



Fall 2019

Quarterly Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This fall we will be removing dead trees from the right of way on certain town roads. The cutting of these trees will eliminate emergency cutting at night or in storms when these trees break and tip over.

We will also be cutting ditch vegetation to the backside of the ditches where possible. This process removes grass and brush and keeps the ditches clean for water flow.

In my opinion, the best time of the year is upon us— the fall season. Days are cooler, trees are turning vibrant colors, hunting season starts and it's harvest time for farmers. Farmers will work day and night harvesting their crops, hauling out manure and tilling their fields. Please be patient with farm equipment on our roads for the next couple of months.

Enjoy the fall weather and hope to see you at our next Town Board meeting.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

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News from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

Summer has come and gone. I hope everyone had time to rest and relax a little. Recycling and garbage is going good for the Town of Rockland. I am applying for a grant again this year. The Town has gotten this grant for several years. This year our grant was for \$2,409.00. This is used to help pay for the recycling pick up. In order to apply for the grant, we must be in compliance with state weights. These weights are what the state says each person must recycle in a year. So far the Town has always been above the required weights per person. Keep recycling.



I will have dog licenses for 2020 available by November 1, 2020. The fees are \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$10.00 for a dog that is not neutered or spayed. The application will be in the December newsletter. It will also be posted on the website. Remember all dogs must be licensed. This is a state law.

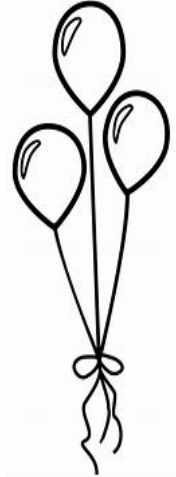
Just an early reminder that your tax bills will be mailed to you around December 8. When you get your bill, make sure you look for the lottery credit. You are eligible for the lottery credit if this is your primary residence and you do not claim the lottery credit on another property. You also must have lived in the residence on January 1, 2019.

Last year I went through our Town bills and found several did not have the lottery credit on them. It was mostly new homes in our Town. It is your responsibility to apply for the lottery credit. If you have questions regarding the lottery credit or your tax bill, do not hesitate to call me. I will try to answer your questions or get you to the proper person for help.

Watch for buses and remember you must stop when the bus has flashing red lights on. You must stop behind the bus as well as coming toward the bus. Please keep our children safe. Have a wonderful fall.

Hey Rockland,

Did you know you can rent the Town Hall for \$75/day, with a \$100 security deposit (refundable*). The Rockland Town Hall is a great venue for get togethers, grad parties and showers.



With seating and tables for up to 150 people, a stove and refrigerator, we can accommodate parties too large for your house. With our new rental terms and ample parking, it is a very appealing venue for any resident hosting a party.

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Hello Rockland residents,

Another summer has come to a close and we will soon see the fall colors. I feel fortunate to live where we get to experience all the seasons and the joys that come with each one.

The storms we had this summer caused a power outage for many of us and the longer it went the more inconvenient it became. I know the utility company had everyone out trying to resolve the issues. It may be a good idea to go through an emergency checklist and items with everyone in your family. Practice being prepared : test run a generator a few times a year, check flashlight batteries, and have some bottles of water available. We will be more prepared at our house if it happens again. I'm really glad we don't have to deal with hurricanes!

We have some issues on the table for the Town this fall and there are strong feelings on both sides of some of these topics. We want to hear what you think so we can make the most informed decision for our town. If you want to have input send one of us an email or come to a meeting.

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 by phone at (920) 336-2814, or by email at jkoenig@townofrockland.org Thank you!

If you're new to Rockland—welcome! Please take a moment to update your voter information on MyVote.WI.GOV. You can register, change your name or address and save some time on election day.

Hi to all of Rockland,

What a nasty couple of weeks this has been, weather-wise. Hope you are all ok. As I write this letter on Sept 11th, my rain gauge shows more than 2 and a half inches of rain in one day; not to mention the three inches a few weeks earlier. Water everywhere. If you see problems with a road or culvert please give one of us a call.

This may be old news, but that huge wind storm did some serious damage in isolated areas in Rockland. Electricity was off for a couple of days; everyone was scrambling to find generators. You may not know it but my neighbor John Van Noie, lost a barn. It had to be a isolated tornado. The wind blew half of the entire roof up and over the 2 story farm house never touching it and landed it in a field 200 yards away. Many folks lost trees. Just south of Lasee Road, trees were twisted off 10 and 15 feet off the ground. Enough about weather.

Your town board is working on several issues and one is to draft an ordinance to allow certain off road ATV/UTVs to be on town roads. And we are asking for your thoughts, let us know. (Daytime only please). See insert.

We had planned to repair a large culvert on Old Martin Road east end, we put it out for bids and only one contractor responded. That bid was in excess of \$150,000. So we rejected that offer and will try again maybe early spring when more contractors will bid.

In closing I leave you with this, intellectual brilliance is no guarantee against being dead wrong.

Warmly, Alan



ROCKLAND 4-H CLUB NEWS

Summer is over, we're all back to school and now the 4H Club is making plans for next year's goals and objectives. But not so fast, let's celebrate some of the accomplishments this past summer going into the Brown County Fair. The summer was filled with project meetings, sewing clinics and judging, Fleet Farm Brat Fry, Horse Show Food Stands, scrapbooking with club activities, planting the club plants, sign painting, creating a booth display and we haven't even mentioned weeding the gardens, pruning the fruit trees, chicken feeding and rabbit chasing. Our goal is for all members to participate in the Brown County Fair and we reached that goal. The experience of bring your item(s) to the fair and being judged faced to face, telling the judge how and why you picked this project to the fair, will be something to grow with in the upcoming years for schooling and for your career of choice. So, its not all about a Blue, Red, or White Ribbon, but we do like to acknowledge those members who accomplished the next level:

Candra Carter - Master Gardener - Vegetables AND Master Gardener – Fruit, Poultry Sr. Showmanship Award – Duffle Bag. Lake VanPay - Master Gardener Floral. Paris Riggle won the Pullet Surprise Contest given by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club. She wrote an essay about "exhibition poultry yesterday today and tomorrow" and it won from 35 entries across Wisconsin. She will be receiving the prize of a breeding pair of exhibition chickens and supplies at the show in late September.

STATE FAIR AWARDS: Joshua Metzentine – Ceramic Vase/Woodpecker Decal. Keira Heffereman – Clothing, Paris Riggle-Photography, Aila Rice-Poem and Dog Award

MERIT AWARDS: Paris Riggle – International Foods, Photography, Converse Shoe Painting and a perfect bunch of Kale –Gardening; Rachael Connelly-Photography, Aila Rice - Photography, Lake VanPay-Hydrangea, Candra Carter-Apples, Emilie Simoens – Chiffon Cake and Photography. Lucy Olson – Ceramic Welcome Stone, Keira Heffernan-Butterfly Pillow and Children's Game. Maggie Ewolt-Cookies and Clothing.

We need to also mention in the Poultry category – top awards were received in breed specifics for James Anderson, Candra Carter, Beldenia Chee, and Paris Riggle. We also have two members graduating from the 4H Club – Travis Burkard and Hope Carter. You will be missed, but you are still on our call list when help is needed.

The Club received the Brown County Homemakers award for Community Service. This award is based on the special community events we create and/or participate in during the entire year. Electronics Recycle Day, Meal preparing for the Homeless at the Donald Schneider facility, Adopt a Family at Christmas Time, support of the East De Pere's Birds Nest, Fleet Farms Brat Fry, to mention a few.

October will be our 2019 Achievement Program and then we are off running into our 4H year 2020. Have a great fall. Re-enrollment and new member signup is now available on line.

Last year at the Town's Annual Meeting in April, the Town was notified that the rate for fire protection from Greenleaf Fire Department would be increasing from 3/4 mil to 1 mil as of the 2020 budget. At this year's Annual Meeting, Greenleaf Fire Department reminded all in attendance that the increase would come in the



2020 budget. As a result, the tax rate for services to all Rockland property owners will increase. You are invited to attend the Public Hearing to get more information.

Important Dates:

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month
Planning Commission: (usually) 1st Thursday of each month

September 24th, Tuesday, 7:00 PM First Budget Workshop to set 2020 budget

October 2nd, Wednesday, 7:00 PM Second Budget Meeting, Town proposes to set the Levy Limit, or exceed the Levy

October 5th, Saturday, Last day to share your opinion about ATV/UTV ordinance to be included in recommendation to Town Board

October 7th, Monday. 6:30 Public Hearing on repeal and replace sign ordinance
PH for two residents at 6:45, 7:00, followed by the Town Board meeting at 7:30

October 19th, Saturday, Rockland 4-H Achievement

October 21, Monday, 6:30 PM Public Hearing on the Budget
* Immediately following: Special Town Meeting of the Electors to set the Levy
* Immediately following: Town Board meeting

December 6, Friday, Tax bills mailed

Construction Projects: Please be reminded to get your permits before your building or landscaping project. Permit fees double when taken out after the fact. It's always better to call first and ask questions before you start your project. You could save big money by getting in contact with our Building Inspector, Bob Gerbers. You can reach him by email at bgerbers@townofrockland.org, or by cell phone at 655-8602.

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