

# SEYMOUR CHRONICLE



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## Town Board Chair

By Douglas Kranig

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

I trust you all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the winter season.

Last year the towns in Eau Claire County agreed to discontinue the library contract with the City of Eau Claire. It was a large budget item in the Town's budget. The library expense will now be part of your county tax. It will be included in the amount of tax you pay the County of Eau Claire. This seems to be a more fair way to fund the library.

In an effort to ensure that emergency personnel and vehicles are able to respond to your needs as rapidly as possible, it is very important that all homes have house numbers that are visible from the road and are visible from either direction as an emergency vehicle - fire or ambulance - approaches your residence. It is best if you use reflective numbers and place the numbers on either side of your mailbox or in large numbers on your home, if it can be viewed from the road. It is in your best interest to do this as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

I often remind people that you are required to keep your dog under control - in your yard or on a leash when they are outside. Please do that! Also, please keep your dog from barking excessively. Those are the two most frequent complaints that we receive. The Town contracts with the Eau Claire County Humane Association so they may be contacting you if you are in violation of dog ordinances. They are allowed to issue citations with fines when appropriate.

We will be revising our nuisance ordinance in order to better be able to address nuisances/complaints including junk and debris in residential areas, noise and dogs running at large.

Enjoy the autumn season.

## TOWN OFFICIALS

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Gary Schulenberg, Supervisor	(715)835.0938
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## Thank You!

By Supervisor Running

The City of Eau Claire has now completed the Black Avenue/Hwy Q Roundabout. I am sure all of you are just as happy as I am to now go directly to the North Crossing and 53 Bypass without that detour. Thank you to all of you who live along the detour route as well as everyone who had to drive that route each day. Your patience is definitely appreciated. The City will be providing an overlay of pavement on McKinley Avenue to compensate for the additional wear and tear on that road during the detour time. Also, the County has overlaid Highway Q from just past 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to 65<sup>th</sup>. We hope that they will continue to resurface the road further east as far as the Landfill in the next couple of years. Money that they receive from the Landfill is supposed to be set aside for this purpose and we will be trying to hold them to that agreement. Once again, thank you for your patience during all of the construction.

## 2013 Road Work Accomplished

The Town of Seymour has approximately 53 miles of roads to maintain and we try to reconstruct 2 to 3 miles of road per year. In 2013, we reconstructed a mile of Oak Knoll Drive as well as Ridgeland Drive and Ridgewood Court. Cracksealing was done on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Bridget Drive, Buck Rub Road, Gooder Ave, Parkwood Drive, Hotchkiss Ave, Indian Hills Drive and Woodhaven Court.

## Clerk's Corner

By Miranda Kuhn

In August of 2013, I was respectfully sworn in as Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Seymour. My name is Miranda Kuhn and I am so excited and thankful for this opportunity to serve the Town of Seymour. I recently earned my Bachelor of Arts degree from UW Eau Claire and I focused my studies on economics and political science. Prior to working for the Town of Seymour, I was an intern for Congressman Ron Kind as well as an intern for the City of Eau Claire's Economic Development Division.

In my free time, I enjoy going on walks with my fiancé, snowboarding in the winter, and traveling to the Porcupine Mountains to hike. My fiancé, Brandon Hoffman, is a Loan Specialist for USDA, Rural Development in Menomonie. We both take pride in our work and love being a part of civil service and local government.

It has been a pleasure to meet some of you these past three months, and I look forward to meeting all of you at some point in the future. I am usually at the Town Hall from 9AM to 1PM on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, though you may find me there more often. Please feel free to stop in and just say hello!

## Township Fire Department

By Kerry Parker, Battalion Chief, Seymour Station

This year we were approached by the DNR regarding a new wildfire education program, called Firewise. The DNR studies showed our community as being a high risk for wildfire. The Fire Dept., Town, County and DNR have partnered together to provide better protection for landowners. The program is a multi-level system over a long range timetable. As more of the program becomes available, you will receive additional information.

The Firefighters appreciate your support at our pancake breakfast. Hopefully you were able to see the first pieces of the Firewise program. The DNR supplied banners for the trucks and had an information table set up at the event.

As a reminder, you need to have a burning permit to burn outdoors. Additionally, the Town has an annual permit for burning barrels. Landlords, please forward this information to your renters.

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

Have a safe autumn and winter.



### Goodbye From Glenda

For the past 8 years, I have had the honor of serving the residents of the Town of Seymour. During my time here, I met many wonderful people and have countless fond memories. I found it difficult to say good-bye to my co-workers, the Board, and the Election inspectors. As I now serve all of you in my new position as the Eau Claire County Treasurer, I look forward to continued contact with many of you. I would also like to "Welcome" your new Clerk/Treasurer, Miranda Kuhn. Best wishes to all of you!

Glenda J. Lyons, Treasurer  
Eau Claire County

***Please change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. When changing clocks in the Spring and Fall for Daylight Savings Time is always a good time to also change those batteries.***

## Landfill

As you know, Town of Seymour residents are allowed to use the local landfill free of charge for normal **HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE** on **Tuesdays (noon to 4 pm) and Saturdays (8 am - 11:30 pm) ONLY**. In order to take advantage of this free service, you must apply, in person, for the initial permit from the Town Clerk. As a reminder, only one vehicle per household is allowed. Any time you change vehicles, you must notify the Town Clerk (and you can do this simply via a phone call) so that she can make the necessary adjustments in the authorized user list for the landfill. Call 715-834-4999.

**A BIG REMINDER: HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY!! NO COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS MATERIALS. ALSO POOLS, OUTDOOR PATIO FURNITURE, LARGE OUTDOOR PLAY ITEMS, AND HOSES ARE NOT ALLOWED "FREE" ITEMS. Tires, as well, are a separate charge at \$6.00 per tire. Also, no remodeling or construction materials.**

If you have a question on an item, please call the landfill ahead of time at 715-830-0284 and they will be happy to help with your concerns.

## Seymour is Growing!

By Fred Hankel

2013 has been a busy year so far for the Town of Seymour Building Inspector. As of October 1, 2013 we have issued **125** Building Permits with **16** being for new home construction. This is a **266 % increase** in new home construction over the last year. In 2012 there were 86 total permits with only 6 new homes; 2011 had 83 permits with 2 new homes; and 2010 had 81 permits with 10 new home.

A couple of reminders - be sure to obtain a building permit **PRIOR** to start of construction. The cost for a permit is doubled if you start work without a permit. If you are in doubt about whether a permit is needed or not, be sure to call the Town Office (715-834-4999) or me at (715) 577-7983.

All permits require a final inspection be conducted by me before the file is closed. A permit is good for 24 months and if you have not finished the work within that period a new permit will have to be obtained at an additional cost. If you have an outstanding permit and have not called me for a final inspection and the work is completed, please call me as soon as possible in order to avoid a penalty charge.

## Winter Reminders



By Supervisor Schulenberg

Well, it seems like winter is right around the corner already - how does that happen so fast? With snow already falling in parts of Wisconsin, it is time for us to gear up for the plowing season. The Seymour Town Crew does a great job of keeping the roadways safe for all of us as they are typically out plowing the roads during the overnight hours or early in the morning. Here are some guidelines that we can all follow to make this winter season safer for everyone:

**MAILBOXES** - Please make sure that your mailbox can withstand the force of plowed snow. With the amount of snow accumulations that we have seen in the past (over 80" last season), the plows have to continue to push the snow back further and further. Large amounts of snow and ice can break off mailbox posts from time to time. The homeowner is responsible for the repairs caused by snow/ice coming off the plow. The Town will reimburse for mailboxes which are hit directly by the snowplow, up to \$50.00.

**DRIVEWAYS** - You may not deposit snow back onto the roadway or across the road when plowing your driveway or parking lot. The snow you remove must remain on your property.

**PARKING** - No parking is allowed on any of the Town roads between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am during the times of any snow fall and within 24 hours following the end of any snowfall. In case of a weather emergency, **NO PARKING** is allowed on the roads for 48 hours.

### HUNTING SEASON SAFETY TIPS Four Basic Rules of Firearm Safety

Gun Deer Hunting Season is the last week in November and we would like to remind everyone to be safe and remember the four basic rules of firearm safety.

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction
3. Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

Also as a reminder, part of the Town of Seymour is restricted to Hunting. If you are unsure if the area you wish to hunt is restricted or not, please check with the Town Office.

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## Dog Licenses

*A dog more than 5 months of age must be licensed. A new license is required annually. License tags for 2014 are available starting December 1st .*

**FEES:** \$7.00 for neutered/spayed  
\$18.00 for unaltered dogs

*Late fee of \$5.00 per dog is charged beginning April 1st. If a dog is not licensed by June 1st, an additional \$50 late fee is charged. Citations will be issued after June 1st, imposing an additional fee (\$165) for court costs.*

*Please be sure to bring your current CERTIFICATE OF RABIES VACCINATION when applying for a license. A license cannot be issued without proof that the dog is current on rabies vaccine.*

## Tax Season

Real Estate Tax notices will be sent out in December. The first half or full payments are due by January 31, 2014. Special Charges and Personal Property are due in FULL by January 31, 2014. 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:

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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.

**RE-EVALUATION/ASSESSMENT** - We have entered into a contract with Bowmar Appraisers to conduct a re-evaluation of the town. This will be a three year process, with representatives from Bowmar making visits to one third of the residences each year. The new assessments will not take effect until the end of the three years (2015) when it will then be implemented for the entire town at the same time.