

Spring 2019

Quarterly Newsletter

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De Pere, WI 54115

### A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As I am writing this letter there is still a lot of snow on the ground and we still have residents pushing snow onto the road or into the road right-of-way. Do not push snow across the road and leave it in the right of way. This is unsafe for drivers and plow trucks. If you have a contractor or if somebody else is plowing your driveway, please share this information with them.

When the snow melts in spring, please take time to inspect your driveway culvert for any type of blockage. Leaves, brush, garbage, and crushed ends can prevent water/melting snow from flowing. The property owner is responsible for the inspections of their culverts. Also, do not put rocks around culvert ends in the bottom of the ditch or plant trees in the ditch or in the right-of-way. Road ditches are meant to carry water, so let's keep them clean and clear of debris. Farmers please check your culverts of field entrances for any blockage or damaged culvert ends.

Per Rockland code, you are allowed one unlicensed vehicle on your property to be stored outside. All other unlicensed vehicles must be stored inside of a building, or get rid of them.

The spring seasonal weight limits on all our Town roads will go into effect mid-March, depending on the weather and temperatures. Please plan ahead on any building project that might require heavy trucks. Contact our Building Inspector or myself on the dates.

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# A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, cont'd from P1

All dog licenses are due by April 1st of every year. ALL dogs in the Town of Rockland must be licensed and the tag must be on their collar. Your pet(s) must remain on your property and any damage occurred off your property by your pet is the pet owner's responsibility. Citations may be given out for any pet at large.

I would like to thank the Rockland 4-H Club kids and leaders for their generous donation of the TV and AV equipment that will be installed at our Town Hall.

Our Annual Meeting is on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will review the 2018 Annual Report and also discuss other topics.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Rockland Clean Up Day will be Saturday, April 27. Please take some time to walk the ditches along your property and pick up any litter. Thank you to all residents who get out and help clean up. Let's keep Rockland a beautiful place to live.

Enjoy the spring weather which is just around corner!

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

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. It can hold up to 150 people. With our new rental terms, and ample parking, it is a very appealing venue for any resident hosting a party. Call Julie today to make your reservation.

920-336-2814

\*conditions apply

Hi Friends,

As I write this letter, we are in another cold weather spell with some snow and ice: but this one is only supposed to be 2 days. If you need help with a snow issue, call us.

Rockland recently received a letter from the Brown County
Sheriff's Office regarding the placement of a sex offender
being housed in a home at 4273 Hwy 57. The county has
been renting this place for several years and so far it hasn't been a
problem. The offenders wear monitoring bracelets and cannot leave the
house. If they do, they are picked up and sent back to jail.

Admittedly, I'm a political junkie, and I did watch President Trump's State of the Union Address. I'm sure many of you did also, and if not, you may have seen quite a bit in the news. In my opinion, he was right on so many issues. He talked about the economy, foreign trade, NAFTA, the unemployment rate. More minorities are working now than ever before, most new jobs went to women, border security (wall) and he even brought up the latest change in abortion laws in New York and elsewhere. I can't even imagine letting a baby die after being born and having a law to protect those involved (doctor or mother). And did you watch Chuck Schumer and the females dressed in white and their reaction to it? Those are the folks running our country. The only time the women in white cheered was when it was about themselves; no cheering for the rest of America. These congresswomen acted like school kids. By the way, a CBS poll of those who watched showed 76 % agreed with Trump. Sorry I got off on a rant, but both sides need to work together to keep America safe. It does affect us here in Rockland. What goes on in Washington or in Madison does matter. I used to think Halloween was the scariest night of the year, now it turns out to be election night.

Rockland is still a great place to live and raise a family.

Warmest regards,

Alan



You can find timely updates on garbage collection, election information, and other Town Hall happenings by following the Town of Rockland—Brown County facebook page!

### Hello Rockland Residents,

I hope everyone was able to endure the frigid temps with minimal issues. The people who had to work outside in those conditions are truly tough.

I wanted to touch on our noise ordinance rule which states that there shall be no loud and unnecessary noise between 10:30 pm and 6:00 am. This is noise that is audible at the exterior of the nearest inhabited structure of an adjoining property owner. In addition, loud and unnecessary noises are prohibited at any time of the day when the noise is plainly audible in the interior of the nearest inhabited structure of an adjoining property owner.

The ordinance doesn't specify a decibel level so for reference, here are some common sounds you might hear and their approximate decibel readings:

- Vacuum cleaner 70 db
- Motorcycle 80 db
- Lawnmower 100 db
- Chainsaw 120 db

Interestingly, 80 db is actually twice as loud as 70 db, 90 db is four times as loud as 70 db, and 100 db is eight times as loud as 70 db.

People move to the country for different reasons. Some want peace and quiet while some want the ability to operate their snowmobiles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, etc. If everyone understands and respects the many ways their neighbors use their property, hopefully conflicts can be avoided. My hope is to see residents and their kids outdoors enjoying the town we live in while being respectful of their neighbors.

### Matt Meeuwsen

# Special Meeting Dates for the Town of Rockland

- Town Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at 7:30 pm
- Planning Commission meets 1st Thursday each month at 7:00 pm
- In person absentee voting March 13-Mar 28 during clerk hours or by appointment
- March 26, Election Equipment Testing 10:00 am
- April 2, Spring Election 7:00 am—8:00 pm
- Tuesday April 16, Town Annual Meeting of the Electorate 7:00 pm
- Open Book April 24 10:00—noon
- 4-H Recycle Event, Town Clean-Up Day, Rummage Sale, Sat April 27 8-12 noon
- Board of Review, May 14, 6:00-8:00 pm





Spring is right around the corner.

I hope we can get all the snowstorms and winter weather out of Wisconsin before April this year!

The Town residents are doing a wonderful job recycling. The Town had 174.35 ton of material recycled in 2018. Also in 2018, on our Cyber Green recycling day, a total of 22,903 pounds of TV's, computers, monitors, refrigerators, washers, cell phones, etc. were collected. I use these figures to apply for a grant that helps reduce the cost of our recycling pick up. Keep recycling and remember the Cyber Green day is April 27th from 8am – 12 noon this year. See the brochure that is included in this newsletter.

Dog licenses are due by April 1. The fee is \$5.00 of a neutered or spayed dog and \$10.00 for a male or female dog that is NOT neutered or spayed. Please fill out the attached form and mail with a self-addressed envelope.

Mary

# **Rockland Dog License for 2019**

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, and the rabies shot history. Complete by 4/1/2019.

Name of dog	Phone Number
Name of dog owner	
Address	
	Color Chip no. if available
Male Female	Neutered Spayed
Date of Rabies shot	Expiration Date

# 21st Annual Rockland Rummage Sale

The last Saturday in April is the date of the 21st Annual Rockland Rummage Sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 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. The map will also be on the Town of Rockland—Brown County facebook page.

If you would like to participate, please fill out and return this form by Friday, April 13th so we 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.

21st Annual Rockland Rummage Sale – Sat., April 27, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_
List items for sale that you would like listed on the maps:

□ Sunday

□ Saturday

DAYS RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE OPEN: 

| Friday

### 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 <a href="mailto:jkoenig@townofrockland.org">jkoenig@townofrockland.org</a> or phone (920) 336-2814. Thank you!

### **Rockland 4-H News**

Rockland 4-H is having a very busy year. We started out the year by making and decorating cookies for the special people of Rockland and our grandparents and friends.

We are now practicing for the Music Fest and Creative Arts event which will be held on March 16. We have a group of youth in the music event as well as some members playing their instruments. Some of the youth are in story telling and some are in poem reading. On March 30<sup>th</sup> the club will take part in the Basketball/Bean Bag Fun day held at Wrightstown High School. It runs from 9:00 to 2:00. There is a silent auction, bake sale, and food stand as well as the basketball and bean bag games. We invite everyone to come and watch the youth and parents and grandparents compete in the bean bag tournament. Come and bid on some wonderful baskets, tickets for Brewer games, Blizzard games, and many more wonderful items. The proceeds go to help the youth that will be going on educational trips this summer.

On April 13, the club is making a meal for Freedom House in Green Bay. We will be making desserts, shredded beef, fruit salad, and veggies.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> the club will help the Town with the Cyber Green event. This is being held in the Town parking lot from 8 – 12. Anyone can bring items to this recycling event. We will have booyah and bakery for sale that day. Start saving now and get rid of all your unwanted appliances and TV's. See the brochure for what you can bring to this event.

The club is also saving pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We encourage everyone to save their pop tabs for us. They can be dropped off at town hall or if you need to have someone pick them up from you call the Rockland 4-H club at 609-1478.

The pop tabs since 2000, have generated over \$360,000 for the Ronald McDonald House. Revenue from recycling these little bits of aluminum helps keep families near their children who are receiving medical treatment in the Milwaukee area. The tabs have a high concentration of recyclable aluminum. So only the tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for supporting our efforts to build the skills of our youth.

### **ELECTION NEWS,**

Hi friends,

With SIX elections last year, I'm really thankful to have only one this year. No primary means the only election we'll see is for our county and local offices on April 2nd. Even though many local races are uncontested, your vote is still important.

A reminder for those of you who are new to Rockland, who may have recently turned 18 and can finally vote, or those of you who may have changed a name or address, please take a minute to visit the MYVOTE.WI.GOV site. It can help you be ready for election day by allowing you to update your record, see who is on the ballot, and provide information to you about where to vote and what identification you will need at the polling place. You can even request an absentee ballot here if you wish to have one mailed to you. This is also the site you'd use if you are indefinitely confined due to age, illness or disability. You will be asked to submit a photo ID if you don't already have one on file. (Call me and I can check for you.) Non drivers 65+ years of age can apply for a permanent ID card that will never expire. Call the Voter ID Hotline at (844) 588-1069 with questions regarding this or for anyone who needs an ID 18+ years of age.

Of course, you can still do things the old fashioned way and send me a note with a copy of your identification, the ballot application and tell me you'd like an absentee ballot mailed to you. I can do that up until it's not reasonable to expect the mail to complete delivery to you and back to me before election day.

In addition, in person absentee voting can be conducted during regular clerk hours or in the hour prior to town board meetings. No ballots can be issued after 5:00 pm on Friday, March 29th. If you need one please email me as I'm checking my mail continuously.

Thank you for being actively involved in the voting process!

I'll see you at the polls!

**Clerk Julie** 

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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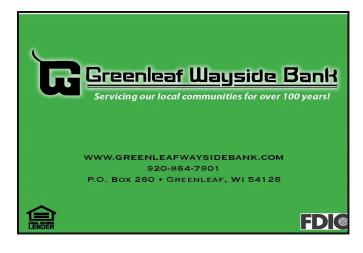


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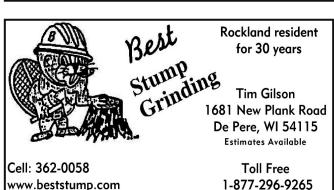
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