



SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR, 6500 TOWER DRIVE, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

FALL 2007

FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, DOUGLAS KRANIG

Greetings Seymour Residents,

As autumn approaches, we are completing the surfacing of the roads that we prepared this summer. Thanks for your patience with this process. Many of our roads are widened when we reconstruct them so we need to let them settle before we surface them so that the surface does not crack at the edges. It prolongs the life of the road.

Last year I forgot to mention that Don Grunem, one of our long time summer employees retired. He had been retired from his regular job and helped the Town for years as a part-time summer employee. He did a great job and I want to publicly thank him. Thanks very much Don for all your help. Enjoy your second retirement!

Budget time is coming up. The Board does not anticipate much change from the previous two years. We do not yet know about the spending cap from the State as they have not completed their budget. Seems odd that the State Senate and Assembly tell us how to conduct our affairs when they cannot take care of their own business.

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 any 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.

Thanks to those of you who obtained your dog license in a timely manner. As a reminder, dog licenses expire on Dec 31, 2007. The 2008 tags will be available in late November.

A new member has been added to our Comprehensive Plan Committee. Mary Seitz has agreed to serve on the committee. Welcome Mary and thanks for serving. Other member of the Committee are: Chair, Jim Murray; Kevin Midthun, Sheila Running, Loren Gorrel, Roxy Jaeger and Joe Kirst.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, contact a member of the Board.

Enjoy the season.

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair...	Douglas Kranig 877-2899
Supervisor...	Gary Schulenberg 835-0938
Supervisor...	Sheila Running 832-9636
Clerk/Treasurer...	Glenda Lyons 834-4999
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.	Jo-Ann Martin 834-4999
Co. Board Rep...	Howard Ludwigson 832-6759

Regular Board Meetings are scheduled on the **First and Third Tuesdays** of each month. Notices are posted at the Town Hall, Fire Station, Beaver Creek Reserve and Gordy's County Market.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Office Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Monday through Friday
Office Phone: 834-4999

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL.

A THANK YOU FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank you for your attention to fire safety this past spring and summer. With the lack of precipitation, fire danger has remained moderate to high. We have responded to very few wildland fires this year. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!**

In mid-October we will be taking delivery of a new Rescue Truck. The 2007 Peterbilt will replace the 1978 Chevrolet Bruin we are now using. The body on the new truck was built by Marion Body Works. Marion is using our new Rescue as their show truck until October.

We are accepting applications for Fire Fighters and Emergicare 1st Responders. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact our Dispatch enter at 834-6868 for an application.

Kerry Parker, Battalion Chief
Township Fire Dept - Seymour Station

TAXES

Real Estate - first half or full payments are due January 31, 2008. **Special Charges and Personal Property** - due in **FULL** January 31, 2008. If you have a split parcel, or if you have any questions about your bill, please contact the office as soon as possible. **Treasurers Hours**- 9:00A.M.-1:00P.M. Mon, Wed & Thurs.

To avoid long waits, please **MAIL PAYMENTS TO:**

Town of Seymour,
6500 Tower Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54703

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

Remember, the **second** half of your tax payment is to be paid to the **COUNTY TREASURER** at the Eau Claire County courthouse.

BRUSH SITE AND RECYCLING

Both areas can be found just East of the Landfill on County Highway Q. The hours are Tuesdays Noon-4:00P.M. and Saturdays 8:00A.M.-12:00P.M.. These hours are the same days and times the landfill can be utilized by Seymour residents at no charge.

<http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/Recycle/recycle.htm>

LIBRARY

The Town of Seymour has made arrangements with the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library for use by Seymour residents. The Town is billed on a PER ITEM charge, currently \$3.13. Please be wise consumers and only check out items you will use. **THANK YOU.**

BURNING PERMITS

A reminder that burning permits are required when the ground is not completely covered with snow (cooking and campfires exempt).

For residents **EAST of Hwy P** obtain free written Burning permits from:

Augusta Ranger Station 286-4340
Emergency Fire Wardens...
- Glenda Lyons & Jo-Ann Martin
Seymour Town Hall 834-4999
- Dick and Jean Anderson 723-3146

Residents **WEST of Hwy P** may call 834-6868 for a verbal Burning permit.

A reminder that Burn Barrel permits expire on December 31st. A \$25 yearly fee is charged and your barrel will be inspected to ensure its safety.

HALL AND PAVILION RENTALS

The Town Hall is available to rent. The rates are \$250 rent plus \$150 deposit for Seymour residents. Non-resident fee is \$300 rent plus \$150 deposit. If cleaned up according to the contract and there are no damages, the deposit will be returned. The hall is now air conditioned for your comfort. Remember, the hall makes a great place for Holiday parties as well as weddings.

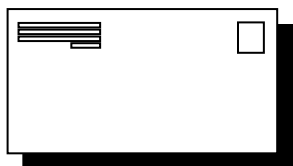
The park pavilion is also available. The rates are \$25 rent plus \$25 deposit **without** electricity and for rentals **with** electricity, the rent is \$40 plus \$40 deposit. Please call the Office for reservations

DOG LICENSE

A dog more than 5 months of age must be licensed. It is the residents' responsibility to license their dog. The State requires Proof of Rabies Vaccination **every** year. This does **not** mean your pet needs the vaccination every year. Please bring your forms from the vet to prove your pet is up to date. No need to make copies as we use them as the receipt and return to you. The fee for neutered/spayed dogs is \$7.00. A fee of \$18.00 is for dogs that are not neutered/spayed. **A late fee of \$5.00 is charged after March 31 (Ordinance #80-3). CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER JUNE 1ST. THE COST OF THE CITATION IS \$50 PLUS COURT COSTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY \$165. Please be prompt with licensing your dogs to avoid these additional charges.** Remember, 2008 tags will be available late November and if you choose to purchase the tags when you pay your taxes, a separate check is required. **THANK YOU.**

* If you prefer to mail this to us, please include a self-addressed stamped envelop and we will send the tag and vaccination papers back to you.*

PLEASE BE REMINDED...THERE IS AN ORDINANCE AGAINST ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE. YOU WILL BE FINED FOR LETTING YOUR DOG OR CAT RUN AT LARGE.

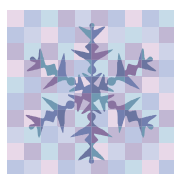


MAILBOXES

There has been a great amount of road work done this year and snow removal season is rapidly approaching. There are rules and regulations from the United States Postal Service regarding proper installation of rural mailboxes. These rules are designed not only to help postal delivery, but also for town, county and state trucks to efficiently do road work and snow removal. Mailboxes should be placed between 3 ½ and 4 feet from the roadway but due to varying road conditions, there could be exceptions. A swing arm or semi-arch type of installation allows snowplows to sweep near or under boxes without damaging supports and provides easy access to the boxes by the carriers. This type is a suggestion and any questions should be directed to your postmaster or carrier.



If your business is interested in putting a small ad in our newsletter, please contact the Town of Seymour office at 715 839-4999. There will be a charge for this and you will need to provide the layout. We will keep this to a maximum size of a business card.



Winter is a good time to be good Samaritans to our animal friends, but do it correctly and **considerately**. Deer will eat **two pounds** of food per day. Be aware feeding deer will bring many to your property which can prove to be expensive and they may NOT just eat what you put out for them. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Your neighbors may NOT appreciate your “invitation” to the deer population when THEIR ornamental trees and shrubs are eaten. You may contact the DNR Wildlife Manager @ 839-3740 to learn the correct food mixes to best benefit the deer.

Don't forget our fine feathered friends, too. Many birds stay for the winter and food can get scarce. Consider putting out bird feeders for the winter.



DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN?

You cannot predict fires, floods or other natural disasters. At best, you will get a limited advance warning. **YOU NEED TO DEVELOP A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN.**

Here are a few tips:

1. Plan an escape route and make sure all family members know the best ways to exit the house in case disaster strikes. Teach young children how to open sliding doors and open windows. Be sure everyone knows where to meet after they've escaped from the house.
2. Keep cell phones charged. It can be a lifesaver in an emergency.
3. Keep flashlights handy. Everyone needs to know where to find flashlights and keep the batteries fresh.
4. Know your community's emergency plans. Learn your community's emergency plans for evacuations and neighborhood escape routes.
5. List your possessions and keep it in a fireproof box or in a safe deposit box at the bank. You may also want to make a video of the interior of your home.

Natural disasters are, by definition, frightening events. But the more prepared you are for them, the more favorable the outcome is likely to be.

NEW EMPLOYEE!

Hi! My name is Jo-Ann Martin and I am your new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. I was hired at the end of March 2007 and have really enjoyed working in the office and have met many wonderful people.

I moved to Eau Claire in September 2006 from Janesville, Wi where I lived for 35 years. I

worked for what is now known as AT&T for 32 years and retired May 2006.

I enjoy walking my dog, Sophie, bicycling, reading, quilting and traveling. I love the outdoors and am very happy to have moved to this area.

My daughter and family live here and it's wonderful to be so close to my 2 grandchildren.

What a pleasure it is to see them grow! Grandparenting is a great sideline!

My son lives in Minnesota and I am now only 1 hour from him which makes visiting much easier.

I look forward to meeting many more of you and helping with your needs in the future.



BUILDING PERMITS

A Land Use permit from Eau Claire County Zoning is required for (structural) remodeling or any new structure. A Town Building permit is ALSO required for building, siding, roofing, pools, decks, remodeling or demolishing any structure. Building permits are issued at the Town Office during regular business hours.

All building and remodeling must be inspected and approved by the Building Inspector, Bill Wolf. Please contact him between 6:00A.M. and 9:00A.M. (715)832-2391

NEW EMPLOYEE!

My name is Gary Schneider and I was hired Nov., 2006 as a Crew Person/Road Worker. Born in Mondovi, Wi., we later moved to Eau Claire when I was 6 years old. I attended North High School after which I enlisted in the U. S. Army. During my tour of duty, I was privileged to spend 3 ½ years in Germany. Upon discharge, I attended Chippewa Valley Technical College and received 2 diplomas. While attending school, I met my wife, Chris and we're celebrating 27 years of marriage. We have 1 grown daughter and last January, we were blessed with a granddaughter, Kaylee.

Prior to accepting this position, I worked for the U. S. Postal Service for 18 years as a letter carrier.

Our lives now revolve around spending as much time as possible with our granddaughter

and making long range plans to return to Europe for an extended vacation.

I look forward to working with and meeting the residents of Seymour.



ELECTION INFORMATION

Here are the Election dates for 2008:

February 19, 2008.....Spring Primary

April 1, 2008.....Spring Election

September 9, 2008.....Partisan Primary

November 4, 2008.....General Election

FROM THE SEYMOUR BALL CLUB:

Sign-up for Spring/Summer ball for both girls and boys begins in February, 2008. You can register at the Town Hall on February 23rd and February 26th, 2008. Please visit the website for times of registration.

These programs are for boys 5-14 years old and girls 5-18 years old. Programs include T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors and Ponies.

Please visit the website for a more comprehensive description and list of activities.

www.seymourballclub.com

TIDBITS



OLD PAINT? With most of our home projects complete, here's a reminder what to do with that old leftover paint. Once the paint has dried, it can be disposed of as garbage. Suggestions for drying the old paint are:

Crack open the lid in a well ventilated area away from children and pets. Once the paint is thoroughly dried, it can be disposed as garbage in the can. Another suggestion is: Mix the paint with kitty litter or oil dry if you have less than $\frac{1}{2}$ can of paint to be disposed. Let the mixture dry and dispose as described above.

BROKEN GLASS? Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little pieces of broken glass-the fibers catch ones you can't see!