



**WIENERMOBILE IN RUTLAND?**

**Hello Rutland!**

How many of you open your annual Town of Rutland Tax Bill with the same pleasant anticipation as you would a Hallmark Greeting Card? Well... I will admit it. I typically look at the numbers on the "amount due" line then permanently place the rest in the "you know where" file. Fortunately, all of that detailed information can now be easily accessed on our new and upgraded website.

While I never will advocate ignoring valuable information sent in our tax bills, I would like to offer you some different Rutland news on a quarterly basis that has a purpose other than providing residents with rules, regulations and payment deadlines.

Going back to tax bills and other town payments, there IS always a positive side to these payment transactions. You may come in contact with Rutland's Treasurer, Kim Sime. Kim is a dedicated individual whom most residents have met and enjoy talking to. Along with her responsibility as Rutland's Treasurer, Kim enjoys her large family and also finds time to create Norwegian art. I plan to see a piece of Kim's beautiful artwork in our NEW town hall... someday:)

Kim Sime~ I grew up in Dunkirk, Married into Rutland 30+ years ago. I farm with my husband Bruce. We have 6 Children, 8 grandchildren (11 by the end of 2021). I have been Treasurer for Rutland since 2007 and I have enjoyed it very much. Meeting the Residents of Rutland has been really fun. I enjoy spending time with our kids and grandkids, working on my lawn and flowers, reading and Rosemaling.

**Rutland is also pleased to have a newly elected Supervisor. She adds an interesting background to our board and brings many skills and talents to our town. Meet Susan Williams and thank you Sue for bringing the famous Wienermobile through Rutland.**

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Hello everyone. First I want to thank you for electing me to represent you as one of your Town Board Supervisors. I am honored and will do my very best to make decisions that I believe are in the best interest of this beautiful township after hearing input from you. A little information about me; I am 61 years old, married to Mary Celley and have lived on our farm here in Rutland for almost 27 years. I retired from the City of Madison Police Department as an Assistant Chief back in January 2019. During my career, I spent a great deal of time in the Training Department and was a certified Emergency Vehicle Operations instructor as well as a Firearms Instructor. I also acted as the Departments Records Custodian and worked on creating the Departments annual budget. I now stay busy working on the farm, being a part time dog trainer and take classes with my own dogs. I also get hired annually to train the new drivers of the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. So, don't be surprised to see the Wienermobile driving down our Town roads in June. When I am not working, I love spending time relaxing on my farm, hiking or playing with the dogs. Again, thank you for allowing me to represent you for the next 2 years.

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**Speaking of talent, Nancy Nedveck's beautiful Flower Factory business has surely put Rutland on the map! Thank you Nancy for adding beauty to so many locations.**

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I have lived here since 1972 working in farm labor then getting a degree in horticulture from UW Madison. I had a truck farm selling vegetables at the DCFM on the square. My husband, David, and I shifted to selling flowers and opened a retail outlet at the farm in '88 when our son, Derek, was born. After 37 years I retired and we closed the retail last year, 2020. My free time is filled with gardening, fiber arts and reading.

I will be up for reelection in 2022. I would like to work on keeping the roads in repair, internet service and getting a new town hall where we can meet as a community.

**I often hear that our Rutland residents don't know that we have a "Constable" or don't really know what duties a Constable has. Please allow me to introduce Rutland's newly elected Constable, Steve Williams, and offer some information regarding Steve's duties. If you have been to our town's Collection Center, you have likely met Steve and probably enjoyed his sense of humor. A long time area resident, Steve enjoys Rutland's "rural feel, friendly community and close proximity to Madison and to his adult daughter." When asked why he ran for Rutland Constable, Steve replied, that he "was talked into it." Steve enjoys meeting and helping people. And that is basically what our Constable does when it comes to assisting with minor complaints and concerns regarding our ordinance enforcement. Steve shares his home with his dog, a Vizsla breed named Carmen, horses and chickens. Welcome Steve the next time you are at our Collection Center.**

**In July, Bob Postel will be joining the Rutland Board as Supervisor. The next "Hello Rutland!" newsletter will highlight this newest member.**

**I'm very pleased and excited to have been recently appointed to the Dane County Broadband Task Force. The next newsletter will offer more information about this important topic.**

**In the meantime, consider subscribing to updates on our Rutland Website - <https://town.rutland.wi.us>. It's easy! All you need to do is indicate your area of interest(s) under "Stay Informed" and you will receive automatic, pertinent email information.**

**Sincerely,**

**Deana Zentner  
Chairperson**

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Rutland Newsletter



Hello Rutland,

It has been a pleasure getting to know many Rutland area residents while serving on the Dane County Broadband Task Force. The task force was created through resolution [2020 RES-415](#) and outlines the work the task force will do over the course of the next year including: collect data, research and explore various funding mechanisms, partner with stakeholders to identify where broadband access is and is not, explore alternative solutions, and make recommendations to the County Board on the role of Dane County in facilitating the expansion of broadband services to residents. I have learned many valuable details about your personal internet challenges and struggles that will ultimately benefit in the overall understanding of the “rural divide” with internet access. The importance of *reliable* internet was surely exemplified during the pandemic. Our rural lifestyles (even though close to Madison) certainly have been profoundly affected throughout the pandemic resulting from unreliable internet services. Personally, I view internet as a utility – much like electricity – and will advocate that we ALL must have reasonably priced, reliable internet. If you haven’t yet shared your internet story and would like to, please give me a call. More information about the Dane County Broadband Task Force can be found here:

<https://board.countyofdane.com/initiatives/Broadband-TaskForce>.

I would like to highlight a wonderful, enriching resource that many Rutland residents may benefit from by visiting and getting to know better. I have become acquainted with The Oregon Area Senior Center, and its director, Rachel Brickner, in several ways. First, I have been a member of the Oregon Area Municipal Committee for about 3 years where neighboring municipalities collaborate and discuss senior needs. Secondly, I have participated in several activities and programs at the Oregon Area Senior Center myself. The center is a wonderful place to maintain health and fitness, as well as to enjoy a variety of enrichment classes. Consider subscribing to the *Rome Corners Reporter* for current information and updates. This can be accessed at: [oasc1980@gmail.com](mailto:oasc1980@gmail.com). The Oregon Area Senior Center provides all case management, transportation needs and food distribution for the Town of Rutland. Plan on soon hearing more about the Oregon Area Senior Center as plans for a new facility may be in the future. The Oregon Area Senior Center is open from 8:30am – 3:00pm Monday-Friday. Their phone number is (608) 835-5801. Please refer to attached informational brochure.

Keep in mind that all seniors are welcome to attend classes and events at any senior center. Stoughton also offers a comprehensive newsletter describing social and recreational events. Their publication titled *Yahara Senior News* can be accessed online or is available at the Stoughton Area Senior Center. [stoughtonseniorcenter.com](http://stoughtonseniorcenter.com)

**\*\*All Rutland residents need to be advised of the upcoming 2022 assessment revaluation, which is required by law. We are holding a public information presentation on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at our town hall. This educational meeting will be presented by Rutland's assessor, Gardiner Appraisal Service LLC. There will be a question and answer session. I hope to see you at this important program! \*\***

Sincerely,

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