



SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR

6500 TOWER DRIVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

FALL 2010

FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, DOUGLAS KRANIG

Greetings fellow Seymour Residents,

Another summer has gone by. Summers seem to go by faster than winters. Anyway, JoAnn tells me it is time for me to write another message to my fellow Seymour residents. JoAnn publishes the newsletter. She does a great job, do you agree?

It is budget time again. Our Town budget looks like it will be very similar to last year's in terms of expenses. I am not sure about income but I suspect it will be similar also. The State does have a bit of a financial crisis so I think we will probably receive less money from the state. It has decreased each year as the state has more difficulty managing their budget, yet our representatives and governor feel the need to tell us how we should manage our Town budget.

Our budget contains a line item for continuing education for the Staff and Board. We feel it is important to continue to learn. Kerry Parker, Road Supervisor, attended a seminar recently about the liabilities for encroachments in the right-of-way this year and I will be attending the Annual Towns Conference in La Crosse in October.

I also meet occasionally with the Chairs from the other Towns surrounding Eau Claire to exchange information and to discuss matters of mutual interest to our Towns. Our negotiations with the City of Eau Claire are progressing slowly but we are making some progress. More about that as it becomes finalized.

Two of the most common complaints the Board receives relate to unkempt properties and dogs running loose or barking. It is not popular to address these issues with those who are offenders but the Board feels it is important to enforce the ordinances which are in the best interest of the community as a whole. So if you are violating the nuisance ordinance (junky yard) or the dog ordinance (dog running loose) please address these issues so that we do not have to talk with you about it. Thanks for your cooperation. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me or another Board member. Enjoy the Autumn.

Warm Regards,
Doug

**THE GENERAL ELECTION IS
NOVEMBER 2, 2010 7AM TO 8PM
AT THE SEYMOUR TOWN HALL
ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE**

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair... Douglas Kranig 715.877.2899
Supervisor... Gary Schulenberg 715.835.0938
Supervisor... Sheila Running 715.832.9686
Clerk/Treasurer... Glenda Lyons 715.834.4999
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer J. Martin 715.834.4999
Building Inspector... Fred Hankel 715.830.9220
Co. Board Rep. Howard Ludwigson 715.832.6759
Office Phone... 715.834.4999
Website... www.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, Gordy's County Market and www.townofseymour.org.

CLERKS CORNER **GLENDALYONS**



One of the best parts of being a Clerk is working with our Election workers. With the fall Partisan Primary behind us we now look forward to the November 2nd General

Election. I expect a huge turnout as usual within our Town. The polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm on November 2nd. Absentee voting will be available beginning October 4, 2010.

Own a DOG? The 2011 Seymour dog license tags are available in December. Think of it as your Christmas present for your pet!

PROPERTY TAXES: Property Tax and Personal Property Tax statements will be out in late December. In the last newsletter I explained the credits on your statement.

There is a lot of information on the tax statement and not all of it is easily understood. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. I encourage you to mail in your tax payments to avoid waiting lines.

HALL AND PAVILION rental dates are still available for 2011. Remember the hall now has central air and the rent for residents is only \$250. The website (townofseymour.org) also has the calendar for availability along with copies of the rental agreements.

CENSUS 2010 is now complete, thank you all for participating.

AS ALWAYS, please feel free to call the office with any question. If we can't answer your question, we will find someone who can help you.

FROM YOUR BUILDING INSPECTOR

I am Fred Hankel and it's been a pleasure working with you this past 1 ½ years. There are a few things I'd like to remind you about. The first and foremost item is to **PLEASE** call for your **FINAL** inspections.

Also, if there is a doubt whether you need a permit or not, please call the Town office. They can check to see if you need one.

Almost **All** projects require a permit.

THANK YOU.

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

FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thank you for making this summer relatively fire free. Precipitation has been plentiful this summer and fire danger has remained "Low" for most of the summer. Unfortunately, the higher water levels have been a factor in our increased water related responses this year.

I would also like to thank you for your support of our pancake breakfast on Father's Day. With the monies received from our pancake breakfasts, we recently replaced our 12 year old ATV with a 2010 Polaris 2-up machine. This will allow our operator and two Paramedics to travel with the patient from a remote location to the ambulance.

We are accepting applications for Fire Fighters and 1st Responders. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact our Dispatch Center at 715.834.6868 for an application.

Kerry Parker, Battalion Chief
Township Fire Dept. - Seymour Station

TAXES

REAL ESTATE - The first half or full payments are due January 31, 2011.

SPECIAL CHARGES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY - Due in **FULL** January 31, 2011.

If you have any questions about your bill, please contact the office as soon as possible. **Treasurers Hours** - 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAIL YOUR PAYMENTS

TO: TOWN OF SEYMOUR
6500 TOWER DRIVE
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.

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 a 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 TOWN SUPERVISOR, SHEILA RUNNING:

I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. I would like to thank you for supporting your town government. We do try to keep our residents' best interests in mind when making budget decisions so the Town's portion of your tax bill will remain about the same.

You can help with this issue once again by reporting anyone you see dumping garbage etc. along the roads in Seymour. Please call the Sheriff's Department immediately when you witness an incident. If you can provide a license number and vehicle description, it will help even more. Your follow up calls to town board members are appreciated as well. We will do all we can to make sure that these people are caught and fined. We really need to put a stop to this because it costs our Town tax dollars to clean it up and also for the dumping fees connected to it.

We would like to thank you in advance for any help you can provide. If we can provide assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to call me or any other board member.

HEALTH APPLES ARE GOOD FOR YOU!

- 80 calories, 5 grams fiber, no fat, GREAT SNACK!
- Pectin in apples lowers "bad" cholesterol. Two apples per day can lower it as much as 16%.
- Boron, an ingredient in apples is known to strengthen bones.
- Apples MAY protect brain cells, helping to prevent Alzheimer's disease.
- The components in apples significantly lower the risk of colon, liver, lung and breast cancers.
- Women who ate 3 apples per day while dieting lost more weight than those who ate no fruit.
- Need to brush your teeth but don't have a toothbrush? Eat an apple! Known as "nature's toothbrush", apples stimulate the salivary glands, which aid in cleaning the teeth.

ENCROACHMENTS

Town Boards are by State Statute obligated to protect the health and safety of Town residents. That is one of our primary duties. Under that umbrella of safety is the responsibility of Town Boards to keep our roads "safe for travel" and the non-delegable duty to maintain roads. (82.05 Wis. Stats.) The Town is not only legally responsible to maintain a safe road surface, but also to maintain a safe Town right-of-way beyond the surface of the road. The right-of-way typically includes that area from the center of the road 33 feet in either direction.

Encroachments in the form of large rocks, concrete or large metal or wood mailbox supports and other objects that may cause injury to a motorist are safety hazards.

Wisconsin Statute 86.04(1) gives municipalities the authority to order property owners, who have placed an encroachment in the right-of-way, to remove any such encroachment that they may find to be hazardous to the safety of the general public. Encroachments are a liability to the property owner and the Town.

As a result, we are asking your cooperation in removing any encroachment on your property that falls within this road right-of-way. Copies of the Town mail box policy and the U.S. Postal Service recommendations for acceptable mailbox supports are available at the Town Hall. (a pine 4X4 post or smaller or a 12 gauge or lighter 1.5 inch steel post) These supports will break away or bend on impact.

It is the Town policy to remove trees that are in the right-of-way and we will continue to do so. We will enforce the removal of encroachments on a complaint basis if property owners do not remove them voluntarily. In the process of reconstructing roads the Town will require removal of encroachments and will require the installation of U.S. Postal Service type mailbox supports.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact a Town Board member.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Seymour Town Board

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PRESORTED STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
EAU CLAIRE, WI
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. & 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>

DEPENDING ON WEATHER, THE LAST OPEN DAY FOR THE BRUSH SITE IS NOVEMBER 20, 2010

REMINDER: IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR VEHICLE OR PLATE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALL (715.834.4999) BEFORE GOING TO THE LANDFILL. 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