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From your

www.townofseymour.org

TOWN CHAIR, JESSICA JANSSEN

Welcome to Spring, Seymour Residents!

The snow is almost gone, and we're heading into the season of new beginnings - the rain and sun usher in the beauty of fresh air, flowers, plants, and garden prep. The Janssen household has started most of our garden seeds, and we can't wait to get them in the ground. Our garlic is already a few inches high! Our kids are already thinking up new names for the baby calves they get to name each year. As long as you can get past the seasonal allergies, there is something truly magical about spring!

A big thank you to our road crew (Kerry, John, Tim, and Travis) for keeping our roads clear and safe this winter. I had the opportunity to ride along one early morning to get an idea of what it takes to plow all of our town roads and it was well worth the extra coffee! Our crew takes great pride in staying ahead of weather patterns and efficient route planning - it's a delicate balance of salt/sand, timing, and experience. Nice job, guys!

The big news this spring from the Town Board is our \$5.2 million grant application to the Public Service Commission through Bloomer Telephone Company for broadband internet. If awarded, the intent is to cover every home in Seymour that is not already covered by Charter/Spectrum, around 460 homes. The town allocated \$350,000 of our ARPA funds towards the grant, which was matched by Eau Claire County. We hope to find out if our grant was awarded by July. A huge thank you to our broadband committee and the town residents who took the time to take the speed survey and provide valuable testimony for why broadband is critical in our township.

In anticipation of the grant, we decided to change up our road maintenance schedule a bit for the next couple years so we aren't digging in internet under newly paved roads. Planning road work on the following roads: Burnell Dr. from Peterson to 50th Ave., McKai Dr., Peterson Ave. from QQ to Tower Dr., and Ritsch Ct. this summer, about 1.61 miles in total. The following summer we hope to finish out the rest of Burnell Dr. down to 60th, but it made more sense to wait since that

area will also need internet dug in. We are getting our road bids out, and we already heard there is a 12% increase in costs, another reason to be cost conscious and effective with our tax dollars. Other capital expenses this year include major repair on the salt shed, roofing and maintenance on our small shed, and we hope to purchase a new dump truck, (if we can find one in stock.)

Several months ago, we appointed a new representative to the Altoona Lake District, who shortly after, became the new president. Under Michelle Skinner's leadership, the district has been writing grants, forging partnerships with other lake districts, and successfully completed a dredge project all in a short few months. Lake Altoona is an important asset to Seymour, and we have been very pleased to see the amount of progress the lake district has been able to make in such a short period of time! Another asset we are proud of is the Seymour ball fields. They are included in our outdoor recreation plan that is being updated with Eau Claire County. This plan is a precursor for recreation grants that we may pursue in the future to update and improve facilities on site for the ball club, but also for our entire community to use and enjoy.

I had the opportunity to participate as a poll worker at our February primary elections and was glad to learn more about what it takes to make our elections run smoothly. We have dedicated and wonderful poll workers in Seymour, and they will be happy to see you come out and vote on April 5th! I'm looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on April 19th. Feel free to come and learn more about what we have planned and provide comments on what else you'd like to see our town focused on. We are here for you!

Enjoy life, smile often, and be thankful for today,

Jessica Janssen, Town Chair

Township Fire Department

Spring and summer are just around the corner with that comes an increase in grass and forest fires. Please be careful when doing any burning and remember you need a burn permit from Township Fire every time you burn and some residents will also need a permit from the DNR. This information is available online at www.townshipfire.org.

I would also like to say that our Pancake Breakfast will be held this year on Sunday, June 19th from 8:00-1:00 we haven't held it the last couple of years and look forward to seeing everyone again.

Lastly, I would like to bring up a very personal and important topic "The Move Over Law". Many of you don't know that back in the beginning of December the rescue truck from our station was hit by a semi at a crash scene. I was in the truck and thankfully I was not injured however the truck sustained major damage and will now need to be replaced. It has been over 3 months and were still dealing with insurance companies with no end in sight. These trucks are not a "stock" item and need to be built, the current wait time is about 18 months with a cost of close to \$500,000 dollars. We are getting by with a use of a truck from a different station but what ever cost isn't covered by insurance will have to be covered by the Fire Department and thus the taxpayers. So please when you see flashing lights ahead pay attention, put down the phone and be very cautious someone's life may be at stake.

As always if you're looking for a way to give back to your community, we're always looking for new members, applications are available on the website at www.townshipfire.org.

Battalion Chief, Randy Schenk

BRUSH SITE

The Green Waste Facility is a seasonal site for disposal of brush, grass clippings, and leaves. It is located at 5710 Jeffers Rd, Eau Claire. For operating hours and fees, call 715-839-5039 or view at:

<https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/parks-forestry-and-cemetery/forestry/brush-disposal>

Seymour Family Picnic 2022

Save the date for August 24th.

Picture to right showing entertainment from 2021.



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

Backyard Poultry

If you're interested in starting backyard poultry keeping under the new county ordinance, check out the below website for resources on applying for a license and keeping your backyard flock healthy: chickens.echealthdepartment.org

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Assistance Grant Program

Eau Claire County has allocated \$2,000,000 of their ARPA funds to small businesses and non-profit programs to assist with pandemic relief and recovery efforts. Information can be found at www.townofseymour.org

IMPORTANT DATES

April 4, 2022 – Road Bid Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

April 5, 2022 – Spring Primary Election
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

April 11, 2022 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 19, 2021 – Annual Town Meeting – 7:00 pm

BURNING PERMITS ON-LINE ONLY

All residents in the Town of Seymour must obtain a burning permit **EACH** time they burn from the Township Fire Dept. You can only obtain this online at www.townshipfire.org.

In addition, those residents in the DNR Wildfire Protection District (east of County Highway P) also need to obtain an **annual** permit from the DNR via the Town Hall or DNR's website www.dnr.wi.gov and use the key word "burn permit." Residents in this area have two burning permit requirements.

From Your

CLERK TREASURER, ANGIE UNDERWOOD

UP COMING ELECTIONS:

April 5, 2022 - Spring Election

August 9, 2022 - Partisan Primary

November 8, 2022 - General Election

If you want to view the races that will be on your ballot, you can access that information on the website www.myvote.wi.gov and click on the button "What's on My Ballot"

Tax Bill Receipt:

DO YOU NEED A TAX BILL RECEIPT OR NEED TO CHECK IF YOUR ESCROW COMPANY PAID YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX?

You can access that information at any time on the county land records site which is:

<https://ascent.co.eau-claire.wi.us/LandRecords>

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

There are still about 120 dogs that are unlicensed for 2022. Please remember that all dog tags expire on December 31st each year. If your dog is caught running loose and doesn't have a current tag, you could receive a citation from the EC Humane Assoc. Please, get those dogs licensed! Starting April 1st, there will be a \$5.00 per tag late fee assessed. And **PLEASE**, if you are sending it in the mail, include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your dog tag.

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

It's Everyone's Job



Only Rain Down the Drain

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Stormwater pollution refers to many types of harmful materials that are carried by water (rain water or wash water or snow melt) through the storm drain system to creeks, open ditches, rivers, and lakes. **Stormwater is not treated in any way.**

While water we use in our homes and businesses drain to a treatment plant, stormwater and anything else dumped or spilled outside flows into the storm drain system and directly to our waterways. Stormwater pollution has many sources. One of the most common is illegal dumping or spilling of wastes directly into storm drains, like pouring used motor oil or paint

directly into a storm drain. Pollutants also enter storm drains when it rains or snows: rain runs off roofs, streets, parking lots and other paved surfaces and flows directly into nearest storm drain picking up pollutants along the way. Rain, as well as waters from hoses and sprinklers, carries detergent from car washings as well as pesticides, and fertilizers to the storm drain. From the storm drain, water flows (directly) to the nearest waterway – garbage, dirt, toxins and all.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT POLLUTION?

Around the House:

- Use environmentally friendly cleaners
- Dispose of hazardous materials properly, not in the trash. Everyday household items, such as cleaners, solvents, thinners, paints, can contaminate surface and ground water if not used, stored and disposed of properly. This can harm fish and wildlife as well as endanger human health. The good news is that more than 60% of Household Hazardous waste can be recycled.

Your Yard & Garden:

- Avoid over fertilizing your yard, use less than manufacture's recommended applications. (Do Not apply chemicals if rain is likely as most will be washed away)
- Compost yard wastes
- Always clean up after your pet
- **DO NOT THROW YARD WASTE IN NEIGHBORHOOD DETENTION PONDS** (Yard waste can be grass clippings, rocks, dirt, pet wastes, etc) Overusing lawn and garden products produces a significant amount of polluted runoff. The nitrogen and phosphorous in these products affect water quality and promote algae growth, which depletes lakes, streams and rivers of the oxygen needed so fish and wildlife can thrive.

WORKING ON YOUR CAR:

- Wash your car on the lawn, where suds can absorb into the soil (better to use commercial car washes whenever possible)
- Recycle used oil, tires, batteries and anti-freeze
- Clean up spills with kitty litter, sawdust or wood chips then sweep up and put into trash. (Do not rinse with water.)
- **NEVER** dump motor oil, petroleum products, antifreeze, etc. down a storm drain or on the ground even though people should know better, every year an estimated 180 million gallons of used oil gets into America's waters – 16 times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska. Keep your vehicle well maintained. Repair engine, coolant, transmission and brake systems immediately. Leaks from these systems form toxic puddles that will eventually be washed into lakes and creeks and open trenches and rivers.

AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Pick up litter and remind others not to litter in your neighborhood.
- **NEVER** dump any waste into stormwater drains, detention ponds, or natural drainage ways like open channels or ditches.
- It is illegal to dump chemicals, solid materials or other contaminants into storm drains.

It's Up to You. Together, you and your neighbors can make a difference to keep gutters, storm drains and waterways clean.

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SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

We are very excited for another season at the ball club. This year we have almost 300 kids registered for league. We have a lot of events planned this year with league, girl's tournament, boy's tournament, and we will be hosting the 2022 USA softball 12U northern Nationals tournament.

Upcoming dates:

March 26- Spring Cleanup (weather permitting)

April 4- Practice starts

May 2- Opening Day

June 10-12- Girl's Seymour Slam Tournament

July 8-10- Boy's Seymour Slam Tournament

July 27- 31 – USA Northern Nationals

Aug 26-27- **FEVER FEST!** (Mark your Calendars)

Fever Fest events planned:

August 26th- Youth tournament, Donkey Ball, Kids Zone, and TJ Marrow on stage from 9-12

August 27th- Youth tournament, Cornhole tournament, Kids Zone, Classic Car show, and Concert Featuring Nashville recording Artist BLACKHAWK, tickets are on sale now at SeymourFeverFest.com.

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. If you are interested in donating to the Club, please contact us. Thanks for all the support,

Jason Woodford, President Seymour Ball Club

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 7:00 pm.

Agendas Posted at:

Town Hall Bulletin Board

Fire Station

www.townofseymour.org

PHONE: 715-834-4999

FAX: (715) 834-3687

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Monday – Friday

Visit our website:

www.townofseymour.org

Found Cat

- ☐ Does the cat have a collar with tags? If tag has owner number, call owner.
 - If tag has the name of a vet clinic, it is a rabies tag. Call vet clinic and give them the information on the tag (there should be a year and a tag number)
- ☐ Have you checked with neighbors to see if anyone knows who it belongs to? Think radius, not just up and down your street.
- ☐ Does the cat appear sick or injured? If so call the non-emergency line right away (715) 839-4972
- ☐ Some cats are indoor/outdoor. Please wait 24 hrs before removing or trying to catch cats/kittens. You may put water out for the animal.
- ☐ Take a few pictures- Leave collar on (if it has one) and do not alter animals appearance by bathing or grooming it.
- ☐ Post pictures on social media sites such as: Facebook "Lost Pets in Eau Claire and Surrounding areas", neighborhood FB pages, Next Door, and Craigslist. Search these sites as well, in case someone posted their missing cat.
- ☐ Fill out a Found Report by going to www.eccha.org. Click on the Lost/Found tab. Then click "Did you find an animal?" Click on the green button labeled "Lost/Found form". If you don't have internet access, please call ECCHA at (715) 839-4747 ext 21. You may have to leave a message. Please include exact location of where cat was found, description of cat, and your contact information.
- ☐ Take the cat to a vet clinic or humane association to be scanned for a microchip
- ☐ If you are unable to hold onto the cat, and it has been more than 24hrs since you found it and posted it on lost/found sites, please call the non-emergency line (715) 839-4972
- ☐ Interested in fostering the cat/kitten that you found? Fabulous! Please contact ECCHA (715) 839-4747 ext.21. We will put you in touch with our Foster Care supervisor!
- ☐ The shelter can be overwhelming and stress full for cats. If they can be reunited with their owner without having to come into the shelter that is best.
- ☐ Other things you can do to try to find the owner:
 - Go door to door checking with neighbors, again thinking radius, not just up and down street.
 - Post flyers in the area you found the cat.

Found Dog

- ☐ Does the dog have a collar with tags? If tag has owner number, call owner.
 - If tag has the name of a vet clinic, it is a rabies tag. Call vet clinic and give them the information on the tag (there should be a year and a tag number)
- ☐ Have you checked with neighbors to see if anyone knows who it belongs to? Think radius, not just up and down your street. If possible, walk the dog around the neighborhood to see if anyone recognizes it. If weather is appropriate provide a dish of water and shade if temps are high, and keep dog in your front yard. There may be an owner looking for it.
- ☐ Does the dog appear sick or injured? If so call the non-emergency line right away (715) 839-4972
- ☐ Take a few pictures- Leave collar on (if it has one) and do not alter animals appearance by bathing or grooming it.
- ☐ Post pictures on social media sites such as: Facebook "Lost Pets in Eau Claire and Surrounding areas", Lost Dogs of WI, neighborhood FB pages, Next Door, and Craigslist. Search these sites as well, in case someone posted their missing dog.
- ☐ Fill out a Found Report by going to www.eccha.org. Click on the Lost/Found tab. Then click "Did you find an animal?" Click on the green button labeled "Lost/Found form". If you don't have internet access, please call ECCHA at (715) 839-4747 ext 21. You may have to leave a message. Please include exact location of where dog was found, description of dog, and your contact information. Your message will be returned as soon as the shelter is open (Monday – Sunday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm).
- ☐ Take the dog to a vet clinic or humane association to be scanned for a microchip
- ☐ If you are unable to hold onto the dog, please call the non-emergency line (715) 839-4972
- ☐ Interested in fostering the dog that you found? Fabulous! Please contact ECCHA (715) 839-4747 ext.21. You will be put in touch with our Foster Care supervisor!
- ☐ Most dogs are typically found within a mile of their home. Other things you can do to try to find the owner:
 - Go door to door checking with neighbors, again thinking radius, not just up and down street.
 - Post flyers in the area you found the dog.