

# SEYMOUR

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TOWN OF SEYMOUR  
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From your

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### TOWN CHAIR

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

There are several projects that have been completed since our last visit. The Tower Drive culvert replacement project has been completed and turned out well. Thanks to all the residents along that route who did not complain during this project. A special Thank You to the property owners whose properties bordered our project and who were very cooperative during the replacement project. As in all road projects we are at the mercy of the weather and the schedules of the sub-contractors. Our road supervisor usually informs residents along the route of the proposed road construction with schedule dates, but the dates sometimes change due to previously mentioned reasons. The current information about road work is posted on our website.

The storage building for the Seymour Ball Clubs was built late last fall and is in use. Thanks to all the donors for that building. A metal plaque has been attached to the building recognizing all the donors – money contributions as well as in kind contributions. (see picture) The parking lot on the new property has been partially covered with base course and was in use this summer. Construction of the Babe Ruth size ball field and surfacing of the parking lot will continue in the coming years.

Advanced Disposal, owner of Seven Mile Creek Landfill, in the Town of Seymour, has proposed an expansion to the existing landfill. A committee of Town of Seymour residents, City & County of Eau Claire representatives are in negotiations with Advance Disposal representatives regarding the proposed expansion. This committee does not decide if the proposed expansion will occur, that is a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources decision. The committee only negotiates issues of local concern. We are in the early stage of the negotiation process at this time and a final agreement has not been reached.

Several residents would like the lake access at Indian Hills Drive improved to more of a boat landing site. There is some opposition to this plan as well. The Town Board will hold a public hearing on this issue so that both sides can present their case prior to the Board making a decision of whether or not to make the proposed improvements. The improvements would be funded with Seymour taxpayer money. The public hearing will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 starting at 7:00 pm at the Seymour Town Hall.

The Town Board has recently completed the revision and updating of our Town Ordinance Codebook. You can find the complete Code Book on the website. In the past I have encouraged people to remove from their properties junk vehicles and other debris that is unsightly and causes neighbors to call the Town Hall to complain about such nuisances. Some people have not responded to such encouragement.

### TOWN OFFICIALS

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Roger Koski, Assessor	(715) 835.1141

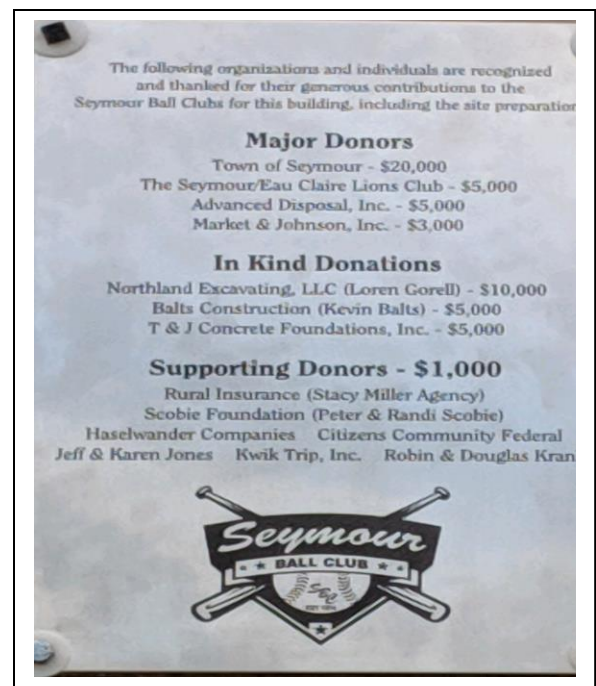
Our revised ordinances will make it easier for the Town to enforce those kinds of violations. We hope we don't have to use the ordinance. We would rather have residents cooperate and clean up their property without enforcement. Thanks to the preponderance of residents who keep their property looking good!

*Enjoy the Autumn season*

*Warm regards,*

*Douglas Kranig*

*Three things cannot be long hidden - The sun, The moon,  
The truth. - Buddha*



## Dog License Fee Increase

**Dog Licenses – Fee Increase** Eau Claire County has increased the fees they charge the town for dog license tags starting in 2020 and therefore the fees the Town charges will also be increased to **\$8.00 for altered (spayed/neutered) dogs and \$20.00 for unaltered dogs.** (Currently the rates are \$7.00 and \$18.00) Each year we have some residents that seem surprised that they have to renew their dog license on an annual basis. Dog licenses always run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be receiving the 2020 dog license tags sometime in early November and you can come in and register your dog for 2020 as soon as we have those tags. Also, be sure that your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccination. We are unable to license a dog if we cannot verify that it is current on its rabies. If you mail in your dog license fees/applications, ***be sure to send us a self addressed stamped envelope*** so we can return the tag to you. Be sure to keep your dogs on a leash and clean up after them. Respect your neighbors. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Public Open House for the Town of Seymour Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town of Seymour Planning Commission has completed the draft update of the Comprehensive Plan and will be holding a Public Open House Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at the Seymour Town Hall at 5:30 pm. It is the intention to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the comprehensive plan update. At the open house, copies of the plan, handouts summarizing the proposed updates to the plan and a large scale Future Land Use map highlighting the proposed amendments will be available. Please come and bring any questions you may have regarding the plan.

A copy of the draft plan can be viewed at the Town Hall and we will also have a link to the draft on our website.

*Sheila Running Supervisor*

## Township Fire Department

Summer is fading fast and winter will soon be here. It is that time of year to check and make sure your home is ready for the winter heating season. Take this time to check your furnace and make sure it's working properly. Also check your fireplace and chimney to make sure no animals or debris have clogged the exhaust areas. Please also check your carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors to make sure they are all working properly.

We would also like to thank the 650 people who attended our Pancake Breakfast this past Father's Day, it was our largest one ever. We made over \$6000 which will be used to purchase fire and rescue operations equipment. We also are doubling our grill capacity to make the pancakes and French toast even faster. So please mark your calendar for next year's breakfast Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Battalion Chief, Randy Schenk*

## Winter Road Reminders

As we reflect on the winter of 2018/2019, we will recall extremely low temperatures in January and snow in February.

### **Lots of snow in February!!!!**

We'd like to share some things to remember about snow plowing the roads in the Town of Seymour:

- 1) We don't have a set time to start the plowing process. Mother Nature has her own plans on the timing of the snowfalls.
- 2) If you park on the roads, we can't plow them. Please park your vehicles off the roads when it snows.
- 3) The right of way on the Town roads is generally sixty-six feet. The pavements are generally twenty-two feet wide. That leaves an additional twenty-two feet of right of way outside the pavement on each side of the road. These are the areas that the utilities are run, warning/regulatory signs are placed, snow to be plowed onto, and rain/snow melt to collect and disperse. As some of you found out with last winter's record snow, the little fiberglass markers you put next to the pavement were gone in the spring. We have to get the snow off the road. If the banks get too high, we have to widen them. As a reminder, the Town of Seymour does not allow sprinkler heads in the right of way.
- 4) The Town of Seymour does not plow/sand driveways. The Town office has a list of contractors willing to plow/sand.
- 5) Some people like to plow their driveways across the road onto their neighbor's property. Please remember that it is illegal to leave ANYTHING on the roadway, including snow.

**Let's hope the Old Farmer's Almanac is wrong about this winter being the "Polar Coaster"! Think spring!!**

## Burning Permit Regulations

Just a reminder that your 2019 burning permit will expire on Dec. 31, 2019. You can get another annual burning permit at the Town Hall, through the online application at [www.townshipfire.org](http://www.townshipfire.org) after 4:30pm or by calling the Township Fire Dept at 715-834-6868 Monday through Friday 4:30 PM until 8:00 PM, or Saturday 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. **We prefer that you use the online application whenever possible.**

**DNR Permits** — If you are west of County Highway P, you just need the oral/online permit from the Township Fire Dept. All other properties within the DNR fire control areas of the Town of Seymour require ***BOTH*** a DNR Burning permit and permit from township fire department.

**BURNING HOURS** with a burning permit and wind speed of 10 miles per hour or less:

- 6:00 PM to Midnight – Monday through Friday
- 8:00 AM to Midnight – Saturday

**No burning is allowed on Sundays, holidays or during closed burning periods.**

**Burning permits are required when the ground is not completely covered with snow as per the fire chief.**  
(cooking and campfires are exempt).

From Your

## CLERK TREASURER

**NEW WEBSITE** – The Town of Seymour has updated their website to make it more user friendly as well as secure. Check it out at [www.townofseymour.org](http://www.townofseymour.org). New to the website is the Town Code Book, agendas and minutes for the various committees, in addition to the Town Board meetings, and a different format for notices and alerts. Please check it out and if you have any suggestions for things you would like to see added to our website, please give me a call.

**NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS** –the town now accepts credit and debit cards when paying for various services – such as building permits, dog licenses, liquor licenses, hall rentals, etc. There is a 4% transaction fee associated with the use of credit/debit cards that is charged to the user.

**BUDGET HEARING** – The required public hearing for review of the 2020 Proposed Budget will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, to be immediately followed by a Special Meeting of the Electors to adopt the levy for the 2019 taxes.

**POLL WORKERS NEEDED FOR 2020 – 2021** In December of 2019 the Town Board must appoint Election Inspectors for the next two year term. All Election Inspectors will receive adequate training on both the voting process as well as on the voting machines. We now are using split shifts, so the majority of the Election Inspectors are not needing to work the entire day. The town does provide a lunch as well as an hourly wage of \$9.00/hour. Due to the increasing large turnouts and the Presidential Election in 2020, we will need more workers than usual. Please contact our office if you are interested in serving as a poll worker. It is a great opportunity to serve your community!



## Upcoming 2020

### Elections

Feb. 18

April 7

August 11

November 5

- **REGISTER TO VOTE** – If you are not currently registered to vote in the Town of Seymour, **please do so prior to the elections.** You can register online at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov). Or you can stop at the office for a voter registration form. Be sure to bring proof of residency with you.

In the last General Election year, there were various special interest groups that sent out Voter Registration forms to area residents, making it look as though all you needed to do was to sign the form and send it in and you would be registered to vote. That is not the case. If you get one of those forms and are tempted to use it to register to vote, please read the instructions very carefully and be sure to submit the proper proof of residency, otherwise, we cannot register you.

- **ABSENTEE VOTING** – More and more residents are opting to vote absentee than ever before. You can request an absentee ballot be mailed to you for any specific election or for all elections to be held in 2020, by simply going on to the website [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) and entering your request. **HOWEVER,** you cannot do this request until after January 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2020 election year. You can also request an absentee ballot by stopping in our office and requesting the appropriate form or emailing us at [Seymour.town@att.net](mailto:Seymour.town@att.net) but, again, not until after January 1, 2020.

#### OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS ON:

Thanksgiving – November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Christmas – December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

New Years – January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### From the Eau Claire City/County Health Department:

### Learn Your Blood Pressure Numbers to Help Save Your Life

**High blood pressure is a “silent killer” because it has no warning signs or symptoms.**

High blood pressure can lead to heart attack, stroke, and other serious health problems. In Wisconsin, 1 out of every 3 adults has high blood pressure, and many do not even know they have it. That puts you at very high risk.

The only way to know if you have it is to measure your blood pressure. It only takes a few minutes. Then, you can take steps to control your blood pressure if it is too high. There are places to get your blood pressure checked for free when you are not at your doctor’s office.

#### City of Eau Claire Fire Station

Anyone can stop by a fire station between the hours of 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM.

[www.eauclairewi.gov/services/blood-pressure-checks](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/services/blood-pressure-checks)



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### **TAXES, TAXES AND TAXES!**

Tax bills will probably be mailed out sometime the second week of December. We will be open for tax collection M-F, 9 am to 1 pm. If you mail in your tax payment, *please be sure to send along a self addressed stamped envelope if you want us to return a receipt.* Otherwise, no receipts will be mailed back to you. You can always access a receipt for your tax payment on line at <http://eauclairecowi.wgxtreme.com/> or stop at the office and we can print one out for you.

Last year we had a number of people mail in checks for their real estate taxes, but did not properly fill out their check – some even forgetting to sign the check. Please take the time to properly write out, date and sign your checks. The bank will not accept checks that are not complete or are in error, causing delays in you receiving credit for your payments. If you want credit for paying your tax in 2019 be sure to have it postmarked by no later than December 31, 2019, otherwise your first half of your tax bill is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

If you are wondering if we've received your payment for real estate taxes that were escrowed from your bank, you can check on the website above and enter your property information and it will show if we've received a payment. That program is updated on a daily basis and you will be able to check anytime of day, which might be more convenient than attempting to call us during office hours.

### **TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

**SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT 7:00 pm.**

Agendas Posted at :  
Town Hall Bulletin Board  
Fire Station  
Beaver Creek Reserve  
[www.townofseymour.org](http://www.townofseymour.org)

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