



Winter 2017

Quarterly Newsletter

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A Note from the Chairman:

On November 15th, 2017 we held a Public Hearing on the proposed 2018 Town Budget and immediately following we held a Special Town Meeting of Electors. We reviewed the budget and answered any questions and concerns from the electors. The electors approved the 2018 Tax Levy of \$485,234.00. The Town Tax Levy rate will be \$2.42 per \$1000.00 of assessed value, about the same as last year. The town board and I worked together to help keep cost in line with our current budget at all times. Thank you to all board members for their work this past year.

With winter almost here, so is plowing of town roads. You must not push snow across the road from your driveway, or leave piles of snow on the edge of the roadway or on the roadway. It is unsafe for drivers and plow trucks. This directly violates Wisconsin State statues 86.01 and sec. 346.94(5). If you have any questions or issues about snow plowing of our roads, please call me or one of our Supervisors.

The holiday season is upon us, and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! I hope to see you at the next town board meeting.

Thank you,
Dennis J. Cashman

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Town Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone spends time with their family, friends, and neighbors during this Christmas season.

The tax bills are being mailed out on December 11. If you do not receive your bill by December 21, please call the County Treasurers' Office at 448-4074. Please look over your bill and make sure you have the lottery credit if the home you have in Rockland is your primary residence and you do not claim the lottery credit anywhere else. You can only claim the lottery credit in one place. If you have any questions on your tax bill or regarding the lottery credit, please call me at 336-5968.

There is a list of the bank locations that will be accepting tax payments on the tax bill. You may also pay your taxes at the County Treasurers' office or you may mail your payment to the County Office: Brown County Treasurer, P.O. Box 23600, Green Bay, WI 54305-3600. The County Treasurers' office will not be accepting credit card payments in person this year, but you can pay by credit card by going to the website listed on the tax bill.

I will be collecting the dog licenses again this year. All dogs must be licensed. This is a State Law and there are no exceptions. The fee for 2018 is \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog, OR \$10.00 for a male dog that is not neutered or a female dog that is not spayed. Kennel licenses are for anyone who has 3 or more dogs. A kennel license is \$40.00. All applications MUST be received by April 1, 2018, or a late fee of \$5.00 will be applied. Enclose a copy of the rabies shot history for each dog. This will be kept on file with the Town. Please make checks payable to: Town of Rockland.

Below is a form to fill out and send with a SELF-ADDRESSED, stamped envelope to me along with the fee for the license. I will then send you the 2018 license for your dog.



Dog License for 2018

Wisconsin State Law dictates that all dogs must be licensed; there are no exceptions. Please fill out the following application and return to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115 along with your check made out to the Town of Rockland.

Name of dog _____ Phone Number _____

Name of dog owner _____

Address _____

Breed _____ Color _____ Chip no. if available _____

Male _____ Female _____ Neutered _____ Spayed _____

Remember to enclose a copy of the rabies shot history for each dog.

A Message from Supervisor Lasee



Hi Rockland Friends,

Your town board is wrapping up business for 2017. We adopted a new budget and set the tax rate for 2018. The Chairman, Clerk and Supervisors worked to keep spending under control, as well as your property tax rate, which will be slightly lower.

Well, another deer hunting season has wrapped up and it appears to have been a safe one even for the deer, as I didn't get one again - 3rd year now! But I had a great time with my neighbors who hunt with us on the farm including our 11th annual liver and onion fry for lunch on opening Saturday. Thanks to my wife Jan.

Can you believe only 25 days till Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, did you know that the De Pere School District continues this stupid and "politically correct" policy of mandating that there be no reference to Christmas in the classroom? So the children can't sing any Christmas carols with a reference to the birth of Jesus Christ or use the word Christmas in case it may offend someone. Maybe the school board should have taken a history class and read about our founding fathers who wrote the constitution and created this nation based on Christian values. Even president Trump has set up a nativity in the White House including religious statues. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ. What part of that doesn't the school board get? In the election last November, Trump ran against political correctness and won. Citizens need to pay close attention to what goes on in our schools. And when they come around annually wanting to raise taxes, issues like this need to be talked about. Non-Christians can get their own holiday and some do. Sorry to get on my high horse, but most people aren't aware of this practice in school. Call them.

In closing, snow is in our future. If you'd like to call me or the board please do to let us know of any problems.

Warmest Regards, and have very Merry Christmas, *Alan*

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



Spring Elections are coming. Make sure you are registered to vote by going onto the State of Wisconsin's website for voters: MyVote.WI.Gov. Here you can confirm that you are registered, and confirm that you are set to vote this spring. If you encounter trouble with your registration, or with any issue regarding being able to vote, there is a new volunteer group in Brown County at work to help you sort it out.

COVO, the Coalition Of Voting Organizations of Brown County, WI, works to register voters, educate new voters with simulated elections (including poll books and a voting ballots), and assist individuals with obtaining the proper identification for use on election day. There is no cost for their services. Their goal is to get everyone who is eligible to vote registered and voting.

Call them at 920-445-8671 to inquire about services, or look them up on Facebook at "COVOBCWI". Like them and follow them to keep up with efforts to get Brown County residents the best represented in the state.

David Verhagen, Election Registration Official

NEWS from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

Garbage and Recycling News

The winter months are here and the snow will be falling and the wind will be blowing. Please keep this in mind when you put your garbage and recycling out. Please try to put your containers out by the road in the morning if at all possible especially if it is snowing. It is difficult for the snow plow drivers to see the containers when they are plowing the roads. When putting your containers by the road, remember to have them in your drive way if possible. Try not to have them on the road. This will help the snow plow drivers.

Remember that all dairy containers & lids, bakery & deli containers are now accepted in recycling. Some items that are not accepted are plastic bags, Styrofoam, hoses, ropes, tires, electronics, and clothing. When these items are placed in your bin for recycling they become contamination. Thank you to the Residents of the Town of Rockland for the wonderful job you are doing with recycling. If you have any questions on recycling do not hesitate to call the Brown County Recycling Center at 920-492-4950.



Reminder to Residents from the Zoning Administrator



Prior to considering any re-zones, contact the Zoning Administrator. Your surveyor may not always know all of our regulations.

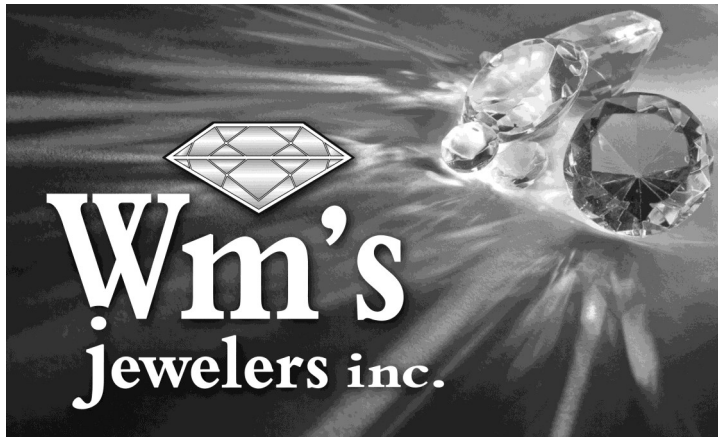


When considering any changes to your property, including remodeling, new construction, driveways, etc. contact the Zoning Administrator first to find out the requirements of the Rockland Zoning Ordinance. You can also find the ordinance online at [www. Townofrockland.org](http://www.Townofrockland.org), click on the Ordinances tab. It takes a few minutes to load, so be patient.



If zoning changes or conditional use permits are required, the information must be delivered to the Zoning Administrator by the 15th of month 1 to be placed on the Plan Commission agenda of month 2. Final approval comes from the Town Board at its meeting in month 3. **PLAN AHEAD.**





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A Message from Supervisor Meeuwsen:

Hello Rockland Residents,

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, hunting and the fall season. It won't be long and we will be shoveling and hoping for summer. It does seem like warm weather is a long way off but it's not too early to think about preparing for spring.

If you have an interest in planting seedlings / trees in spring, they usually need to be ordered in January. There are many places to order trees but one I thought would be of interest is the UW extension in Green Bay (uwex.edu). They offer a variety of trees and if you buy enough a tree planter is available to rent. The details will be available from them in mid-December. They offer many other services for the community and have been a great resource over the years.

On another note, our town budget is set for next year and being my first time to assist I was impressed with the effort and detail that goes into putting it together. It is a bigger challenge than I had thought and everyone did their best to keep costs under control and still provide quality services.

Have a great Holiday season,

Matt Meeuwsen

ADDRESS CHANGES

We would like all of our residents to receive a copy of our newsletter, either electronically or by mail. If you know of a resident who is not receiving one, or know of someone who just recently moved, please contact Clerk Julie Koenig to notify her of the change via e-mail at jkoenig@townofrockland.org or phone (920) 336-2814. Thank you!



ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS

Happy Holidays from the Rockland 4-H Club.

December is a busy fun filled month for the 4-H members. Community service tops the list. At the November meeting we made Gift Bags and greeting cards for Gift Certificates and small items. We will use these bags for our Adopt a Family to add some Christmas cheer to their holiday. For the Adopt a Family, members are shopping at Shopko in DePere on Saturday morning and then will label and wrap the gifts. Money earned at our Horse Show food stands will support the gifts and additional monies gifted to the Club will be used to buy Gas and Grocery gift cards for a number of families in the DePere school district area. We thank our sponsors for giving us the ability to support these community service programs.



In addition, We are baking and decorating 500 plus Christmas cut out cookies and sharing them with friends of 4-H in and out of the town, with grandparents, with our Adopt a Family, and other friends in assisted care. Our Christmas party starts with gift wrapping, cookie sorting and packing, playing Christmas bingo, and eating pizza. Everyone has a great time. In our last newsletter we mentioned State Fair Awards from the Brown County Fair and we missed a few awards: James Anderson - Horticulture, Lauren Sroda - Woodworking, and Caroline Schlies - Flowers. At our October meeting, Olivia Kamps gave a presentation on her month long 4-H trip to Japan in late July - early August. Zak and Josh Hodgdon gave a presentation on their trip to Space Camp.



DO YOU REMEMBER: In the early 60's - in the 2 weeks after Christmas - the Rockland Boys 4H Club would collect the discarded used real Christmas trees at Lincoln School (50-60 trees) and take them over to the club's Wildlife Center (North-east corner Midway and Ryan Roads Tony Hutjens' woods) - and set up winter protection for wild life birds and animals. Their Club received a state award for their efforts.

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- Trash & Recycle
- Large Item Pick-Up
(Please call Harter's office at 888-804-8556 for pricing and to schedule by 2pm on Tuesday before pickup day.)

- Holiday Observance
- Jan 1st - New Year's Day
- May 28th - Memorial Day
- July 4th - Independence Day
- Sept 3rd - Labor Day
- Nov 22nd - Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 25th - Christmas Day

Be Ready to Cast Your Vote Rockland!



Election equipment will be tested on February 13, 2018 at 11:00 am and on March 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Rockland Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Hello Rockland!

Oh, the times they are a changin'. Bob Dylan sang it best, but it is certainly true with today's elections. For those of you who haven't yet met me, I'm new to the position of Clerk, and boy am I learning a ton! It's a great time for me to come into the election process because much of what we do at an election is about to become *elec- tronic*.

Registration is greatly simplified for anyone with computer access. Simply go to **myvote.wi.gov** and check to be sure you're registered. You will need to complete that process at least 20 days prior to the election. Online registration couldn't be easier. For those who will be eligible to vote because they've turned 18, and or those with name changes or address changes, it's as simple as going onto the website and starting the process. Take a minute to look around while you're there. It's a pretty awesome site which provides information about the races on the ballot, about polling place information, and even how to get an absentee ballot. If you aren't yet registered online in time, you'll be required to register in person.

Election information will be posted there 21 days in advance of state or local races, and 47 days in advance of a federal race. Brown County has some municipalities that are beta testing an electronic system for voter registration which may one day replace the poll books. It's amazing, and likely to be adopted statewide in the next few years.

Rockland has historically had a pretty high turnout. Let's keep it going Rockland!

Rockland Town Clerk,
Julie Koenig

2018 ELECTION SCHEDULE

February 20, 2018 Spring Primary

April 3, 2018, Spring Election

August 14, 2018, Partisan Primary

November 6, 2018, Fall General Election

Rockland early in-person absentee voting hours are as follows:

February 20th primary:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Feb 5, 6, 8,
& Feb 12, 13, 15 9:30am -1:30pm

Evening hours are offered Monday, February 5th
and Thursday February 8th 4:30-7:00.

For the April 3rd election:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Mar 19, 20, 22,
& Mar 26, 27, 29 9:30am -1:30pm

Evening hours are offered Monday, March 19th
& Thursday March 29th 4:30-7:00.