

# SEYMOUR



TOWN OF SEYMOUR  
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EAU CLAIRE, WI

## chronicle

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### ANNUAL MEETING

*The Annual Town meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, however, due to the Covid 19 virus, we may need to reschedule this date. Please watch our website for further updates*

From your

### TOWN CHAIR

Greetings fellow Seymour Residents,

February and March weather was rather kind to us this year but winter started early so it was a good tradeoff.

The Town applied for two grants for the reconstruction of part of 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue and replacement of the bridge over Beaver Creek. The plan would be to straighten and raise the road to improve safety and make the road more travel friendly. Sue Larson, our Town Clerk/Treasurer and I, along with Dave Pantzlaff of Ayres Associates, put together a proposal for a state grant that would pay for up to 90% of this one million dollar project. The other grant would be a 50% cost share with the state for the same project. We recently were informed that we did not get the grant for the 90% of state cost share. We have not yet been informed as to whether or not we received the 50% grant.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, representatives of the Town, the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County (the siting committee) are in negotiations with Advanced Disposal regarding a proposed expansion at Seven Mile Creek landfill. We have had several meetings to date, but we have not concluded negotiations. I was selected to chair the committee by the other members of the committee. I did not volunteer. I am one of ten members. A little history – the landfill was originally sited by the City of Eau Claire. The County bought it from the city for the purpose of serving the residents of Eau Claire County. The county sold it to a private company because financially the county could not operate the landfill without a subsidy from the tax base. According to a person who was directly involved in the sale, there were no conditions on the sale related to how long the landfill would be located there. The landfill has changed ownership two to three times since the original

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Roger Koski, Assessor	(715) 835.1141

sale. This committee does not determine if the proposed expansion occurs or not. Nor do we determine if the landfill continues operations. That is determined by the Wisconsin DNR. This is the third negotiations in which I have been involved. Past negotiations have resulted in agreements that were favorable to all parties – the municipalities and the landfill. In my experience the landfill people have been cooperative in responding to concerns of the Standing Committee – a committee comprised of Town, City and County representatives that monitor the ongoing operations of the landfill. That committee for years received very few complaints related to noise, dust, litter or odor. Most complaints that were received related to odor. With this most recent proposed expansion a group of residents have been vocal about the operation of the landfill. Odor concerns are the most prevalent. Some members of this group have accused the siting committee of not listening to their concerns. The committee has allowed public comments at every meeting and we have taken written comments. Some members have accused the Town Board of not representing them. We represent them and all residents of the Town. The landfill has agreed to pick up litter along County Hwy Q daily – three miles to the west and one mile to the east as our current agreement requires. The claims about dust, noise and litter cannot be substantiated. By observation, one can see that they are not credible.

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## TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

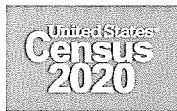
Well another Winter has passed us by and Spring will be upon us shortly and with that the burn permit season will be starting. Enclosed with the newsletter is a map of the Township showing which areas need just a Township Fire burn permit and which areas need BOTH a Township Fire burn permit and DNR burn permit. Please look over the map closely to determine which burn permits you will need to acquire when you want to burn your sticks and leaves.

Also now is the time to sign up for "RAVE" an Eau Claire County Emergency Warning System that is currently in place. It's free and easy to sign up for and can be done at [www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/warning-systems-signals](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/warning-systems-signals). This system will send you an alert via email and cell phone whenever Eau Claire County has an alert to send out.

Finally mark your calendars for the annual Seymour Firefighters Pancake & French Toast Breakfast Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> (Father's Day) 8am to 1pm at the fire station.

*Randy Schenk*

Battalion Chief Township Fire Dept – Seymour Station



## 2020 /CENSUS INFORMATION

In March of 2020 you will receive an invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. Households that do not respond will receive in-person follow up. Below is a quick look at what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted:

- The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.
- The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.
- Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.
- State officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.
- The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and local communities are based on census data; at the Town level that affects our road projects.
- Completing the census, is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy.

## SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

We had a great 2019 season with strong numbers and a lot of fans at the park. Thank you to everyone that came out to the park to support youth sports in Seymour. We are looking forward to another great and very busy season in 2020. The board has worked very hard in the offseason to line up some great things for the upcoming 2020 summer in Seymour. Practices are scheduled to start the first week of April with games beginning the first week of May. In June we have our Girls Seymour Slam Tournament followed by the Boys Seymour Slam in July! These tournaments bring travel teams in from all over the state of Wisconsin to our complex for some very competitive ball. Following the boy's tournament, we added a new event at the end of July. Seymour Ball Club will be hosting the 2020 USA softball 12U Northern Nationals. This tournament will run from Wednesday to Sunday hosting up to 40 teams from across the northern United States. We are very proud to host this event as it only goes to parks and organizations that have a good reputation for running tournaments well and that have a premier park. Following the USA tournament, Seymour Ball Club is happy to announce that we are bringing back **SEYMOUR FEVER FEST!** In years past, this was an event we ran as an end of the year party/tournament for the league kids. This year it will be totally new with lots of fun for the Families of Seymour. This event will be a Friday/Saturday in August. We are planning for a kickball tournament Friday and Saturday, a cornhole tournament all day Saturday, Blow ups and other fun games for the kids, great food, music, and fun for all both days and closing the weekend with a concert featuring a national country act on Saturday night! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!

We just finished up our registration for the 2020 season and it looks to be another great year with total registrations of 290 kids this year. 60 t-ball, 120 Baseball, and 110 softball.

Check out the schedule on the next page and join us for some summertime fun!

## LAKE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT

Thanks to the generous pledges from forty town residents, totaling approximately \$7000, the Lake Altoona access/boat ramp will be improved in 2020.

Town resident, Fred Kappas, spent many hours spearheading this project and many thanks to him and all those that donated. While this will greatly improve the access, it will not change the very limited parking. In the past we've had problems with blockage to some of the side streets because of the parking. The plan is for striping a designated parking area. If you park outside of this area, expect to be issued a ticket. We will be enforcing this. After improvements (tree cutting, grading, concrete and paving) we expect a safer and more enjoyable lake access at an approximate cost of \$7000 to the taxpayers. Again thanks to all the pledgers.

*By Supervisor, Gary Schalenberg*

## Eau Claire County Broadband Survey



Spring Election –  
April 7, 2019

The Eau Claire County Broadband Committee is offering a Broadband Survey to obtain information about Broadband service in the County. The survey results may be used as supporting documentation for Public Service Commission Broadband Expansion Grants, which are designed to support public-private partnerships that extend broadband/internet access to locations that are unserved or underserved.

The survey may be taken as many times as you wish and will only take a few minutes to complete. Please take the survey while connected to the primary internet service at your home or business in Eau Claire County. If using a mobile smartphone or tablet you should be connected to your primary internet service Wi-Fi NOT your cellular data plan.

Follow this link to the survey: Broadband Survey or copy and paste the Broadband Survey URL address into your internet browser: <https://broadband-internet-survey-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

Should you have questions or would like to request a paper copy of the survey, please call or email;

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### ABSENTEE and EARLY VOTING

We have started early and absentee voting already for the April 7<sup>th</sup> election. With the concerns of the Covid 19 virus we are seeing a significant increase in the number of people choosing to vote early or absentee. Our office is open for early voting M-F, 9 am to 1 pm until April 3, 2020. You may request a ballot be sent to you via the My Vote website at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) or you can simply email us a request for an absentee ballot at [Seymour.town@att.net](mailto:Seymour.town@att.net), but you still need to send us a copy of your PHOTO ID, such as a driver's license and then we can mail you a ballot. Those requests have to be to us by Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to give us sufficient time to mail prior to the election. All ballots must be returned by 8 pm on April 7<sup>th</sup> in order to be counted.

**CONCERNS FOR THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.** Due to the Covid 19 virus, we will be implementing some additional cautionary procedures at the polling place during the election. We are going to try and have adequate hand sanitizer available and will be sanitizing the voting booths, voting equipment and pens, throughout the day. We may need to limit the number of people that can be in the Town Hall at one time, if it gets too crowded, which may slow down the process. **Please** – if at all possible, vote early or vote absentee. It is our intent to limit the possible exposure to all of our dedicated election workers as much as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*Sae Larson*

*Town Clerk Treasurer*

**DON'T FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR DOG FOR 2020  
A \$5.00 LATE FEE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1, 2020**

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There has been no evidence of pollution or contamination of Seven Mile Creek or of any residential water wells as a result of the presence of the landfill. The committee is concerned about the ground water and is requesting that the landfill be proactive in ensuring that monitoring wells be tested and additional wells be put in place so as to ensure that the creek and ground water is protected. The landfill has agreed to additional monitoring wells. The landfill has been in compliance with DNR regulations, as required.

There has been no study that indicates property values have been negatively affected by the Seven Mile Creek landfill. Most property owners bought property near the landfill after it was well established. There are odors. They are not constant but occasional and if one is downwind from the prevailing wind there can be a strong and unpleasant odor. Mitigation efforts are needed to alleviate these odors. The siting committee will work with the landfill in an effort to eliminate these odors.

The landfill is a necessary/essential and legitimate business. Our garbage has to go somewhere. It is a well operated business that pays a lot of taxes to the city, county and town. There are other businesses that produce unpleasant odors – paper mills, wastewater treatment plants, farmers – these are all legitimate and necessary businesses as well. Seldom does either party in negotiations get everything they want. Compromise is necessary to reach an agreement.

Please consult our web page to learn about which roads will be reconstructed this summer.

As always, questions or concerns, please contact a Board Member.

*Douglas Kranig, Town Chair*

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### ***SEYMOUR BALL CLUB SCHEDULE***

Upcoming dates:

April 4- Spring Cleanup (weather permitting)  
April 6- practice starts  
April 25- Scrimmage day & MLB pitch, hit, and run competition  
May 4- Opening Day  
June 19-22- Girls Seymour Slam Tournament  
July 10-12- Boys Seymour Slam Tournament  
July 29- Aug 2- USA Northern Nationals  
Aug 28-29- **FEVER FEST!** (Mark your Calendars)

Come on out to the ballpark. 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 our website and Facebook page for updates and date changes*

Thanks for all the support,  
Jason Woodford

#### **AED Now on Site**

An AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) has been purchased and has been installed at the Town Hall. It is our intention to protect our residents as well as others who attend events at the Town Hall. People who take a basic CPR class now are trained on an AED so hopefully, if needed, someone will be in attendance at the event that knows how to use it.

### **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)

**PHONE: 715-834-4999**

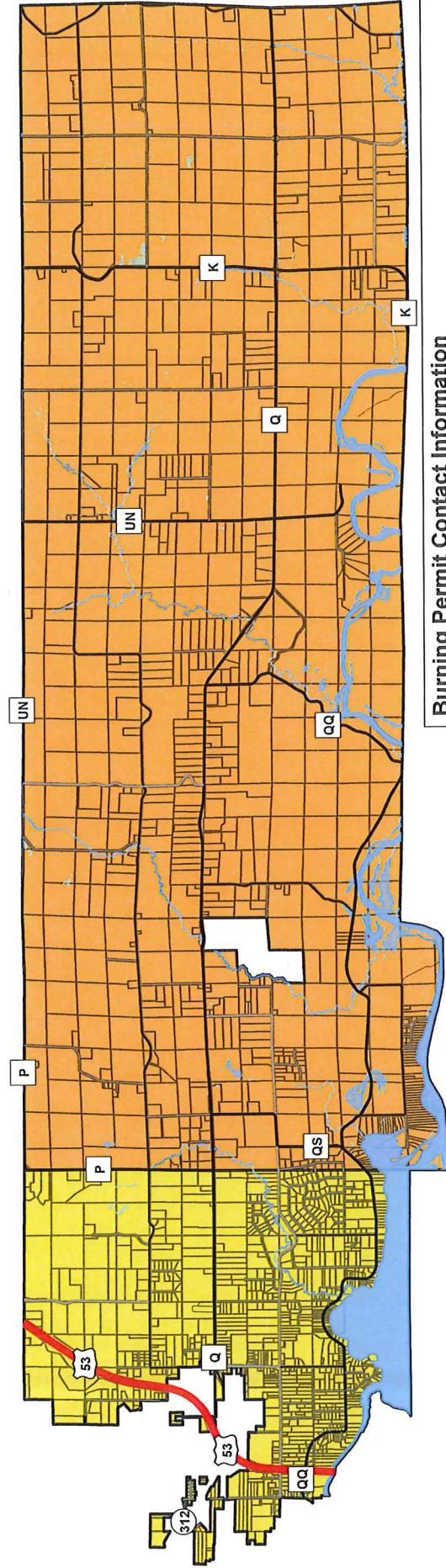
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# Town of Seymour Fire Protection



- Fire Dept. Protection
- Fire Dept. Protection + DNR Protection
- Parcels

## Burning Permit Contact Information

To Obtain a Township Fire Dept. Permit:

Township Fire Department Website: [townshipfire.org/permits](http://townshipfire.org/permits)

Township Fire Department Dispatch: (715) 834-6868

Locations to Obtain a Wisconsin DNR Annual Burn Permit:

Wisconsin DNR Website: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) (keyword: burn permit)

Seymour Town Hall: 6500 Tower Drive, Eau Claire, WI (9am-1pm, Mon-Fri)

Wisconsin DNR Burn Hotline: 1-888-WIS BURN (follow prompts)

Augusta Ranger Station: (715) 286-4340 (Questions? Feel free to call us)

