



Winter 2019
Quarterly Newsletter
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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the October 21, 2019 Special Meeting of the Electors, the electors approved the 2020 tax levy of \$547,495. The town tax rate will be \$2.65 per \$1,000 of valuation. This is about a 10% increase over last years rate. The increase is due to fire protection rates increasing this year.

On November 18, 2019 we held a public hearing regarding a proposed ATV/UTV ordinance. We reviewed the ordinance and answered any questions and concerns from the public. We even had a Brown County Sheriff Deputy and a DNR Warden present to also help respond to these questions. Later, at the town board meeting, the town board unanimously approved the ATV/UTV Ordinance. It will not go into effect until all the necessary signs are erected. The complete ATV/UTV ordinance is on our town website.

With several snow falls upon us already, plowing of town roads has also started. There is no parking along streets or cul de sacs. Remember when you plow your driveway, do not leave any snow on the town road or on the shoulders of the roadway. Also do not pile snow up in the roadway ditch. This is hazardous for the plow trucks and also may impede drainage in the spring. **REMEMBER: SNOW MEANS SLOW!!!**

Have a Happy Holiday Season! Thank you,
Dennis J. Cashman



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Notes from your Treasurer, Mary Van Dyck

The County Treasurer has notified me that tax bills were to be mailed on December 6. When you receive your tax bill, look it over. Please make sure you have a lottery credit on your bill if the home you have in Rockland is your primary residence. In order to receive the lottery credit, you must have lived in your home as of January 1, 2019. It is up to you to claim the lottery credit. You only need to claim the credit once. Then every year it will be on your tax bill. If you have any questions, please give me a call. My phone number is 920-609-1478.

If you do not receive your tax bill by December 16, give the County Treasurer a call at 920-448-4074. Each year there are bills that get lost or have the wrong address on them. It is your responsibility to pay the taxes on your property. Just because you do not receive a bill doesn't mean you do not have to pay the property tax for the year.

I am also collecting dog licenses for 2020. See the form enclosed with this newsletter. Remember it is a state law that all dogs must be licensed.

May everyone have a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year. Wishing you all a warm and healthy New Year.

Garbage and Recycling News

Winter is here. Snow has been falling since the end of October. Snow plows have already been out in November clearing our town roads. With this in mind, please try to put your garbage and recycling containers out on Monday morning if at all possible, especially if it is snowing. It is very difficult for the plow drivers to see the containers when they are plowing the roads. Please keep the bins on your driveway. If you must put them across the road, make sure they are on the edge and not in the road; any damage caused to bins or to vehicles which collide with the bins is your responsibility. Also please take the containers in as soon as you can after pick up. This will help our snow plow drivers.



Thank you.

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



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Rockland Dog License for 2020

All dogs must be licensed according to state law and there are no exceptions. Please fill out this application and return to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115 along with a check made out to the Town of Rockland. Complete this form by 4/1/2020.

Name of dog _____ **Phone number** _____

Name of dog owner _____

Address _____

Breed _____ **Color** _____ **Chip No. if available** _____

Male _____ **Female** _____ **Neutered** _____ **Spayed** _____

Date of Rabies shot _____ **Expiration Date** _____

There is no parking along Town of Rockland roads or cul de sacs during a snow event. That makes it very hazardous when meeting another vehicle to pass on our roadways AND the snow plows need to get the roads done efficiently for all our residents. Please park in driveways.

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the governance of the Town of Rockland. Committee members, Election Inspectors, and Townspeople who attend our meetings and volunteer their time for the betterment of Rockland — your participation is appreciated!

Hi Friends,

Well winter is here. It came a little early this year, snow and all. As you plow your snow, please remember to push it into areas that won't interfere with the towns snow plows; especially now with this first heavy, wet snow. If you make piles on the road shoulders, it freezes like a brick and can wreck a plow causing breakdowns or injury to drivers.

In the near future, ATVs will be allowed to use town roads in Rockland, thanks to a new ordinance we've adopted. Neighboring townships have already passed ordinances to make it legal. They must not exceed 35 miles per hour and are required to have lights and no riding after 11 pm.

This year's deer hunting resulted in only one buck taken on our property near the Sportsman's Club by my son Joe. Meanwhile, my neighbors Ed, Dave, Joe and son Max saw quite a few deer, a huge flock of turkeys (75 or more) and a large pack of eight coyotes which is rare. That is a surprising number and could cause problems for other animals including small dogs and cats in our township. Coyotes are legal to shoot anytime. Thanks to all of you who are not hunters for being tolerant of those of us who do hunt.

In closing, food for thought. .."People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do". Also, when you talk you are only repeating what you already know but when you listen, you may learn something new.

Stay well with warmest Regards,

Alan

Hello Rockland Residents,

Fall seemed to have come and gone in a flash this year. I hope everyone had time to spend with family at Thanksgiving.

I wanted to make everyone aware of the extraterritorial rules that exist for the state. State statute 62.23 (7a) gives cities the authority to make decisions about zoning in an unincorporated area within a 3 mile radius of their corporate limits. I think it's important that our residents are aware of this because it may affect what Rockland residents are able to do with their property in the future. The City of De Pere has set forth a 10-acre minimum within the 3 mile radius of their corporate limits. If you are already within the 3 mile radius, it will limit your ability to divide up your property.

I would encourage residents who are outside of the 3 mile radius at this time to consider their plans for the future so that they are not restricted by this statute should they wish to divide their property. There have been several recent examples where residents have been limited or unable to fulfill the plans they had for their land. In some instances, this was in relation to dividing their land into parcels for family members or children. While I personally find this statute to be restrictive for Rockland land owners, it is important that our residents are aware so they can be proactive in their plans for the future. (For reference sake, the City of De Pere owns a parcel along Ryan Road between Midway and Old Martin Roads)

Happy Holidays to all,

Matt Meeuwsen

ATV/UTV Ordinance Passes!

Residents are reminded to be courteous when riding on the roads. This will only work if riders follow the rules. Please slow down when nearing pedestrians, the Fox River Trail, dog walkers, horses or cyclists. Max speed limit is 35 MPH. You are not allowed on PP, W, OO, ZZ or 57. You must have headlights and brake lights. If you were born after 1988, you must have a safety certificate from DNR **AND** a drivers license on your person when you ride. If you are younger than 18 you must wear a helmet. Drive single file always. Cross the highways at a 90 degree angle. Do not trespass.

A full listing of the DNR rules can be found in this pictured document by searching dnr.wi.gov, licenses & regulations, then ATV. Stay safe!





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 home. Our new rental terms and ample parking make the town hall a very appealing venue for any resident hosting a party.

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*Have a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month
Planning Commission: (usually) 1st Thursday of ea.
month—please check the calendar

December 6, Friday, Tax bills mailed

Open House: The public is invited to an open house at which the WisDOT, the Federal Highway Administration and Brown County will to share information about the planned South Bridge Connector. The event will be held at Altmayer Elementary School, 3001 Ryan Road on Wednesday, December 11th from 6:30-8:30 pm. A presentation will start at 6:45. All are welcome to attend and provide feedback.



Town offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday December 31st. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!

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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