



# SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR

6500 TOWER DRIVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

FALL 2009

## FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, DOUGLAS KRANIG

Greetings fellow Seymour Residents,

Our Comprehensive Plan Committee has finished their task of completing a 20 year land use plan for our Town. There was a public hearing in August, the Board reviewed the Plan in September and adopted it in October. Copies are available for review at the Town Hall, L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library and our Town website. A big THANK YOU to the committee members (Jim Murray, Chair, Mary Seitz, Kevin Midthun, Sheila Running, Loren Gorell, Roxy Jaeger and Joe Kirst) for the dedicated work on that lengthy project.

It is budget time again. The Board plans to keep the Town taxes the same or less than last year even though the State is reducing our shared revenue, now called municipal aid, by 15%. That reduction is approximately \$17,117.00. The Town's equalized value is down by about 3% too, due to the decrease in property values. What this means, of course, is that we will need to reduce expenses also. We think we can provide satisfactory services with a reduced budget but we want you to be aware that we are holding the line on taxes. The Fire Department assessment will be the same or less than last year as well. We are holding the line on increasing that budget, too.

We had the tennis courts replaced as the old courts, which were over 15 years old, were deteriorating to the point of being unusable. The money for that project had been put in a fund over the years for park improvements so it did not come out of the current budget.

Thanks for your patience during the road reconstruction especially during this dry summer. We were able to complete 3 miles of reconstruction.

Thanks to all of you who voted for me this past election. I am humbled by the fact that you allow me to serve you and the Town. You may contact me with any concerns. Enjoy the Autumn.

Warm Regards,  
Doug Kranig

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
AND COMPLETE THE "TOWN SURVEY"  
WWW.TOWNOFSEYMOUR.ORG**

## TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair...	Douglas Kranig 877-2899
Supervisor...	Gary Schulenberg 835-0938
Supervisor...	Sheila Running 832-9686
Clerk/Treasurer...	Glenda Lyons 834-4999
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer...	Jo-Ann Martin 834-4999
Building Inspector...	Fred Hankel 830-9220
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Office Phone...	834-4999
Website...	www.townofseymour.org

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

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.

## CLERKS CORNER GLENDA LYONS

Have you seen the new town website? [www.townofseymour.org](http://www.townofseymour.org). Check it out today. There is a ton of useful information available and there is a link on the home page to the town survey. Your participation in this survey is very much appreciated.

New for this tax collection season you can pay by credit card through Official Payments Corp. More information will be available at tax time. A link will be available on the town website. You will be able to pay online with this option or call them directly.

Dog licenses **ALWAYS** expire 12/31. If you wait until I send you a notice - **it's already late**. If you wait until I send a second notice - **you will start paying late fees**. Sending notices adds expense to the town so **PLEASE RENEW YOUR LICENSE ON TIME.**

## FROM SUPERVISOR, GARY SCHULENBERG

Hello Seymour residents. Residential usage of the Seven Mile Landfill is increasing, probably due to the poor economy. This, coupled with reduced waste from non-Town sources, will mean reduced revenue paid to the Town of Seymour by Veolia.

In 2008 we, the Town Board, checked our list of landfill permit holders and found many former town residents still holding permits. Our response was to issue new permits restricted to one vehicle per household. Recently, some residents have been turned away because the vehicle did not match the permit description.

If you have changed vehicles or were issued a new plate number, **PLEASE** call the Town Hall to make this correction. We would like to avoid any misunderstandings or inconvenience to you. **To avoid any possible suspension of privileges to use the landfill, please be courteous and respectful to the employees of the landfill.** Remember, they are doing their job.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Gary Schulenberg, Supervisor

## FROM SUPERVISOR, SHEILA RUNNING

Seymour Residents -It was great so many of you voted in the Spring election. Thank you for showing your support for your Town Government.

I would like to ask you to assist in keeping our Town as beautiful as possible. You can do this by calling the sheriff's department if/when you witness garbage, tires, furniture, or anything else being left beside the road or in the ditches. If you are able to obtain a license number, it would be very helpful. More importantly, please do not add to this problem by littering yourself. If you walk or bike in the area, consider picking up litter in your travels. People complain about the garbage trucks leaving litter behind and while that may happen, I have traveled many local roads in Seymour (where the garbage trucks don't travel) and see a lot of litter. I firmly believe there are many other guilty parties. If we work together, we can fix this problem.

Another way that you can help is by making sure that you recycle as many things as possible. You can access the current list of recyclables by going to [www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/Recycle/recycle.htm](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/Recycle/recycle.htm).

There have been some changes in recent years so please double check the list.

Please keep us informed if you have concerns of which we can help. We are here to serve you and we are willing to listen.

Sheila Running, Supervisor

## 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., Monday through Friday.**

**We encourage you to 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.**  
**REMEMBER; pay the second half of your tax payment to the COUNTY TREASURER at the Eau Claire County courthouse.**

## 2010 CENSUS

A census will be conducted in 2010. In early March, 2010 the U.S. Census Bureau will be mailing a letter to you informing you what to expect. This will be followed by a short survey which will be mailed to every household. **SOME** households will **ALSO** receive a long form survey. If you receive both forms, **PLEASE** fill out **BOTH** surveys. If you have a temporary person living with you ie: a foreign exchange student at the time of the survey, you **SHOULD** include this person in your count.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FILL OUT THESE SURVEYS. IT GIVES THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR A POPULATION BASE ON WHICH MANY OF OUR GRANTS ARE BASED.**

Please help the Census Bureau by filling out the surveys and mailing them back to avoid personnel having to visit your home.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

## POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

As a part of our Storm Water runoff program, a DNR requirement, the Town has established a Pollution Prevention Program. The purpose of this program is to prevent contaminants from entering our waterways - Lake Altoona and the small creeks that run through our Town. So please use phosphorous free fertilizers on your lawn, be careful not to drain petroleum products on the ground and do not dump contaminants/garbage in the ditches as these things can eventually end up in our waterways.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## SNOW PLOWING ACROSS THE ROADS

With the approaching winter season, remember please **DO NOT** plow snow across the road at the end of your driveway. It is a violation of State Statute 346.94(5) and could result in a citation. The statute reads: **Placing Injurious Substance on Highway.** No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof. This includes snow because of the ridges caused by plowing across the road.

## FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank you for your attention to fire safety this year. Precipitation has been sparse this summer and fire danger has remained moderate.

I would also like to thank you for your support of our pancake breakfast on Father's Day. We purchased a Smokey the Bear fire danger sign, from the DNR, with money from the pancake breakfast. It is displayed in front of the fire station.

Later this month we will be taking delivery of a new Brush Truck. The 2009 Ford F-350 will replace the 1987 Ford F-250 we are currently using.

We are accepting applications for Fire Fighters and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact our Dispatch Center at 834-6868 for an application.

Kerry Parker  
Battalion Chief  
Township Fire Dept.  
Seymour Station

## 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 in full in approximately two weeks 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

The website ([www.townofseymour.org](http://www.townofseymour.org)) also has the calendar for availability along with copies of the rental agreements.

## ALTOONA LAKE DISTRICT:

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

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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-3:45P.M. and Saturdays 8:00A.M.-11:45A.M.**

### **THE BRUSH SITE CLOSSES THIS YEAR ON NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

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 provide your **Certificate of Rabies Vaccination** from the vet to prove your dog's shots are current. **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**