

SEYMOUR

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From your

TOWN CHAIR

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

We're getting close to spring, aren't we? Hope so. Our snow plowing crew has had a relatively easy year. Not much snow. They are ok with that. Saves wear and tear on equipment and we use less salt and sand. Saves on the budget, too.

The Board recently had a discussion about how fortunate we are in that we have so many talented individuals in our Town. People with whom I have served on the Town Board, Firefighters and First Responders, Teachers and College Professors, Residents who have served on various committees related to Town business and the many Professionals and all the Hard Working People who live in our Town. Thanks to all!

There are a few people who complain about the debris along County Highway Q. Some of the garbage is a result of traffic going to and from the Seven Mile Creek Landfill. Some is from people hauling recyclables to the business across from the landfill. Some residents feel that the Town Board members should be doing more to alleviate this problem.

The Seven Mile Creek Standing Committee is negotiating with Advanced Disposal related to the vertical expansion and we will be asking for more frequent clean up of the road sides by Advanced Disposal. It is a County road, not a Town Road, so we feel that enforcement should come from the County, if people who are responsible for the garbage along the road are to be held accountable.

There are some residents that complain about sharp objects/nails along County Q. They say that they have had tires damaged by these things. Is this a Town issue? How should the Town address this issue? If you have ideas let us know. The Landfill was located in our Town some years ago by the City of Eau Claire. The City sold it to the County and because it was costing taxpayers to support the landfill it was sold to a private operator. The Town or County do not have the authority to close the landfill. It is under the authority of the Wisconsin DNR. And they also determine if the landfill can expand. The Town, the City and the County are able to negotiate some local issues but the final authority rests with the state.

The two most common complaints we receive are related to dogs running at large and junk on neighbors property. Please keep your dog under your control and keep your property neat! Looking forward to warm weather. Thank You.

Douglas Kranig

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DO YOU HAVE ANY SEYMOUR PICTURES?

It sure seems like it's been a long winter even though we haven't had snow like the East Coast or even the extremely cold temperatures (at least not many days of it). Even so, I am definitely ready for more sunshine and warmer temperatures.

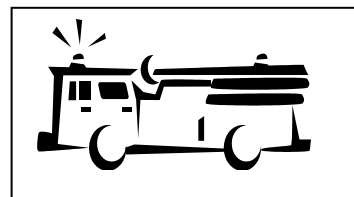
The office staff at the Town Hall had a cold job this winter with the reconstruction of the office area. Late last fall, a truck missed the corner at Tower and 65th and went through the south wall of the building. The reconstruction is still in progress as you will probably notice on Election Day. We are now looking for some historic pictures of the Town of Seymour that we can display on the walls in that area. We have one of the original Town Hall and a couple of others but if you have any that you would consider sharing, please let us know. We will have them copied and return the originals to you.

Once again, please help clean up your neighborhood this spring by picking up garbage along the roadways when you are out and about. If you see large items, please call the Town Hall to report them. If you see anyone dumping those items, please try to get the license number of the offending vehicle and report that to the Sheriff's Department immediately and then call the Town Hall as well.

Thank you for your attention to these matters that concern all of us here in Seymour. Remember, Election Day is April 7th and it is always important that we vote. If your Town Board Members can be of assistance, don't hesitate to call us.

Sheila Running

From your Township Fire Dept



As you may recall we were approached by the Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources about participating in a nationwide wildfire educational program called "Firewise". In 2014 a group of Fire Fighters were trained to identify "Hazards in the Ignition Zone". A voluntary assessment of properties to identify potential fire risks outside the home. It is a free service available to any property owner in the Town of Seymour. If you would like to schedule an assessment of your property, please call the Town hall office.

2014 was a busy year for the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept responded to 359 calls, and Emergicare responded to 900 EMS calls.

The Fire Fighters were treated to dinner at our Christmas party by Santa again this year. They requested that I thank him in this newsletter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our annual pancake breakfast will be on Father's Day, June 21, 2015. Thank you for your past support, and we hope to see you this year! We may have an early spring this year. Please keep in mind that "snow cover" means the ground is *completely* covered with snow. If your spring cleanup involves any burning, you will need to call our Dispatch at 715-834-6868, even if you have an annual DNR permit. Have a fire safe spring.

Kerry Parker
Battalion Chief
Township Fire Dept. – Seymour Station

DNR NEWS

The Town of Seymour was recently recognized by the State Department of Natural Resources for 50 years of dedicated service as an Emergency Fire Warden and for Outstanding Contributions to Fire Prevention and the Smokey the Bear Program. A certificate and plaque were presented to the town clerk and deputy clerk (see picture below).

With Spring right around the corner, we have been issuing quite a few more burning permits. As a reminder, whether you live in the DNR fire protection area (East of County Highway P) or not, **EVERYONE** is required to call the Township Fire Dept before every burn to obtain current burning restrictions. Failure to do so, could result in a citation being issued.



From L to R: Miranda Hoffman, Jed Kaurich DNR Forest Ranger and Sue Larson receiving the DNR plaque.

A Few Important Reminders

- Maximum burning pile is 6 x 6 x 6 – anything larger and you need to get special permission from Augusta Ranger Station at (715) 286-4340
- Do not burn garbage, plastics, shingles, foam, structures or furniture
- If you are having a campfire, a permit is not required. However, if you are burning yard debris to get rid of it, then a permit is required
- You can obtain the DNR burning permit on line also at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/permits.html>
- DNR permits are good for the calendar year and are only good for one person, not the household

Smokey the Bear says
"Remember to be safe and only
YOU can prevent forest"



REMINDER! DOES YOUR DOG HAVE IT'S 2015 DOG TAG?

All dogs in the Town of Seymour over the age of 5 months need to be licensed. Dog licenses are due in January of every year. If you haven't paid for your dog license yet, you have until March 31st to do without being subject to a \$5.00 late fee per dog. After April 1st, a \$5.00 late fee will be required. And, if you still do not have your dog licensed by May 31st, the fee increases to \$50.00 per dog. Violation citations will be issued to habitual offenders. The current fees for the dog license (without late fees) is \$7.00 for altered dogs and \$18.00 for unaltered dogs. Licenses cannot be issued without verification of current rabies vaccination. You can get your license in person, via mail or by dropping the documentation in the "drop box" at the Town Hall.

Clerk's Corner – NEW FACES

Earlier this year, Miranda Hoffman, the Town Clerk since August of 2013, resigned for a position with Cedar Corporation of Menomonie as a grant writer/planner. We wish her well in her new position and thank her for her service to the Town.

Sue Larson, who has been our Deputy Clerk for the past two years, has accepted the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer and she was appointed to a two year term, effective February 9, 2015. Sue retired from a position with USDA in 2013 after more than 30 years of service. She also held the position of Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Merrilan in the early 1980's.

Susan Duss was appointed as the Deputy Clerk Treasurer in February. Susan lived in the Town of Seymour for more than 20 years and so should be a familiar face to many of you. She was the owner of "Mom's Kitchen" in Eau Claire until about a year ago when she sold the business.

Both Sue and Susan are excited about their new positions and challenges and enjoy meeting the residents of the community. Stop in and say hello when you get the chance.

ANNUAL MEETING – The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm. There will be discussions regarding the Township Fire Dept, annual assessment and audit as well as future road work. Please make plans to attend.

Landfill – When using the landfill as a Town of Seymour resident, please remember that the service is only for "household garbage" and that it does NOT include construction and demolition materials, tires, used oil, yard waste or electronic waste. Also, be sure that anytime you change the vehicle you use for the landfill to call our office with the update so that we can notify the landfill.



Have you tested your well for nitrates?

Why test? You can't tell that your water is contaminated by looking at it. To ensure your drinking water is safe, the Health Department recommends every well should be tested at least once.

If your well is located near areas where fertilizers are handled or manufactured; near an animal feed lot or manure-storage area; or ¼ mile or less away from a soybean, vegetable or corn field, or used by pregnant women and infants, your well should be tested annually.

High levels of nitrate in well water present many health concerns and can also indicate the presence of other contaminants, such as bacteria and pesticides. Drinking large amounts of water with nitrates is particularly threatening to pregnant women and infants (for example, when mixed in formula). Nitrate in your body effects the ability of your body to deliver enough oxygen throughout the body; in infants when this occurs it is known as "blue baby syndrome". **Wells used by pregnant women and infants should be tested during pregnancy or at the birth. Testing for families with newborns living in Eau Claire County is free through the Health Department.*

For more information about nitrate testing or other services offered by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, visit: www.echealthdepartment.org or call 715-839-4718.

Election Time – April 7, 2015

The **Spring Election is Tuesday, April 7, 2015**. Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Seymour residents vote at the Town Hall located at 6500 Tower Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

March 18th is the last day for electors to register by mail to vote. After this date, electors must register in person at the clerk's office or at the polls on the day of election.

In person absentee voting goes from March 23, 2015 to April 3, 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the Town Hall. The office will also be open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on April 3, 2015.

If you have any questions about voting absentee or have any other questions, please contact the clerk as soon as possible! You can also visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> for more information



BUILDING INSPECTOR NEWS

Fred Hankel, our Building Inspector was recently offered and accepted the position of Building Inspector for the County of Chippewa. This will be a full time position for Fred, however, he has agreed to continue to provide services for the Town of Seymour by making his inspections in the early morning or evening hours and possibly weekends. This will require some additional planning for anyone needing inspections and we ask that you please give Fred about a 48 hour notice as to when you will need an inspection. Also, in order to expedite a timely review of your plans and specifications for a building project, please be sure to submit the application in full with all the required attachments, as well as the Land Use Permit from the County, when applicable. Fred's phone number is (715) 577-7983.



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SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

The Seymour Ball Club had their annual signups on Saturday, February 28th and Tuesday, March 3rd. We had record numbers in our younger age groups. Total number of kids playing at Seymour will top 350 this year! We will have at least 8 t-ball teams (boys & girls), 16 boys teams, and 12 girls teams. Practices will begin Monday, April 6th after our spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 4th (weather permitting). Opening day is scheduled for Monday, May 4th! We appreciate your patience with cars parked out in the road during our busy times. Keep in mind as you maneuver through the traffic that it's all for the kids.

Important dates for 2015

Mar 19, Thur - 5-8pm - Seymour Ball Club LATE registration @ Seymour Town Hall

Apr 4, Sat - 10am-2pm - Seymour Clean Up Day

Apr 6 - practices begin for Seymour teams

Apr 11, Sat - 10am-2pm - Alternate day for Seymour Clean Up

Apr 12, Sun - CVGFL Coaches Scheduling day @ Seymour Town

Apr 25 - MLB Pitch, Hit & Run competition

May 4 - Opening Day for t-ball, boys & 8u-12u girls

May 26 - Opening Day for 14u & H.S. girls

June 13-14 - Boys playoffs 8u

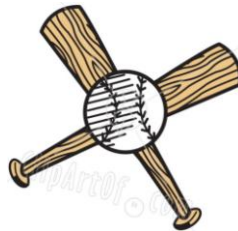
June 19-21 - Girls Slam Tournament

June 22 - Girls All Star Games - 10u, 12u & 14u

June 24, 25, 29 & 30 - CVGFL playoffs 10u-12

July 17-19 - Boys Slam Tournament

July 20 - CVGFL playoffs 14u



Come on out and take in a game or two and enjoy some old fashion fun while supporting a great organization for the youth of our area.

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