

# SEYMOUR

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From your

### TOWN CHAIR

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

That the winter season was relatively mild is ok with me. Kerry, our Road Supervisor, tells me that he usually has 700 tons of salt/sand available each year and this past winter he did not use even half of that amount.

In 2015 there were 37 complaints recorded by the office staff. Fourteen (14) were related to neighbors who had junk/unlicensed vehicles, debris or garbage in their yards. Nine (9) were related to dog issues – running loose and/or barking. I have repeatedly talked about these issues in past newsletters. It’s not just me; your neighbors notice it too! Please take steps to do some spring cleaning, if your property is messy or cluttered and keep your dogs confined and quiet. Thanks. Along those same lines, someone called me to suggest that people who have property on Lake Altoona take this opportunity to clean the lake front area of their property while the lake is drawn down. The mechanical dredge of the lake is complete and thanks for the understanding of those who were affected by the truck traffic. Approximately 214,000 cubic yards of sand was removed. And yes, some damage was done to our new road, but the contractor is required to make repairs.

In this newsletter there will be further information about keeping your property accessible for emergency vehicles and having your address clearly visible for the road. Please read that and comply.

We plan to reconstruct two miles of road this year. We applied for, and received some grant money from the State to help with road maintenance. We will receive about \$37,500 in addition to our regular state road aid of \$117,080.00. The Town policy, when reconstructing roads, is to remove all encroachments in the right of way along that road, including trees and any other items that do not belong in the right of way. Property owners are also strongly encouraged to replace their mailbox supports with a U.S. Postal Service recommended mailbox support if they are not already in compliance.

### TOWN OFFICIALS

- Douglas Kranig, Chair (715) 877.2899
- Sheila Running, Supervisor (715) 832.9686
- Gary Schulenberg, Supervisor (715) 835.0938
- Sue Larson, Clerk Treasurer (715) 834.4999
- Laura Konwinski, Dep. Clerk/Treas (715) 834.4999
- Fred Hankel, Building Inspector (715) 577.7983
- Roger Koski, Assessor (715) 835.1141
- Douglas Kranig, Co. Board Rep (715) 877.2899
- Robin Leary, Co. Board Rep (715) 832.3711
- Brandon Buchanan, Co. Board Rep (715)

Most everyone is aware of the embezzlement of money from the County by the former Treasurer and his assistant. Seymour residents can be assured that the Board has and continues to take measures to ensure against theft of Town monies. We have an annual audit conducted by Johnson Block and Company and we follow their recommendations related to generally accepted accounting principles and procedures. We require two signatures on all checks, we review the payable ledgers after each meeting and we compare the Clerk/Treasurers’ report with the bank statement. It is difficult for us or any Town to have adequate separation of duties because of limited staff. We do have a number of safeguards in place in an attempt to mitigate any misconduct on the part of those handling the Town’s money. And we have an open dialogue with our staff about these issues. If you have any suggestions, comments, questions or concerns, please contact me or a member of the Town Board

*Enjoy the Spring Time!*

*Douglas Kranig*

From Your

## **TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Our Community Wildfire Protection Plan committee met in February to discuss upcoming goals. This year the need for highly visible addresses was our top concern. We adopted **“Minutes Matter”** as the slogan for the project. The easier you make it for us to find you, the quicker we can help. While a black column of smoke is fairly easy to track down, a sounding Carbon Monoxide detector or the radiating pain of a heart attack are impossible to see from the road. Please post your address on **both sides** of your mailbox. 3”, or larger, reflective numbers are recommended for better visibility at night.

The Fire Department responded to 394 calls in 2015. The EMS division of the Fire Department, “Emergicare”, was dispatched to 861 calls in 2015. As you can see, **“Minutes Matter”**, is something we deal with often.

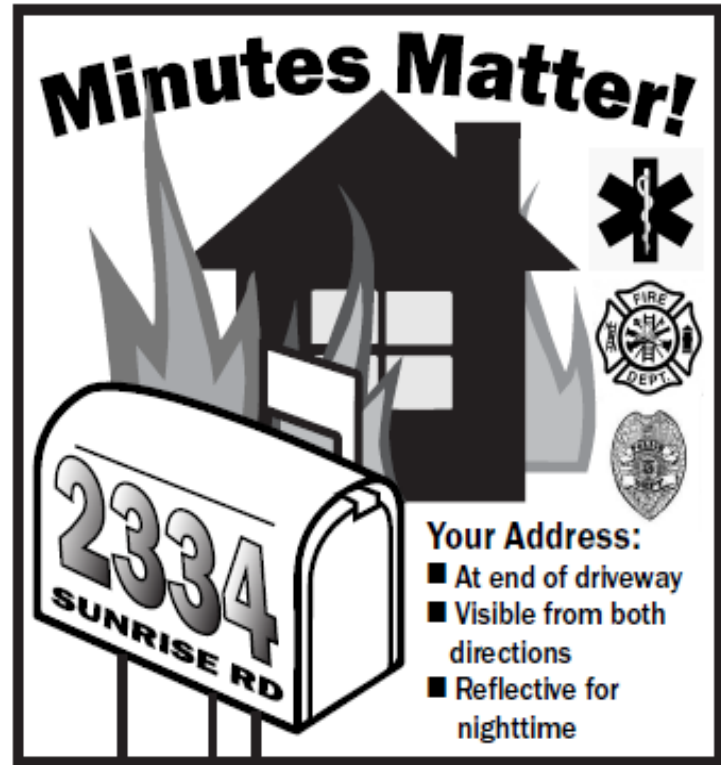
Santa was generous to us again in 2015. Thank you very much! Our Christmas party was a good time. Although some of the White Elephant gifts were kind of “out there”.

As a reminder for your spring cleanup, please call our Dispatch Center for a burning permit.

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

*Kerry Parker*

Battlion Chief  
Township Fire Dept – Seymour Station



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER'S FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE, 19, 2016 AT THE SEYMOUR FIRE STATION ON 50<sup>TH</sup> AVE. COME HUNGRY. GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, VISIT WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS AND TOUR THE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.**

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## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Construction season is here. In 2016 the Department of Safety and Profession Services updated most of their building codes, with most of the changes for the construction of exterior decks. These changes are quite extensive. Please contact the Building Inspector before you start the planning of your deck. Fred's phone number is (715) 577-7983

Remember that a Land Use Permit from the County Planning and Development is required for the majority of construction projects prior to obtaining a Town of Seymour Building Permit. If you have questions regarding zoning requirements for your property, contact Eau Claire County Planning and Development at 715.839.4743.

*Fred Hunkel*

Building Inspector

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## CLERK TREASURER



## Spring Election – April 5, 2016

**Landfill** – All Town of Seymour residents have free use of the Advanced Disposal Seven Mile Landfill on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, as long as they follow the policies that have been set in place. Those policies are household garbage only – no construction or demo materials, and you **MUST** use the vehicle that you have registered with the Town. The personnel at the landfill have recently reported that there have been a number of residents that have tried to use a different vehicle than the one registered. They have allowed a ONE TIME exception for many, but it appears that people are starting to take advantage of this. They are now tracking those that have had their one time exception and if it happens again, they will suspend your free service for a period of time. PLEASE be sure to call the Town Hall (715.834.4999) anytime you need to change your vehicle for the landfill. If it's after business hours, leave a voice mail message with your name, address, plate #, color, year and make and model of vehicle. You can also email us the change at [Seymour.town@att.net](mailto:Seymour.town@att.net), put a note in the drop box or send the change via US mail. Also, remember that your permit number for the landfill is the License Plate number that you have registered with us.

Advanced Disposal has provided us with the enclosed flyer regarding materials that need to be recycled and are not accepted at the landfill. The County of Eau Claire has an excellent website on recycling that provides great resources on where and how to recycle various products and materials. Check it out at <http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/departments-l-z/recycling-program> or just “google” Eau Claire Recycling.

**Town Hall /Pavillion Rental** – Do you have a wedding, family reunion or graduation coming up this summer? Don't forget the Town Hall and/or the Pavillion is available for rent. We have a number of dates available yet in July, August and September. Cost to rent the Hall for Town of Seymour residents is \$300 with an additional \$150 deposit. For non residents, the cost is \$400 with the \$150 deposit. The cost to rent the Pavillion is \$40 with electricity or \$25 without. An additional deposit is also required for Pavillion rental. Call to book your date today! 715.834.999

April 5<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner and we are expecting a large voter turnout. For the February 16<sup>th</sup> election, we had 320 voters and for this April election we are hoping for at least 1000 voters. If you are not registered to vote, you may still register to vote up to and including the day of election. Voter registration forms are available at the Town Hall, on our website [townofseymour.org](http://townofseymour.org). Remember you will need to provide proof of residency.

PHOTO ID –is now required for all elections. Please remember to bring your photo ID when you come to vote. The State recently passed a change to the Voter ID law that will now allow Veterans Photo ID cards to be an acceptable form to be used for voting purposes. The attached insert has examples of all photo IDs that are now acceptable..

ABSENTEE VOTING – In office Absentee Voting will begin on March 21<sup>st</sup> and go until April 1<sup>st</sup>. During this time you may come into the office and vote absentee for the April 5<sup>th</sup> election between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm. On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be open until 5:00 pm for voting purposes. If you prefer to have an absentee ballot mailed to you, you must submit your request in writing and **provide us with a photo ID**. Your request must state your name, residential address, mailing address (if different) as well as your signature. Your request for mailing an absentee ballot must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE BALLOT – At the Spring Election you will be asked to vote for your Presidential Preference candidate and there will be a list for Republicans and a list for Democrat candidates. **YOU MAY ONLY VOTE ON ONE**. You cannot vote for one in each party or your ballot will be rejected. This is often very confusing for electors.

**ANNUAL MEETING – The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Please make plans to attend .**

*Sue Larson*

Town Clerk Treasurer

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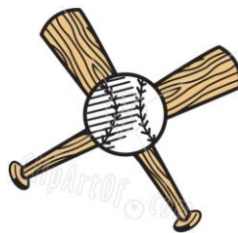
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## **SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS**

*The Seymour Ball Club had their annual signups on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. We had record numbers in our younger age groups. Total number of kids playing at Seymour will top 350 again this year! We will have at least 8 t-ball teams (boys & girls), 16 boys teams, and 12 girls teams. Practices will begin Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> after our spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (weather permitting). Opening day is scheduled for Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>! We appreciate your patience with cars parked out in the road*

*Important dates for 2016*

*Apr 2, Sat - 10am-2pm - Seymour Clean Up Day  
Apr 3, Sun - CVBL & CVGFL Coaches Scheduling day @ Seymour Town Hall  
Apr 4, Mon - practices begin for Seymour teams  
Apr 9, Sat - 10am-2pm - Alternate day for Seymour Clean Up  
Apr 17, Sun - 2-4pm - Umpire Training - 13 years old through adult  
Apr 23, Sat - MLB Pitch, Hit & Run competition  
May 2, Mon - Opening Day for t-ball, boys & 8u-12u girls  
May 31, Tue - Opening Day for 14u & H.S. girls  
June 11, Sat - Boys playoffs T-ball & 8u  
June 15, Wed - Boys all Star Games - Minors, Majors & Ponies  
June 17-19 - Girls Slam Tournament  
June 20, Mon - Girls All Star Games - 10u, 12u & 14u  
June 21, 22, 29 & 30 - CVBL playoffs Minors, Majors & Ponies  
June 22, 23, 27 & 28 - CVGFL playoffs 10u & 12u  
July 14-17 - Boys Slam Tournament  
July 20, 21, 25 & 26 - CVGFL playoffs 14u*



*Come on out and take in a game or two and enjoy some old fashion fun while supporting a great organization for the youth of our area.*

**REMINDER!  
DOES YOUR DOG HAVE IT'S  
2016 DOG TAG?**

A friendly reminder that if you do not have your dog license yet for 2016 you only have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to get one before a late fee is imposed.

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