



Fall 2020

Quarterly Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In the month of October, we will be cutting grass on town road ditches to the backside of the ditch. This process removes all vegetation, keeps ditches clear for water flow and also helps wildlife sightings at night.

With harvest season upon us now, farmers are busy harvesting crops, hauling manure and tilling their land. Please be patient and drive safely around their farm equipment.

Greenleaf Volunteer Fire Department had to cancel their summer picnic due to COVID-19 this year. They are now having a Fall Raffle on October 10th for a fund raiser. Please support the raffle by contacting a volunteer fireman for tickets.

Remember to get out and vote on November 3rd. Our clerk and poll workers will be ready to handle the voters and the COVID-19 pandemic. They did an excellent job back in April and they will be prepared once again. Don't forget to thank them for the great job they're doing.

With the fall season here now, enjoy the cooler weather, tree colors and get out and go hunting!

Thank you,
Dennis J. Cashman

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REFERENDUM INFORMATION:

On the November 3rd ballot, voters will be asked to decide whether the Treasurer's position here in Rockland should remain an elected position, or if it should move to an appointed position. This is succession planning. This referendum is required to change things as of April, 2023. As you know, Mary Van Dyke has been the Treasurer here for many years and she intends to continue with her duties. What will happen when Mary decides to hang it up? A shift like this requires a ton of advance planning.

The question is being used to determine if the Town should hire someone with the appropriate skills necessary to do the job of Treasurer. If this option is selected, it would provide the Town Board with the opportunity to hire any applicant that meets the criteria of the job description; this applicant would go through the interview process if there is a vacancy in this position. The Town Board also has the ability to evaluate, set expectations and, if necessary, fire this position. For this option, you would vote YES.

If the position should remain an elected position, the electorate decides in April on the ballot who should serve as the Treasurer for the two year term. If for some reason, only one person decides to run, and they don't have the qualifications necessary, only the electorate can unseat this person by a special election. The Town Board cannot put requirements or skills necessary on this position and cannot evaluate the work or set expectations. This person must also be a Rockland resident. This is the NO vote—essentially, keep it the way it is.

I hope this helps.—Make your voice heard. PS: if you already submitted your absentee ballot and want to change your vote, you can request a new ballot, but you need to come into the clerk's office.

*Do you want to drop
off your ballot
instead of mailing it?*

NO PROBLEM!

*Put it in the mailbox
at the Town Hall.*



ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS – Summer 2020

As in a lot of county events this year - due to the virus, 4H was no different. Under the county and state 4-H direction, we were unable to hold organized 4-H meetings since March. Members worked on projects at home and about half of our membership elected to present their projects at the Brown County Fair. Blues and red ribbons were received and some of the items qualified for Merit and State Fair Awards:

Alla Rice - Merit Photography

Adrianna Rice - Merit Ceramics – ceramic eggs and basket

Katie Soquet - Merit Sewing Pillow Case

Oscar Avery – Blue ribbon Wisconsin Wood Project with American flag, blue ribbons in Ceramics

Sloan Avery – Blue ribbon on Ceramic Dry Brushed Owl

Emily Metzentine – all Blue ribbons- Ceramics

Caleb Metzentine – Blue ribbons in Ceramic

Joshua Metzentine – Blue ribbon in Ceramics

Lauren Sroda - Reserve Grand Champion Bantam and 2 Best of Breeds in Jr show, In open show, she got a Reserve and Grand Champion with her chickens

Bazarell Chee - Merit and State Fair lego carousel

Keirra Heffernan - Merit and State Fair Dress, Merit Child development and Home Environment (diamond dots picture and spelling practice)

Carlissa Heling – Horse 1st Showmanship, Grand Champion Showmanship. She got 6 1st's in Junior Show

Gabe Teske - Grand Champion Duck and Best of Show Pullet

Carolyn Schlies - State Fair/Merit Award Ceramic Water Pitcher

Grace Hodgdon – State Fair Award for Framed Original Poem

Candra Carter – Grand Champion – Bantam Chicken and Market Bird. Also sold her Turkey at the Livestock Auction for a record price for a turkey

Cabbage – Merit Award, Sunflower – Merit Award Candra was also Awarded Master Gardener in both Vegetables and in Fruit.

Our plans are to follow direction from the Brown County 4-H Office, but to continue communications via e-mail with our members and families.

Members graduating from the Rockland 4-H Club this year and are on their way to college are: Paris Riggle, Lauren Sroda, Candra Carter, Emily Simoens.

October is National 4-H Month.



Are you ready to vote?

Please plan ahead if you wish to vote absentee.

You must first be registered to vote, so check to verify that you are and then you can request a ballot for the election.



Note: you must apply each year for absentee ballots, and if you don't already have a photo ID on file, you must attach that.

In-person Absentee voting begins on Tuesday, October 20th—Thursday, October 22nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. Late hours are available on Mon, Oct 26-Thurs Oct 29th from 5:00—7:30pm. No ballots will be issued as absentee after 7:30 on Thursday October 29th.

Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd the polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

MYVOTE.WI.GOV has been improved. There is a new functionality that will show you when your absentee ballot has been mailed, and when it has been received back by the clerk. Or if you prefer, call Julie with any questions you might have (920-336-2814).

Hello Rockland Residents,

I hope everyone is getting along as well as can be in these difficult times we are going through. The world seems more crazy and divided than it should be. It is too bad we are at a point where it seems if you are aligned with one political party, the opposite party is automatically the enemy. We are fortunate to live in a democracy where our voices are heard through our voting process and it is important to exercise that right. Our town staff has done a fantastic job in preparing for voting and I know they will be prepared for this one. I can't say enough about how great a job they do and how hard they work to get it all pulled together.

As we roll into fall, take some time to enjoy the outdoor weather. The fall weather is some of the best of the year and we all know what comes after that. Be patient with the farmers and the equipment on the roads, they are doing their best to provide for all of us.

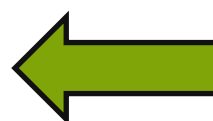
Matt

News from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

With the pandemic going on, one Sunday I took a ride in the Town of Rockland. Many residents had their garbage and recycling containers out already in the late afternoon. Thank you all for continuing doing a great job with recycling and garbage in the town. I have seen many of you cleaning the ditches while on your walks. That is great. However, I did notice that some of the garbage and recycling bins were too close together and the right side of the bin was not facing the road. I am attaching pictures of the proper way to put your bins by your drive way. I also have 2 pictures of the wrong way for the bins to be put by your drive way. These pictures were taken by my home so I am not putting the blame on anyone for doing it wrong. Remember that your recycling and garbage bin should be at least 6 feet apart. This is so the truck driver can get the pick up bar between the bins. Again, keep up the good work and keep our town clean.



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Treasurer News continued.....

Dog licenses for 2021 will be available by November 15, 2020. I will put the information in the December newsletter and on the website. New forms will also be found in the vestibule at the Town Hall. By December, I will have any changes that the state makes (if any) for the 2021 Dog Licenses. Thank you all who got dog licenses in 2020. Remember all dogs are to be licensed in the State of Wisconsin. This is a great help if your dog strays away from your property. Dogs that have their tags on are returned within hours of being found. If they don't have tags, it might take days to find the owner. Plus, if your dog ends up in a shelter and does not have a tag, you get a huge fine. A license is much cheaper.

Remember to watch for children getting on buses as school has started. Also watch for farm machinery as it is harvest time.



IMPORTANT DATES: UPDATE

October 5, 6:30 Budget meeting for 2021 budget

October 14, last day to register online or in mail for the Nov 3 election

Oct 20, First day of in-person absentee voting for Nov election

Oct 26,-Oct 29 evening in-person absentee voting
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Oct 29, the last day prior to election that an absentee ballot can be mailed. (use discretion)

November 3, General Election 7:00 am—8:00 pm

November 10, 7:30 pm Public meeting on Budget and Special Meeting of the Electorate.

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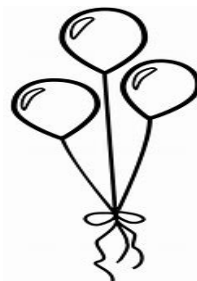
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Construction Projects: Please be reminded to get your permits before your building or landscaping project. Permit fees double when taken out after the fact. It's always better to call first and ask questions before you start your project. You could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

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 and even small weddings. With room enough to be 6 feet apart, HEPA filters in the air ducts and ample seating and tables, 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. Reserve your date today.

*conditions apply



The snow will be flying before you know it.

This is a friendly

reminder not to push snow across the roads when clearing your driveways. This creates icy areas on the roads and packs the ditches so spring thaw can't move downstream. This is an offense that can be cited up to \$100 per occurrence.

Hi Rockland friends,

What a wild year; time for 2020 to move on! Summer is over and cool weather is here. If not for the virus and protesters, life is good.

Rockland is feeling the effects of folks wanting to move out of the cities and live in a safer rural area like our township. Two new subdivisions are being planned for our town. I mentioned the Jossart development on highway W in the last newsletter. The original plan called for 31 building sites. Your Town Board and our Planning Commission members along with our Zoning Administrator required changes that reduced that number to 28 units. Two large ponds were built several years ago in contemplation on having home building sites, with each unit having access to the ponds.

The other small subdivision is located on County Road ZZ. This one will be up to 15 lots, half of which will be overlooking the Fox River. I'm sure all of us would like to keep Rockland as it is however, some changes and growth are inevitable, so the best we can do is to make sure the quality of life for all of us is not infringed upon.

On another note, Rockland has lost one more lifelong resident with the passing of Donald VanDeurzen. He lived on Hwy W but his farm was on Van Deurzen Drive. Don, his wife Evelyn and several family members made and sold maple syrup for many years; son Peter still operates the family farm. Our long time Rockland Town Treasurer Mary Van Dyke is a sister. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to the family.

In closing, food for thought. "The road to success is always under construction "

"Remember, the early bird gets the worm but it's the 2nd mouse that gets the cheese"

Warmest regards Alan Lasee

Did you know? If you choose to "write in" a candidate in any ballot contest, the name must be registered ahead of time by the person who's name you're writing in? If they didn't register to receive those votes, those write-ins create more work for the pollworkers at the end of the night since they must all be located and separated for the county clerk.

Funny thing, Aaron Rogers and Micky Mouse never win!!

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