



# SEYMOUR CHRONICLE

TOWN OF SEYMOUR

6500 TOWER DRIVE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

SPRING 2009

## FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIR, DOUGLAS KRANIG

Greetings fellow Seymour Residents,

During the past several years that I have served as your Town Chairperson, I have had the opportunity and have been fortunate to have served with thoughtful committed people who consider the best interests of the Town when making decisions. We have attempted to create a “culture of service” within our Board and staff members, which translates into providing quality service in a timely and cost effective manner for our residents. We often receive positive comments from residents about the friendliness and efficiency of our office staff, about the promptness of snow removal by our Town crew and about the “good” condition of our roads. We think we are making progress toward our goal of high quality service but we know it is a journey, not a destination so we understand that we must continue to improve. By encouraging open communication and discussion, by listening and responding to concerns we have been able to establish a relationship of trust between residents, staff, other municipalities and contractors with whom we do business. We have been frugal with your tax dollars. The Town is in excellent financial condition. The Town of Seymour has one of the lowest tax rates among the 13 Towns in Eau Claire County. We have been able to maintain a stable tax rate over the years by prudent budgeting and planning. We built a new \$1,000,000.00 Fire Station five years ago without raising taxes and we are spending the maximum amount allowed under State Statutes (approximately \$260,000.00) per year on road construction, maintenance and repairs. We are able to provide fire protection, water rescue and emergicare services (with the help of our dedicated volunteers) at a cost of just \$76,000 per year. That equates to \$24.35 per resident. Our cost to use the library is \$83,200 per year or \$26.38 per resident. We think that experienced and effective leaders you can trust are important in maintaining a viable and efficient Town. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Chairperson. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me or a Board Member. Enjoy the coming spring and summer.

## THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IS

APRIL 14, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.

AT THE SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

### 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
Building Inspector...	Fred Hankel 830-9220

Co. Board Rep...	Howard Ludwigson 832-6759
Office Phone...	834-4999
Website...	<a href="http://townofseymour.org">townofseymour.org</a>

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.

**Office Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**  
Monday through Friday

## CLERKS CORNER GLENDA LYONS

Spring Election is coming...Are YOU registered? You can call me to find out or go to <http://elections.state.wi.us/index.asp>; the site is available to the public. The state elections website also offers you the ability to print out the Voter Registration form (form # EB-131) and the Absentee Ballot Request Application (form # EB-121). Next election is **April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. The Spring Election in 2009 is for Town Board Seats and School Board Seats. Your vote is especially important in these local elections. Please take time to vote in person or by absentee ballot. Ballots will be available starting March 17<sup>th</sup> for absentee voting.

### Your Current Town Board Incumbents include:

Douglas Kranig, Chair  
Gary Schulenberg, Supervisor  
Sheila Running, Supervisor

### Their challengers are:

Marvin Salter, running for Chair  
Susan Kumferman, running for Supervisor  
Steven Higley, running for Supervisor

**Board of Review in early summer...** Our "Open Book" meetings are with Bowmar Appraisal assessors. These meetings are open to the public to view and discuss any property values within our Town. Approximately two weeks after Open Book meetings, we hold a two hour meeting for anyone wishing to contest their values. This is called "Board of Review". At this meeting you are required to "prove" why your property should be at a lower (or higher) value. Anyone interested in these meetings and needing more information can give me call.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

We now have a new building inspector. His name is

**FRED HANKEL** and can be reached at: **830-9220**

## FROM SUPERVISOR, GARY SCHULENBERG

Hello Seymour residents. Spring will soon be here (YAHOO) and with its arrival spring cleaning! Because of our sparse population and much wooded land in our township, and the high cost of disposal, much illegal dumping occurs. I would like to encourage anyone witnessing illegal dumping to report it to the Town Hall or County Sheriff. Remember the Town offers a reward. Also Seymour has a new building inspector, longtime resident Fred Hankel. Congratulate him; wish him well and hopefully the future building projects in Seymour will flow smoothly.

## FROM SUPERVISOR, SHEILA RUNNING

I would like to thank you for your calls, attendance at board meetings and other input that we have received with concerns you have had regarding Town issues. We have tried to address each concern keeping in mind what is best for everyone who lives and pays taxes in Seymour. Together we have managed to keep our town tax rate low and still provide the services our residents need.

I also serve on your Long Range Planning Committee and would like to thank the residents who have given input to our committee as we attempt to establish a plan that our community can live with for the next 20 years.

Thanks to Kerry, John, Glenda and Jo-Ann for handling the day-to-day operations of our town. They do a great job!

Welcome to our new building inspector, Fred Hankel. We are very happy to have him on board. Please bear with him as he gets all of our records up to date.

**BEST WISHES IN 2009!** Please remember to keep in touch with us when you have concerns about your Town.

**ALTOONA LAKE DISTRICT:** For information, visit their website:  
[www.lakealtoonaprotect.org](http://www.lakealtoonaprotect.org)

## TAXES

Remember the second half of your property taxes are due July 31, 2009. This payment is to be made to the COUNTY TREASURER, at the Eau Claire County Courthouse. Payments may be mailed or paid in person at 721 OXFORD AVE, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703.

Requests for copies or duplicate receipts are available at the Eau Claire County Courthouse Treasurer's office.

## SAD

It is estimated between 4 and 6 percent of Americans suffer from SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). This is a recurring depression which affects individuals during the cold winter months and then recedes during spring and summer months.

The exact cause is unknown, but it is suspected it is due to an increase in Melatonin. Melatonin increases the need and desire to sleep and during the colder darker months, the body produces more Melatonin. SAD affects more people in the northern states because of the lack of sunlight and the increase cold temperatures.

### SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

1. Difficulty concentrating
2. Low energy and fatigue
3. Decreased interest in daily activities, especially social activities.
4. Moodiness and irritability.
5. Increased appetite with weight gain.
6. Cravings for carbohydrates.
7. Increased sleep, with more daytime sleepiness.
8. Loss of interest in sex.

### COPING WITH SAD

1. Increase the amount of light in your home.
2. Get outside; walk outdoors on sunny days.
3. Exercise regularly; physical exercise helps relieve stress and anxiety.
4. Find ways to relax.
5. Learn how to manage stress better.
6. Take a trip; if possible, take winter vacations to sunny, warm destinations.

## FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Before we know it, spring will be here, and the sub-zero temps of January will be history. As you plan your spring yard cleanup, please review burning regulations at the Fire Departments website: [www.townshipfire.org](http://www.townshipfire.org)

A few items to mention:

1. A call to Township FD (834-6868) is required even if you have an annual permit from the DNR.
2. You must remain in attendance of the fire until it is out. The Court has ruled this to mean: Outdoors, within eye site of the fire.
3. Make sure you have tools and water available to control your fire.

Our annual pancake breakfast is again on Father's Day, June 21, 2009. We hope to see you and dad there!

Nationwide volunteer fire departments are seeing reduced membership. We are no exception. Currently, we are at the lowest numbers that I can recall. We could use your help! If you are interested, please call our Dispatch Center (834-6868) for an application.

Lastly, the firefighters asked me to thank "Santa" for the wonderful donation to our Christmas party. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Have a safe spring and summer.

**Kerry Parker**  
**Battalion Chief**  
**Township Fire Dept.**  
**Seymour Station**

## 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. The deposit will be returned if the hall is cleaned according to the contract and there are no damages. **THE HALL IS NOW AIR CONDITIONED FOR YOUR COMFORT.**

The park pavilion is also available. The rates are \$25 rent and \$25 deposit without electricity. For rentals with electricity the rent is \$40 and the deposit is \$40. Please call the Town Office for reservations. 834-4999

The website ([townofseymour.org](http://townofseymour.org)) also has the calendar for availability along with copies of the rental agreements.

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### **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. 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>

**REMINDER: BEFORE GOING TO THE LANDFILL, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALL (834-4999) IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR VEHICLE OR PLATE INFORMATION. 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 them as the receipt and return them 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 1<sup>st</sup>** --- Ordinance #80-3. **Citations will be issued beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> 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**