



# SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR

6500 TOWER DRIVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

FALL 2008

## FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, DOUGLAS KRANIG

Greetings Seymour Residents,

\*Thanks to all of you who made an effort to cooperate with our Spring Clean Up. We appreciate your efforts. There are some of you who need to continue with your clean up, though - mow the grass, remove junk and debris, remove unlicensed vehicles, etc.

\*Due to increased cost of oil, which increased the cost of asphalt, we were only able to reconstruct a little over two miles of roads this year and stay within the budget.

\*Please remember to remove your garbage containers from the end of your driveway after the garbage has been picked up. Do not leave them there for days!

\*Thanks to all who obtained your dog license in a timely manner. We only had a few people that we had to remind more than once. Also we have gotten an increasing number of complaints about dogs running at large and dogs barking excessively. If you have a dog please keep it under your control at all times and keep it from barking and annoying your neighbors.

\*We continue to experience steady growth in the Town. We issued permits for 8 new homes last year.

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

Enjoy the Fall.

## ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

**THE PRESIDENTIAL/GENERAL ELECTION IS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008.  
THE POLLS ARE OPEN 7AM-8PM AT THE TOWN HALL.  
MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.**

## NEW WEBSITE!

The Town of Seymour now has a website! Glenda has made this site very eye appealing and informative. We have posted a variety of information on this site and encourage you to visit it often.

[www.townofseymour.org](http://www.townofseymour.org)

## 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  
 Building Inspector... Wayne Zwiefelhofer  
 563-3917

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 and the website.

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

Office Phone... 834-4999  
Website... [www.townofseymour.org](http://www.townofseymour.org)

**CLERKS CORNER *GLEND A LYONS***



With the Partisan Primary completed, we now have one final election for 2008. The 4<sup>th</sup> election for 2008 is the General Election which will be Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Please register to vote prior to Election Day. If you are not certain that

you are registered you should call the town Office or you can verify this information on the internet. Go to <http://vpa.wi.gov> to or call us at (715)834-4999. You can download the Voter Register Application and/or Absentee Ballot Application from the Town’s website under “Forms”. These can then be mailed or faxed to the Town Office.

Do you have new neighbors? If so, please tell them to come visit us at the Town Office for a “Welcome to Seymour” packet.

Please take a minute to check out our new website. There are many forms available for download, a calendar of events, meeting agendas and past meeting minutes. [www.townofseymour.org](http://www.townofseymour.org)

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

On March 1, 2008, the City of Eau Claire started providing our ambulance service. As always, dial 911 for medical emergencies.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE:**

- 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

**LETTER FROM THE BOARD**

We have had many discussions regarding the cost for the Town’s use of the L. E. Phillips Library in the City of Eau Claire. It is a valuable resource for all of us. The cost is a continuing concern though. This year the Town will be paying \$83,145 to use the Eau Claire library. The cost of library service is a large part of our Town budget. For example, we budget nearly \$198,000 per year for road maintenance, not including wages for the crew, and we budget \$68,500 for fire protection. We use these examples to make some comparisons related to major items in our town budget.

Residents of our Town checked out 26,762 items from the Eau Claire library last year. There was a 1% decrease in cost per item and our usage decreased as well. This shows we are using the library more wisely by checking out only those items you plan to use.

Keep up the good work and Thank You for your cooperation.

**TAXES**

**Real Estate** - first half or full payments are due January 31, 2009. **Special Charges and Personal Property** - due in FULL January 31, 2009. If you have any questions about your bill, please contact the office as soon as possible. **Treasurers Hours-** 9:00A.M.-1:00P.M. Mon, Wed & Thurs.

To avoid long waits, please MAIL PAYMENTS TO:

Town of Seymour,  
6500 Tower Dr.  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**A SEPARATE check from your tax payment is REQUIRED for your dog license application.**

Remember; pay the second half of your tax payment to the COUNTY TREASURER at the Eau Claire County courthouse.

**ALTOONA LAKE DISTRICT:**

For information, visit their website: [www.lakealtoonaprotect.org](http://www.lakealtoonaprotect.org)

## WINTER LOSS CONTROL

Winter hasn't officially begun but now is the time to think about snow and ice damage to roofs. Please inspect your roofs for snow load and weight of ice and take appropriate steps to try to prevent a loss before it happens.

Prevention can not only save loss costs but will also eliminate the time and expense of filing an insurance claim and in getting repairs made including the disruption to ongoing daily activities while repairs are done.

### **SOME HELPFUL TIPS:**

1. Use a snow rake or soft broom to clear small amounts of snow from the roof before it freezes. Shovels or picks can cause more damage.
2. Identify areas of heat loss in your roof(s). Escaped heat melts snow on the roof which adds to the backup of water behind ice dams.
3. If possible, wrap or insulate all heating duct work in order to reduce heat loss through the roof.
4. Inspect water pipes in outside walls if possible and insulate as needed.
5. If prevention efforts fail and a loss is incurred, promptly report the claim. Be sure to have all your policy numbers ready when you call. Take pictures, be patient and assist claims adjusters assigned to your case. Small losses may be settled quickly but extensive claims will take longer.

### 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

## FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all who attended our pancake breakfast on Father's Day. We had a record turnout. We give a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful ladies who helped out when half of our crew left for a fire call. You are the essence of volunteerism.

With the school year soon approaching, this would be an excellent opportunity to become a fire fighter. The classes required by the state will start in Sept. and they are usually 1 night per week.

A couple of things have changed in the emergency services in our area since the last newsletter. If you call for an ambulance, a city of Eau Claire Fire Department rig will respond, along with our Emergicare personnel. Another change is an automatic response from Fall Creek Fire Department in the area east of CTH K. In turn, we will be automatically dispatched to an area east of our town in Fall Creek Fire Department's coverage area.

As a reminder, burning barrels need an annual permit and inspection. Also there seems to be a little confusion on the **annual** burning permit from the DNR. Local permitting **supersedes** the annual permit, so a call to the Fire Dept is **required**. The business number is 834-6868.

Have an awesome autumn.

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

### WELLNESS

Walking can add years to your life and life to your years! And it couldn't be easier. You don't need to join a health club, wear special equipment or go into training to reap the rewards. Walking conditions your heart and lungs and improves your body's ability to use oxygen more efficiently. It also reduces your risk of osteoporosis and arthritis. It helps fight the battle of the bulge, reducing fat and building muscle. Take a brisk walk daily to start your wellness program and to improve your health.

### BIKE PATH

The newly paved portion of Tower Drive includes a bike path on each side of the road. ENJOY!

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### **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>

### **DOG LICENSES**

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. This does not mean your pet needs the vaccination every year. Please bring your **Certificate of Rabies Vaccination** 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. **Licenses expire each year on December 31.** New license tags are available starting December 1 each year. 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 1<sup>st</sup>** - -- Ordinance #80-3. **Citations will be issued beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> for unlicensed dogs.** The cost of the citation is \$50 plus court costs which are currently \$165. Please be prompt with licensing your dogs.

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

**THANK YOU**