

SEYMOUR



TOWN OF SEYMOUR
6500 TOWER DRIVE
EAU CLAIRE, WI

chronicle

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. This is your time to address the Board with any concerns. Please make plans to attend.

From your
TOWN CHAIR

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

This past February was a challenging month. Our snow plow drivers - Kerry and John, were able to gain a lot of experience plowing snow this season. It started out slowly but increased considerably in February. They, along with Travis, our part time helper, did a remarkable job of clearing the Town roads. The office received several calls from appreciative residents, and someone even brought them cookies. Thanks for putting in the long hours, guys. Great Job!

Please remember to clean all the snow off the road if you plow across a Town road. And if your mailbox has been damaged - if hit by the plow - the Town will reimburse you the cost of your mailbox, up to \$50. Not if it was damaged due to being hit with snow, only if the plow hits it.

The Tower Drive project was completed a bit later than planned, but it got done. Thanks to all who had to take an alternate route for a few weeks. A big THANK YOU to the property owners surrounding the area where we replaced the culvert, who allowed the contractor to encroach on their property during the project. We plan to install new guard rails along the area and to resurface Tower Dr. from Bauer to Peterson Ave. this summer.

TOWN OFFICIALS

- Douglas Kranig, Chair (715) 877.2899
- Sheila Running, Supervisor (715) 832.9686
- Gary Schulenberg, Supervisor (715) 835.0938
- Sue Larson, Clerk Treasurer (715) 834.4999
- Laura Konwinski, Dep. Clerk/Treas (715) 834.4999
- Fred Hankel, Building Inspector (715) 577.7983
- Roger Koski, Assessor (715) 835.1141

The Ball Club storage building was completed this fall, a bit behind schedule also, but is done and looks good. We will recognize all those who contributed to the project with a plaque on the building. Thanks to all!

Advanced Disposal has notified the Town of its intention to expand the landfill. The Town, the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County will negotiate local issues with Advanced Disposal as we have in the past. The City and Town each have four members on the negotiation team and the County has two. The Town, City and County do not determine if the expansion will or will not occur, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources controls that. We only Negotiate matters of local concern. We are in the early stages of this process. We anticipate our first meeting to be held sometime in March. Past negotiations have lasted one to two years. There will be a public hearing at some time in the future.

"It is a far, far better thing to have a firm anchor in nonsense than to put out on the troubled sea of thought."

-John Kenneth Galbraith

Looking forward to summer.
Douglas Kranig, Chair

From Your

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Well hopefully spring will be here soon, and all the snow will melt before September, with that in mind it's important that you remember to get your burning permits before you start your fires. This can be done either via telephone (715-834-6868) or thru the department website (townshipfire.org) failure to get a permit could result in a fine and or costs to extinguish said fire. Remember too, that if you live east of Highway P (60th Ave.) you need to get a permit from the DNR as well. You can obtain those permits at the Town Hall or on the DNR website.

Also remember with all this snow to make sure your vents for your furnace and water heater, if they are natural gas, are open so you don't get sick by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mark your calendars for the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station. The date this year will be Sunday June 16th from 8:00-1:00pm.

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

Randy Schenk

Battalion Chief Township Fire Dept - Seymour Station

PLAN COMMISSION and SURVEY

The Seymour Plan Commission has been meeting for the past few months and working on updating the plan that will be adopted in 2020. We have just been making the content more reader friendly.

You will have a chance to share input through the survey included in this newsletter and at a public hearing (the date to be determined) coming up sometime soon. Watch the Town website for that date. Please return the survey to the Town Hall by April 15th. You can mail it, put it in the drop box at the Town Hall or bring it when you come to vote on April 2nd

Matt Michels from Eau Claire County Planning and Development is guiding us through this process to make sure that we are still hitting all the points that are required to meet the State guidelines. The members of the commission are Jim Murray, Joe Kirst, Nick Schmock, Loren Gorell and Sheila Running. We are always willing to listen to your concerns. We generally meet on the second or third Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting time and date is always posted on the website and at the Town Hall and Fire Station.

Sheila Running

Secretary - Plan Commission

COMMON CAUSES AND CURES FOR SPRING

FLOODING

Spring Thaw - During the winter, the ground below our feet remains hard and the water from snow has nowhere to seep into. Every cubic foot of snow equates to one gallon of water when it melts. When you have a wave of 50-degree weather with multiple inches of snow, you can have a serious amount of water appearing with the still hard ground below still not able to absorb it.

Spring Rains - You know the phrase: "April showers bring May flowers". Once again, the ground takes awhile to thaw out after a long, cold winter, making it hard for the ground to absorb the heavy amounts of saturation. This leads to heavy flowing rivers and overflowing storm drains.

Move Snow - If there is a decent amount of snow around your home, it can potentially flood into your home when it melts. Relocating the snow to other parts of your yard can solidify that it won't melt into the foundation of your house.

Check Gutters - If sticks, rocks, or other objects are blocking your gutters and downspouts from allowing water through, you could be looking at flooding within your attic, garage, or even down the walls of your home. You may also want to install extensions on your downspouts, taking the water from the roof even further from your foundation.

Cover Window Wells - If you have basement windows with large window wells accessible from the outside, those should be covered. Installing window well covers still allows light in while drastically reducing the risk of snow melt or rain water from seeping into your basement.

Important Documents/Valuables - If you happen to store any of your important documents/valuables, such as birth certificates, passports, picture albums etc in the basement, you may want to relocate them to a higher floor

Sign up For Smart 911 system - The Smart 911 sends notifications on flooding, severe weather, and other emergencies by phone call to your cell or land line, text, or email (or all three). It's free and easy to use - visit Smart911.com to get started

Seymour Neighborhood Thrift Sales

Because we get so many calls at the Town Hall about when this annual event is happening, we are using this medium to let you know that this year's Seymour Neighborhood Thrift Sales will be on April 12 and 13 (weather permitting). If you would like more information or would like to join the event, please call Sheila at 715-832-9686.



SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

It has been a very busy offseason for the Seymour Ball Club this year! At the conclusion of our season, we immediately began work on the new property. A much-needed new parking lot was added which will help with the parking issues we have had for several years. After the parking lot, our focus turned to our new shed. Balt's Construction lead the project that has the capacity to house all our equipment in one location, and out of the weather. This has been a vision for the last 4 years. In addition to these items, we added a new PA system to the concessions stand which will allow us to make announcements, which is necessary in case of emergencies or inclement weather. If that wasn't enough, we also launched a completely new look and redesigned website, www.Seymourballclub.org and went to 100% online registration. None of this would have been possible without the support of this great community and the Seymour Town Board. For that we sincerely thank you! In addition, a big thank you is due to Loren Gorell at Northland Excavating for donating \$10,000 in labor for all the leveling and dirt work, as well as T&J concrete for donating \$5,000 on our concrete slab. After all is said and done, the Seymour Ball Club has re-invested \$40,000 into the Seymour Ball Park complex! It's going to be another great season.

We just finished up our registration for the 2019 season and it looks to be another great year this year with total registrations of 300 kids this year. 84 t-ball, 113 Baseball, and 92 softball.

Upcoming dates:

- March 30- Spring Cleanup (weather permitting)
- April 1- practice starts
- April 27 – MLB – Pitch, Hit and Run Competition
- April 29- Opening Day
- June 14-16- Girls Seymour Slam Tournament
- July 12-14- Boys Seymour Slam Tournament

Come on out to the ball park. Grab a brat while you take in a game or two. Volunteer to help. Or just enjoy some old fashion fun while supporting a great organization for the youth of our area. Please check out the new website and Facebook page for updates and date changes.

Thanks for all the support,

Jason Woodford

President Seymour Ball Club

From your

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER, Sae Larson

APRIL 2ND ELECTION – WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT! - At this election, you will be voting on School Board members, Seymour Town Board members and Justice of the Supreme Court.

REGISTER TO VOTE – If you are not currently registered to vote in the Town of Seymour, **please do so prior to April 2nd.**

ABSENTEE VOTING – In office Absentee Voting will begin on March 18th and go through March 29th, M-F, 9 am to 1 pm. During this time, you may come into the office and vote absentee for the April 2nd election between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm. If you prefer to have an absentee ballot mailed to you, you must submit your request in writing and **provide us with a copy of a photo ID.** Your request must state your name, residential address, mailing address (if different) as well as your signature. Your request for mailing an absentee ballot must be received by March 29th. You can also email me this request at Seymour.town@att.net.

DOG LICENSES

As a reminder, dog licenses are due!! If you haven't licensed your dog yet for 2019, please do so before the end of March. On April 1st a \$5.00 late fee goes into effect for each dog. Last year we did issue a number of citations for unlicensed dogs. The average citation was about \$225.00 per dog. Also, if sending your license fee and documentation via mail, please remember to send a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of that license. We are trying to keep the cost of your license to a minimum, but additional expenses, such as postage, could potentially cause an increase in that fee sometime in the future. The town currently keeps only \$2.50 of each license sold, the remainder is paid to the county. The time and expense to mail out notices and reminders could quickly eat up that \$2.50 per license. So, if we want to keep the cost down, please send those self-addressed stamped envelopes when you mail in your fees. Thank you for your cooperation.

TOWN WEBSITE

The Town is looking at a new website design sometime later this year. Are there any items that you would like to see us add to our website? If so, please drop us a suggestion at my email address at Seymour.town@att.net, or simply call us at 715.834.4999.

RAIN GARDENS – A BEAUTIFUL WAY FOR YOU TO REDUCE RUNOFF POLLUTION

Creating a rain garden is a great way for homeowners to help protect our lakes and streams. Rain gardens capture 30% more water than a regular lawn and filter that water into the ground. The Wisconsin DNR has some great information on their website about the benefits of a rain garden and how to build one. Check it out at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stormwater/raingarden>.

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From the City/County Health Department

Parent, Grandparents & Caregivers:

Do you know how to keep baby safe during sleep time?

Newest safe sleep recommendations say babies sleep safest **Alone**, on their **Back**, in a **Crib**, and in Smoke-free air.

- **Alone:** Baby should always have their own firm and flat sleep surface. For at least first six months, have baby sleep in parents' room in bassinet/crib. Never nap on a couch or chair while holding your baby.
- **Back:** Always lay baby down on their back to sleep.
- **Crib:** A crib, portable play yard like a Pack 'n Play™, or bassinet are safe choices. Don't put them on a soft surface such as a bed or couch.
- **Smoke-free air:** Do not smoke around baby or let anyone smoke around baby.

It is important to learn and share the safe sleep **ABC's** with family members as they are different than when you were a baby. These recommendations protect babies against sleep-related infant deaths. In 2016, there were 28 infant deaths from SIDS and accidents in Wisconsin.

For more information, visit: <https://saftetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/safesleepbasics/about>

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 7:00 pm.

Agendas Posted on our website at
www.townofseymour.org

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Fire Station Bulletin Board
Beaver Creek Reserve

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