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TOWN CHAIR

Greetings Fellow Seymour Residents,

As Autumn approaches there is a lot of color in the tree leaves around us. It is beautiful in the fall with winter on the way. I trust you are all staying safe and wearing your face masks in an attempt to avoid contracting the corona virus.

A "Big Thank You" to one of our residents, who saw some people attempting to steal a road sign on St. Bridget's Dr. and reported it. The perpetrators were caught by the Sheriff's Dept. We have had several road signs stolen in the past few weeks and it is concerning because it is a safety issue for people driving on those roads. Please report any instances if you see someone stealing or damaging a road sign or if you see someone dumping garbage or tires along the road.

We plan to replace our 18-year-old tractor in 2021 – the tractor with a bucket and backhoe. We also plan to buy a new lawn tractor. It is 15 years old and is used a lot in that we mow the town hall area, the ball fields, the North Shore Drive Park, and the Fire Station. We will keep the current lawn tractor and keep it at the fire station, so we do not have to transport it back and forth. We will include the cost of both of these items in the 2021 budget. We have sufficient cash on hand, so we will not have to borrow to make these purchases. We also plan to purchase an additional playground item. Our playground gets a lot of use.

The Town Crew was busy this summer with road reconstruction projects on North 50th, Burnell Drive, and Black Avenue. We also completed surfacing on St. Francis Dr. East, which was a carryover from 2019. Thanks to the property owners on North 50th for their cooperation in allowing us to use fill material from the bank along the east side of the road for use in culvert replacement on that road. Thanks to the radio station people for their cooperation on Black Avenue. Both roads were widened, and Black was leveled a bit.

With the Road to Recovery monies available to the Town, we have installed a Bipolar Ionization System in our air handling/heating system in the town hall and plan to install at the fire station as well. It will clean the air of pathogens and make it safer as the hall is used for many

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meetings and is rented frequently. We will also purchase some replacement tables for the hall and replace our wooden picnic tables in the pavilion with aluminum tables. The wooden bleachers at the ball fields will be replaced with aluminum bleachers as well. Hand sanitizing stations will be purchased to be placed in the hall, the pavilion and at the recreation building. We will also purchase some items for use at meetings – laptop computer, projector and screen. The town will be reimbursed for all these items with our Routes to Recovery Grant monies.

Our town is in excellent shape financially as we have no long-term debt. We will be able to purchase the above items at no cost to the town and it will allow us to spend money on other town needs.

Thanks to all who make sure their property is well kept and those who keep their dogs attended! And to those that do not... please do!!

Enjoy the Winter season

Warm regards,

Douglas Kranig

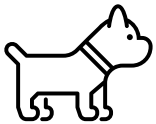
"Any person who thinks he/she can be happy and prosperous by letting the government take care of them, better take a closer look at the American Indian" - Henry Ford

Fall Preparation for Spring Fire Season

There are many simple things you can do around your home to increase its survivability in the event of a wildfire. This fall is a great time to start. Before the snow flies, do the following work within 30 feet of your home:

- Rake and compost yard and garden debris
- Remove dead trees and brush
- Remove leaves and needles from gutters, under decks, on roof, in and around window wells and in nooks and crannies
- Prune lower tree branches of evergreen trees to a height of 6-10 feet
- Move woodpiles at least 30 ft from any structure
- Replace wood mulch with decorative rocks

To learn more about preparing your home for wildfire, go to dnr.wi.gov



DOG LICENSES

Don't forget to get your 2021 Dog License.

All dogs in the State of Wisconsin are required to be licensed. The Town of Seymour fees for licensing your dog are **\$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$20 for an unaltered dog.**

All current 2020 tags expire on December 31, 2020. We should have the 2021 tags available by early December 2020. For those dogs that we have on record, you will be sent a written reminder notice in December. If you have a new dog or are new to the Town of Seymour, you can find our Dog License application on our website at www.townofseymour.org.

Licenses cannot be issued if you do not have a current rabies vaccination for your dog. Please work with your vet to get your dog vaccinated timely, especially during this Covid crisis. We understand that it may be more difficult to get in to see your vet, but we cannot waive the requirement to have a current rabies vaccination. Most vets in the area are working well to continue to provide this service, but you may just need to plan further ahead than normal.

Late fees will be imposed for any animals not licensed by March 31, 2021. Citations will be issued if your dog is still unlicensed after June 1st.

Please be a responsible pet owner.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SURVEY

Eau Claire County is offering an on-going survey to seek your opinion on the importance of services provided by the County. Help us understand what services you consider essential, desired, optional, or unnecessary. The survey also provides an opportunity to provide comments and give suggestions for improvement. The survey is linked below and should only take 5-10 minutes of your time.

County Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRCYHXV>

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, November 9th – Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors to adopt the Levy

Office closed on November 26th and 27th For Thanksgiving and on December 24th and 25th for Christmas

Township Fire Department

Well this has been certainly a summer to forget about. Winter will be coming soon and now is the time to check all your gas appliances such as your furnace, water heater or fireplace to make sure they are working correctly. Also check your smoke detectors and CO alarms so they are in working order and can alert you to any dangerous conditions.

Enclosed in this newsletter is also a map showing what burning permits you need to obtain before burning leaves or brush. Remember some areas in the Town need both a permit from the Fire Department as well as the DNR.

Lastly it was an incredibly sad day when we had to cancel our Annual Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast this past Father's Day, but we have already scheduled our Annual Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast for next Father's Day June 20th, 2021. We hope to see you all there so please mark your calendar.

Battalion Chief, Randy Schenk



Upcoming 2020 Election November 3

EARLY, IN PERSON VOTING WILL START ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH,

We are receiving a number of phone calls regarding if and when we will be having **Early, In Person** voting and the answer is **YES**, but according to State regulations, we cannot start it any earlier than 2 weeks prior to the election. So, the earliest date we can start is **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**. We will hold in person voting October 20 – October 30, 2020 during normal business hours (M-F, 9 am to 1 pm). We are expecting a large turnout for Early Voting, therefore we are setting up in the Hall area so we can allow for proper social distancing. Please use the doors at the north end of the building, versus the door nearest the office. This will help to keep the flow of traffic easier to manage at a safe distance.

ABSENTEE VOTING VIA MAIL

If you prefer to have your ballot sent to you, you can request an absentee ballot be mailed. However, you have to have your requested mailed to us by no later than October 29th and I would highly recommend that you request it as soon as possible to allow for mail delivery. If you are voting absentee, you must submit a photo ID. You can request an absentee ballot by doing one of the following:

- Go On Line at www.myvote.wi.gov
- Send me an email at Seymour.town@att.net with your name, address and a copy of your photo ID
- Stop in the office and fill out the request form and provide a photo ID.

I cannot simply send you a ballot if you call and request one – it must be in writing.

TRACKING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

If you have requested the absentee ballot be sent via mail, you can track your ballot on line at www.myvote.wi.gov. You should be able to see when it was mailed to you as well as when we received it back in the office. Absentee ballots are normally mailed out within 24 hours of receiving the request. We update daily the ballots that have been returned to us in the system.

Ballots can be returned to us by sending them in the mail, by dropping them off at the office during normal business hours or by using the drop box after hours.

BALLOT DROP BOX

Absentee ballots can be returned to the Town Hall via the Ballot Drop Box that is on the south side of the Town Hall and clearly marked for Ballots. This box is emptied on a daily basis. The last day to return ballots via the drop box is 8 pm on the day of election – November 3, 2020.

COUNTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

All returned absentee ballots are kept in a locked file cabinet in the Clerk's office and left sealed until the day of election. This includes all ballots from the Early Voting. Nothing is processed until the actual day of election. On the day of election, I will deliver all of the ballots to the Chief Election Inspector to be opened and processed during the day. Two election inspectors are involved in this process and a number of ballots are opened at the same time and processed so that no one can easily determine how someone voted. If a person requested an absentee ballot, but never returned it, they can still come in and vote on election day or even during the Early Voting. There will be notations in the poll book and in our on line system that the person received an absentee ballot, but it will not be marked as returned – so they will still be able to vote.

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PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Your property tax bills are going to look a little different this year as the County has new tax collection software they will be using this year for printing the tax bills and for the collection process. The new software does not use the tri-fold pressure sealed forms that have been used since 2008. Instead the new forms will be 8.5" x 11" with perforated payment stubs on the bottom and will arrive in a double window envelope.

There will be a link on the Eau Claire County website for property owners to view information on their property at <http://eauclairecovi.wgxtreme.com/>. Not all history information has been transferred over yet, but will be in the future. You will be able to view your tax bill and payments on this site and eventually pay directly through the site.

Again, as a reminder, if you want a receipt for your taxes, you need to send us a self addressed, stamped envelope. Tax bills will probably be mailed early December. Tax Collection will be available at the Town Hall – M-F - 9 am to 1 pm. Naturally, you can mail them in as well.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 7:00 pm.

Agendas Posted at :
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