



Summer 2025

Town of Rockland Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's that time of the year—road construction season. The Town Board toured all our roads with Scott Construction in April for possible repairs and maintenance. The Board decided to sealcoat Old Martin Rd from Cty PP to Sportsmans Rd, Eiler Rd, Big Valley Rd from Eiler to Lasee Rd, Hickory Ridge Rd north of Old Military Rd, Solitude Rd, Pouwels Ct, Raebrooke and Ryan Rd from Midway Rd to Old Martin Rd. We also will be doing some repairs on Mar-El-Rd and on New Plank South. In the Moon River subdivision, we will be wedging bad spots on various roads and then sealcoating in 2026.

We replaced a large culvert on Old Military and two culverts on Ryan Rd, both projects are coming out of the Bridge Fund. We also replaced culverts at the Big Valley & Lasee intersection and at the Alcor and Old Martin intersection.

There's never enough money to do all the projects we would like to do, but overall, I think the roads are in pretty good shape.

We are also repairing Shirley Rd from Cty W to Morrison Rd and part of Morrison Rd, south of Shirley Rd. The Town received a grant for \$690,000 from the State of Wisconsin through the ARIP program (Agricultural Roads Improvement Program). The existing chipseal will be milled, graded out and then compacted before 5 inches of hot black top is installed. There will also be the addition of 2 foot wide gravel shoulders on each side of the road bed. The State covers 90% of the cost and the Town pays 10% of the cost. I wish there were more grants out there like that.

If you notice some construction activity at our Town Hall this summer, we are starting a 24' wide by 36' long storage shed.

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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!

Have a great summer.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

Town Website Update

The Town of Rockland website is in the process of being rebuilt. If you experience any issues with functionality please reach out to the Clerk at (920) 336-2814. We appreciate your patience during this time of transition!



Hello Rockland neighbors,

Summer is here already and with it comes days that are getting shorter.

On July 2nd my wife and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary. As we get older time does seem to fly. A friend told me that life is like a roll of toilet paper, as you get near the end it goes faster. It was good for a laugh but its true.

Things are quiet in our township and that's a good thing. On June 19th, I attended an annual meeting regarding our municipal court. Years ago this court was set up by neighboring townships that hired a judge to make rulings when citizens break the laws or ordinances that requires legal action. Originally, any costs were to be paid through any fines that may be imposed, but of course, turns out it's not enough and now each member township pays \$1,600 per year. It was decided at that meeting to raise it to \$2,000 per year even though they have over \$15,000 in the bank, for the past several years Rockland has not used those services. One person was charged with a violation that required the courts use. Rockland's board has successfully negotiated any problems. I intend to make a recommendation to drop out and save the taxpayers the money. The Town of Green Bay is dropping out also because, like Rockland, they have had no need for it.

Maybe at a later date things might change.

In June, several wind storms came though and knocked down trees onto the roadways. We were able to clear the roads without incident. Whenever something like this happens let one of us know and we will take care of it before any accidents happen.

In closing, they say "money isn't the key to happiness but if you have enough money you can have a key made."

Keep smiling and warmest regards,

Supervisor Alan Lasee

Hello Rockland residents,

Summer is here and along with that comes the list of outdoor projects every homeowner never seems to run out of. As a reminder, before you start to dig in your yard, contact Diggers Hotline (811) to make sure you are safe to dig. It is a free service and is typically completed within three business days. Not only is it dangerous to cut into a gas line or power line, it is also very expensive. You are responsible for any damage to gas or power lines if you don't call for the area to be marked. If you have marks within 18 inches of where you want to dig, this must be dug carefully by hand, without mechanized equipment. I would also recommend that you still use caution once the areas are marked as it is not always 100% accurate. The utility company will only mark the lines they are responsible for, so this does not include sprinklers, outbuildings, landscape lighting, etc.

I again want to remind everyone about the bike traffic on the trail. Earlier this spring there was an incident bad enough that someone had to be taken via Flight For Life helicopter. My biggest concern is that it will be one of our residents that frequently travels the roads that will have an issue with a biker that doesn't comply with stop signs. Our Clerk Julie has reached out to the Brown County Parks Department (Thanks Julie!) and requested they trim the brush back on the trail at all intersections. This should give everyone better visibility to see bike traffic coming. I have seen plenty of bikes fly through the intersections that I now slow down and look both directions before crossing. It doesn't seem like a vehicle should have to do this when there aren't any traffic signs indicating it but I don't want to have any issues or see someone else get hurt.

I hope everyone has a great summer and stays safe,

Matt

If you are in need of notarial services, the Town of Rockland Clerks are trained notaries and available during Town Hall hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am-2:30pm).

Important Dates:

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays ea. Month

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

Comprehensive Plan Review Dates: August 14, September 11, October 9, 6:00pm

**Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Approval:
November 6th at 6:00 pm**

**Public Hearing on the Budget: November 17, 6:30pm,
immediately following with Special Meeting of the
Electorate, Town Board Meeting to follow**



NEWS FROM YOUR TREASURER

Recycling News

Our recycling day in April brought in 27,394 pounds of material. These items are considered steel, refrigerator and e-waste. Thank you to all who brought items to the event. We are planning to hold another recycling day on April 11, 2026.

Last year the town had 144 tons of recycling picked up by Harter's. That is 4 tons more than last year. Unfortunately, there was also 1180 pounds of tires picked up out of the ditches in the town. The town likes to keep the ditches clean. If you see material in the ditches by your property, please pick it up. This keeps others from just throwing their waste in our ditches.

Remember you cannot put plastic bags in your recycling. Take them to a local grocery store where they have drop off boxes for plastic bags. Also, if you have shredded paper, take it to SNOCO Mill in West De Pere. They have drop boxes that you can put shredded paper in. Shredded paper cannot be recycled in your bi-weekly collection.

Thank you to everyone for doing such a good job of recycling in the Town. Each year we apply for a grant. We have received this grant for many years because the Town always has met the amount each family is required to recycle.

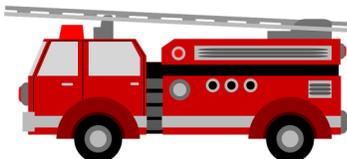
Have a good summer and stay cool during the hot days.



A Note from Greenleaf Fire Department

Crash Detection features are now available on newer cell phones and watches. It detects a severe crash and automatically contacts emergency services with the device's location. This past summer, we were dispatched along with police and medical responders to a person riding in a cart who unknowingly had their cell phone fall out of their pocket, which created an alert. When 911 tried to contact the phone, there was no response. Call Takers/Dispatchers had to assume that an actual crash had occurred, and the people involved were not able to communicate. If you accidentally call 911, stay on the line, do not hang up and explain to the Call Taker what happened. The same holds true for a Crash Detection alert. Be sure to respond to the alert you will receive and tell them you have no emergency or emergency services will be sent. Check out our Facebook posting on January 19 for additional information.

Make sure to check out Greenleaf Fire Department's Facebook page and annual newsletter to stay up to date on important safety information as well as current happenings within the Department.



ROCKLAND 4H NEWS

In May, we received a financial donation from the local chapter of the VFW. Money was designated to be used for the Veterans Food Pantry. We shopped at Dick's Family Foods in Wrightstown on the morning of the Food Drive (May 3rd). Members were given a "budget" for shopping, looked for the sale items and best deals, took it through the registers, packed and then transported to the collection point at the Cotter Funeral Home. Money earned at our food stand at a local horse show allowed us to match their donation, and made it a nice sized load of groceries for the Veterans.

For a June Dairy month promotion, we participated in a Blizzard Football Game at the Resch Center. All members were invited to the field to form a greeting tunnel for the Blizzard football team. A lot of high fives from the players. We also received a water bottle, a drink and hot dog. It was a lot of fun and of course the Blizzard team won. On June 1st, we went to the Lopnow Greenhouse and learned more about picking out and purchasing the best plants for our individual planters and for the potted plant we will be taking to the fair, as a club. At our June meeting, we tie dyed shirts, socks and canvas bags. In celebration of June Dairy Month, we had our annual Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae or Root Beer Floats. Our members in the poultry and rabbit projects brought their fair project animals for the members to learn more about the care of these animals.

We have also been meeting weekly to work on fair club activities and projects. We are painting a billboard/informational fair sign, getting items ready to create a booth display, doing page creations for a club scrapbook, designing barn decorations for the chicken barn, rabbit barn and swine barn, watching our potted plant and keeping it watered, and finishing up on our ceramics and sewing projects. The county fair is August 13th through August 17th with judging day Tuesday, August 12th. It's been a very busy June and July.....

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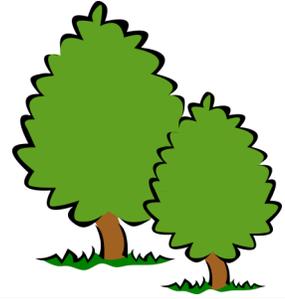
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LANDSCAPING HELP WANTED

The Town of Rockland is looking to hire a landscaping assistant to maintain the grounds at the Rockland Town Hall. Duties would include weed maintenance, shrub trimming/pruning, and general upkeep. Duties do NOT include lawn mowing or building maintenance. If you are interested please reach out to the Clerk at (920) 336-2814. Compensation package can be arranged.



A Note about the Town of Rockland's Comprehensive Plan

This year, the Town of Rockland's Comprehensive Plan is being updated. The Comprehensive Plan is a public document that outlines growth and development of the community for the next 25 years. The survey that residents were asked to fill out over the past year was in preparation for the work being done this year to update the plan, and your input has been valuable in helping to keep the wishes of the Town's residents in mind during the process. The current plan can be found at the Town Hall during open Clerk hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am-2:30pm). Check the Town of Rockland website to follow along with plan updates as they are posted.

There will be review dates on August 14, September 11 and October 9 at 6:00pm for community members to learn more about future plans and to provide input. The Public Hearing to approve the updated Comprehensive Plan will be on November 6 at 6:00 pm.

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.



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