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Spring 2016

Rockland Town Hall

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A Note from the Chairman:

The Spring seasonal weight limits on all our town roads went into effect on March 8th. This start date is about a week earlier due to the above normal temperatures. The seasonal weight limits will be enforced until mid to late April.

The 15th Annual Town of Rockland Clean Up Day will be Saturday, April 16th. 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.

With Spring here, please remember to apply for your no-fee permit for any Implements of Husbandry or Agricultural Commercial Motor Vehicles that exceed the length, width, or height limits as set forth by the State. Permit applications and other necessary information are on the Town of Rockland website.

Our Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. We will review the annual report and discuss topics brought forward by town residents.

The next Town Board meeting is April 4th, hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman



Hello Rockland Residents,

Spring is on its way; which means our annual meeting will be taking place.

ROCKLAND ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Rockland Town Hall. This is your meeting. The complete agenda can be found at: www.TownofRockland.org or posted at the following locations: Scray's Cheese, Just Stop In, and the Rockland Town Hall.

Some of the agenda items include:

Change in posting of notices

Fire department reports

Bridge fund account

Town hall maintenance

Use of excess stadium district tax

Town logo/slogan and branding

Town planner

Garbage/recycling report

Chairman's report

Other information

Please plan on attending your meeting of the Electors of the Town of Rockland.

CONCLUSION

Spring is finally here! I have already passed our residents and their families walking our roads enjoying the weather. As you drive our roads, please be watchful of our walkers, bicyclists, and motorcyclists; we all need to share the roads.

As always, take care and thank you for your support.

Vicky Van Vonderen, Supervisor

Change in Posting of Legal Notices: On January 18, 2016, the Board passed Resolution #2016-01 designating that all legal notices of the Town be posted on the front door of the Rockland Town Hall and on the Town's website: www.townofrockland.org, unless otherwise required by law. This change in the posting of notices will take effect on June 1, 2016, and was precipitated by a change in the state statute. This item and others will be more fully discussed at the Annual Town Meeting taking place on Tuesday, April, 19, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Rockland Town Hall.





A Note From Supervisor Alan Lasee.....

Greetings to all. I know we all enjoy the warmer spring weather. Once again weight limits are enforced on our roads until further notice. Most townships do this to prevent damage to the roads. The state of Wisconsin's distribution of gas tax revenue to townships is slightly over \$2,200 per mile. That's thousands less than cities and counties receive and it's always a big fight in Madison to get our fair share and so the weight restrictions help save money on road repairs. On May 10th, the Rockland Town Board will hold the Board of Review from 6.00 til 8.00 p.m. Our town assessor will be present to answer your questions about your property values. Rockland's share of the 1/2% sales tax over payment we paid for Lambeau Field is just over \$90,000. We received a letter from the mayor of Green Bay asking for a contribution of 5% of that money to pay for bike trails improvement from Green Bay south. They just keep thinking of ways to spend your taxes. We declined to do it. That money should go to pay on our debt that we owe. The county and city have put off planning of a southern bridge til 2029 because they can't decide where to locate it. It seems to me that at the very least, they should continue to extend County Highway GV southward to connect with County PP and continue westward to Highway 57 on Rockland Road. This would certainly reduce traffic at the De Pere roundabout. To me it's a no brainer...but then I don't have a degree in planning. That's it for now. Enjoy the longer days.

Brown County Farmland Preservation Plan Update

The Brown County Planning Commission will be starting the process to update the 2012 Brown County Farmland Preservation Plan. The Farmland Preservation Plan, in concert with the Town of Rockland Zoning Ordinance and Map, provides the basis for



qualified farmers in the Town to collect the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit on their state income taxes. In order to update the plan, Brown County has requested each participating community, including the Town of Rockland, to review its current farmland preservation areas and identify any areas that should be added or subtracted based upon the following criteria:

- Include areas with soils suitable for agricultural production.
- Include lands that have historically been used for agricultural use or agriculture-related uses.
- Include lands in close proximity to agricultural infrastructure.
- Include undeveloped natural resource or open space areas that connect other farmland parcels to create a large, uninterrupted block.
- Exclude areas that will be developed within the next 15 years as identified in your local comprehensive plans.
- Map may not be based primarily on landowner preferences.

It is important to note that the criteria are based upon Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection requirements. Brown County must meet these standards in order for the plan to be considered for certification.

If you have questions about the Brown County Farmland Preservation Plan update in general, please feel free to call Aaron Schuette with Brown County Planning at (920) 448-6486 or email at schuette_am@co.brown.wi.us. Specific questions regarding the Town's process and timeline should be directed to Chairman Cashman at (920) 336-7814 or dcashman@townofrockland.org.

Happy Spring from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

Following are just a couple things to remember when doing your spring house cleaning. There will be an E-recycling event at the Rockland Town Hall on April 30th from 8 a.m. – Noon. Please see the insert for all that may be brought to be recycled. Remember this e-recycling event is open to all. You do not need to live in the Town to bring items to this event.

We will also have a BAKE SALE and carry out BOOYAH at this e-recycling event. The 4-H youth will be using the proceeds to fund their educational trips that they will be going on in the summer. Come and support a very good cause and bring your broken and unwanted electronic and household items to the e-recycling event on April 30th.

There will be youth and adults at the e-recycling event to help unload your electronic goods.

The Town of Rockland residents are doing a good job of recycling. In 2015, we recycled 162.80 tons of material. This includes all mixed paper, newspaper, and cardboard. It also includes aluminum, steel & bimetal, glass, and plastic containers. If you have any questions on garbage or recycling, do not hesitate to call me or email me. My email is <u>mvandyck@townofrockland.org</u> or phone number is 920-336-5968.

Remember that DOG LICENSES are due by April 1. All dogs must be licensed. This is a state law and there are no exceptions. The fee for 2016 is \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog OR \$10.00 for a male or female dog that is not neutered or spayed. All applications must be received by APRIL 1, 2016. Any dog license received after April 1, 2016 will be charged a late fee of \$5.00. 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 the Town of Rockland. Please use the application below for your dog license. Once I receive this application along with the rabies certificate and license fee, I will send you your dog license for 2016.



Remember that your pet's license is entered into a county-wide system that can be used to locate your pet should it stray from home. Please put the tag on your pet's collar. Thank you!

Dog	License	Application	for	2016
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Please fill out the following application and return to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115

Name of dog		Phone Number
Name of dog owner		
Address		
Breed	Color	Chip if available
Male Female	Neutered	Spayed
Date of Rabies Shot		Expiration Date

A Note From Clerk Charette

Happy Easter to you all!

I want to thank all of you that came out and voted on February 16, 2016. As I have mentioned in past newsletters, electors are now required to provide a valid proof of identification (either absentee or in person) for all elections. As we practice this new requirement, it may mean a bit more time for you at the polls and more patience on everyone's part. I want to thank you in advance for modeling this as we work through this new requirement together!

<u>SPRING ELECTION</u>: We are only a few short weeks away from the Spring General Election which takes place on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Your ballot will include the Presidential Preference, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Brown County Supervisor and local school board races. (Please see the sample ballots located in the insert). I provided a list of acceptable Photo ID's in our last newsletter but if you misplaced that sheet, the list can be viewed online at our website www.townofrockland.org under Elections. Since our last newsletter, the Governor signed into law SB 295, which now allows veteran's photo identification cards issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as an acceptable form of Photo ID. The Veteran's ID must be unexpired or have no expiration date.

<u>ABSENTEE VOTING</u>: If you currently are a registered voter in the Town, you are welcome to vote absentee in any election. To request to receive an absentee ballot by mail, please go to our website, click on Voting and Elections and then Voter Registration. You can print and complete the GAB-121 application and then email, fax, or mail the completed application back to me along with a copy of a valid Photo ID. As long as I receive your application and Photo ID by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016, I can then mail you an absentee ballot. Please note, however, that ballots mailed out on Fridays or Saturdays will first go through Milwaukee before being returned to this area. Absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2016, and received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016 for them to count. Please consider this when making your request. You are always welcome to vote in person absentee in the Clerk's Office as follows:

Monday, March 21st-Thursday, March 24th: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Monday, March 28th-Thursday, March 31st: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1st: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you are not registered, you can also register in the Clerk's office during these times or on Election Day. Please remember to bring a valid proof of residency.

OPEN BOOK/BOARD OF REVIEW:

Open Book review will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016, at the Rockland Town Hall. During this time, you can meet with Bob Taicher, Town Assessor, to discuss your property's assessed value. Bob can be reached at (920) 863-6454 if you need to contact him. Additionally, the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall to review the Town's assessment records and to hear any objections or appeals made by property owners. Pertinent forms and guidance documents for the Board of Review can be found on our website. Click on Committees, then on Board of Review.

<u>PET CLINIC</u>: Due to the declining participation numbers over the past few years, the Town has chosen not to host an annual pet vaccination clinic this year. Please remember to have your pets immunized by your private vetinarian. Thank you!

18th Annual Rockland Rummage Sale

The last Saturday in April is the date of the 18th Annual Rockland Rummage Sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Town of Rockland. I am asking \$5.00 per household that would like to participate. The fee will cover ads in the various papers and maps, listing the garage sale locations and the items that people have for sale.

You will be responsible for putting up your own signs off of Hwy 57, PP, ZZ, W and wherever else you'd like to direct people to your sale. Each person in the Rockland Rummage Sale will get 20 maps to hand out to customers or to post at their sale. Rockland Rummage Sale maps will be dropped off at your home prior to Saturday's sale.

If you would like to participate, please fill out and return this form by Tues., April 19th so I have time to assemble maps. Send the form and the \$5.00 fee to Dorothy Cashman, 3114 County Road ZZ, De Pere, WI 54115. If you have any questions please call 336-7814. Thank you.

18th Annual Rockland Rummage Sale – April 30, 2016

Name: ______Address: ______ Phone Number: ______ List items for sale that you would like listed on the maps:



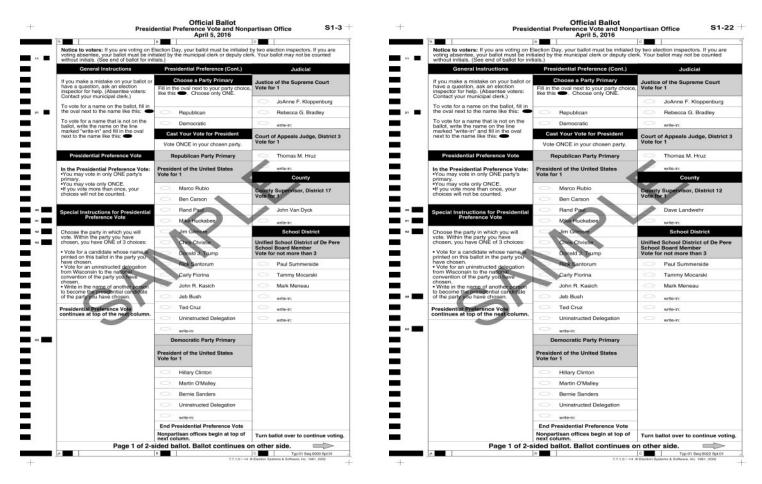


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