We trust that everyone will cooperate so that we do not have to implement an ordinance which would penalize those who do not comply. Also, please remember to cover your load when hauling to the landfill.

Please do not plow snow across the road at the end of your driveway. There is a State law which prohibits this and there is a fine for those who do not comply. It is also your responsibility to be sure your driveway is cleared of trees and wide enough for emergency vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.

This will be a busy year for voting. There are **4 scheduled elections** being as follows: **Presidential Primary February 19, 2008; Spring Election April 1, 2008; Partisan Primary September 9, 2008 and General Election November 4, 2008.** We wish to thank everyone for voting in the past as we've had great turnouts. Please continue with this great opportunity to make your voice heard.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Board.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

APRIL 8, 2008 7:30 P. M.

AT THE SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair...	Douglas Kranig 877-2899
Supervisor...	Gary Schulenberg 835-0938
Supervisor...	Sheila Running 832-9636
Clerk/Treasurer...	Glenda Lyons 834-4999
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.	Jo-Ann Martin 834-4999
Co. Board Rep...	Howard Ludwigson 832-6759
Office Phone...	834-4999

Regular Board Meetings are scheduled on the **First and Third Tuesdays** of each month. Notices are posted at the Town Hall, Fire Station, Beaver Creek Reserve and Gordy's County Market.

**Office Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Monday through Friday**

Clerks Corner GLENDALYONS

Presidential Primary... I'd like to thank all who came out to vote on February 19 and to all of our Poll Workers for a job well done. The STATE average was 36% of all eligible voters. We had a huge turn-out with 897 votes cast. 57% of our registered voters were here. This is 41% of all eligible voters within our Town which also tells me that we still have about 600 people to get registered. Are YOU registered? You can call me to find out or go to <http://vpa.wi.gov> this is a new site the state has just made available to the public. The state elections website also offers you the ability to print out the Voter Registration form (form # EB-131) and the Absentee Ballot Request Application (form # EB-121). Next election is April 1, 2008.

We have new Auditors....

Johnson and Block from Madison, WI. will perform our audit this year. We look forward to working with them.

Board of Review is coming soon... Springtime always brings "Open Book" meetings with our assessor, Bowmar Appraisal. These meetings are open to the public to view and discuss your property values with our Assessors. Approximately two weeks after Open Book meetings, we will hold a two hour meeting for anyone wishing to contest their values. This is called "Board of Review". At this meeting you are required to "prove" why your property should be at a lower (or higher) value. Anyone interested in these meetings and needing more information can contact me.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Beginning March 1, 2008, the City of Eau Claire will be providing our ambulance service. As always, dial 911 for emergencies.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Believe it or not, **SPRING IS ACTUALLY COMING!**
Now is the time to clean up your

yards and remove all unsightly debris, unlicensed vehicles, garbage, scrap and other rubbish. The Town Board has an ordinance which relates to nuisances in our Town. One of our concerns is the accumulation of debris on lawns or around the homes of our residents. This type of "messy" condition is a negative reflection on our Town. Let's pull together and make our TOWN eye appealing!

THANK YOU

ALTOONA LAKE DISTRICT: For information, visit their website: www.lakealtoonaprotect.org

DOG LICENSE

A dog more than 5 months of age must be licensed. It is the resident's responsibility to license their dog. The State requires Proof of Rabies Vaccination EACH year. That does not mean your pet needs the vaccination every year. Please bring your forms from the vet to prove your dog's shots are current. No need to make copies as we use them as the receipt and return them to you. The fee for neutered/spayed dogs is \$7.00 and for dogs not neutered/spayed the fee is \$18.00. Late fees of \$5.00 are charged beginning April 1st Ordinance #80-3. Citations will be issued beginning June 1st for unlicensed dogs. The cost of citation is \$50 plus court costs which are currently \$165. Please be prompt with licensing your dogs.

If you prefer to mail this to us, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can send the tag and vaccination papers back to you.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- JIM MURRAY ----- CHAIR----- 832-8892
- MARY SEITZ ----- 835-7727
- KEVIN MIDTHUN ----- 832-1299
- SHEILA RUNNING ----- 832-9686
- LOREN GORREL ----- 877-2705
- ROXY JAEGER ----- 835-8593
- JOE KIRST ----- 839-0140

WE HAVE A NEW EMPLOYEE!!!

INTRODUCING JOHN OXLEY. I began employment on Feb 11, 2008 as a Road Crew/ Building Maintenance person. I have lived in Eau Claire with my wife of 14 years for the last 13 years. Jennifer and I have two daughters, Lauren and Madelyn. Prior to my employment with the Town, I worked in various positions for Bauer Built Inc. in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. Aside from work, I enjoy motor sports, tinkering with auto repair and lots of camping trips with my family. I am an officer with Township Fire Department, Seymour Station and a member of Emergicare for medical responses. I look forward to serving the residents of Seymour.



PART-TIME SUMMER HELP

Once again, the Town will be hiring summer/seasonal Part-Time help. This position will be approximately 20 hours per week.

Some duties will include mowing, regular grounds care and cleanup and some painting.

For information, please stop in at the Town Hall office and pick up an application for employment.

Any questions please call our office at: 715 834-4999 Monday-Friday 9AM-1PM

FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

As spring approaches a reminder of burning regulations is in order. *BEFORE* you light a fire, you must have a permit. In the area west of CTH P, you must call Township Fire Dept., @ 834-6868, for a permit. The permit guidelines in the DNR Intensive Fire Protection area (East of CTH P) have changed. An annual permit is needed from one of the Fire Wardens, and you must contact the DNR for a check of fire conditions. A call to Township Fire Dept. is also required.

As a reminder a permit from the Town is required for burning barrels. The barrels must be inspected and approved.

Finally, a heartfelt "Thank You" to the anonymous donor to the Fire Depts. Christmas party. Your thoughtfulness made the evening special.

We will be having our annual pancake breakfast on June 15th. We hope you bring dad out for Father's Day.

Have a safe spring cleanup.

**Kerry Parker
Battalion Chief
Township Fire Dept.
Seymour Station**

I.C.E.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, put your cell on ICE. Phone users are being encouraged to list their emergency contact under the acronym ICE. By labeling a contact name and telephone number as "ICE", EMERGICARE personnel can contact someone for you if you are unable to do this yourself. This is a Nationwide project.

BRUSH SITE AND RECYCLING

Both areas are located just East of the Landfill on County Highway Q. The hours are Tuesdays Noon-4:00P.M. and Saturdays 8:00A.M.-11:30A.M. These are the same days and times the landfill can be utilized by Seymour residents at no charge with a permit. For more information on the brush site please visit the website:

<http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/Recycle/recycle.htm>

YES. WOMEN ARE DIFFERENT!!!

Did you know common heart attack symptoms are different for women than from men?

Women may have all, none, many or a few of the typical heart attack symptoms. For women, as for men, the most common symptom of a heart attack is some type of pain, pressure or discomfort in the chest.

But women are more likely than are men to also have symptoms unrelated to chest pain, such as:

1. Neck, jaw, shoulder, upper back or abdominal discomfort.
2. Shortness of breath.
3. Nausea or vomiting.
4. Abdominal pain or “heartburn”.
5. Sweating.
6. Lightheadedness or dizziness.
7. Unusual or unexplained fatigue.

GO AND EAT FISH!

A study reported in the “Archives of Neurology” suggests that eating fish at least once a week can keep your memory sharp. Fish is a rich source of omega-3 fatty acids essential for brain functioning and memory performance. Combined with other research, this study supports the possibility that regular fish eaters have a lower risk of dementia and stroke... and offers another reason for adding fish to your diet.

TIDBIT: WRIST SAVER

Relax your wrists and relieve the pain and strain that can result from typing and other repetitive motions. Rest your elbow on a desk with your hand hanging over the edge. Gently stretch your fingers back with your other hand and hold for five seconds. Repeat for the other hand.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE:

Remember **S T R**:

Sometimes the symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a

stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today).

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS. If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call 999/911 **immediately** and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

NEW SIGN OF A STROKE--- STICK OUR YOUR TONGUE!

NOTE: Ask the person to “stick” out his tongue. If the tongue is “crooked”, if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Cardiologists say by knowing these simple facts, a life can be saved

S.

T.

R.

AND TONGUE!

NEW BURNING REGULATIONS

The State of Wisconsin/Department of Natural Resources has new Burning Regulations and permits beginning January 1, 2008. The best prevention of wildfires is stopping them BEFORE they start. This begins with knowing the safest times to burn. We have pamphlets available at the Town Hall and also give instruction to you in our newsletters.

Starting January 2008, the DNR will start

using a new burning permit system. This change will incorporate one **ANNUAL** burning permit issued to a person for the entire calendar year for burning on the ground or burning in a barrel. The permit user is required to check a Web site or call a toll free number to get permission to use the burning permit each time they wish to burn. This enables fire managers to adjust burning permit restrictions daily as wildfire conditions change.

The new **ANNUAL** “on the ground” burning permit is no charge and the permit to use a burning barrel is still \$25.00 for the cost of the barrel inspection. This is an annual fee.

The same restrictions apply to ALL BURNING:

1. **Only burn legal materials:** Trees, brush, leaves, untreated/unpainted wood and clean “non-recyclable” paper products.

ALL OTHER MATERIAL IS ILLEGAL TO BURN.

2. Fires must be attended at all times.
3. Hours of burning are 6pm to midnight and the fire must be out by midnight.
4. No burning is allowed on Sundays or Holidays.

Burning is allowed without a permit when the ground is covered with sufficient snow.

For more information on the new regulations or permits you may call the DNR or the Seymour Town Hall Monday through Friday 9AM to 1PM.

You may obtain a new **ANNUAL** burning permit from:

1. Augusta Ranger Station 715 286-4340
2. Emergency Fire Wardens:
 - a). Seymour Town Hall:
Glenda Lyons or Jo-Ann Martin
715 834-4999
 - b). Dick and Jean Anderson



TAXES-REMINDER

Real Estate - Second half of property taxes are due **July 31, 2008**. This payment is to be made to the **County Treasurer**, at the Eau Claire County Courthouse. Payments may be mailed or paid in person at **721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire 54703**.

Requests for copies or duplicate receipts are available at the Eau Claire County Courthouse Treasurer’s office.

HALL AND PAVILION RENTALS

The Town Hall is available to rent. The rates are \$250 rent plus \$150 deposit for Seymour residents. Non-resident fee is \$300 rent plus \$150 deposit. The deposit will be returned if the hall is cleaned according to the contract and there are no damages. *THE HALL IS NOW AIR CONDITIONED FOR YOUR COMFORT.*

The park pavilion is also available. The rates are \$25 rent and \$25 deposit without electricity. For rentals with electricity the rent is \$40 and the deposit is \$40. Please call the Town Office for reservations. 834-4999

LIBRARY

The Town of Seymour has made arrangements with the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library for use by Seymour residents. The Town is billed on a **PER ITEM** charge which is currently **\$2.90**. Please be wise consumers and only check out items you will use.

THANK YOU

TOWN LITTERING

There have been several complaints regarding litter on the roads and ditches resulting in garbage not being secured when placed out on “garbage” day. All garbage should be covered or secured whether it’s a “windy” day or not. This is just common courtesy to your neighbors and to the town. Also, please place your garbage out to the road no sooner than 24 hours ahead of pick-up and please

return your empty bins to your home within 24 hours of pick-up. There have been instances where garbage was placed out days ahead of time (which gives wildlife and dogs just that much more opportunity to rummage through and make an unsightly mess) and then not picked up until days later. If there is a windy day even **after** pick-up, the empty bins are blown all over the road and causes hazards. Please be more conscientious of these situations and keep our Town looking clean and eye appealing.

Along with this problem, there have been several instances where scrap tires have been dropped off in our ditches. This is **ILLEGAL** and anyone knowing who is doing this; please contact the Town Hall Office at 834-4999. There is a reward if your information results in a conviction of this crime. This crime affects the "Town's" debt which could affect your taxes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.