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From your **TOWN CHAIR**

Greetings Residents!

By now, most of you know that I am not running for re-election, and this will be my final newsletter as your Town Chair. After the elections on April 1, my final two meetings will be our board meeting on April 14 and the Annual Meeting on April 15. At this time, John Ailie, a town resident, is running unopposed for the Town Chair position and, if elected, will begin on April 16. He has been working very hard ahead of the election to learn as much as he can and get acquainted with the issues that our town faces. I know he will do a fine job for our township!

It has been a true honor to serve as your Town Chair these past four years. I've met so many amazing town residents, many of whom I now call friends. We have so much to be proud of during these past few years: establishing property protections for those who live near the landfill, along with socioeconomic payments, securing a very large grant to install high speed internet throughout our entire township, opening our town roads to ATVs, launching a town Farmer's Market, and, my favorite, establishing an annual town picnic that our entire community can come together and enjoy each August. I couldn't count the number of meetings I've sat through, some more intense than others, but always with the goal of doing what is best for our entire township. This isn't always an easy task, as we can never please everyone. Someone told me if you don't ruffle any feathers, you aren't doing enough, so I guess there were a few ruffled feathers along the way!

Thank you for your support during these past four years. I hope to continue to see you around town, probably at the ball field where three of my kids will be this spring! Please welcome John with the same generosity and warmth that you all have shown to me! A final thanks to our Supervisors: Kerry Parker, Ken Schick, and former Supervisor Sheila Running for serving with me and to our town staff, Jean, Sarah, John and Dakota for putting up with me! I will miss you all!

Blessings for a safe and prosperous 2025!


Jessica Janssen

Seymour's Farmers Market is Back!

Get ready to shop fresh, support local, and enjoy the best of our community! **Seymour's Farmers Market kicks off on Wednesday, May 7, and runs every week through September 24, from 3-6 PM** in the Town Hall parking lot.

Come browse farm-fresh produce, meats, homemade goodies, and handcrafted items from local vendors. Whether you're looking for delicious seasonal fruits, baked treats, or unique crafts, there's something for everyone!

 **Want to be a vendor or promote your local business?** Contact Jessica at **715-828-3504** or Cristi at **715-382-3138** for more details.

Mark your calendars, bring your family, and let's make this season the best yet! **Thank you for supporting local businesses—we can't wait to see you there!** 

From Your Board Supervisor

WOW! Two winters in-a-row that were milder than average. Except for a stretch in January where we got to experience the Polar Vortex, I'll take it!

An update for you on the multi-use path proposed along McKinley Rd. At a public meeting in January we heard from several people concerning the multi-use path that had been proposed by the City and Counties of Eau Claire. After much discussion, and a show of hands in both support, and opposition, only two people in attendance opposed the multi-use path. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Town Board voted to agree to pursue the multi-use path and contribute a little over \$2,300 to the cost.

Another much larger project is in the works from Excel Energy. What they are calling the "Western Wisconsin Transmission Connection" is a proposed 345-kilovolt transmission line to expand the region's transmission grid to meet the changing energy needs. A detailed map is available at: www.WWTConnection.com. The proposed route travels north from Blair, WI to what Excel Energy has labelled the "Elk Farm Substation", at the intersection of N. 65th Ave and Burnell Dr in the Town of Seymour. From that point there are two routes being proposed. One going west to the City of Eau Claire, then north to the Jump River Substation North. The other route would go from the Elk Farm Substation north then run parallel to Hwy 29 to the Jump River Substation South. You can sign up for information by visiting: <https://apps.psc.wi.gov/erf/erf/erfhome.aspx>

Our bridge replacement project on S. 140th Ave has had several delays/roadblocks. Because of this the estimated cost of the project has skyrocketed. In 2022 we applied for and were awarded a partial grant to replace the bridge and improve the approaches. With the estimated cost so high now, we will likely have to put the project on hold until additional grants become available.

We will soon be looking for bids on roadwork for 2025. The reconstruction projects are Peterson Ave (Tower Dr to N. Shore Dr), Woodhaven Rd & Lassek Ct, and a portion of Vance Rd west of N. 84th Ave to the Town of Hallie line on top of the hill.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our outgoing Town Chair Jessica Janssen. The Town has greatly benefited from your dedication to your duties as Chair. I wish you luck in your future endeavors.

Kerry Parker
Town Supervisor

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Sarah Smith, Deputy Clerk	(715) 834.4999
Fred Hankel, Building Inspector	(715) 577.7983
Alyssa Schultz, Assessor	(715) 835.1141

Real Estate Tax Payments

If you make installment payments on your real estate taxes the 2nd installment is payable to Eau Claire County's Treasurer's office at 721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703 on or before July 31st.

Important Dates:

2025 Spring Election, Tuesday April 1st
Town Board Meeting-Monday, April 14th
Annual Meeting- Tuesday, April 15th
Open Book- Monday, May 12th (virtual meeting)
Board of Review- Monday, May 19th

Office Closed:

Memorial Day- Monday, May 26th
Independence Day- Friday, July 4th
Labor Day- Monday, September 1st

Attention Pet Owner!

Don't forget to renew your dog's license for the upcoming year. Wisconsin state law requires all dogs over **5 months old** to be licensed annually. Licensing helps ensure pets are properly vaccinated and can be returned home if lost.

Fees:

Spayed/Neutered: \$15

Intact: \$25

Late Fee after March 31st: +\$5

Late Fee after May 31st: +\$50



The **Green Waste Facility** at 5710 Jeffers Road provides an environmentally friendly solution for Eau Claire County residents to dispose of brush, grass clippings, and leaves. It is operated by the City of Eau Claire.

Season Information: Typically, the brush site is open mid-April to mid-November; weather dependent.

Questions regarding what is accepted, costs, i.e.? Contact the Community Service Department at 715-839-5039 or communityservices@eauclairewi.gov or go to their website at: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/parks-forestry-and-cemetery/forestry/brush-disposal>

Save the Date:

Seymour Thrift Sales- Thursday, April 11th and Friday April 12th
Farmers Market- Every Wednesday- Starting May 5th from 3-6pm
Seymour Fire Department Pancake Breakfast- Sunday, June 15th from 8am-1pm
Seymour Family Picnic- Wednesday, August 20th

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to Spring 2025, or maybe it's winter part two! Mother nature is sure throwing curveballs at us, so be aware of the changing fire conditions as spring approaches! As of right now we have had one grass fire this year, so please be safe when burning this spring. A friendly reminder that you will need a burning permit which is available at townshipfire.org, and some of you residents will also need a burning permit from the DNR. Remember also that there is no burning allowed on Sunday.

Again, I would like to remind you that we no longer have local dispatcher, and should you have an emergency please call 9-1-1 and Eau Claire Communications Center will dispatch us to the call.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be held this year on Sunday June 15th from 8am – 1pm. This is our one big fundraiser for the year to help with equipment that we may need for emergency calls, so mark your calendars!

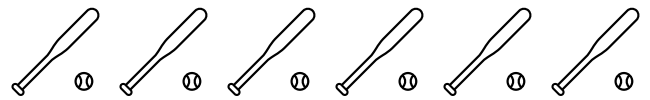
Looking to give back to your community??? We are always looking for new members to join our amazing department. If you are interested, applications are available at www.townshipfire.org

Let's have a safe spring! Thanks!

Michael Rudd, Seymour Battalion Chief

Spring activities to get you outside and enjoy the warmer weather!

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| - Visit a Farmers Market | - Take a Bike Ride |
| - Start a Garden | - Go for a Hike or Walk |
| - Host a BBQ | - Go Fishing or Kayaking |
| - Set up a Bird feeder | - Have a Picnic |



SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

Well, it has been another very busy off season at the ball club. We have a lot of events planned this year with league, 4 tournaments, and FEVER FEST. Nearly every one of our tournaments was already full at the end of February. This year we are looking forward to our 5th annual Fever Fest and we are sure it will not disappoint! The dates for this year's Fever Fest are Aug 22-23 and Lineup announcements will be coming soon.

Upcoming dates:

March 31st - Practice starts.

April 5th - Spring clean up

April 28th - Opening Day

May 16-18 – Baseball Dust the Rust tournament

June 13-15- Softball Seymour Slam Tournament

July 11-13- Boys Seymour Slam Tournament

Aug 22-23- **FEVER FEST!** (Mark your Calendars)

Fever Fest events planned:

August 22nd - Youth tournament, Donkey Ball, Kids Zone, and Another Road on stage 8:30-11

August 23rd - Youth tournament, Cornhole tournament, Kids Zone, and Concert

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 websites Seymourballclub.org & Seymourfeverfest.com or look up and follow our Facebook pages 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

5 Easy Steps you can take to prevent Stormwater Pollution

1. **Wash your car responsibly** – Wash your car on grass or at a commercial car wash to prevent runoff from entering storm drains.
2. **Use rain barrels** – Collect rainwater to use for watering plants and reduce stormwater runoff.
3. **Keep storm drains clear** – Remove leaves, trash, and debris to prevent blockages.
4. **Pick up pet waste** – Pet waste contains bacteria that can pollute waterways. Always bag and dispose of it properly.
5. **Use eco-friendly lawn care** – Reduce pesticide and fertilizer use and choose natural alternatives.



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NEW! Health Department Offering *NEW* Well Water Testing Homeowners Bundles- We get MANY questions about what you should test your well water for. So, we created a few new homeowners bundles to recommend common tests (and save you \$ too!)

**Private Well Water Testing
Bundle Comparison**



INCLUDED TESTS	Bacteria and Nitrate <small>(Recommended to test annually)</small>	Arsenic, Copper, Manganese, and Lead <small>(Recommended to test at least once and more frequently if levels are elevated)</small>	Iron and Hardness <small>(Recommended to test for when there are aesthetic or mineral build up concerns)</small>	Aluminum, Antimony, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Cobalt, Chromium, Nickel, Potassium, Selenium, Sodium, Silver, Thallium, and Zinc <small>(Recommended to test for if you want a more comprehensive view of drinking water quality)</small>
HOMEOWNER'S BUNDLE (\$95)	✓	✓		
HOMEOWNER'S PLUS BUNDLE (\$115)	✓	✓	✓	
HOMEOWNER'S PREMIUM BUNDLE (\$150)	✓	✓	✓	✓
METALS & MINERALS BUNDLE (\$118)		✓	✓	✓

wells.echealthdepartment.org for more info!

Even without a change in color, smell, or taste of the water, many things like bacteria, nitrate, and metals can negatively affect your family's health. Last year at our lab, **nearly 1 in 6** drinking water samples from Eau Claire County private wells had bacteria that can make people sick! If YOU have a private well, **YEARLY** tests for at least bacteria and nitrate are recommended so you can keep your family healthy. Water test results are for your knowledge only. If you water result is unsafe, you can decide to treat your water or not.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT
7:00 P.M.

Agendas Posted at:
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