

SEYMOUR

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FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIR

Happy Autumn Fellow Residents,

The reconstruction of over two miles of Town road is completed. Thanks for your patience during the construction. We have also replaced some metal culverts that rusted out and were failing, with plastic culverts. These plastic culverts should last longer. Our Town roads average a 7 on a scale of 1 to 10 in terms of quality which puts us in the "good" category. With increased traffic and larger vehicles with increased weight, it is a challenge to keep the roads in good condition. Our crew (Kerry and John) do a commendable job of keeping our roads in good condition. Recently the State passed an Implements of Husbandry Law which allows farm equipment to exceed the current weight restrictions on Town and County roads by 15%. The Town Board plans to draft a resolution to limit that equipment to that standard. If we do not, there would be no limit to the weight restrictions that farm equipment would have to follow. We will still charge for damage to Town roads and we will still post weight limits in the spring to protect our investment in roads. Road maintenance is the largest expense in our annual budget.

The Town purchased some property two years ago which contained some timber. We have decided to harvest some of that timber this year and have contracted with a logger to thin the pines and remove some of the oak. We have not yet decided what to do with the proceeds, but I would recommend spending it on improvements to our recreation program on that property.

We have posted the property to hunting only with permission. The Board decided that we would limit hunting on the property to Town of Seymour residents only. This allows us to control the number of hunters as the adjoining property owners have concerns with hunters going on their property.

Please retrieve your garbage containers promptly after the garbage has been collected and please do not place them in the roadway. Please back them off the road so vehicles do not hit them or have to swerve to avoid them.

Our Clerk/Treasurer, Miranda Hoffman, has been doing an excellent job of keeping up with voting regulation changes this year.

With winter approaching we will have snow, I bet! As a reminder, do not plow or push your snow across the road.

Enjoy the Autumn and Winter Seasons!

Douglas Kranig

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ELECTION NEWS FROM YOUR CLERK/TREASURER

As of October 9, 2014 the U.S. Supreme Court ordered that the photo ID requirement will **not** be in effect for the November 4, 2014 General Election. The Government Accountability Board staff and local clerks, including myself, have worked hard to implement the Photo ID requirement since the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals order of September 12, 2014. In order to minimize confusion and uncertainty regarding photo ID, contact me at (715) 834-4999 if you have any questions!

AS OF THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION PHOTO ID IS NOT REQUIRED

If Wisconsin Voter Photo ID is required in the future, I have included a list of acceptable IDs below.

What IDs would be acceptable?

These photo IDs would be acceptable for voting purposes. They could be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election, November 6, 2012.

- A Wisconsin DoT-issued driver license
- A Wisconsin DoT-issued ID card
- An ID card issued by a US uniformed service – military ID
- A U.S. Passport

These photo IDs would also be acceptable for voting, but they must be unexpired.

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before November 4, 2014.
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by the Wisconsin DoT
- An unexpired ID receipt issued by the Wisconsin DoT
- An ID card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after the date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment

**THE ADDRESS ON YOUR PHOTO ID
WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE CURRENT**

ELECTION REMINDERS

The **fall election** is on **NOVEMBER 4, 2014**. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Seymour Residents vote at the Town Hall located at 6500 Tower Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

REGISTER TO VOTE

By Mail: Last day for electors to register by mail is Wednesday, October 15, 2014 for the Nov 4th election

Clerk's Office: Last day for electors to register to vote in the Nov. 4th election at the Town of Seymour Clerk's Office is October 31, 2014.

Election Day: Electors can register to vote on Election Day at the Seymour Town Hall. If you register on Election Day, you will need to provide proof of residence at the registration table. If you have questions about what types of documents will work for proof of residence, please contact me at (715) 834-4999 or e-mail seymour.town@att.net.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you are unable or unwilling to go to your polling location on Election Day, you may request an absentee ballot in person or via mail.

In-person Absentee Voting:

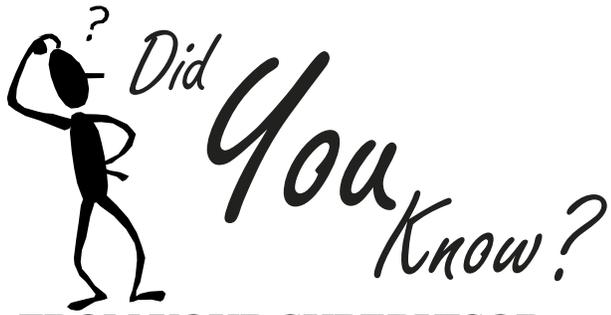
**Seymour Town Clerk's Office
October 21, 2014 to October 31, 2014
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday**

The office will be open additional hours on Friday, October 31, 2014 and will have in-person absentee voting from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If you want an **absentee ballot mailed** to you, Thursday, October 30, 2014 is the last day for you to request an absentee ballot by mail for the Nov. 4th election (except military and indefinitely confined voters).

To request an absentee ballot via mail, please fill out form GAB-121 Absentee Ballot Request Form. This form can be found on the Town website under "Forms and Permits" (www.townofseymour.org).

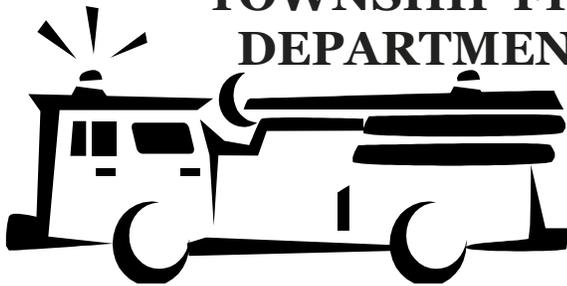
If you have any questions at all about the status of Wisconsin Voter Photo ID or anything else, please contact Miranda Hoffman, the Town Clerk/Treasurer, at (715) 834-4999 or e-mail seymour.town@att.net. You may also reference the Government Accountability Board's website for more information, www.gab.wi.gov.



FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR **SHEILA RUNNING**

The Town has 54 miles of road to maintain and plow, and with a limited amount of money it is a challenge. Kerry and John do a good job of keeping them snow free in the winter. Improvements are made using a State rating system with the worst rated roads receiving our attention first.

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



By: Kerry Parker, Battalion Chief, Seymour Station

This year a number of our firefighters were trained in Hazards in the Ignition Zone identification. It is the voluntary home inspection part of the Firewise program. If you are interested in setting up an inspection, please contact our Dispatch.

The Firefighters appreciate your support at our pancake breakfast. We had a record turnout this year.

As a reminder, you need to call our Dispatch for a burning permit. Additionally the Town has an annual permit for burning barrels. Landlords, please forward this information to your renters. The percentage of fires in Seymour from people burning debris is well below the state average. Thank you for your cooperation!

From the information I've received, the Farmer's Almanac is predicting another nasty winter for us. Please clean your chimneys if you burn wood. We like meeting our neighbors, just not on your roofs at 3 AM and the temperature 10 below zero.

If you are interested in becoming a Firefighter or 1st Responder, please contact our Dispatch Center at (715) 834-6868 for an application.

Children from our Town attend three different school districts. Each district has their own tax levy which may be different but the town tax levy is the same for each dollar of assessment.

Sylvia Meyer has been an election inspector in the Town of Seymour for over 30 years. Thanks Sylvia! Thanks to all of the election inspectors!

Your Town Board is always willing to listen to your concerns. In the end, we try to make decisions that are in the best interest of all of our residents. So keeping that in mind, please call us if we can assist in any way



DOG LICENSES ARE GOOD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR!

Dogs more than 5 months of age need to be licensed. Licenses may be obtained in-person during office hours or via mail. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you mail your dog license, so that we can send your license back to you.

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

Late fee of \$5.00 per dog is charged beginning April 1st, 2015. If a dog is not licensed by June 1st, 2015, an additional \$50 late fee is charged. Violation Citations will be issued to habitual offenders.

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

Dog tags for 2015 will be available December 2014. Be sure to get to the Town Hall or mail your information before April 1, 2015 to avoid late fees and to avoid extra mailing expenses to the Town.

LANDFILL EXPANSION

FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR
GARY SCHULENBERG

Earlier this spring, the Town Board received notification from Advanced Disposal Services Seven Mile Creek Landfill, LLC that it is their intent to expand the current landfill vertically approximately 20 feet over a portion of the existing footprint.

The facility takes in about 375,000 tons of garbage each year from south of Black River Falls, WI over to St. Paul, MN.

Without the expansion, the landfill would have about five years of life remaining. The proposed expansion would add approximately three years to the life of the landfill.

A negotiating committee has been established which includes representatives from the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County and the Town of Seymour to negotiate the proposed expansion. Doug Kranig has been appointed as the Town of Seymour representative for this committee.

A public hearing to be held at the Seymour Town Hall is tentatively scheduled for the first week in December. An explanation of the proposed expansion will be presented and a question and answer time will be allowed.



FROM THE SEYMOUR BALL CLUB

It was another great year for Seymour Ball Club. Boys and girls ages 4-18, totaling over 400 kids, played on 38 teams. Tournaments held by the boys and girls brought in over 70 teams from all over Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Improvements to the park this year included a new irrigation pump, fence replacement, and a new John Deere tractor all funded by the ball club. Next year we will be looking into new batting cages and possibly scoreboards if we can find the funding.

We would like to thank all the residents of Seymour for being patient with our parking along the road during our busy days.

We also have new board members for our 2015 season. Check out our website for a complete listing at www.seymourballclub.com.

TOWN ANNUAL MEETING

Seymour Town Hall
7:30 PM
April 21, 2015

The Annual Meeting will be on the third Tuesday in April, which is **April 21, 2015**. The meeting begins at **7:30 PM**.

There will be short presentations from: Roger Koski, the Town of Seymour's Assessor and Johnson Block, the Town of Seymour's Auditors. There will also be a presentation on the Township Fire Department. We will also update you on 2015 road projects!



Are you planning to build or remodel?

**FRED HANKEL
BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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 if you need a permit or if you have any questions, please call the building inspector, Fred Hankel, at (715)577-7983.

Most jobs require a licensed or registered contractor. Make sure you have that information when applying for a building permit.

Changes are being made to the WI Safety and Building Division, Electrical Code s. 101.862(4) No Person as of April 1, 2013 may install, repair or maintain electric wiring unless the person holds a license or registration issued by the department; unless you reside in the house.

Fred can answer any specific questions you have, so give him a call at (715) 577-7983 or call the Town Hall Office at (715) 834-4999.

*Want to go
PAPERLESS?*

If you would like to go “paperless” and receive future newsletters via e-mail, please e-mail seymour.town@att.net and we will start an e-mail list as a way to further save taxpayer dollars.



HALL RENTAL

The Town Hall is available to rent. The rates are \$300 rent plus \$150 deposit for Seymour residents. Non-resident fee is \$400 rent plus \$150 deposit. Town of Seymour residents may not rent the hall for non-resident’s use in order to get the reduced rate.

The deposit will be returned within approximately two weeks if the hall is cleaned according to the contract and there are no damages.

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 to reserve the hall today! (715) 834-4999.

On the Town website you can find the rental contract under “Forms and Permits.”

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.TOWNOFSEYMOUR.ORG

- Archery Hunting Permit Forms
- Dog License Applications
- Hall and Pavilion Rental Contracts
- Absentee Ballot Request Form
- Wisconsin Voter Registration Form
- ...and so much more!*

LAKE ALTOONA DISTRICT

Visit their website:
www.lakealtoonaprotect.org

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Tax Payments

From your Clerk/Treasurer, Miranda Hoffman

First half or full payments are due January 31, 2015.
Special Charges and Personal Property are due in FULL
January 31, 2015.

TREASURER HOURS:
9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, MON-FRI
OFFICE CLOSED:
DEC. 24, 25, 26 | JAN. 1 & 19

If you want to pay your taxes and get a dog license at the same time,
please write a separate check for your dog license.

The second half is due to the COUNTY TREASURER at the Eau
Claire County Courthouse by July 31st.

**We encourage you to mail your tax
payments to the Town of Seymour, 6500
Tower Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703!**