



SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR

6500 TOWER DRIVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

SPRING 2010

FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, DOUGLAS KRANIG

Greetings fellow Seymour Residents,

Thanks to all who took time to complete and submit the Town Survey. It helps the Board to know what we are doing well and where we need improvement. I posted a response on the Town Website and included it here on page 4, but I do want to say the number one complaint was about people who do not keep their property clean and neat. Unlicensed vehicles, junk and debris are not appreciated by your neighbors. Spring is a good time for clean-up!

Dogs barking excessively and/or running at large is a common complaint. Please respect others and keep your dog under control. Thanks to all who obtain their dog license in January.

Glenda, our Town Clerk/Treasurer, has completed her formal training and has earned her "Wisconsin Municipal Clerk" certification and "Wisconsin Municipal Treasurers" certification. Congratulations, Glenda.

Starting in May, we will be reconstructing a number of roads this year. They are: Hawkins Ave, Powell Dr, Sunrise Dr, Johnson Ct, 42nd Ave, 150th Ave and McClafin Ave hill.

We are going to replace the overhead doors on the Town Shop. The original doors are starting to require considerable maintenance. The new doors, which are in this year's budget, will be more energy efficient and will reduce our heating costs.

Good news/Bad news - The good news is that there is less garbage coming to the landfill which could indicate there is more recycling. The bad news is that the Town receives less revenue.

With the coming spring brings us another baseball/softball season. Thanks to all who volunteer with the Seymour Ball Club Program.

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

Warm Regards,
Doug.

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IS

APRIL 13, 2010 AT 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 832-9686
Clerk/Treasurer...	Glenda Lyons 834-4999
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer...	Jo-Ann Martin 834-4999
Building Inspector...	Fred Hankel 830-9220
Co. Board Rep...	Howard Ludwigson 832-6759
Office Phone...	834-4999
Website...	townofseymour.org

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

Regular Board Meetings are normally 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 GLENDALYONS

April 6, 2010 is the SPRING ELECTION.

Local school board members on are the ballot. The local elections are extremely important - please take time that day to vote. We will be here from 7am until 8pm. Absentee ballots are available upon written request (we have a form to complete).

Do you have a DOG? If so, it needs to be licensed in the Town of Seymour. The tags are valid from January through December. This means the tag expires in DECEMBER. Please renew your tag before I send you a reminder in March. By that point, your tag has been expired for three months. Anytime a mailing goes out (like reminder letters) it is an expense to the town. Please try to renew your tags on time in December of 2010.

PROPERTY TAXES: Does your property have an improvement on it? If yes, then you should see a FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT on your tax statement. This credit varies depending on your school district. Chippewa Falls = \$59.92, Eau Claire = \$67.78 and Fall Creek = \$66.32. The credit appears on the upper right section of your statement. Directly below First Dollar Credit is the LOTTERY CREDIT. The amount again depends on your school district. For 2009 the credits are: Chippewa Falls = \$68.36, Eau Claire = \$77.32 and Fall Creek = \$75.66. Lottery Credit should only appear on your primary residence parcel. If the credits are missing and the parcel does have an improvement or is your primary residence, please call me. Located just below the credits are the Special Charges from Eau Claire County. One is called SC Recycling and the other is SC Sewage. These two items are placed on your taxes by Eau Claire County as part of the program costs. If you do NOT have an improvement then you should not have the SC Recycling. If you do NOT have a septic system then you should not have the SC Sewage charge. Basically, vacant parcels should NOT have these charges. You need to call Eau Claire County to remove these and to be refunded any charges which are incorrect. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have regarding the information on your Tax Statement.

FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hopefully you had a safe and tolerable winter. Fire calls were down this winter. Thank you for keeping fire safety in mind.

As you plan your spring yard cleanup, please review burning regulations at the Fire Departments website: www.townshipfire.org

As a reminder:

1. A call to Township FD (834-6868) is required even if you have an annual permit from the DNR.
2. Burning barrels continue to be a leading cause of wild land fires in Wisconsin. If you have a burn barrel, please make sure you get a permit from the Town. The barrel will be inspected to comply with DNR standards for safety.
3. Make sure you have tools and water available to control your fire.

Our annual pancake breakfast is again on Father's Day, June 20, 2010. Take dad out to breakfast! Town residents Dan and Tammy Anderson have donated a second Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the Fire Dept. This unit will be kept on our Rescue Truck. Thank you Dan and Tammy for your gracious gift.



Again, the Firefighters have asked me to thank "Santa" for the donation to our Christmas party. Your generosity made the evening special. Have a safe spring and summer.

Kerry Parker
Battalion Chief
Township Fire Dept. - Seymour Station

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 i.e.: a foreign exchange student at the time of the survey, you **SHOULD** include this person in your count. Also, for those of you who are "snowbirds" and living a portion of the year in another location **PLEASE FILL IT OUT THE SURVEY FOR THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR AND NOT WHERE YOU ARE TEMPORARILY STAYING.**

BY FILLING OUT THESE SURVEYS, IT GIVES THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR A POPULATION BASE ON WHICH MANY OF OUR GRANTS ARE FIGURED. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

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.

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 AIR CONDITIONED FOR YOUR COMFORT.**

These weekends are currently still available for HALL RENTAL:

May 29, June 5, 12,
July 3, Aug 21,
Sept 4, 11, 18, 25,
Oct 9, 16, and 30

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 (townofseymour.org) also has the calendar for availability along with copies of the rental agreements.

TAXES

Remember the second half of your property taxes are due July 31, 2010. 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, WI 54703.

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

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

HEALTH

Hidden Ways to Help Your Heart

A healthy heart is in everyone's reach...Eat less fat, eat more fruits and vegetables and keep blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels in check.

But there are MORE ways to boost heart health:

- DON'T SKIP BREAKFAST: Eating breakfast appears to make platelets less sticky which would block arteries.
- LIGHTEN UP: Overreacting to stressful situations when blood pressure and heart rates jump, could reduce blood flow to the heart.
- MEET THE "A's": Antioxidants --- vitamins A, C and E, and beta-carotene appear to slow plaque formation in the arteries.
- KICK TOBACCO IF YOU ARE USING IT: Smoking affects more than you lungs. Fact is, within a few years of quitting, you'll cut your risk of heart attack by at least half, similar to those who never smoked.
- GET OFF THE COUCH: Sedentary living - not high cholesterol - is one of the greatest risk factors in heart attack deaths. **TIP**: Just a half hour of moderate physical activity most days of the week can deliver fitness benefits similar to traditional exercise routines. So walk briskly. Take the stairs. Play actively with kids. **LIVE LONGER!**

Town of Seymour
6500 Tower Dr
Eau Claire, WI 54703

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PERMIT #1557

BRUSH SITE, RECYCLING AND LANDFILL

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>

(This is a county program through the Department of Planning and Development)

REMINDER: BEFORE GOING TO THE LANDFILL, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALL (834-4999) IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR VEHICLE OR PLATE INFORMATION. THANK YOU

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 it for the receipt and return it 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 1st** --- Ordinance #80-3. **Citations will be issued beginning June 1st 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 this to us, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can send the tag and vaccination papers back to you. **THANK YOU**

SURVEY INFORMATION

Thanks to all of you who responded to our Town Survey. The results were informative and helpful in maintaining and improving services for residents of the Town of Seymour. The gender of the respondents was about 50% male and 50% female. Over 97 percent of the responses indicated satisfaction with the current services the Town provides. Many people commented they liked the rural, country atmosphere, low taxes and the recreational opportunities in the Town. In general, the responses were positive.

There were some comments regarding:

1. Increase patrolling for speeders
 2. Plowing the snow earlier
 3. Dogs running at large
 4. Excessive mowing along roads
 5. Longer office hours
 6. We had MANY complaints regarding people who do not keep their property neat and free of junk!
- Most of the concerns about speeding were on County roads - County Q and North Shore Drive. Please contact your County Board Representative, Howard Ludwigson, with those concerns.
 - Some of the concerns with snow plowing related to those roads. The Town does NOT plow North Shore Drive (the section known as "QQ") or Olson Dr (which is County Q). Please contact the County Highway Department for your concerns on snow plowing for these roads and ANY road known as a "letter" such as L, UN, K, P, Q, QS, and QQ.
 - If you notify a Board member or call the office to report a dog running at large, we will follow up on the complaint.
 - Regarding the mowing along the road sides, the Town Board has an obligation to provide for the safety and well being of its residents. We keep the "right of way" free of obstructions so we can eliminate any liability the Town may incur as a result of not doing so. Small trees grow into large trees and to avoid anyone becoming "attached" to a growing tree, we try to eliminate the trees when they are small and before they become an obstruction. Grass along the roads can make it more difficult for drivers to see animals, such as deer that may cross the road. So mowing is a safety issue.
 - Office hours at this time will remain constant: Monday - Friday 9AM to 1PM. We can always make arrangements to be here an hour before any Town Board meeting (typically the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month) for your convenience.
 - We would ask people who need to clean up their property, PLEASE do so and you keep your dog from barking or running through your neighborhood.

We will improve our pot hole filling procedure - fill them sooner and we will alternate the snow plowing on the east end of the Town so the same residents are not always last.

Again, thank you to those who completed the survey and as always, if you have a concern or suggestion, please contact a Board member or call the office and they will pass it on to the Board.

**TOWN OF SEYMOUR
ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE
TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2010
AT 7:30 P.M.
6500 TOWER DRIVE
EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703
(715)834-4999**

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, 6500 TOWER DRIVE, ON APRIL 13TH, 2010, AT 7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. MINUTES OF THE 2009 MEETING
5. 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT
6. ASSESSOR'S REPORT
7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT/EMERGICARE REPORT
8. ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR 2010
9. ADJOURN