

SEYMOUR

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From your **TOWN CHAIR**

Greetings Residents!

Spring is officially here, although not many are complaining about the mild winter we had! The plows are put away after only five full residential plow events. Any guesses on how many inches we'll make up for next winter? I have a feeling it will catch up with us one way or another.

By now, most of Seymour should have access to broadband internet, whether it's through Spectrum, Bloomer Telephone, or TDS. If your yard still has utility locator flags from when the internet was dug in, please go ahead, and toss them. Most of them were pulled by the internet companies upon installation, but I still see a fair number of them in our yards.

We will be bringing back the Seymour Farmer's Market starting in May! We're hoping to expand the vendors and encourage you to reach out to us if you would like to set up either on a regular basis or just occasionally. The more vendors we have, the more we can offer to our Seymour residents!

If you are the social media type, we invite you to join our Town of Seymour Facebook page. It's a great place to post things that are relevant to our town like garage sales, lost pets, and upcoming events. Speaking of events...I hear Joe Nichols is coming to town! This may be the most exciting Fever Fest yet, so mark your calendars for August 24th and get your tickets now to support the Seymour Ball Club's annual fundraiser. We also will see a few other national recording artists in town, brought to you by Nashville North at their summer shows. Seymour is turning into quite the little music community!

We've had a fair number of fires in our township lately, some of them quite devastating. I want to thank the volunteer members of our Township Fire Department, including those from Station One in Seymour for their unwavering dedication to keeping us safe. In addition, Emergicare continues to have record numbers of emergency calls, but only a small pool of volunteers who can respond. If you have any interest in volunteering, please contact John Oxley, our Town Road Supervisor. He is also the Emergicare Chief and can give you all the information you need for training and expectations. We could really use more help out here for our residents.

Another way to support our volunteers is to attend the upcoming pancake feed on Sunday, June 16th. You can chat with neighbors, get some delicious food, and try your luck at winning one of the many great gift baskets up for raffle. Finally, in the interest of keeping us all safe, please continue to get your burning permits and only burn appropriate items. The dry winter has been a challenge and we're all anxious to clean up our yards, but please do it in a safe manner.

As we head into this summer, we'll be planning our next Seymour Town Picnic for August 21st. This year, we hope to be back outside with less than 100 degree temps! Each year, this picnic is made possible by donations from the businesses that call Seymour home. It's been a wonderful tradition that we've been able to build, and we hope it continues for many years to come! If you have any interest in helping us plan or if you'd like to donate funds, please reach out.

There haven't been any recent updates on the Xcel Energy transmission lines. Same with the City's development between Black Ave. and Peterson Ave. I would expect we may hear more soon. As of April, there were 14 building permits and there are a couple small housing developments that may be coming forward soon. We love the mix of agriculture and neighborhoods that we have here. Both are important to our town as we look ahead into the future. If future plans for the town interest you, we do have openings on our **Plan Commission**. Reach out to our office for more details.

Many of you may have had a chance to meet our new Deputy Clerk, Sarah Smith. She joined us in the middle of property tax season and jumped right in! We are very happy to have her on board, and I know Jean, our Clerk, is very happy! Welcome, Sarah!

Enjoy the changing of the seasons. Stop and say hello to me if you see me out at the ball fields or the farmers market. I like hearing from everyone, not just when there are problems, but the good stuff as well!

Blessings for a safe and prosperous 2024!

Jessica Janssen

From Your Board Supervisor

I hope you survived the “Winter that didn’t exist” as well as I did. I was quite pleased when my Xcel Energy gas bills showed up!

Normally our Road Crew brushes the road rights-of-way in the fall and early spring. Unfortunately, the mower on our tractor had a catastrophic failure, and couldn’t be repaired. We ordered a new mower deck and hydraulic arm last October to the tune of \$30,000+. As of this writing, we have not received the new parts. The last estimate for delivery was May of this year. Of course, this was the perfect winter to be able to do a lot of brushing.

We are embarking on a large road project this year. If you travel on 140th Ave over the bridge at Beaver Creek, you understand how poorly designed that bridge and approaches are. There are also some erosion issues taking place. In 2022 we applied for and were awarded a partial grant to replace the bridge and improve the approaches. We have hired an engineering firm to design the project and are hoping to seek bids to complete the project, very soon.

The 140th Ave bridge project is in addition to our normal annual road work. We are currently accepting bids to rebuild 140th Ave from CTH Q (Olson Dr) to Rossman Dr., as well as Oak Knoll Dr from CTH K (130th Ave) to 140th Ave. Hopefully we don’t have the “Summer that didn’t exist”, with snow in July!

With the HSHS hospitals and Prevea clinics closing, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) in the area is going through some changes. I was at a meeting with representatives from both Mayo and Marshfield hospitals recently. Both hospitals are updating their protocols to better provide for the influx of patients. EMS in the field (Emergicare & Eau Claire FD ambulance) should remain relatively the same.

Enjoy the summer. Talk to you again in the fall.

Kerry Parker, Board Supervisor

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

It’s Everyone’s Job



Only Rain Down the Drain

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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:

Board of Review- Monday, May 13th

Office Closed:

Memorial Day- Monday, May 27th

Independence Day- Thursday, July 4th

Labor Day- Monday, September 2nd

2024 Elections

August 13- Fall Primary

November 5- General Election

Absentee voting is our biggest expense for an election, and we want to be fiscally responsible with the Town tax dollars. Please only request an absentee ballot to be mailed if you intend to vote the ballot.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

There are still about 75 dogs that are unlicensed for 2024. 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! As of April 1st, there is a \$5.00 per tag late fee assessed. If you are sending it in the mail, include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your dog tag.

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Stormwater pollution refers to many types of harmful materials that are carried by water (rainwater 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 your private septic systems, 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.

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to Spring 2024! My name is Michael Rudd and I am the new Battalion Chief for Station 1 here in Seymour. I have been a member of the department for almost 20 years and have spent my entire time here at Station 1. I look forward to serving this great community!

We had some big changes as of January 1, 2024. We no longer have our own department dispatcher for emergencies. Should you have an emergency, please dial 9-1-1! Eau Claire Communications Center is doing all our dispatching for 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 16th** from 8:00AM - 1:00PM. Last year was a great success with our new serve yourself format, which led to faster service. We will be doing the same thing this year.

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

Michael Rudd, Seymour Battalion Chief

Earth Day Monday April 22nd, 2024

Savor the benefits of spending time outdoors.

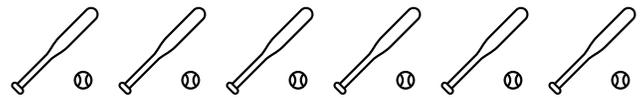
Start Spring Yard Clean Up

Go to the Park

Take a Hike

Plant a Tree

Build a Bird Feeder



SEYMOUR BALL CLUB NEWS

We are very excited for another season at the ball club. This year we have almost 250 kids registered for league. We have a lot of league events planned this year with 4 tournaments, park upgrades, and FEVER FEST. This year we will have all the events you have grown accustomed to at Fever Fest and will end the weekend with Nashville recording artist **Joe Nichols!** Get your tickets now at www.seymourfeverfest.com. With the towns support over the last three years, we are starting on some of the smaller upgrades this year to include: 2 new scoreboards, new windows and siding on the concession stand and a new walkway coming into the park from the main parking lot in the back.

Upcoming dates:

April 1- Practice starts.

April 6th- Spring clean up

April 29th - Opening Day

May 17-19 - Boys Dust the Rust Tournament

June 14-16- Girls Seymour Slam Tournament

July 12-14- Boys Seymour Slam Tournament

Aug 23-24- **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 www.seymourballclub.org 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



Spring is the most critical fire season in Wisconsin. Shortly after the snow disappears, a dry spring or even a few days in between rains can leave grasses, pine needles and leaf litter very dry, creating hazardous conditions. Warmer temperatures, low humidity and windy days coupled with many landowners conducting spring clean-up around their property by burning yard waste leads to the majority of wildfires.

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NEW! Health Department Now Offering Well Water Testing Homeowners Bundles

The Eau Claire Health Department gets MANY questions about what you should test your well water for. So, they created two homeowners bundles to recommend common tests (and save you \$ too!)

- **Homeowners Bundle - \$80** – includes testing for Bacteria, Nitrate, Lead, Copper, and Arsenic. Recommended for homeowners with private wells, especially if they've never tested for metals before.
- **Homeowners Plus Bundle- \$120-** includes testing for Bacteria, Nitrate, Lead, Copper, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese, Hardness, Zinc, Cadmium, Cobalt, Chromium, and Nickel. Recommended for homeowners with private wells who want a more complete picture of your water quality.
- Even without a change in color, smell, or taste of the water, many things like bacteria 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 bacteria are recommended so you can keep your family healthy. Water test results are for your knowledge only. If your water result is unsafe, you can decide to treat your water or not. Visit the Eau Claire City-County Health Department website at www.ehealthdepartment.org for more info!

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

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

Agendas Posted at:
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Fire Station
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