

TOWN OF RUTLAND-----2024

Hello Rutland Neighbors:

A special thank you to everyone who stepped up to volunteer in the Community this year.



I know Dawn George is very appreciative of everyone who helped with the elections. Thanks to those who helped us tidy up Graves Cemetery, to Chris and Kathy Ziembra for their work at the historic Rutland Church, to the Building Committee, the Comprehensive Plan task force, and the Website committee. You may also have noticed that the Collection Center has had a face lift – thanks to that group as well.

Also a special welcome to our new Patrolman Dave Mikkelson. Dave has been catching on very quickly and will be a valuable asset for the Town.

Town Hall and Garage update:

The new Town Hall and Garage are underway. The footing and foundation are in and the building should be going up soon. Earlier this year Senator Mark Sprietzer informed us about a possible grant for the new town hall. Supervisor Mark Porter wrote and submitted the application, and I followed up with Senator Sprietzer, Senator Melissa Agard, State Representative Jenna Jacobson and others regarding the progress of the grant. (Mark, Melissa and Jenna followed up with me.) **As a result the Town was awarded a \$300,000 grant** towards the construction of our building. We hope to use some of the money to purchase chairs, tables, and some audiovisual equipment, and use the balance to pay down on the loan that we have.

Rutland's Comprehensive Plan

Over the past 16 months the Comprehensive Plan Task force has been working with Sean Higgins and Caitlin Shanahan from Capital Area Regional Planning along with Majid Allen from Dane County Zoning. Majid has been very helpful in providing background information and helping to educate us about planning issues and approaches. Residents have given feedback in two separate surveys and will be able to review a draft in the upcoming months.

Kent Knutson, Chair, Town of Rutland.

chairknutson@town.rutland.wi.us

Town Board Members

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Please call or email Chairman or Supervisors with any questions or concerns.

Planning Commission

Kent Knutson 608-335-9957

Joshua Cooper 920-544-6095

Bill Boerigter 608-320-1052

James Huycke 262-995-4580

Meetings

Town Board meets first Wednesday after the first Monday of each Month @ 6:30PM, unless otherwise posted.

Planning Commission meets the first Monday of the Month @ 6:30PM, unless otherwise posted.

Fire Departments Non Emergency

Oregon 608-835-5587

Stoughton 608-873-7218

Brooklyn 608-455-3812

Dane Co Sheriff Non Emergency

608-255-2345

For more information on Town Topics, please visit the Website

www.town.rutland.wi.us

Road Patrolmen

Chester Ace 608-730-5054

Dave Mikkelson 608-730-5490

Please call either of the Road Patrolmen with any road issues/concerns. Leave a message if no answer.

Building Inspector

Steve Kittleson 608-445-9715

Assessor

See Website for information

2025 Elections

Spring Primary (if needed) –

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Presidential Preference & Spring Election –

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Town Officer

A Town Board Chairperson, for a term of two years, to succeed Kent Knutson, whose term will expire April 15, 2025

A Town Board Supervisor, for a term of two years, to succeed Sue Williams, whose term will expire April 15, 2025.

A Town Board Supervisor, for a term of two years, to succeed Jim Dorn, whose term will expire April 15, 2025

Nomination papers must be filed with the Town Clerk by January 7, 2025, for the offices listed above. If more than 2 candidates file qualified nomination papers for Chairperson or 4 candidates file qualified nomination papers for town supervisor, a primary election will be held on February 18, 2025.

To obtain an absentee ballot-

Please go to MyVote.wi.gov and click on "Request an absentee ballot", or Send the clerk a letter or email requesting an absentee ballot. (The address is 4177 Old Stage Rd., Brooklyn, 53521) You must include your name, address and a photo ID. (If you have requested an absentee ballot in the past, a photo ID may not be necessary.) Also state which election you want to get a ballot for or indicate that you would like all ballots for the calendar year.

Property Tax Information

Tax Payment Information

- Pay early...Last minute payments do not allow time for corrections if necessary.
- Checks payable to: Town of Rutland
- Make sure check is written out clearly and properly; date, correct amount and signed
- December payments must be paid in December. Postmark not accepted.
- Payments are credited when received, not by date on check.
- Provide email/phone number with payment.
- Enclose Self Addressed Stamped Envelope if you would like a receipt.
- No Refund issued if less than \$2.
- Overpayments are issued once in January and in February.

\$40 NSF Fee on Returned Checks

Mail payment to-

Town of Rutland, Treasurer
1192 Starr School Rd
Stoughton WI 53589

Enclosed is a Blue addressed envelope for your convenience for payment.

Drop Box is located at the end of Treasurer's driveway at the address above. The Drop box is clearly marked "Town of Rutland". Please do not put Tax payments in US Mailbox.

Credit Card Payment option on website. Drop down to taxes under Government. There is a fee for CC payments; this is not a Town of Rutland fee.

Escrow Payments

Please contact Treasurer for receipt or verify payment. A Self-Addressed, Stamped envelope is requested for mailed receipt.

Please Sign your Escrow checks if made out to you and the Town or they will be returned for signature.

Questions??.....email is best way to contact Kim. treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us

Dog License Information

Please send the following to Treasurer

- Application card (if you have one) completed with owner & dog info.
- The Vet certificate showing current rabies info.
- Check for fee... PLEASE DO NOT ADD INTO TAX PAYMENT CHECK.
- Self-addressed stamped envelope for license to be mailed back to you.

2025 Fees

Neutered/Spayed \$20

Male/Female \$30

Kennel \$100

Dane County raised the Dog License Fees for 2025.

Senior Center

Town of Rutland Senior Citizens may use either the Stoughton or Oregon Senior Center facilities. Meals on Wheels service is also offered to those interested or in need.

Outreach services....

Oregon Senior Center will provide services for the Town of Rutland residents.

Oregon Sr. Center 608-835-5801

Stoughton Sr. Center 608-873-8585

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

Collection and Recycle Center

The Collection & Recycle Center is available for Town of Rutland residents. Permits are available at the Center from the attendants during normal hours.

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

Hours are Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm. Also, now open the Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month 4-7pm.

Please allow enough time to complete the drop off before closing.

See Town of Rutland website for updated Collection Center information

Attention Residents: to ensure Fire, EMS and other first responders can quickly gain access to your home or other buildings in case of an emergency, please note the following:

Driveways must be clear and open at least 16' in height and 24' in width. Brush, trees and other obstacles must be removed and maintained to ensure these minimum clearances. Failure to do so could result in a delay in first responders reaching your home in the event of an emergency.

Please remember-

- *** Keep your Fire number visible for First Responders
- *** Place your private garbage containers in your own driveway, NOT on roads.
- ***Your votes in elections are important

Rutland Center Church

The historic church building near the corner of Hwy 14 and Rome Corners has been a part of Rutland history since 1852. Over the past 20 years, our community has worked to ensure this historic site remains preserved and available for public use. If you are interested in helping with occasional painting, carpentry, or landscaping projects, please let us know. Or consider donating toward the continued maintenance of the historic church and grounds.

Yes, I would like to support the **Friends of the Rutland Center Church** by:

____ Volunteering

____ Donating in the amount of \$ _____

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Name

Email _____

Phone _____

Make checks payable to: Town of Rutland and **write 'Friends of Rutland Church'** in memo.

Mail to: Dawn George – Clerk, Town of Rutland, 4177 Old Stage Rd, Brooklyn, WI 53521

For more information, please visit rutlandchurch.org