

Hello Rutland Neighbors:



Summer is Road Work Season.

The County is finishing with widening the shoulders on Highway A and will soon be replacing some of the culverts. For most of the summer parts of the road will continue to be closed from day to day, but open after 4 pm.

The Town will be repaving Lake Kegonsa Road between County Rd. A and SH 138 in the next few weeks. The tentative schedule is to place gravel on the road starting June 17. Payne and Dolan will pulverize the surface around July 2. Our Road Patrolmen Nels and Chester will then grade and shape the road. Weather permitting, Payne and Dolan will begin the repaving starting around July 10. The shouldering will then take place later in July or early August. Please feel free to share this information with your neighbors! And thank you for your patience while this much needed work is completed.

Planning Commission News:

The Planning Commission is meeting monthly with Dane County Zoning for continuing education purposes. These meetings are informational and no action is taken. Topics have included TDRs (transfer of development rights), landowner splits, setbacks, zoning districts, and the Comprehensive Plan. The UW-Madison Center for Land Use Education is offering several webinars this summer that members of the planning commission will be participating in. Topics include roles of plan commission and zoning board members, zoning to protect groundwater, planning and zoning for affordable housing, updating your comprehensive plan, large scale solar, planning for electric vehicle chargers, and subdivision ordinances.

The Planning Commission is also working with the Comprehensive Plan Task Force in updating the Plan. Please watch for a follow-up survey in the next month.

What's happening with the new Town Hall and Garage?

- Perc testing has been completed for the new site.
- A drainage plan has been created and the building moved further back to help manage water runoff from the new building and site.
- The contract for the engineered steel building has been awarded.
- Tentative site preparation is planned for the beginning of August.



Current design and other documents are available on the project website: townofrutlandwi.gov

Road Safety:

Members of the Town Board met with representatives from the Department of Transportation to discuss improvements to road safety in Rutland. Topics included speed limits on some areas of town roads. Additionally, several residents of Rutland have requested further discussion of allowing ATVs and UTVs on some town roads. The Board will continue to review these issues.

New Canoe Landing on County A:

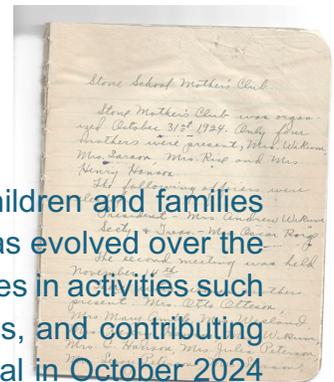


The Friends of the Badfish Creek Watershed have been working hard to clear the brush and create access to the new Badfish Creek canoe landing on County A just west of Gallagher Lane. This 3-acre site was acquired for \$1 from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District this past winter, and members of FOB have been hard at work this spring to create a driveway, canoe/ kayak access, and a beautiful clearing for public use. We expect this will add to Rutland's reputation as an excellent paddling destination. Thanks to the FOB and its volunteer crew for this wonderful new amenity and please stop by to take a look.



Old Stone Mothers Club – 100 Years!

The Stone Mothers Club was formed in 1924 to help support the children and families of the one-room schools in Rutland – an early version of a PTA. It has evolved over the 100 years since then into a neighborhood organization that participates in activities such as Adopt a Family and food collection at the holidays, road cleanups, and contributing funds to local schools and senior centers. It celebrates its Centennial in October 2024 and its members are currently working on the celebration event. Watch for more details!



Update on this year's "Open Book"

Each year the town is required to allow property owners the ability to view and discuss their property values with the assessor. This May when the town assessor did the Open Book for Rutland, a number of residents had questions and requested that the assessor revalue some properties. The assessor commented that they were going to do a 20% reduction on all land values within a 3 miles area of K and D Stone. (The assessor sets the value, not the town board.) After further thought the assessor decided to cancel all the appointments for Board of Review meeting (when the assessor and landowner discuss the appraised values with an appointment at the town hall).

The Board of Review met as required by state statute and Chair Knutson asked "how did the assessor come up with the 20% value reduction on the land value within 3 miles radius of K and D Stone?" Supervisor Porter agreed and the entire Board wanted a special meeting with the assessor to better understand the process that they will use. This meeting was held June 11th. During the meeting the assessor explained the process they use to make any adjustment to any property. They will be reviewing their assessment of Rutland Township and will have another **Open Book on July 10th** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Town Hall. There is another **Board of Review set for July 17th** at 5:00 pm.

Volunteers Welcome:

A Special Thank You to all of the volunteers that have stepped forward this past year. The Website Committee, the Building Committee, the Comprehensive Plan task force, the Collection Center Committee and the residents who helped dig post holes for the sign and the new electrical panel, cleaning up the ditches, I could go on.

We are currently in need of individuals to help Dawn with applying for some of the new grant options for our roads. As you might know it will take some time and there will be a learning curve. Participate in your local governance! If you'd like to be part of the discussion please email the Chair. And please consider attending our Town Board meetings, held on the first Wednesday night of the month.

Budget Trivia Question:

How much has Rutland paid in the past 5 years for road maintenance, repair, and rebuilding? Just the items that make up the actual road, not including labor, equipment, salt, and other seasonal items.



As we move through the Summer we will start work on the 2025 budget. One of the largest budget items for every township is road rebuilding and maintenance. This includes pavement, crack sealing, sealcoating, gravel, and cold mix. Our roads are a huge investment and expense each year. Maintaining and caring for them is important for a Town.

How much do you think the Town of Rutland spent in the last 5 years for pavement, crack sealing, sealcoating, gravel, and cold mix? Approximately -

\$952,000.00 \$1,352,000.00 \$1,652,000.00 \$1,952,000.00 \$2,152,000.00

See answer below.

Received an email from a Rutland official but it seems odd?

Nefarious people can easily "spoof" a sender's email address, making it look, at first glance, like it's from someone you may know. To check this, either hover your cursor over the sender's email or click on it, the true sender's email will then be displayed. For instance:

From: **Mark Porter** <board.membership572h@gmail.com>

You can see that while this lists Mark Porter's name as the sender, the actual email address doesn't match his Town email (Rutland's town email addresses are @town.rutland.wi.us) and is actually from some random gmail address.

Never click on any link in a phishing email- tag it as spam and/or delete it!

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the Chair.

Thank you.

Kent Knutson, Chair, Town of Rutland.
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***Trivia Question:** * The Town of Rutland has spent approximately **\$2,152,000.00** in the past 5 years on town roads for pavement, crack sealing, sealcoating, gravel, and cold mix. The information can be found in the annual budgets on the town website for the time period 2019 to 2023.