



Spring 2021

Quarterly Newsletter

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De Pere, WI 54115

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The spring seasonal weight limits on all our town roads will go in effect in the middle of March. The reduced weight limits will help protect the road surfaces when the frost comes out of the roadbeds. Begin and end date will be on the town website, or call a Town Board member

It's been almost one year since our town roads opened up to ATV/UTV routes. It has been going very smoothly. The complete ordinance is on the town website. Thank you to all riders for obeying the ordinance.

The 20th annual Town of Rockland Up Day will be Saturday, April 17th. Please take some time and clean up any litter in the ditches along your property. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Rockland a beautiful place to live. Please note the town rummage sale will be on the same date which is a week earlier than normal. An Electronics Recycle Day will also be held on the 17th.

On the subject of cleaning up; you are allowed one unlicensed vehicle on your property to be stored outside. Other unlicensed vehicles must be stored inside of a building.

Get out and enjoy the upcoming spring weather!

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

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Greetings,

As everyone would agree, it sure is nice to see 2020 in the rearview mirror. The pandemic forced the Fire Department to completely change the way we did business from meetings, training and responding to incidents. It was also another year of being blindsided by unforeseen, unbudgeted, non-funded costly items. First, the pandemic. We had to try and find, then purchase cleaners, sanitizers and PPE (personal protective equipment) to protect not only our staff, but also the citizens we are sworn to protect. One of these purchases required a drive of over 100 miles to pick up some supplies that were in extremely short supply. Next, AFFF-ATC foam. Foam is used on ordinary combustibles (wood, paper, structures) and hydrocarbon (fuel, oil) fires. Enhancing a water stream with foam provides a quick knockdown and excellent burn back (rekindle) protection. It improves firefighter safety and buys precious time for anyone who may be trapped or still trying to escape. Scientists have recently discovered that most foams used by fire departments throughout the country contains PFAS meaning these foams do not break down over time and remain toxic. Once this was known, we removed this foam from our units and have replaced it with foam that is PFAS free. This action will safeguard the health and safety of citizens, our staff and protect the environment. With the pandemic still looming, no decision has been made on having our annual Fireman's Picnic in July or replacing it with some other type of event. Stay informed and get some great safety information by following us on Facebook.

Thank you, stay safe and have a great year!

GREENLEAF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The spring election is April 6th!
Please come down to elect your Town Supervisors, Town Chairman and Town Treasurer. Also on the ballot are school board members, the Superintendent for Public Instruction at the state level and local judges.



BROADBAND/WIFI

On Thursday, March 11th, the Planning Commission will meet to hear from August Nevermann, IV from Brown County regarding the effort to improve connectivity being taken at the county level. The public is welcome to attend to learn more about the process. Please keep in mind this is very early in the process and we are only fact finding right now.

If you have yet to complete your speed test, or if you can do it again, please do so by going to www.browncountywi.gov, scroll to the bottom and follow directions for the speed test. Thank you to everyone who has already done it. Your neighbors who do not have wifi are also very important to this effort.

Be reminded that this is a lengthy and expensive process and we're just getting started. Thank you!



Hello Rockland residents,

We are rolling into spring with a renewed sense of optimism. With an emotional political time that has divided the nation now behind us, and a rising vaccination rate, we can hopefully return to a normal way of life. Everyone has been waiting for the opportunity to get together with family and friends, go out for dinner, see sporting events; normalcy. The town has been able to hold to a normal schedule and we will do our best to maintain that. Our poll workers will be prepared to do the fantastic work they always do for the upcoming election.

Please take the time to vote, it really can make a difference. I believe we will have major changes coming to Rockland in the next few years, a new bridge, annexation by De Pere, and new development. How we adapt to these changes remains to be seen. We are trying to remain rural as long as we can and I believe that is in everyone's best interest.

Stay healthy, Matt

Hi Rockland Friends,

As I write this, that nasty cold snap is over and along with it is the bulk of winter. So far our snow plowing and salting of the roads is below budget. I'm sure more will come, but at least we did not have problems like they did in Texas. I can't imagine being without electricity and water for a week or more. I do worry however, because more and more we are seeing a move towards natural gas generators; the same gas that supplies all the homes in the cities. In Northeast Wisconsin, they've torn down the nuclear plant in Kewanee and the coal burning plant in Green Bay relying on that new plant in Kaukauna (natural gas) . Even with the one remaining nuclear plant in Manitowoc, a backup Plant in West De Pere was fired up. That is powered by diesel fuel, burning 2 to 3 gallons a second - all of which is trucked in. That didn't make the news but I think you should be aware. There needs to be a combination of generators.

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of Louann Herber's passing. She passed on Feb 23rd (not covid). I extend my sincere condolence to Dan and to Louann's brother and sister in-law Ned and Carol Cain. I couldn't wish for better neighbors.

Have you ever seen the Rockland Town Hall sign? Well, it was Dan and Ned who volunteered to go to the quarry and pick out the large stone, have it delivered, set up and then they did the lettering, drilling into the rock attaching the letters- all at no cost to the taxpayers. These are the kind of neighbors we have in Rockland.

Neighbors who turn out to be friends are the best.

"You only live once, but once is enough if you do it right." — Mae West

Stay safe, warmest regards,

Alan Lasee

Rockland Dog License for 2021

All dogs must be licensed according to state law and there are no exceptions. The fee for a kennel license is \$40.00. Anyone with 3 or more dogs needs to get a kennel license. The fee for a neutered or spayed dog is \$5.00. The fee for a male or female dog is \$10.00. Please fill out the following form for each dog that you have. Also include a copy of the dog's rabies shots. Dog licenses are due by April 1, 2021. Return the form to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope and your check made out to the Town of Rockland.

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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 4/1/2021.

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** _____

Amount enclosed: _____

One form for each dog please.

Notes from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

This month I want to explain to everyone what some of the specials are on your tax bills. I will start with POWTS. These initials stand for Private Wastewater Treatment System. This is your mound system. This is a charge put on your bill by the county. The Town has no control over this charge, which started about 15 years ago. It was decided that this is like a sewer bill. The Towns that have a sewer area charge the people a fee in the sewer district. This is charging the homes with mounds a fee. Once every 3 years you must pump your septic system and send the card back to the county certifying that the system was pumped.

The other special that is on your tax bill is garbage and recycling fee. The Town of Rockland contracts for garbage and recycling pick up. Harter's is picking up garbage once a week and recycling every other week. Our present fee from Harter's is \$8.72 per month for garbage and \$4.13 for recycling. This comes to \$154.20 per year. Your bill saw a charge on \$151.00. The other \$3.20 is covered by a grant that the Town applies for from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Each year the amount depends on how many apply for the grant. To get this grant, the Town must meet per capita collection. The Town has always exceeded the per capita collection. In fact, the Town of Rockland had 100 pounds per capita over the required amount last year. Keep up the good work.

Please be considerate of our garbage and recycling workers. These are not easy jobs to fill. Make sure your containers are put on the curb by 6:00 AM. Also put the containers 6 feet apart so the truck can pick up the container without knocking the other container over. Always have the opening side toward the road and do not over fill your containers.

If you have any questions, you can call Harters or me. Thank you

IMPORTANT DATES: UPDATE

March 11—Planning Commission re: Broadband 7:00 pm

April 6—Spring Election 7:00 am—8:00 pm

April 17 -Rockland recycle, spring clean up, rummage sale

April 20th—Annual Meeting for Town of Rockland, 7:00 pm

April 21—Open Book 10:00 am -noon

May 11—Board of Review 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays ea. month

Planning Commission: (usually 1st Thursday of ea. month) please check the calendar on the website





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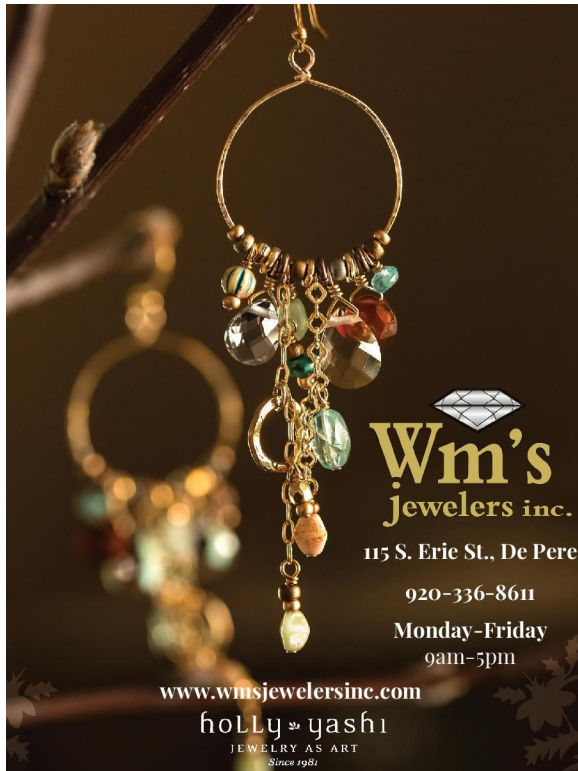
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Our area Fire Departments have new Fire Chiefs this year.

Mark DeCleene is the new Chief in Greenleaf and can be reached at (920) 639-6939 or (920) 864-2200.

In Morrison, the new Chief is Jeff Pischke. Jeff can be reached at (920) 676-3203.

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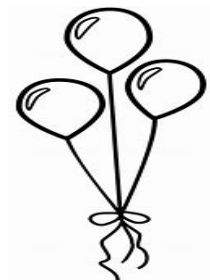
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Construction Projects: Please be reminded to get your permits before your building or landscaping project. Permit fees double when taken out after the fact. It's always better to call first and ask questions before you start your project. You could 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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