



Summer 2024
 Quarterly Newsletter
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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In the month of April the Town Board toured all the roads and came up with a list of repairs and maintenance. The Board decided to do wedging on the following roads/sections of roads: Big Valley Rd, Club Dr, Hickory Ridge, Ledge Crest, Moon River Dr, Old Martin Rd, Old Ledge, Pouwels Ct and Solitude. The following roads will receive a full hot oil seal coat over the entire road: Marilyn Ley Dr, Meadow Ledge Ct, New Plank West and Shirley Rd from CTH PP to Blake Rd.

We will also be installing a new culvert across Hickory Ridge at the Old Military intersection, also a new culvert on Moon River Rd just south of Gold Dust Drive. There will be two 3 ft. diameter culverts replaced, one on Solitude Rd and one on Old Martin Rd. Both of these will come out of the bridge fund.

Overall, the roads seem in better shape this spring due to the mild winter and lack of frost in the road beds.

We will also be adding gravel to the shoulders of Shirley Rd from CTH PP to CTH W. That work will be done prior to sealcoating the road.

Remember, some fireworks require a permit signed by the Town Chairman. The permits are supplied by the fireworks vendor. You are responsible for your own actions, not the Town.

When there are signs up that say loose gravel, road construction ahead, fresh oil or Road Closed, obey the signs. Slow down, and give the workers a brake!

The next Town Board meeting is on June 3rd at 7:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

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We are happy to report that Brown County has built a parking lot for Fox River Trail use on Midway Road. This will help keep cars from parking on the shoulders and allow traffic to pass safely—particularly during cropping seasons. Please help to keep it clean and clear of debris. While we love our community, there are those who use the space who don't have the same dedication. Also, please be reminded that bicycles using the trail **MUST STOP** at roads, vehicular traffic has the right of way. Some day someone will get hurt or worse. Thank you!



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.

Rockland friends,

The month of May is slipping away fast. Our annual road inspection is complete and with the mild winter they are in pretty good shape; but we continue to improve those that need attention.

As I write this newsletter, Rockland is being revalued by our assessor. New and increased value will be placed on everyone's property. I have been criticized in the past for writing in this forum about things that happen in Washington, inflation is hurting all of us, it's caused by overspending and bad policies by our leaders in our capital. Inflation is the reason our property values are increasing. Wisconsin law requires all property shall be valued at 100% of what property would sell for within 10% high or low of 100%. Because of inflated sales, Wisconsin has determined we are out of compliance at 78% of market value. Therefore, we are being revalued. When your value changes you will be notified by our assessor by mail and you will get a chance to challenge the new value. Keep in mind that Rockland didn't cause this to happen.

This town board is committed to keeping property taxes stable and will lower the " rate " of taxation accordingly. However, we cannot control the school tax rates or technical schools mill rates. I'm always amazed that the politicians that caused high inflation keep getting elected saying they will fix this when in fact they would have a hard time finding their way out of their own birth canal.

In closing, they say haste makes waste but then again, so does exlax.

Keep smiling. Warmest regards,

Alan Lasee, Supervisor

Hello Rockland residents,

Summer is almost upon us along with all the fun it brings. But this time of year also presents hazards, one of which is Lyme Disease. Lyme disease in Wisconsin is in the high risk category (along with Minnesota, the UP, and the upper east coast). It is a tick-borne illness, transmitted by the deer tick, that has a wide range of symptoms including headache, fever, fatigue, joint pain, and neurological issues. Another symptom that about half the people who are bitten will have is a red ringed rash, often around the site of the bite. A tick can find a suitable spot on your body in as little as 15 minutes. The longer it's on your body, the higher your risk of getting a tick-borne illness. Early diagnosis (based on symptoms and blood work) as well as early treatment provide the best path to recovery. If not treated quickly, it can cause long term issues. To avoid ticks, the Wisconsin Health Department recommends wearing long sleeves, tall socks over your pant legs, and using insect repellent on exposed skin. It's important to check everyone (including pets) thoroughly after time outdoors. Ticks can hide in places that aren't always easy to see or remove so ask for help to be sure. If you find an attached tick, use a narrow tweezers to pull the tick as close to the skin as possible, without twisting, pull upward and out with steady tension. Do not use petroleum jelly or a hot match to remove it. Clean the site with rubbing alcohol after removal. The tick can be saved in a jar for identification by your doctor.

Hope everyone has a great summer!

Matt

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVALUATION FOR 2024

As mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, the Town is undergoing a revaluation this year.

This revaluation is known as a "Market Adjustment" revaluation. Our assessor, Mike Denor of Fair Market Assessments, located in Green Bay, has all the pertinent information about each property that has been gathered over the years. With a Market Adjustment, it involves taking the information known about a property and placing a value of what it is worth in today's market. In addition, exterior photos have been taken of all homes, business and farms.

Notices of the 2024 assessed values will be mailed by June 30th. Along with the notice of assessment will be information as to how it will affect your taxes. It will not tell you the 2024 tax bill, as that will not be known until the budgets are set in the fall prior to printing the bills in December, but the assessor's information will give you a good idea of what to expect.

The Board of Review will be held on August 1st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If it is a property owners desire to appeal the 2024 assessed value to the Board of Review, they are to contact the Town Clerk, Julie Koenig, by Tuesday July 30th. The petitioner is required to complete challenge forms no less than 48 hrs prior to the Board of Review.

There will be 2 Open Book sessions at the Town Hall, July 16th from 10:00 till Noon and on July 23rd from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The assessor will also be available by phone between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm any weekday after the notices are received.

For more detailed information, please contact the Clerks office at (920) 336-2814 or email jkoenig@rocklandbrownwi.gov.



NEWS FROM YOUR TREASURER

The Town of Rockland held the annual electronic recycling day on April 13. A total of 22,750 pounds of electronic recycling material was collected. This is the most we ever collected. Thank you to all who came to the electronic recycling event. We will hold this event again next year on April 12, 2025.

The 4-H youth helped unload the vehicles and had a bake sale and booyah that same day. They made more booyah this year and still ran out. Thanks to all who helped our local 4-H club by buying bakery and booyah.

Remember that plastic bags cannot be put in the recycling container. Lawn cuttings and brush and building materials are not allowed in the garbage container. Shredded paper is not allowed in the recycling container either. This may be brought to Sonoco in West De Pere. They have recycling bins and anyone may drop off shredded paper. If you are putting aluminum cans in your recycling bin, they ask that they are not crushed. The crushed cans are causing problems with the sorting machine.

If your garbage or recycling bin breaks, please call Harter's. Their number is 1-888-804-8556. They repair them if possible or get you a new one if needed. Harter's also picks up big items. However, you must call them. They will tell you when their schedule for large items is and if there is a fee for your item.

Thanks to all who helped clean the ditches in the Town of Rockland. Please help keep Rockland clean and a great place to live.

I wish everyone a safe and blessed summer.



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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.

ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS

The Town Hall was very busy on April 13th with the Electronics Recycle Event. A total of 219 cars took advantage of the program by dropping off refrigerators, washer/dryers, curling irons, dehumidifiers, TV's, monitors, can openers, lawnmowers and many other items. The 4H members and parents were there to assist with unloading the cars and sorting into the proper designated areas. A large number of customers stopped at the booyah and the bake sale tent for special treats. Thanks everyone who supported us.

At our April meeting we had a special presentation by Zak and Anna Pierce who have a hobby of Bee Keeping. They brought with them a bee keepers white uniform, parts of the bee hive and equipment they use to work with the bees to extract the honey. It was very interesting and the members had a lot of excellent questions. At the May meeting we did a tie dye project. Members brought to the meeting clothing items (t-shirts, socks, bandanas) and the club provided the rubber-bands, bags and dye. Members will bring the items back to the June meeting for everyone to see how they turned out. At our June meeting we will be celebrating "June Dairy Month" with a build your own Ice Cream Sundae and/or Root Beer Floats.



Important Dates:

Greenleaf Fireman's Picnic—Saturday, July 20, 2024 12:00 Noon—9:00pm

In person absentee voting during Clerks hours starting July 24, or by appointment

WI Fall Primary Election Tues., August 13, 2024 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays ea. Month (NOTE: the Town Board meetings will start at 7:00pm effective June 3)

Planning Commission: (usually 2nd Thursday of ea. month) please check the calendar on the website

Board of Review—Thursday, August 1, 2024 6:00pm—8:00pm

Open Book sessions—Tuesday, July 16, 2024 10:00am-12:00pm AND Tuesday, July 23, 2024 2:00pm-4:00pm



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

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. There are two scheduled elections. If you wish to receive ballots by mail for any election, 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**



An advertisement for Wm's Jewelers Inc. The background is a bright yellow. On the left side, there are several pink and yellow tulips. In the center, the text reads "Wm's Jewelers inc." with a diamond icon above the "m". Below the name, the address "115 S. Erie St De Pere, WI 54115", phone number "920-336-8611", and website "www.wmsjewelersinc.com" are listed. At the bottom, the hours "Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM" are provided. On the right side, there is a piece of jewelry, possibly a necklace or earrings, with a colorful, patterned design.

CONGRATULATIONS - Town of Rockland Voters

All Town election workers and the Town Board would like to thank you for the amazing voter turnout we experienced at the April 2nd Presidential Preference Primary. As you can see in the photo, we had a 47.7% voter turnout of this election – which was the highest voter turnout rate of any town or city in Brown County. CONGRATS to you all!! The trophy and sign will be on display in the Town Hall during the August and November 2024 elections, so come on in and view our Town's winning trophy.

Election workers on the left side of the trophy:

Julie Koenig (Clerk)
- seated

Poll Workers -
standing

Randy Hansen

Brett Rowe

Karen Cashman



Election workers on the right side of the trophy:

Donna Koehler (poll
worker) -seated

Poll workers stand-
ing –

Sue Vande Voort

Jaelene Wentland

Judy Schwalbach

Election poll workers not pictured but who would also like to congratulate all the residents of Rockland for coming out on a cold, rainy and a nighttime blizzard to vote are: Kathy Anderson; Sher Brandl; Bob Coenen; Jan Hockers; Jeff Kaufman; Chas Kaftan; Jodi Kaftan; Alan LeClair; David Verhagen; Abby Grunwald; and Michelle Kahn.

Upcoming Elections – Key dates

***Now through August 1, 2024** – if you would like to have an absentee ballot mailed to you for the August 13th election, then you must be registered to vote. You can confirm you are registered, or you can register, or you can request an absentee ballot be mailed to you at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>. Keep in mind we have no control over the speed of the post office, so please request early if you know you'll need one mailed to you – we recommend you request an absentee ballot be mailed to you no later than August 1, 2024.

***Tuesday, August 13, 2024** – Voting at the Town Hall is open from 7 am to 8 pm. This is a Partisan Primary. That means you must vote for the candidates in only one political party (Federal, State and County offices). Crossover votes – where you vote for candidates in different parties - will not be allowed.

In-person early voting at the Rockland Town Hall - allowable dates are July 30th, and August 1, 5, 6 and 8th. 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. No in-person early voting is available after August 8th. NEW – For the first time ever we will be offering evening In-person early voting at the Rockland Town Hall – July 30 and August 6 - 3:30 to 7:00 pm.

If you're a new Town of Rockland resident, changed your name, moved to a different address, or will become 18 on or before August 13th – please use one of the in-person voting times to come in and register to vote. You can also register to vote at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

***Tuesday, November 5, 2024** – This is the next general election where all Federal, State and County candidates will be elected.

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.

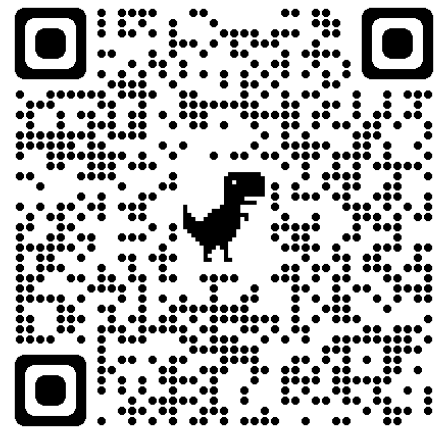
Each year, citizens make donations to the fire department or leave monetary contributions when doing their estate planning. Because scammers are out there, eliminate fraudulent activities and only send donations to our official mailing address which is P. O. Box 57, Greenleaf, WI, 54126-0057.

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!

!Survey!

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. Please complete before August 1st. Thank you to those who have already filled out the survey! We can't do this without your support!



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