

SEYMOUR

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From your

TOWN CHAIR

Happy Autumn Fellow Residents,

Another summer in the books. Summers don't seem to last as long as winters.

* How we handle complaints – Usually a complaint is received by the office staff. They record it on a complaint form and inform me of the complaint. I will handle it myself, usually with a personal visit, or I will refer it to the Road Supervisor if it relates to an issue with a road, or it will be referred to the county zoning staff. If it is a dog barking or running at large we have started sending letters to the offending owner informing them of the complaint and that there will be a consequence (citation) if we receive another complaint. For complaints about junk/debris in yards the process is about the same. We send a letter and then follow up to see if there has been progress. Although in some cases we will refer these egregious cases to the county as county ordinances are more stringent than the town's. Those are the two most frequent types of complaints although there are some others. Often times people will call with a concern or suggestion and we appreciate those calls, too.

* The City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County and the Town of Seymour are in negotiations with Seven Mile Creek Advanced Disposal currently regarding a request by Advanced Disposal for an expansion of the landfill. Since the part of the landfill where they want to expand – vertically – is in the city, the city has the majority of the members on the negotiating committee. The town has one member. There will not be much new material to add to the contract but some modification or additions to current items.

* The Lake Altoona District is in the process of developing a Lake Management Plan which will put the District in a better position for obtaining grant moneys for rehabilitation projects for the lake. Thanks to all those involved in that project.

* As always contact me or a board member with questions, concerns or compliments!

Douglas Kranig

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Are You Being a Good Neighbor?

Have you looked around your yard/property lately? Now, really take a good look. Is there a lot of stuff out there that you overlook because it's been sitting there a long time? Now, imagine how you would feel if you lived across the street or down the road and had to look at that stuff every day. It just might be time to get rid of the excess stuff, cut the long weeds, visit the landfill, recycling or the scrap yard and just generally clean up and make the Town of Seymour an even more beautiful place to live. Let's not get more complacent just because it is our property - we need to keep other taxpayers in mind and know that they have rights too. I'm working on this at my house and I hope you will consider doing the same.

DID YOU KNOW - Big Falls (which is in the Town of Seymour) was voted the most beautiful spot in the Eau Claire area by the readers of Volume One. It also was voted to have the best beach in the area. People also travel for miles to visit the apple orchards and pumpkin patches in the area. Isn't it amazing that we have such beautiful things so close to home. Be sure to visit these spots whenever you can. Take care and have a great fall!

By Supervisor *Sheila Running*

From your Township Fire Dept



In September our Firefighters participated in a large mock wildfire exercise in the Lake Eau Claire Area sponsored by the DNR. We learned some valuable lessons there. One of which was some driveways are not accessible to larger fire trucks. If we cannot safely get to a home, we cannot protect it from an advancing fire. Please take time to review the checklist in this newsletter.

We had another record turnout at our annual Pancake Breakfast this year. We purchased helmet mounted lights for our Firefighters with the proceeds. Thank you so much for your support.

Please call Township Fire Dispatch for a burning permit each time you intend to burn. This is required for all residents, including those in the DNR restricted area. The Township Fire Dispatch office business hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Saturday. The office is closed Sundays. No burning is allowed on Sundays.

With one of the strongest El Nino events in the Pacific this year, it may be another snowy winter for us. Please make sure your driveways are accessible.

If you are interested in becoming a Firefighter or 1st Responder, please contact Township Fire Dispatch Center at (715) 834-6868 for an application.

Kerry Parker, Battalion Chief
Township Fire Dept – Seymour Station

Can firefighters PROTECT YOUR HOME?

YES NO

Easy to Locate

Can your address sign be clearly seen from the road from either direction?

If there are multiple address signs at the road, is there a secondary sign at the home?

Easy to Access

Does your driveway have adequate height and width clearance to allow emergency vehicle access, even around the curves?

Does the driveway have a firmly packed surface which is able to support the weight of emergency vehicles year round?

Is the driveway free of obstructions, like a gate or fence posts, that could restrict access?

Easy to Protect

Are trees, especially evergreens, limited in the area within 30 feet of the home?

Is the property maintained so that dry leaves and pine needles don't accumulate on or next to the home (deck, patio, gutters)?

Are flammable items, like firewood, stored at least 30 feet from the home?

Safe for Firefighters

Can the home be seen from the road so firefighters can tell if it's safe to enter?

Is there room for an emergency vehicle to turn around once it reaches the home?



RECREATION PROPERTY UPDATE

Have you noticed the new parking lot on the west end of the Seymour Recreation Property on Highway Q? When the land was first acquired three years ago, a committee was formed that included myself and several town residents. We were given the task of creating short term and long term goals for the use of the property. One of the goals on that list was to create a parking area, which has now been accomplished. There are several natural, undeveloped trails in the property, that can be used by recreational enthusiasts. The trails are for recreation only and not for vehicular traffic. Boulders will be placed at the entrance from the parking lot to prevent vehicle use. Hunting will be allowed on this property, but limited to Town of Seymour residents.

By Supervisor *Gary Schulenberg*

CLERK'S CORNER

ELECTION OFFICIALS – Are you interested in serving as an Election Official for the next two years (2016 and 2017)? The Town Board is required to appoint a new list of Election Workers every two years and they will be doing this at their December Board Meeting. Compensation is currently set at \$9.00 an hour for Poll Workers and \$10.50 for Chief Inspectors. If you are interested in serving in this capacity or would like additional information, please contact me at the Town Hall 715. 834.4999.

PHOTO ID – Speaking of elections, it appears that Photo ID is here to stay this time. For all future elections, you will be required to provide a valid Photo ID in order to receive a ballot, this includes absentee ballots as well. If you are not sure what constitutes a valid Photo ID, check out the website www.bringit.wi.gov. It is a website developed by the state specifically addressing the Photo ID requirements. Another good website is www.myvote.wi.gov. This site can be used to check on your own status as a registered voter or, if you are not a registered voter, you can do so on this site. It also has information on how to vote absentee and it has your own personal voting history available. For those residents that don't have computer access, we have information available at the town hall.

PROPERTY RE-EVALUATION –Notice of Changed Assessments were mailed to all property owners earlier this month showing the new property valuation from Bowmar Appraisals. For the last three years, the assessor has been conducting a re-evaluation of all of the property within the Town of Seymour. The last full revaluation was done in 2006 and values have certainly changed since then. If you have questions or object to the new assessment, please schedule an appointment to speak with the assessor at 715-835-1141. You may also attend the Open Book Meetings scheduled for October 26th and 27th noon to 7:00 pm each day at the Seymour Town Hal. To file a formal appeal for the Board of Review, you need to first complete form PA-115A "Objection Form for Real Property Assessment" which can be found on our website or picked up at the Town Hall. This form **MUST BE SUBMITTED** no later than November 3, 2015 to the Town Clerk. Tax rates have not yet been established (that will be determined in late November after all budgets have been adopted and levy's determined); therefore we cannot estimate what your taxes will be yet for 2016.

By Sue Larson, Clerk/Treasurer

MEET LAURA KONWINSKI

Hello. My name is Laura Konwinski, and as of May 15th, 2015 I became the new Deputy Clerk/Treasure for the Town of Seymour. I am very excited about this job and look forward to learning everything I can about this community. I look forward to meeting many of you soon.

For the last 15 years I have been an independent contractor for two different direct selling companies. I was successful in building my businesses and helping many others in starting their own business and becoming successful as well. Working this kind of business requires good people skills, and I pride myself in this area. I hope to help you out with questions and concerns you have about the community.

In my off time, I love spending time with my husband Dale of 29 years. We have 2 great sons. Ryan who is employed by Leerberg in Menomonie and lives in Eau Claire with his wife and our 4 year old Granddaughter Brielle, who brings us many smiles. Our other son Nic, is in his 3rd year of Optometry School in Chicago.

I am excited about my future with the Town of Seymour. Stop in sometime. I would love to meet you.

*Laura Konwinski
Deputy Clerk/Treasure*

APPLIANCE RECYCLING SERVICE DISCONTINUED

Recycling Up A storm (R.U.A.S.) will no longer be picking up old appliances and electronics on the second Saturday of the each month at the Town of Seymour. This was a free service that was provided by RUAS and they simply used the Town of Seymour parking lot as a collection site. This was not a service provided by the Town. Please make other arrangements now for the disposal of your appliances and do not simply drop them off at the Town Hall. The Eau Claire County Recycling Website has the following options for disposal of appliances.

- First Choice Recycling, 525 Park Ridge Court, Eau Claire, 715-833-2005
- Max Phillips: 3532 White Ave; Eau Claire, 715-832-3431
- Northern Metal Recycling: 8010 Olson Dr (County Q), Eau Claire, 715-834-6677
- U-Can Recycling: 2318 Ridge Rd, Eau Claire, 715-834-6030

Residents are advised to check with these facilities in advance as to what their disposal fees are.

The county website www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/departmetns-1-z/recycling-program has a lot of additional information on recycling various household items. Check it out!

NEW DOG ORDINANCE



Ordinance 15-01 - An Ordinance Pertaining to Animal Control Regulations was adopted at the October 13, 2015 Board Meeting. Unfortunately, due to some recent incidents, we have found it necessary to strengthen some of the animal control regulations for the town. In areas zoned residential, there will be a 2 dog limit, unless a kennel license is applied for and obtained. The new ordinance has provisions also for dangerous and vicious animals as well as prohibited animals and species identified. You will be able to view this new ordinance, it its entirety at the Town Hall Office, during normal business hours 9-1, M-F.

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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 before issuing a license. Please bring 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 will be available starting in December. 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 or leave it in the drop box, **please include a self-addressed stamped envelope** so we can send the tag and vaccination papers back to you. **THANK YOU**

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Tax Season

Real Estate Tax notices will be sent out in December. The first half or full payments are due by January 31, 2016. Special Charges and Personal Property are due in FULL by January 31, 2016. If you have any questions about your bill, please contact the office as soon as possible. Treasurer's Hours are 9 AM – 1 PM, Monday Friday. We encourage you to mail payments to:

Town of Seymour
6500 Tower Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54703

If paying via mail, please include a self addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt mailed to you.

A separate check from your tax payment is REQUIRED for your dog license. REMEMBER to pay the second half of your tax payment to the COUNTY TREASURER at the Eau Claire County Courthouse.