

Spring 2022
Quarterly Newsletter
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1712 Bob-Bea-Jan Road
De Pere, WI 54115

#### A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As I am writing this article, it is cold and blowing snow. This is our Spring Quarterly Newsletter. The days are getting longer and hopefully warmer weather is on the way. The winter hasn't been too bad on your snow plowing budget but we have a couple of months to go yet.

The spring seasonal weight limits on all of our town roads will go in effect in mid-March, depending on temperatures and weather. The reduced weight limits will help protect the road surface when frost is coming out of the roadbeds. Please plan ahead on any building project that might require heavy trucks. Contact our building inspector or myself on the dates or go to our town website.

This spring, please take the time to inspect your driveway culvert for any type of blockage; leaves, brush and crushed ends of culverts can prevent water/ snow melting from flowing properly. The property owner is responsible for the inspections of all of their culverts, including all entrances to farm fields. Road ditches are built to carry the flow of water so let's keep them clear of ALL debris.

All dog licenses are due by April 1st of every year. Please put the dog license on your pets collar. I get the calls on dogs that are found. It is so much easier and faster if the tag/license is on your pet's collar to find the owner of the lost dog. I usually keep them for 24 hours; after that they go to the Humane Society.

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<u>Treasurer/Dog Licenses</u>

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1-888-804-8556
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GrL: 639-6939; Morr 676-3203

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The 21st annual Town of Rockland clean up day will be on Saturday, April 23rd. Please take some time to walk the ditches along your property and pick up any litter. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Rockland a beautiful place to live.

Our Annual Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm. We will review the Annual Report and discuss topics brought forward by town residents. I hope to see you at that meeting.

Enjoy the spring weather which is just around the corner.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

## IMPORTANT DATES: UPDATE

March 22 — First date for in person absentee voting 10:00—2:00 or by appt

April 5 — Spring Election, Tuesday 7:00 am—8:00 pm

April 16 — Cyber Green event @ Town Hall, Saturday w/Booyah & Bake Sale 9-12

April 19 — Annual Meeting, Tuesday, 7:00 pm

April 23 — Rockland Clean up Day and Rummage Sale Day

April 27 — Open Book, Wednesday 10:00 am—noon

May 10 — Board of Review, Tuesday 6:00 -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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Hello again Rockland neighbors,

Well as I write this it is nearing the last week in February and typically the weather is cold, wet and damp with some snow and sleet falling. Rocklands' plowing budget is close to what we planned with approximately just under \$50,000 to finish out the year. Who knows what March will bring? Wayne Carter has done a good job with the roads.

I hope you all have avoided the covid outbreak or at least came through it ok. I know some of my friends and neighbors were hit kind of hard with it; others not so bad. Jan and I had it, tested positive, she was more sick than me and did get treated. My symptoms were less severe resulting in me being very tired for one week. It's a weird virus and I'm convinced the experts still don't have all the answers. Sadly, it turned political and a lot of people in the pharmaceutical industry are making ton of money off of it.

Washington continues to be out of control. It's like they believe its ok to go skydiving without a parachute; but if you plan on a 2nd jump then you better get a parachute the 1st time. No brains or common sense when it comes to running this country. I just put \$85 dollars worth of gasoline in my pickup truck and I'm in a bad mood and to make matters worse, our President says gas will have to go up some more because of the Russian invasions. Here's a thought, finish that pipeline. It was just one and a half years ago we were energy independent. This will add to our cost of plowing snow and maintaining our roads this summer. That makes it hard to keep our taxes stable.

On a lighter note, my 80 year old grandpa never needed glasses, he just drank right out of the bottle.

And: giving money and power to your government is like giving whiskey and car keys to a teenager!

Keep smiling, warmest regards, Alan Lasee

Rockland has joined an application for a grant from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to potentially improve 5G in the southern and eastern areas of Rockland. Morrison has been in discussion with US Cellular and we were asked to join the application. We have put our support behind the grant and are hopeful the project will be chosen for \$\$\$.

#### **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 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.

All will concede that in order to have good neighbors we must also be good neighbors. That applies in every field of human endeavor.

— Harry S. Truman

## Hello Rockland Residents,

We recently went through the process of closing out the 2021 town budget. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the great job that Treasurer Mary Van Dyck and Town Clerk Julie Koenig do on keeping things organized and on track every year. We are lucky to have them.

Hopefully we are past the worst of winter and see spring very soon. As the snow and ice melt, be aware that there will be more people out walking and riding bikes. Remember to slow down and give them space.

#### Matt Meeuwsen

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. We can support your gathering with lots of tables and chairs and a full kitchen. 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



### **Notes from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck**

January and February have been pretty good months for the Town of Rockland. We have not had a lot of snow before the end of February or wind. With the wind however, we do get a lot of garbage bins falling over in the wind. If it snows on Sunday evening and the plows need to plow on Monday morning, we need to be considerate of the plow drivers. Please if at all possible, do not put your garbage bins out before Sunday late evening or Monday morning. The garbage trucks do not start the route before 6:00 AM and the snowplows usually are plowing early in the morning. This will help keep our town clean and the plows will be able to get the snow off the roads. Thank you.

Please make sure you do not put plastic bags in your recycling bins. The plastic bags can only be recycled at the local grocery stores. Keep up the good job of recycling as the Town collected 9 ton more recyclable material in 2021 than in 2020.

The Town of Rockland is again holding a Cyber Green day on April 16 from 8:00 AM to noon. Please see the flyer in this newsletter. 4-H youth will be there to unload your vehicles. This Cyber Green day is open to anyone, so tell your friends to bring their unwanted items to the Town on April 16.

4-H will also have a carry out booyah and bake sale on April 16. Come and support the youth of the area. They do like the community service projects that the club does.



Rockland 4-H donates to non-profit Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Great job kids!

#### **ROCKLAND 4H CLUB NEWS:**

At our February meeting we were pleased to have a representative (Lisa) from Sleep in Heavenly Peace. She talked about how this non-profit organization makes twin beds and then distributes them to children that do not have a bed of their own to sleep in. These bed packages include the wooden twin frames, mattresses, sheets, a pillow and blankets. This is a new chapter and is located within the confines of Amerlux in De Pere. March 12th is the next time they will be making beds from 8 to noon. Lisa was asking the club to assist in physically making the beds and then putting the delivery packages together. You must 12 years old to help. If 12 - 18 you must be accompanied by an adult. Anyone over 18 can help. They also could use new pillows, twin comforters, twin sheets and mattress pads. You do not have to be a 4-H family to help.

There will be a Bean Bag and 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on April 2, at the Wrightstown High School. Contact Mary before March 5 if you want to participate. This is for all 4-H youth including Cloverbuds and adults. All proceeds go to financially assist Brown County delegates going on the American Spirit trip. We have two members that have been awarded the trip this year.

The club will be supporting the <u>Rockland Recycling/Electronics</u> day at the Town Hall on April 16<sup>th</sup>. See the town newsletter section for details. Club members and parents will assist in unloading your vehicles and directing traffic. This event is not limited to Rockland residents. We will also have a BAKE SALE and BOOYAH SALE during the recycling event.

Submitted by Caroline Schlies - Keira Hefferman

## **Rockland Dog License for 2022**

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. If you get a kennel license, there is no additional fee for each dog. 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 dogs rabies shots. Dog licenses are due by April 1, 2022. 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.

Name of dog	Phone number	
Name of dog owner		
Address		
BreedCo	or	
Chip No. if available		
Male Female N	eutered Spayed	
Date of Rabies shot	Expiration Date	
Remember to include a copy of proof of rabies vaccination.		



Important Reminder:
Keep your RECYCLABLES loose &
your GARBAGE bagged



## 23rd Annual Rockland Rummage Sale

The Annual Rockland Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Town of Rockland. I am asking for \$5.00 per participating household. The fee will cover ads in 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 Friday, April 9th so we have time to assemble maps. Send the form and the \$5.00 fee to Julie Koenig, Rockland Town Hall, 1712 Bob Bea Jan Road, De Pere, WI 54115. If you have any questions please call 336-2814. Thank you.

## 23rd Annual Rockland Rummage Sale – Sat., April 23, 2021

Name:
Address:
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List items for sale that you would like listed on the maps:

DAYS RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE OPEN: "Friday "Saturday



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