

Town of Rutland

Town Chairman Update

It's hard to believe that it's already been one year since I assumed the Chair position. I've learned a lot about how the Town works from the inside, but there's always more to learn!

I was fortunate to meet and talk with many of you in November. One message came through: faster, less expensive and reliable internet service for our residents is important or even critical! I'm beginning our project by collecting detailed information about current services, costs, and how well it works for you. The survey is on the Town's website; please pass along word to your neighbors and friends too! Please also sign up for our email list; this will make it easier and less expensive to communicate with you about Town issues and projects. <http://www.town.rutland.wi.us/>

Several of you also asked about our Town Hall building. I'm planning on restarting discussions on this in 2017. We're going to explore all options to meet the Town needs now and in the future. What is not in question is that we need a better facility for storage of Town records, for our administration and for our elections. I hope that you'll join in these discussions!

Finally, the Board developed a budget and avoided any tax increase. We have a fiscally sound budget and I want to thank the town residents who participated in the process. On a cautionary note, in the future we will likely need additional revenue if we're to maintain our current level of services and road maintenance. I hope you will be a part of that process to help us review and determine what spending is essential to maintaining the quality services you expect.

Wishing you and yours the very best for this holiday season!

Mark Porter

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chair@town.rutland.wi.us

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Shawn Hillestad 608-575-8899

Nels Wethal 608-577-5691

Building Inspector

Steve Kittleson 608-445-9715

Assessor

Gardiner Appraisal 608-943-8009

Road Patrolmen

Nels Wethal 608-577-5691

Dennis Wendt 608-577-5692

Meetings

***The
Town Board meets
the first Tuesday of
each month @
6:30pm, unless
otherwise noted.***

***The
Planning Commission
meets the first
Monday of each
month @ 6:30pm,
unless otherwise
noted.***

Collection & Recycle Center

The Collection & Recycle Center is available for Town of Rutland residents. You must have a permit to use the Center. Permits are available at the Center from the attendants during normal hours.

The Center is for Residential Waste only- not for Construction site waste. Recyclables are to be separated from trash when bringing to the Center. Please be respectful of the rules of the Center when dropping off trash and recyclables. There is also a burn pile at the Center. This is for brush and unpainted/untreated wood only. You may purchase a punch card at the Center. This makes your weekly stops a bit quicker.

The Collection and Recycle Center is located at 4232 Cty A.

Hours are Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm.

Please allow enough time to complete the drop off before 4 pm.

General Tax Information

Enclosed are your 2016 Real Estate and/or Personal property Tax Statements.

Lottery Credit is available for your primary residence.

Escrow Payments are your responsibility to verify payment. No receipt is sent unless requested.

Request your escrow check for exact amount to avoid overpayments.

No Refund issued if less than \$2.

Overpayments are issued once in January and in February.

**I will verify any Tax or Escrow payment has been received via email.

Please email request. treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us

Receipts will be mailed upon request. Please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped envelope with request.

To Avoid Delay in Payments.....

--Please mail early enough to arrive before deadline.

--Make sure check is written out properly; date, correct amount and signed.

--There is a \$30 NSF fee for all returned checks.

Postmark not accepted for December 31st payments

Payments are credited when received, not by date on check.

2017 Elections

Spring Primary-
February 21, 2017

Spring Election-
April 4, 2017

Town Officers Terms that are expiring in 2017;

Chairman, Clerk, Treasurer, One Supervisor seat and Two Constables.

The candidates for the open seats will be nominated at the Caucus to be held in January, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Caucus date will be set at December Board Meeting. Date will be on website.

For absentee ballot, please contact the Clerk. Written requests should be mailed to Clerk @ 4177 Old Stage Rd, Brooklyn, WI 53521.

You must be a registered voter before an absentee ballot can be obtained.

**WISCONSIN NOW
REQUIRES A
PHOTO ID TO
VOTE... LEARN
MORE AT
[HTTP://BRINGIT.
WISCONSIN.GOV/](http://BRINGIT.WISCONSIN.GOV/)**

Tax Payment Information

In Person at Town Hall....

785 Center Rd

Dec 21- Wednesday Noon-5pm

Dec 26- Monday 10am-5pm

Dec 30- Friday 10am-5pm

No Saturday hours

2017

January 27- Friday 1pm-5pm

January 30- Monday 1pm-5pm

January 31- Tuesday 10am-1pm

By Mail

Make checks payable to **Town of Rutland.**

Mail to
**1192 Starr School Rd
Stoughton, WI 53589**

Enclose Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope if you would like a receipt mailed back to you.

Payment by Mail is encouraged.

Drop Box

There is a drop box clearly marked Town of Rutland at the end of my driveway at 1192 Starr School Rd.

Please do not put Tax Payments in US Mailbox.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS-----Online only.

www.town.rutland.wi.us ****Fees will apply****

NO TAX PAYMENTS COLLECTED IN MY HOME

Dog License

Dog licenses need to be purchased before April 30, 2017. Late fee will apply after April 30th of double the normal fees.

Please send the following items:

- Application card-Contact Kim if you didn't receive card.
- The rabies certificate from Vet showing rabies shots are up to date.
- Check for Fee-Please do not add into Tax Payment check.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope.

2017 Fees

Male or Female \$20 - Neutered or Spayed \$15 - Kennel of 12 or less \$100

For more information on
Town Topics, please
visit the Website
www.town.rutland.wi.us

**Fire Departments
Non-Emergency**

Oregon
608-835-5587

Stoughton
608-873-7218

Brooklyn
608-455-3812
brooklynfireems.org

Call for Burning Permits

**Dane Co Sheriff
Non-Emergency
608-255-2345**

**Rutland Church rental
or cemetery plot
purchase**

Please contact.....

Dawn George,
Rutland Town Clerk
608-455-3925

clerk@town.rutland.wi.us

**See also:
www.rutlandchurch.org**

Senior Centers

Town of Rutland Senior Citizens may use either the Stoughton or Oregon Senior Center facilities.

The McFarland case worker is available to meet with seniors at the Stoughton Senior Center. Meals on Wheels service is also offered to those interested or in need.

Outreach services

McFarland Senior Center will provide services for the Stoughton area residents

Oregon Senior Center will provide services for the Oregon area residents.

Oregon Sr. Center 608-835-5801 - Stoughton Sr. Center 608-873-8585

McFarland Sr. Center 608-838-7117

Please call one of the Senior Centers for more information on their services and how they are available to help those in need.

More information on Town of Rutland website

Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report--December 2016

Historic Church available for weddings, funerals, recitals, and meetings

After twelve years of work, the Rutland Center Church is now complete and available for community gatherings and programs. Thanks again to the individuals, groups, and grant-giving organizations that made renovation of the building possible without the use of taxpayer support. While the building is now restored to better than its original condition, occasional maintenance will be required over the coming years.

The Rutland Center Church offers an intimate setting for significant family gatherings as well as a comfortable venue for group meetings of all kinds. The building will accommodate up to one hundred people and is available for all but the coldest months of the year. Its use is not limited to the Town of Rutland Residents.

Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Membership Form

Yes, I'd like to join or rejoin the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery and contribute \$25 or more to the Church and Cemetery Fund. I understand this money may be used for the continued maintenance of the church, landscaping projects, or the design and construction of a future out building on the grounds.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Make check out to the Town of Rutland and put "Rutland Church" in the memo portion. Mail to:

Dawn George, Clerk, Town of Rutland, 4177 Old Stage Rd. Brooklyn, WI 53521