



Spring 2024

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

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This winter is turning out to be one of the warmest on record so far. With the warmer temps and lack of snow, it sure makes it feel like spring is around the corner.

Back in January we had our worst storm of the season, actually a “blizzard”. On Friday night, I received a call about a young male stuck in the middle of the road with a car. Next day a young couple were stuck in the middle of a road. Both had smaller cars about six inches off the ground. The roads were not even plowed yet, but they tried to go through. Where is the common sense in this? Don’t go out unless you know your vehicle can handle the drifts and snow. If you are inexperienced in driving in the snow – stay home. It’s definitely a different generation out there.

Our seasonal weight limits typically go into effect in early March, depending on the temperatures and the weather. The reduced weight limits on our town roads will help protect the road surfaces when the frost comes out of the roadbeds. The beginning and end date will be on the town’s website or call a town board member.

The 22nd annual Town of Rockland Clean Up Day will be on Saturday April 20th. Thank you to all residents who will take the time to walk the ditches along their property and pick up litter. Let’s keep Rockland a beautiful place to live!

On the subject of cleaning up, you are allowed one unlicensed vehicle on your property to be stored outside per Rockland code. All other unlicensed vehicles must be stored inside of a building or please get rid of them!

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1-888-804-8556

Fire Dept: non-emergency (920)

GrL: 639-6939; Morr 676-3203

Remember all dog licenses are due by April 1st every year. All dogs in the town must have a license and please put the tag on your dog's collar.

Enjoy the upcoming spring weather and longer days!

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

Town Clerk Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-2:30, though hours may vary

Or please leave a message at 920-336-2814 or email jkoenig@rocklandbrownwi.gov

“Husband's are the only people in the world who can't put dishes in the right cabinet!”

Well, so far this has been an easy winter with only one major snow storm. I think everyone came though it pretty well. We have 42 miles of roads in our town with quite a few dead ends or cul du sacs that need to be plowed. With 2 plows working often under 40 mph or less pushing heavy wet snow you can understand why it takes awhile to do all the roads. Thanks for being patient.

That storm plowing bill was approximately \$21 thousand dollars. Gasoline and diesel fuel took a sharp increase now so those cost will only go up for the next storm. Policies to reduce drilling, forcing the transportation costs of imports—which raises the cost of fuel, and topped off with inflation impacts everyone including our little township of Rockland.

Inflation is also why we currently are having all our property revalued, you will be getting a notice in the mail from our new assessor about any increase value on your home and property as required by law. Your town board works hard to keep taxes in check but are always dealing with forces beyond our control. Feel free to contact any of us with questions you may have.

In closing, here is something to think about: “Just because no one complains doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect.” And then there is my neighbor who claims 9 months before he was born he went to a wild party with his dad but ended up coming home with his mother. Hmmm

Warmest regards

Alan Lasee, Supervisor

Hello Rockland residents,

I think this has been one of the strangest winters I can remember. Unfortunately, it's not been a good year for outdoor activities like skiing, snowmobiling or ice fishing. I'm sure we will get more snow before spring actually gets here and may give us another chance at some of those winter activities.

As the weather starts to improve, remember to be aware that people will be out walking and biking and may not be paying attention to the signage on the trails to stop at road crossings. Those signs are there to keep everyone safe so for those using our trails, please be cognizant of the signs. Drivers, keep an eye out for your neighbors and put down the phone so you are not distracted while driving. We will be performing our annual road survey this spring to determine what roads will receive repairs. As usual, we will have more road repairs than funds but we will continue to prioritize roads to stay ahead of major problems. I believe we have done a good job on the roads and will continue to do our best for the town and residents. Additionally, we have some really great local businesses in town that do not require long road trips to enjoy and would all appreciate your support.

A thanks in advance to our poll workers for the upcoming elections, the work you do is greatly appreciated.

Bring on the summer!

Matt Meeuwsen, Supervisor

Interested in the Rockland Rummage Sale?

The rummage sale will be held on Saturday, April 27th. The fee this year is \$7 if you wish to be included in the maps and the advertisements. Please go to the website for the form at the bottom of the homepage, or you can pick one up from the town hall. If you participated last year, two will be mailed to you—one for you and one for a neighbor!

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.

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Election Information

Per Wisconsin Law, Absentee Applications for elections must expire at the end of every year and as a result if you wish to have absentee ballots sent to you, you will need to reapply for the 2024 election year. Currently there are three scheduled elections. If you wish to receive ballots by mail for all elections, please be sure to check the selection for the current calendar year. You can also go to myvote.wi.gov to request this. If you haven't used this process in the past, please know that you **MUST** attach a photo of your photo ID (Drivers License for most of us). Your request will not be processed if you don't have an ID on file. Please contact me if you need help.

Also, please know that each voter must return their own and only their own ballot if they deliver it in person. It can also be deposited into the Town Hall's mailbox along Bob Bea Jan Road if you return it outside Clerk's hours.

Thank you, Julie Koenig

Hey Rockland,

Did you know you can rent the Town Hall for \$100/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. A portion of your security deposit will be withheld if the hall is not cleaned properly or returned to meeting set up.

Reserve your date today.

*conditions apply



We continue to work with the folks at East River Collaborative to find ways to slow the flow of the water rushing out of Rockland and into the East River. A few ways of preserving the topsoil are ponds, wildlife scrapes that hold water, conservation areas that can act as sponges and hold water and wildlife, or grassy waterways that are great slow down options for our land use. Reach out if you'd like to know more.

ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS

At our February meeting, we had a guest speaker: Mr. Jay Van Zeeland. Mr. Van Zeeland is a retired paramedic and is associated with Patroller Academy. He gave the group a presentation in regards to CPR and bleeding – and what to do if someone is injured at the playground or in their home. The members were able to practice on CPR dummies and got a real feel for what needs to get done in an emergency. For our Valentine project, we made a meal for Freedom House in Green Bay. Members created a meal plan – cheesy potatoes, sloppy joes/buns, fruit salad, vegetables and for dessert, we learned to decorate heart cookies with butter cream frosting, and sprinkles. The bean/bag basketball tournament at Wrightstown High School is April 6th. The Electronic Recycling day will be at the Rockland Town Hall on April 13, so start cleaning the garage and basement now. At the Recycle Day, we will also have a bake sale and booyah sale. Get there early for the booyah. On Saturday, February 24th, we will have our Club's Craft Day. We have a number of crafty projects for the kids to make for the Brown County Fair or just as a learning fun experience. We will have cupcake decorating, sewing potholders, wood signs, beads and jewelry Christmas trees, Christmas signs, decorated wooden blocks and other fill in projects. We are looking forward to an active 4-H 2024 year.

Lacey Bratz and Ashley Derenne

Important Dates:

In person absentee voting during Clerks hours starting March 19, or by appointment

**Spring Election & Presidential Preference Tues., April 2nd
7:00 am to 8:00 pm.**

Rockland Recycle Day—Saturday, April 13th

Annual Meeting of the Electorate—Tuesday, April 16th, 7:00 pm

Rockland Clean up day—Saturday, April 20th

Rockland Rummage Sale date—Saturday April 27th.

Board of Review—Monday, May 20th 7:15 PM—will be rescheduled



Rockland Dog License for 2024

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, 2024**. 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 _____

Breed _____ Color _____

Chip No. if available _____

Male _____ Female _____ Neutered _____ Spayed _____

Date of Rabies shot _____ Expiration Date _____

Include copy of vaccination record

Construction Projects: Please be reminded to get your permits before your building, solar panel 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 \$\$\$ 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.

If you have been approached by a wind turbine company, please do your research. Glen Schwalbach has been on the front lines of legislation and land owner rights. It is worth your time to consult with him prior to signing anything the company might offer. Please reach out to him at 920-680-2436.

Greenleaf Fire Department News

Between January 25 and February 20, we posted 3 separate articles on lithium-ion batteries to Facebook. These batteries power cell phones, laptops, tablets, e-bikes, scooters, feed carts and electric vehicles to name a few. Lithium-ion batteries are generally safe but can become a safety issue for homeowners, recyclers, garbage haulers, landfill operators and fire departments if not properly used, charged, stored or disposed of. Please review the wealth of information we have posted on these batteries. It is definitely an eye opener!

The life of a CO detector or smoke alarm is 10 years so be sure to test them regularly and replace them when needed. Practice a home fire escape plan with your family and be sure everyone knows what to do in the event of severe weather or a tornado.

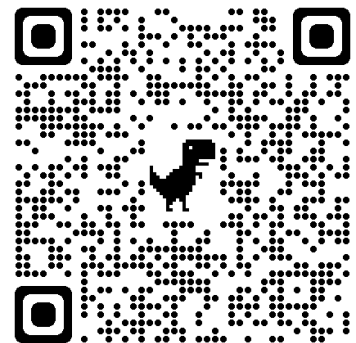
Each year, citizens make donations to the fire department or leave monetary contributions when doing their estate planning. Because scammers are out there, eliminate fraudulent activities and only send donations to our official mailing address which is P. O. Box 57, Greenleaf, WI, 54126-0057.

If you ever have any questions for those of you who are in our jurisdiction (west of CTH PP), email us at office@greenleaffire.com. You can call 920-864-2200 for a recorded message regarding who to call to rent the park/hall or how to reach the Fire Chief or Assistant Chief. Remember, if you have an emergency, an urgent situation or need to speak to someone immediately, call 911!

Our 102nd Annual Greenleaf Fireman's Picnic will be held on SATURDAY, JULY 20, from NOON to 9 PM. This is a great family event so jot it down on your calendars and come out and enjoy the day with us. See you then!

We need you!

As the Planning Commission embarks on updating the Rockland Master Plan (aka Comprehensive Plan), we want to know how you see our community. If every adult in your household could respond to our questionnaire, it would be fantastic. It's a google survey and by doing it that way, it computes the responses automatically. saving us loads of time. If you aren't comfortable doing the survey online, it is also available on paper. I will have copies available at the town hall for anyone who wishes to fill in a paper one, or take some to their neighbors/family. We will have them on hand during election activities. Please complete before May 1st. We can't do this without your support!



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