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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.

SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR 6500 TOWER DRIVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703



FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, Douglas Kranig

Greetings Seymour Residents,

Road construction and maintenance is a large part of our budget each year and it is a never ending expenditure. We are making progress in improving the overall condition of the roads in the Town. We use a state rating method - PACER - to rate the condition of our roads on a scale of 1 to 10. Kerry Parker, our Road Supervisor, tells me that nearly all of our roads are above a rating of 5. The State system explains that ideally all roads should be rated 6 or above. Within the next two years, barring any disaster to our roads, we should be at that level. For the past several years we have been reconstructing two miles or more per year. We have budgeted that again for 2012.

There is a bit of Autumn in the air. If it snows this winter, please do not plow snow across the road. Wisconsin State Statute 346.94 (5) states "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". Snow plowed across the road leaves amounts of snow which build up and freeze causing potential problems.

Please contact me or a Board member if you have questions or concerns.

Enjoy the Autumn.

Warm Regards,
Doug

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NOTICE:

WISCONSIN ACT 23: VOTER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION LAW

There are two major election changes for voters:

1. Voter ID is required to vote
2. All voters are required to sign the Poll List

See the "Clerks Corner" and the insert for more information

Reminder: The Town Hall has a DROP BOX for your convenience (dog license, tax payments and other items)

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS

APRIL 10, 2012 7:30 P.M.

AT THE SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

IMPORTANT DATES**NOVEMBER 8****NO ELECTION THIS YEAR****NOVEMBER 24-25****THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED****DECEMBER 26****CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED****JANUARY 2****NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED****APRIL 3****SPRING ELECTION
7AM TO 8PM
AT THE TOWN HALL****APRIL 10****ANNUAL MEETING
7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL****APRIL 22
GOOD FRIDAY
OFFICE CLOSED****MAY 28
MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED****CLERKS CORNER, Glenda Lyons**

The 2012 Elections will have major changes!

Voter Photo ID is now required for everyone in every election. **Signing the Poll List** is also part of this new law. This will take extra time, please be patient. **Absentee Ballot** requests can now be made via mail, email or fax beginning 2 weeks + 1 day prior to an election. You will no longer be able to absentee vote on the three days prior to Election Day. The office will be open from 9am-5pm on the Friday prior to the election. That is the last day to vote by absentee ballot. **Residency requirement** has been changed from 10 days to 28 days. You can find absentee ballot applications on our Town website www.townofseymour.org. You do not need to complete a registration if you have voted here within the past 4 years. If you are on my "Indefinitely Confined" list of voters you will be receiving a letter from me explaining what I need from you to comply with the Photo ID requirement. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

TAXES - REAL ESTATE - The first half or full payments are due January 31, 2012.

SPECIAL CHARGES & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - Due in **FULL** January 31, 2012. If you have any questions about your bill, please contact the office.

Treasurer's Hours - 9 A.M. - 1 P.M., Monday through Friday (December & January)

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAIL YOUR TAX PAYMENTS

TO: TOWN OF SEYMOUR
6500 TOWER DRIVE
EAU CLAIRE, WI. 54703

REMEMBER: pay the second half of your tax payment to the COUNTY TREASURER at the Eau Claire County Courthouse.

A SEPARATE check from your tax payment is **REQUIRED** for your dog license.

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 YOUR BUILDING INSPECTOR, FRED HANKEL

To all Town of Seymour residents planning to build or remodel on your property: remember, you need a building permit for **most** projects, including roofing and residing. If you are not sure whether you need a permit or if you have any questions, please call the building inspector (Fred Hankel) at 715-830-9220. Most jobs require a licensed or registered contractor. Make sure you have that information when applying for a building permit.

THE SPRING ELECTION IS**APRIL 3, 2012****7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.****AT THE SEYMOUR
TOWN HALL****ALL RESIDENTS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
VOTE**



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your attention to fire safety this summer. It was relatively quiet for fires (although we did have a small fire caused by an eagle!)

Unfortunately, we have had a rather busy summer in the other aspects of our service. For the second year in a row, water related incidents are up. We have also been dispatched to a larger number of motor vehicle crashes this year, not only on US Hwy 53, but on Town roads also. Please slow down and drive attentively.

Last year our Rescue Squad, known as Emergicare, responded to just over 800 EMS calls. By the time this newsletter is printed, we will be over 600 calls for this year.

Thanks to you, our Pancake Breakfast was a success again this year. We had a record turnout! We purchased racking on which to store our gear. The rack we previously had was too small and there wasn't enough room for all our gear bags.

Have a safe autumn and winter. Let's hope Mother Nature doesn't "bless" us with another 22" snow storm.

Kerry Parker
Battalion Chief
Township Fire Dept. - Seymour
Station

FROM SUPERVISOR Sheila Running

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the beautiful (but very hot) summer. We're always told to take some time to stop and smell the roses (or the beautiful leaves and smells of autumn) and I hope you will find the time to do that too.

This year when your tax bill arrives, I hope you will take time to look and see what portion of your taxes actually come to the Town of Seymour. If you do, you will notice only a small portion of the total goes to the Town which covers things like road building and repair, snow plowing, fire protection, and numerous other services. The actual Town tax has not increased in years and your Board tries very hard to stretch those dollars so those services can remain the same or even improve each year.

Thank you for supporting your Town Board. Remember, we are here to serve you and are always ready to listen. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact us.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are a variety of transportation programs available for medical appointments, shopping or other personal business. Programs are convenient, inexpensive, and will help you maintain your independence.

For more information go to the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County.

Or visit their web site:
www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/adrc

FROM SUPERVISOR Gary Schulenberg

Hunting season is soon here and remember, **SAFETY FIRST!** There is more and more target practice at residences. Be sure to have a safe backstop i.e. a hillside, **NOT** down a trail where there could be hikers, bikers, horse riders etc. Anyone could be down range if you are blindly shooting in the woods, too. **BE RESPECTFUL OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

BE SURE, BE SAFE, BE HUMANE
AND HAVE A GREAT HUNTING
SEASON.

FROM THE SEYMOUR BALL CLUB

The end of the year picnic for this year was August 22. The board reported several projects completed at the park in 2011, including finishing 4 more dugouts on fields 4 and 5, new plumbing of the sprinkler system with new sprinkler heads installed and wiring installed for the scoreboards on fields 1 and 6.

The board also dedicated field #5 to Fred Hankel, Past President of Seymour Ball Club. Fred was instrumental in the creation of the two new fields at Seymour and continues to be involved in the program coaching girls' softball.

Ball club sign up for next year is February 25, 2012 8AM to noon and February 28, 2012 6PM to 8PM at the Seymour Town Hall.

New board members were elected for the 2012 season which can be seen along with other information at our website.
www.seymourballclub.com

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BRUSH SITE, RECYCLING AND LANDFILL

BRUSH and **RECYCLING** 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 and is separate from the landfill.)

REMINDER: BEFORE GOING TO THE LANDFILL, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALL (715.834.4999) IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR VEHICLE OR PLATE INFORMATION. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY! 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**