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From your **TOWN CHAIR**

Welcome to Fall!

The leaves and cooler weather are a sure sign that fall has arrived. By now, you've probably picked your last garden pepper and are now enjoying some fresh apple cider and other fall treats that we look forward to seasonally each year.

A big thank you again to our residents who were able to make it out to our first Seymour Neighborhood Party in August and to our area businesses that supported the event. We had around 200 people join us for food and camaraderie, and we plan to continue this again next year. It was held on the eve of Fever Fest, another great event to make its way back to our town and hosted by the Seymour Ball Club as a fundraiser. I hope many of you were able to enjoy some great music while supporting the ball club in their efforts to build a new ball field. I'm already looking forward to next year!

It has been a busy few months since being elected in April. We have several new faces including myself, our new Town Clerk/Treasurer, Angie Underwood, our new Deputy Clerk, Jean Eisold, and new Supervisor, Ken Schick. We were sad to say goodbye to Sue Larson, who retired at the end of June, but thankful for her years of dedication to our township and her willingness to continue to be just a phone call away when needed. We also thank our previous Chair, Doug Kranig, for his many years of service to our township. Public service is a tough and often thankless job, but we are happy to serve you as best we can during the time we are given.

As many of you know, the township has received funds from the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$351,791. Among our largest identified needs is broadband (high speed internet) for all residents. Some residents have excellent internet service, but many do not. If Covid showed us anything, it was that we are in a technological age where reliable and fast internet and cell phone coverage is no longer a luxury, but a necessity to meet our daily needs for work, education, health care, and more. I'll be honest that we have an uphill battle ahead of us as we compete with other towns in the county and the state for grants to make this a reality. Many areas who have already been awarded funds have been working on broadband plans for several years. Unfortunately, we are

starting at the very beginning, and we need your help to make this happen! We've started a small committee who will champion this effort, write grants, and canvass our town to identify the unserved and underserved areas and put Seymour on the map in terms of needs. We can still use more help, so please consider joining this effort! At minimum, please take the broadband speed test survey provided by Eau Claire County to aid in locating our underserved areas. You can find this survey on our website.

The landfill negotiations continue without any resolution in the immediate future. We'll continue to push for good stewardship now and long into the future, as this has a permanent place in our landscape. We seek to have good relations with them, as with any of the businesses that call Seymour home. Past negotiations make it somewhat more difficult to bring us on par with other comparative landfills, but the committee is committed to doing all that we can as we look at a 40% increase above the current capacity. Speaking of the landfill, be sure to check out the new landfill permitting process included in this newsletter that will start in 2022. This new process is intended to keep both our residents and the landfill accountable. The service to dump your garbage is at no charge to residents, but the township picks up that cost out of our budget, which could otherwise be used for roads and other necessary expenses. Be a good neighbor and make sure the landfill is asking you for your permit and that you are only dumping your own household garbage.

If I haven't met you in person yet, I look forward to doing so soon. I appreciate each person I've met and hearing what is important to you as a resident of Seymour. Feel free to reach out when the need arises. I don't always have an answer, (or the answer you desire) but I am confident that by working together, we can come up with solutions that best fit our needs.

Enjoy this brief window of cool, pumpkin-spice filled weather. Winter will be here before we know it!

Jessica Janssen

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, November 15th – Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors to adopt the Town Levy.

**Office closed for Holidays on:
Thanksgiving - November 25th and 26th
Christmas - December 24th
New Year's – December 31st**

BROADBAND SURVEY & COMMITTEE

Please consider helping to form a committee that will champion this effort, survey our residents, apply for Eau Claire County and federal grants, and hopefully bring better internet to the Town of Seymour. If you are at all interested, contact Jessica Janssen at seymourchair@gmail.com.

Everyone can help by taking the Eau Claire County speed test survey! This will help put Seymour on the map and identify our need. Please take this survey and encourage your neighbors to take it as well at:

<https://broadband-internet-survey-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

**The Town is exploring this time-sensitive issue. The town board will need to approve any distribution of funds and/or grant applications.*

In addition, Eau Claire County provides a Digital Literacy Program to all county residents. Digital Literacy includes the basics of using a computer and the internet. Contact the Town Hall for an application and additional information.

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Well, winter will soon be here which brings colder temperatures and the turning on of furnaces, fireplaces, and other gas burning appliances. Please make sure all these items are working properly. We usually see an increase in calls this time of year due to activated CO alarms so please make sure your carbon monoxide alarm and fire alarms are in proper working order.

One other very important topic I would like to bring up is addresses. Please make sure your address is clearly visible on your house and both sides of your mailbox. The numbers should be at least 4" tall on your house and 2" tall on your mailbox. This will help us in locating you in case of emergency be it police, fire, or EMS. Remember: seconds saved in locating your house could be the difference between life or death. Have a great winter and see you in Spring.

Randy Schenk, Battalion Chief

TOWN OFFICIALS

Jessica Janssen, Chair	(715) 577.3840
Sheila Running, Supervisor	(715) 832.9686
Ken Schick, Supervisor	(715) 832.0017
Angie Underwood, Clerk Treasurer	(715) 834.4999
Jean Eisold, Deputy Clerk Treasurer	(715) 834.4999
Fred Hankel, Building Inspector	(715) 577.7983
Roger Koski, Assessor	(715) 835.1141



UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

FEBRUARY 15 – SPRING PRIMARY
APRIL 5 – SPRING ELECTION
AUGUST 9 – PARTISAN PRIMARY
NOVEMBER 11 – GENERAL ELECTION



DOG LICENSES

Don't forget to get your 2022 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 2021 tags expire on December 31, 2021. Tags for 2022 should be available by early December 2021. 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, the Dog License application is 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.

Late fees will be imposed for any animals not licensed by March 31, 2022. Citations will be issued if your dog is still unlicensed after June 1, 2022.

Please be a responsible pet owner.

From Your

CLERK TREASURER, ANGIE UNDERWOOD

BUDGET HEARING – The required public hearing for review of the 2022 Proposed Budget will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021, to be immediately followed by a Special Meeting of the Electors to adopt the levy for the 2022 taxes.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED FOR 2022 – 2023 In December of 2021 the Town Board must appoint Election Inspectors for the next two-year term. All Election Inspectors will receive training on both the voting process as well as on the voting machines. We have split shifts, so the majority of Election Inspectors do not need to work the entire day. The town does provide a lunch as well as an hourly wage of \$10.00/hour. Please fill out our application form located on our website if interested. Forms must be submitted to our office by November 30, 2021, to be considered. It is a great opportunity to serve your community!

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. Or you can stop at the office for a voter registration form. Be sure to bring proof of residency with you, including a photo ID and a current utility bill showing your current address.

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 2022, by simply going on to the website www.myvote.wi.gov and entering your request. **HOWEVER**, you cannot do this request until after January 1st for the 2022 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 but, again, not until after January 1, 2022.

SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

2021 was a very good year for the ball club although it did have challenges. We were able to get our full season in this year, around 300 kids in our organization and numerous communities playing here at our beautiful park. We also had 4 boy's travel teams (Stars) and 9 girl's travel teams (Flames). The boy's tournament in June went great and was the biggest tournament we have held to date with 65 teams from all over the state. The girl's tournament unfortunately got rained out as we had a monsoon that weekend. We also were able to get the full Fall Ball schedule in this year and could not have asked for better weather for that.

On top of all the great ball that was played at the park this year we also put on our first annual Fever Fest in August! Although we did have to deal with some weather during this weekend it went very well, and we look forward to having a great family fun event for years to come. If you were not able to make it out for Fever Fest this year, we hope to see you at the event next year. Some of the things we had this year were, Donkey Ball, Food Trucks, Kids Zone, and a Cornhole Tournament. We ended the weekend with a great concert featuring Nashville recording artist, Cassadee Pope and Steve Augeri, former lead singer of Journey. Both put on a great show! The ball club would like to thank everyone that did come out for the first annual Fever Fest and hope that you had a good time. The dates for next year's Fever Fest are August 26-27. Please plan on attending.

As always you can watch our website Seymourballclub.org for any information or follow us on Facebook for what's to come next year as we plan on adding more events to Fever Fest in 2022. Thanks for all the support.

Jason Woodford, President Seymour Ball Club

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PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Tax bills will be mailed out in December. We will be open for tax collection M-F, 9 am to 1 pm. If you mail your tax payment, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want us to return a receipt. Otherwise, no receipts will be mailed to you. You can always access a receipt for your tax payment online at <http://eauclairecowi.wgxtreme.com/> or stop at the Town Hall and we can print one 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. 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 2021, be sure to have it postmarked by no later than December 31, 2021, otherwise your first half of your tax bill is due by January 31st, 2022.

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 daily, and you will be able to check it 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

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LANDFILL ANNUAL PERMIT/RENEWAL APPLICATION DUE BY FEBRUARY 28TH

***Failure to renew by due date results in loss of privileges until permit is issued.**

Residents of Town of Seymour are allowed to use the Advanced Disposal/Seven Mile Creek landfill located on Highway Q, under the following conditions:

- Permits are required and must be renewed annually. Permits will be issued at the Seymour Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. *As a courtesy, permits will also be accepted at the January and February board meetings.*
- YOU MUST APPLY IN PERSON AND BRING A UTILITY BILL FROM THE PAST 30 DAYS WITH YOUR NAME & ADDRESS AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE.
- No permits will be issued by mail.
- One permit will be issued per residence. Permit will register you with the Seymour Town Hall and Landfill office. Your vehicle license plate number will be the permit number and the only vehicle allowed to enter the dump site without fees. Town Hall must be notified if vehicle change is made.
- Residents that bring materials to the landfill at times other than designated will be charged landfill-tipping fees.

Do Not abuse your right to use the landfill. Your privileges may be revoked if you abuse the rules.

- Please read the complete Landfill Policy on the backside of this form.

We thank you for your cooperation

SEYMOUR TOWN BOARD

PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SEYMOUR RESIDENTS USE OF ADVANCED DISPOSAL/ SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL LLC

PERMIT NUMBER (LICENSE PLATE #) _____ TODAYS DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

VEHICLE YEAR _____ COLOR _____ MAKE: _____ Circle one: TRUCK SUV CAR

PHONE # _____ SIGNATURE _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

UTLITY BILL DATE _____ APPROVED BY _____

There is NO fee for permit application.

Please read the complete Landfill Policy on the backside of this form.

Jessica Janssen, Chair 715.577.3840; Ken Schick, Supervisor 715.832.0017; Sheila Running, Supervisor 715.832.9686

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USE OF LANDFILL POLICY

The Town of Seymour, in agreement with the Advanced Disposal Seven Mile Creek Landfill, is able to provide free landfill services for all Town of Seymour residents for the disposal of residential waste under the following conditions:

1. The free service is available on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 to 11:30 only.
2. Residents are to stop on the scale upon entering the landfill and use the assigned roll-off boxes, as indicated by Landfill staff.
3. Seymour residents may bring at no charge: household trash, carpet from home, couches (household furniture,) mattresses, box springs, deer carcasses (w/permit, no charge) and yard waste/grass clippings.
4. Residents will be charged for the following items: construction and demolition type materials, tires, car batteries, asbestos, electronics, appliances with freon, and commercial business-related waste. Questions regarding allowable items should be deferred to the landfill personnel at 715-830-0284.
5. All residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible by using the recycling bins located at a separate entrance, also on Hwy Q. Recycling information can be found on the County website at www.co.eau-claire-wi-usa. Also, consideration should be given to donating useable items to various nonprofit organizations.
6. All residents are allowed only one permit per household and the permit is vehicle-specific to the vehicle to be used for their garbage hauling. Changes in vehicles must be reported to the Town. Attempting to use the landfill with a different vehicle, shall result in refusal of service by the landfill.
7. Permits are not to be shared with non-residents or others.
8. Residents are not allowed to remove anything from the landfill that they might consider salvageable.
9. Privileges may be revoked and/or suspended for violations of the policy as agreed to by the Landfill and the Town of Seymour.

/s/ Jessica L. Janssen
Town Chair, Jessica L. Janssen

10/22/2021
Adopted October 22, 2022

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