



Rebuilding Rutland

Hello Rutland neighbors and Happy New Year!

A lot is happening in Rutland in 2024.

You're going to want to know what's going on in your community, and the way to do that is to sign up for news and updates at <https://town.rutland.wi.us/subscribe-to-updates/>. Please spread the word by encouraging a few of your neighbors sign up as well. A well-informed community helps your Town Board to work efficiently and positively toward our shared goals.

- **In January you will be receiving a survey** to gather information that will be used for the update of our **Comprehensive Plan**. This survey can be filled out online, or you can request a paper copy. The survey will be the guide that the Comprehensive Plan Task Force, working with the Capitol Area Regional Planning Commission, will use to revise and update our Town planning document. The goals and strategies in this document shape land-use decisions and other outcomes that affect us all. Please look over the current Plan at <https://town.rutland.wi.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Rutland-Plan.pdf> - this is your opportunity to express your ideas about how and where Rutland should grow, what should be preserved or protected in our community, what resources we have and need, and what problems need to be addressed. Early this year there will be community meetings to review the draft of the Plan, and the more thoughtful and knowledgeable input we receive, the more successful this effort will be. **Please help us get a high response that really represents the community!** If you would like a hard copy emailed to you, please call or email me to request one.

- **We all have something inspiring to look forward to in 2024:**

Following voter approval for our new Town Hall/Garage project, the Town is negotiating a construction contract with National Construction. Once that is executed, we will begin the detailed design phase for the new building. Next, specifications and bid packages for all the building components will be developed and issued for bidding responses. National will qualify bidders and compare responses and the Town will award bid packages. These activities are anticipated to begin in January and run through March. The Building Committee will continue to keep the project website updated with the most current information: townofrutlandwi.gov. Thank you to the Board members and Building Committee who worked so hard to get this accomplished.



- **More good news:**

Rutland is one of three townships in Dane County that are Broadband Forward approved. There were \$242,000,000 in grant applications and only \$42,000,000 will be awarded, so keep your fingers crossed. This is just phase one of the grant process. Phase two is the BEAD Grant (Broadband Equity, Access and Development) - there is over 1 billion dollars for this grant for the state of Wisconsin alone. The application process for this will begin early this Spring. Joshua

Cooper is the Chair of Rutland Broadband Task force. Thank you Joshua for all that you are doing.

- **Come meet the Town Board:**

To begin the New Year I'd like to invite you to join the Rutland Town Board Supervisors for coffee and donuts at our January 23rd meeting at 9:30 am. We will be discussing the timeline on the New Town Hall, road safety and speed limits in Rutland, the Broadband access efforts, and expanded hours and new procedures for the Collection center.



- **Rutland Collection Center**

Some changes are coming to the Town's Collection Center:

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, additional hours of operation will be added. The days and hours will be:



Every Saturday 8:00 to 4:00

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month:
November through March from 5 – 7pm
April through October 3-7:00 pm.

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Please see the changes to the fees at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to the Supervisor Jim Dorn and Norm Arendt for their hard work on updating the Collection Center procedures.

Questions: supervisordorn@town.rutland.wi.us or normarendt@gmail.com.

- **An opportunity to be creative:**

In 2024 we are looking at updating our Town Website. Contact me at chairknutson@town.rutland.wi.us if you have an interest and skills that you can offer for this project. Volunteering for a town task force is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and contribute to our community.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the Chair.



Thank you.

Kent Knutson, Chair, Town of Rutland.

chairknutson@town.rutland.wi.us

Office hours at the Town Hall, Mondays and Tuesdays 6:30 – 9am for drop-in and Mondays 4 – 6:30pm **by appointment.**

Notice
Town of Rutland Residents
Collection Center Drop Off Fees

By order of the Rutland Town Board, Effective January 1, 2024, Town of Rutland residents will be charged the following fees for the specific items listed below when brought to the Rutland Collection Center.

Recyclables and Miscellaneous metals – no charge
Brush less than 6” diameter – no charge
Clean Wood products – no charge

Appliances

Air Conditioners – window - \$25
Clothes Washers - \$15
Dehumidifiers - \$25
Dish Washers - \$15
Dryers - \$15
Exercise Equipment - \$20
Freezers - \$25
Microwaves - \$15
Refrigerators - \$25
Stoves (electric or gas) - \$15

Automobile Lead Acid Batteries - \$10
Automobile Tires - \$10 (no rims)
Light Truck Tires (pickup) - \$10 (no rims)
Bagged Garbage 30 Gallon Size or equivalent size - \$3
Bagged Deer Carcasses - \$3
SM QTY Residential Remodel Waste – cost at attendant discretion
Includes SM QTY Residential Drywall
Fluorescent Bulbs - \$2
Fluorescent Fixture with Ballast - \$15
Ballasts Not in Fixture - \$15

Furniture

Mattresses & Box Springs - \$10 each
Couch - \$20,
Love Seat - \$15
Chair - \$10
Other Bulky Furniture Items - \$10 to \$20 as determined by attendant

Other Wood Materials

Chipboard, Painted Wood, Plywood, Treated Wood, Short Landscape Timbers Price determined by attendant

Materials to Compost– Yard Waste, Grass Clippings, Flowers, Weeds, etc. Fees are truck/trailer load - \$10, garbage can - \$2, other sizes as priced by attendant

Included in household waste

Drained oil filters – auto

Household batteries

Incandescent light bulbs - LED light bulbs

Solidified paint

Included in recycling waste

Aluminum, steel, tin cans

Electric cords and wires

Glass containers

Newsprint

Office paper, etc.

Paper and cardboard

Plastics #1 through #7

NOT Accepted

Black top, asphalt pieces

Brush material over 6" diameter

Bricks, Cement blocks, Landscaping pavers

Commercial building or remodeling materials

Tires - dump truck, tractor, heavy equipment

Electronics

Computers

Cell phones

Entertainment

Projectors

Power Tools

Televisions

EV batteries

Gas Cylinders/tanks

Gravel and dirt

Leaking batteries

Shingles

Batteries - Truck, tractor, and construction equipment

WHEN IN DOUBT... ASK!

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