# **TOWN OF RUTLAND-----2025**

## **Hello Rutland Neighbors:**



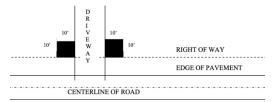
The new Rutland Town Hall officially opened to the public on September 20th with an Open House. It was well attended and received many positive comments. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, please check out the Rutland History Wall which contains historic photos, maps, and paintings. If your family has any historical material about Rutland, please consider loaning it to the Town to expand the History Wall. Thanks to our Patrolmen Chester Ace and Dave Mikkelson for their hard work with the landscaping, and to the volunteers who have been planting and watering. We would be happy to add you to the list of volunteers so that next spring our Town Hall will come into full bloom. Signage for the Town Hall will be coming soon.

The Town of Rutland website will soon include a Photo Gallery of residents' photos of our beautiful town. Have you taken any photos of your favorite scenes and views around our community? Please consider adding them to the Gallery by going to the Town website and clicking on the link to upload your photos.

The Town Board is committed to making the Town Hall and its services accessible to everyone in our community. We are discussing a policy that will allow Rutland clubs and organizations to use the meeting room for small gatherings. Watch for updates this winter.

**Public Safety**: After being part of the Oregon Fire and EMS District for the past several years, I've noticed how visible, or invisible, some of our residents' fire numbers are. Emergency vehicles use these numbers and any extra time looking for them is crucial time wasted in an emergency. Here are a few suggestions:

\* Make sure your fire number is visible from both directions on the road. If your number is damaged or has lost its reflectivity, please order a new one. (This is an expense to the resident).



- \* Place your sign closer to the road in the shaded areas of this diagram, within 10' of your driveway and the road.
- \* Keep all grass, plants, and shrubs cut back so the fire number is visible year-round.

**Broadband Update**: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law created the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program with a goal of providing high-speed internet for all Wisconsinites. BEAD will support the deployment of qualifying internet technology that provides service of 100/20 Megabits per second (Mbps) download/upload to all households and businesses in Wisconsin that lack access to 100/20 Mbps.

Wisconsin is allocated \$1,055,823,574 through a formula based on the state's proportion of locations lacking access to broadband service, calculated using Federal Communications Commission (FCC) maps. Rutland was one of the communities chosen for approval. Now we wait and see if the Fed follows through with the money. For more details on this allocation, please visit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA).

Kent Knutson, Chair, Town of Rutland. chairknutson@town.rutland.wi.us

### **Town Board Members**

Kent Knutson-Chairman 608-335-9957 chairknutson@town.rutland.wi.us

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Kim Sime-Treasurer 608-873-8781 treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us

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

## **Planning Commission**

 James Huycke
 262-995-4580

 pcchair@town.rutland.wi.us

 Joshua Cooper
 920-544-6095

 Bill Boerigter
 608-320-1052

 Dereck Nedveck
 608-212-6259

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 608-354-8814

 Kent Knutson
 608-335-9957

#### 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

### **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.

## **Building Inspector**

Steve Kittleson 608-445-9715

### <u>Assessor</u>

See Website for information

### 2026 Elections

February 17 - Spring Primary (if necessary)

April 7 - Spring election

August 11 - Partisan Primary

November 3 - General Election

### **Town Officer**

A Town Board Supervisor, for a term of two years, to succeed Mark Porter, whose term will expire April 21, 2026.

A Town Board Supervisor, for a term of two years, to succeed, Nancy Nedveck, whose term will expire April 21, 2026

Nomination papers must be filed with the Town Clerk by January 6, 2026, 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 17, 2026.

#### 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 785 Center Rd., Stoughton WI 53589) 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 if ballots for the calendar year.

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

# **Property Tax Information**

## **Tax Payment Information**

- -- Pay early... Last minute payments do not allow time for corrections if necessary.
- --Checks made payable to: Town of Rutland
- --Make sure checks are written out clearly for the correct amount and signed.
- --December payments must be received in December. Postmark not accepted for Dec payment
- --Payments are credited when received, not by the date on check.
- --Provide email/phone number with payment in case of any questions.
- -- 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- \*\*\*Please note NEW ADDRESS

Town of Rutland, Treasurer

785 Center Rd

Stoughton WI 53589

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

**Drop Box** is located at the Town hall by the front door.

<u>Credit Card</u> 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.

\*\*\*There are no set hours for the Treasurer at the Town hall. Front door will be open when Treasurer is at the office.

Questions??....email is best way to contact Kim. <a href="mailto:treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us">treasurer@town.rutland.wi.us</a>

## **Dog License Information**

- -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.

#### **2026 Fees**

Neutered/Spayed \$20 Male/Female \$30 Kennel \$100

### **Collection and Recycle Center**

The Collection & Recycle Center is available for Town of Rutland residents located at 4232 Cty A.

Hours are Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm. Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month;

April thru October open 3pm-7pm and November thru March open 5pm-7pm.

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

See Town of Rutland website for updated Collection Center information

### **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 outreach services for all of Town of Rutland residents.

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

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

## Please remember-

- \*\*\* Please do not place your private garbage containers in the road for safety of traffic.
- \*\*\* Keep your Fire number visible for First Responders

For more information, please visit rutlandchurch.org

- \*\*\*Your votes in elections are important
- \*\*\*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.

#### **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.

Please consider donating toward the continued maintenance of the historic church and grounds.

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Volunteering
Donating in the amount of \$
In Honor of:
In Memory of:
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mail
Phone
lake checks payable to: Town of Rutland and write 'Friends of Rutland Church' in memo.
fail to: Town of Rutland, 785 Center Rd Stoughton WI 53589

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