

TOWN OF RUTLAND 2012 NEWSLETTER

Greetings From Your Town Chair:

This has been a busy year for your Town government.

Funding continues to be an issue. Our levy is limited, but our costs for services and materials continue to increase. We are working with the surrounding Towns to share equipment and staff to keep costs down. We have been working with the other municipalities on the Oregon Area Fire/EMS District to improve the financial state of the District.

The Town has been working on several projects.

After multiple years of work with DOT, the drainage system along Highways 92 and 14 has now been rebuilt by DOT and its contractors. The Town and the Village of Brooklyn are jointly responsible for the maintenance. As costs are incurred, the Town will pass these costs back to the benefited property owners on per acre basis.

We had more discussions with the City of Stoughton regarding the boundary areas, especially the area along Highway 51. No boundary agreement has been reached. We will be working with the Capital Area Planning Commission (CARPC), the City, and the four Towns surrounding Stoughton a Future Urban Development Area (FUDA) Study. This study is intended to identify the amount of land Stoughton is likely to need for expansion over the next 25 years.

The Town rebuilt the south half of Center Road this past summer. We also repaved Bass Lake Court. We will be rebuilding the north half of Sunrise Road next summer. We have other roads that need to be rebuilt, including the remaining portions of Old Stone Road (mostly on the eastern end), Windmill Road, Hildreth Road, the north half of Starr School Road, Oak Lane Road and Union Dane Road. There are roads within Ol' Stone Estates that also need to be repaired or rebuilt. We have typically only had enough budget to rebuild one mile or so a year, so it will take many years to get through this list. We are also working on crack filling and chip sealing each year to maintain the roads that have already been rebuilt to current standards.

We have also heard recently from DOT that they have two projects underway in our area. The first is a corridor study on Highway 138, which is aimed at increasing the safety of the corridor. The other is a resumption of the design process for US 14 south of Highway 138. This project has been started and stopped multiple times. For a few years, DOT had US 14 on its schedule for 2016, but lack of funds has now delayed that construction until 2018. The US 14 design work continues, with a completion date of late 2014; should funds become available, construction could still be done during 2016. As part of the rebuild of US 14 south of Highway 138, the DOT is considering a Park'n'Ride lot at 14 and 138, as well as other options for the termination of the north end of current US 14.

There has been no progress with DOT on a change for the Deer Point/Roby Road/Highway 51 intersection. A final decision on the DOT Highway 51 Study (from Coachman's to McFarland) is expected by mid-2014 (including all inter-agency approvals). That study should allow improvements to be scheduled for Highway 51, including the intersection. Fund availability and accident rates will factor into DOT's scheduling of any improvements.

My best wishes for a safe and happy new year.

Sincerely,
Dale Beske
Town Chair

THE RUTLAND TOWN BOARD

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| Chairman | Dale Beske | (835-7606) |
| Supervisor | Jeanette Walker | (873-8130) |
| Supervisor | James Lunde | (873-9726) |
| Supervisor | Milt Sperle | (873-3078) |
| Clerk | Dawn George | (455-3925) |
| Treasurer | Kim Sime | (873-8781) |
| Constable | Shawn Hillestad Timothy Wood | (455-2614) (455-1380) |
| Building Inspector | Steve Kittelson | (873-8784) (445-9715 cell) |
| Assessor | Gardiner Appraisal Service | (838-3993) |

THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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| Dale Beske | 835-7606 | | Jim Lunde | 873-9726 |
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The Planning Commission meets on the Monday before the 1st Tuesday of each month and the Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Town Hall (873-9553) at 785 Center Road. A preliminary agenda for these meetings is published in both the *Oregon Observer* and the *Stoughton Hub* and a final agenda is posted in three places in the Town on the Friday before the meetings. The agendas are also posted to the town web site. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the clerk ten days prior to regular monthly meeting to get scheduled on the agenda.

ATTENTION VOTERS ... IMPORTANT CHANGES

- Voter now must sign the poll book.
- Residency is now 28 days, which is a change from the previous 10 day requirement.
- Absentee Voting in the clerk's office has new limits.
- Voter registration requirements are different. Wisconsin law allows for registration at the polling place on Election Day, with identification requirements the same as prior to Election Day. Registration prior to an election is encouraged to help avoid delays.
- Currently there are court cases and new legislation proposals pending, any of which could change the voter registration rules. Changes will be posted to the Town's website at www.town.rutland.wi.us

2013 ELECTION DATES...

FEBRUARY 19, 2013 - SPRING PRIMARY (if necessary)
 APRIL 2, 2013 - SPRING ELECTION

Town Officers whose terms will be expiring and will be filled at the election in April are Chairman Dale Beske, Supervisor Milt Sperle, Clerk Dawn George, Treasurer Kim Sime, and Constables Shawn Hillestad and Tim Wood. The candidates for these offices will be nominated at the **Caucus to be held on January 22, 2013 at 6:30 pm.**

Contact the Clerk if you need an absentee ballot. Written requests should be sent to the Clerk at 4177 Old Stage Rd., Brooklyn, WI 53521. You may also request an absentee ballot by email or by fax. You must be registered to vote before an absentee ballot may be sent. All elections are held at the Town Hall at 785 Center Road.

BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED.....USE 911 FOR ANY EMERGENCY.....

To acquire a burning permit, Town Residents must call both the fire department providing coverage as well as the Town Board Chairman or one of the Supervisors. There may be a \$200 fine for a fire without a permit, as well as a fire that gets out of control, as provided by the Burning Ordinance.

BROOKLYN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Mortensen 455-3621 (work) or 455-4252 (home)
Fire Department 455-3812

OREGON FIRE DEPARTMENT 835-5587

STOUGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 873-7218

SINGLE SOURCE RECYCLING USED AT THE COLLECTION CENTER

The Collection Center is available for use by Town residents after obtaining an identification sticker (number). This number is available from the Clerk, Treasurer, or members of the Town Board prior to use of the Collection Center. These identification stickers are not available at the Collection Center.

Residents are reminded that only **residential waste** is accepted at the collection center. Other arrangements must be made for solid waste from a business. Construction waste is also not accepted at the collection center; it must be privately contracted for or taken to the Dane County landfill.

Residents are asked to have the recyclables separated from solid waste before arriving at the collection center and to time their arrival so that all items can be unloaded before 4:00 p.m.

Please check the list on the website (www.town.rutland.wi.us) for the items that can be deposited in the recycling bin. This does not include garbage, nor does it include plastic bags.

The Collection Center at 4232 CTH A is open on Saturdays from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M. Please arrive at the collection center prior to 4 P.M. and allow enough time to complete the drop off before 4 P.M.

BURN PILE AT COLLECTION CENTER

We are allowed to burn **only brush and unpainted, untreated wood**. Treated wood, painted, stained or finished wood is not permitted. Furniture, mattresses and other trash are also not permitted. The DNR may revoke our burn permit should these items continue to be found in the burn pile. Should that happen, all such items will then need to be taken to the County facility. We appreciate your cooperation.

SENIOR CENTERS

Seniors from Rutland may use either the Stoughton or Oregon Senior Center facilities. Outreach services are provided through the McFarland Senior Center for Rutland residents in the Stoughton area and through the Oregon Senior Center for Oregon area residents. The McFarland Case Manager is able to meet with seniors at the Stoughton Senior Center.

SNOW PLOWING POLICY

The snow plowing policy for the 2012-2013 winter will be as follows. No driveways will be plowed before town roads are open, except in an emergency. When private driveways are plowed by the Town, a charge of \$60.00 will be made for the first 10 minutes or less, plus \$3.00 per minute for each minute in excess of ten minutes. The town policy entitles Senior Citizens (age 65 and over) to one free plowing per season. The Town will assume no liability for damages to mailboxes and posts, which occurs when plowing is taking place. Every effort will be made to keep this from occurring. Salt and sand for residents' home use is usually available inside the metal building at the town hall. Residents may pick up reasonable amounts for use on sidewalks.