



Fall 2022

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 trims all the vegetation, keeps ditches clear for water flow and also helps wildlife sightings at night. Fall is a good time to plant trees, but remember you CANNOT plant trees in the town road right of way! Also, do not throw rocks or other debris in the ditches; this is hard on the contractors equipment.

With fall upon us shortly, farmers are busy harvesting their crops, hauling manure and doing field work. Please be patient and drive safely around farm equipment, especially at night time. Enjoy the cooler weather, tree colors and get out and enjoy everything the season brings.

Hope to see you at the next Town Board meeting.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman



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Hello Rockland Residents,

I hope everyone had a great summer, it seems like it goes quicker every year. From concerns raised by residents about the trail / bicycle issue, we continue to work to find a solution to keep everyone safe. The county has worked to trim the brush back and put up additional signage to make cyclists and others utilizing the trail aware of the intersection and the need to stop for their safety. While I was there to evaluate what has been done, two cyclists went through the intersection without stopping. We are all concerned for their safety and we appreciate everyone's feedback while we continue to work on this. We are not anti-bike, just anti-accident.

I would also ask that everyone be aware of suspicious activity in the town. There have been some questionable activities reported recently. We can help each other by just being aware of our surroundings and report activity that seems out of the ordinary.

Kids will be headed back to school, so please be on the lookout for the buses and kids on the roads. Enjoy the fall colors and the wonderful outdoor activities we have available to us.

Matt



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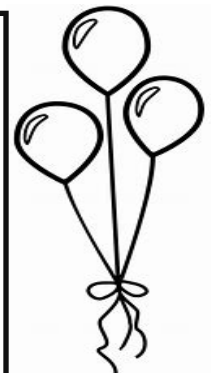
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November 8th General Election

Are you new to Rockland? Have you recently moved or changed your marital status? Have you recently turned 18? These are great reasons to update your voter registration. These things can be done in the clerk's office, or by visiting the voters website www.myvote.wi.gov. This site will also allow you to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. You may need to upload a photo of your drivers license. Doing these actions early ensures that your name will be in the poll book and that you will have time to get your absentee ballot back to me at the Clerk's office.

In person absentee voting will take place during Clerk's hours, starting on Tuesday, October 25 until Thursday, November 3rd, or by appointment.

Town Clerk Hours: Monday 9:30-2:30,
Tuesday 9:30-2:30, Thursday 9:30-2:30
or by appointment

Groundwater Testing

Recently, Brown County provided free sample kits for groundwater testing. They are trying to track improvements from conservation projects. Because we only received 10 free kits the first time around, I have requested more kits for the next sampling period which is scheduled for September 20th—October 7th. You may request them directly from Brown County by calling Angel at (920) 391-4634 or emailing her at Angel.Henschel@BrownCountyWI.gov.

Follow me on Facebook at Town of Rockland—Brown County for info as it becomes available. We may schedule a sample drop day and pick up so we don't all need to drive to UWGB. Thank you in advance. Testing your well every couple of years is recommended so get your free testing while it's still available. Thank you.

The Town of Rockland is going through the process of converting our email to dot.gov addresses. This will keep town information and correspondence more safe than ever in this age of cybersecurity concerns. We anticipate the change to occur the last week of August or early September. You will start to see messages come back notifying you of the change of address. All town addresses that follow the format of first initial, last name @townofrockland.org will now be first initial last name @townofrocklandwi.gov. Please know that the former email addresses will remain live for some time but responses will likely show up with the .gov address.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS:

This winter property taxes will be payable to the Town of Rockland collected by Treasurer Mary Van Dyck. Brown County is no longer collecting for the Town of Rockland. More information will follow, but please make a note that Rockland will collect your property taxes for Town of Rockland properties this December/January.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Now it is back to school and preparing for the winter months ahead. Please watch for school children getting on and off buses. Remember you must stop for buses with flashing lights on. This means both behind the buses and meeting the buses.

Regarding recycling news – I will be filling out the report for completing our grant requirements of meeting our recycling weights. We have weights that are required by the state to be eligible for the grant. Each year we have met these weights and far exceeded them. Keep up the good work.

Remember to watch for farm equipment on the roads this fall. The farmers are getting their crops in the barns for the winter months. Tractors are on the roads. It only takes a couple minutes to stay behind farm equipment as they are going from one field to another. Please respect farmers who supply us with food.

The Brown County Fair is over. The fair had huge crowds. I hope many of you went to the fair to see some of the very neat exhibits. I know some of our residents and youth exhibited. There were 300 more school exhibits than last year. Also I want to thank the fair board for all their hard work to make it a good fair. Some of the people from Rockland on the fair board are Mike Hoskens, Rachel Daul and Wayne Carter. Thank you to all the people from Rockland who volunteered at the fair. This included workers at the gates, set up and clean up, parkers, selling concessions etc. Thank you! Great job.

IMPORTANT DATES: UPDATE

October 25 — First date for in person absentee voting 10:00—2:00 or by appt

November 8—General Election Tuesday, 7:00 am-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



Burning yard waste?

Chief Mark DeCleene of Greenleaf can be reached at (920) 639-6939 or (920) 864-2200. In Morrison, the Chief is Jeff Pischke. Jeff can be reached at (920) 676-3203.

If you are doing any kind of rubbish or ditch burning, please give them a call to verify conditions are safe and to give them a heads up in case they get calls regarding the smoke, etc. If it will be a sizeable fire, please also call Brown County Sheriffs Non-emergency number 920-391-7450.

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.

ROCKLAND 4-H Fall Newsletter

It was a busy summer getting ready for the Brown County Fair and all the hard work was worth it for both members and leaders. The club put together a scrapbook of our club activities and received an outstanding blue ribbon for our activities. Our booth displaying Hollywood actors and famous people who were 4-H members during their youth received a blue ribbon also. Ceramic items included dry brush, decaled and glazed and were vases, eggs, dogs, cats, horses, Santa's, and even frogs. The members entered their art from school projects and created some chain art on canvas and photography along with plants, gardening and flowers. We made a grand showing of items from the sewing project with state awards. The kids kept the barns busy with the feeding and watering of the crowing chickens and rabbits. Overall, the fair was a success. The Midway was busy, the kids shows under the tents were entertaining, the cattle, pigs, goats, chickens were all clean and well maintained and were well displayed. It was a good learning experience for all.

What's next? We need to plan next year for our membership and junior leadership. New ideas for projects picked up at the fair, projects we should expand – maybe leathercraft? Maybe woodworking? We need to look into what works for us and our 4-H families. We will have a monthly meeting in September and our yearly achievement program in October and then November kicks off the new 4-H year 2023.....

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Hello Rockland,

Well summer has gone fast. Hope everyone got in some vacation or down time. Wisconsin weather has been great. I even had another birthday (85th) but the best part was Clerk Koenig and Chairman Cashman surprised me with birthday cupcakes and refreshments at the end of August's meeting. Thanks guys.

Because we have a bicycle trail on the old railroad right of way running through Rockland, a serious problem has occurred. Many cyclists do not stop when crossing town roads; and it's happening more and more often. Supervisor Meeuwesen has even talked to the police about it but to no avail. Someone is going to get hurt or killed. The county taxpayers paid to have gates installed which would require bikers to stop and go around, however, the county decided to keep the gates open. Makes no sense.

The 2022 Brown County Fair is in the books and was a great success. Many Rockland residents volunteered their time helping out though the 4-H clubs working with our kids. It is a great program and our thanks go out to them. It truly is a family oriented fair. It is clean and safe.

The bids are in for work to be done on Midway Road. As expected, they were higher than what we anticipated. As of this writing, the board is still reviewing them.

That's it for now, but here are my thoughts for today: Everyone has the right to be stupid but some people abuse the privilege (bicyclists who don't stop for cars)

I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right and exercise; but that was 4 hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.

Keep smiling, warmest regards, Alan Lasee

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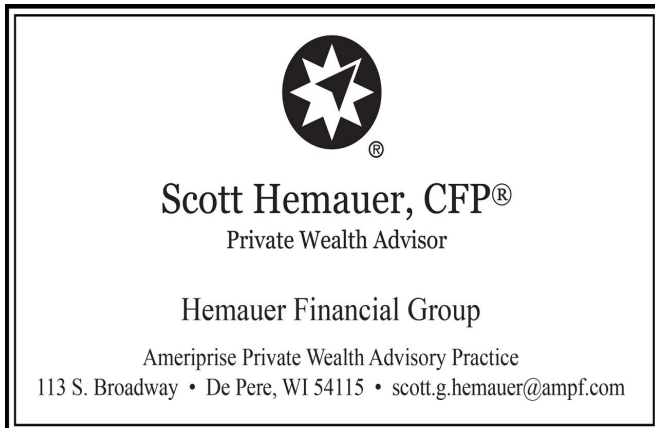
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