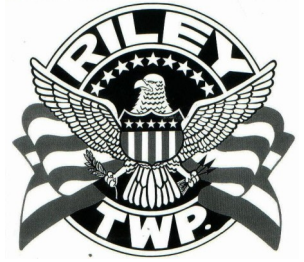


THE RILEY REPORT

News of the Township,

by Supervisor Donna Bernardi



NEW NUMBERS:

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Rebecca White

Duane Dahlman

Theodore Oberg

April is coming..... and with that so is our Annual Town Meeting. This year we are really excited to invite everyone to a sneak peak of the New Office/Garage at 8910 S. Route 23, here in Marengo. The Annual Town Meeting starts at 7:30, so stop by at the "Offices" for a quick cup of coffee from 6 to 7 pm and have a look around. If you can not make it and would rather wait until Saturday, April 17th I will be there from 10–noon.

The Annual Town Meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday of April, every year in the Town Hall on Riley Road, at 7:30 pm. It is a meeting for the people. Every Township in the State of Illinois has their Annual Town Meeting on this day. This is a meeting where everyone is encouraged to come, review the past years expenses, discuss with other residents happenings in the area, or local issues.

Attention all Seniors,

no, not High School Seniors, but the 60+ cool ones. Riley Township sought out Senior Services to come out to the Marengo Area to help provide a monthly social gathering with fun activities in our neck of the woods. Marengo Township expressed an interest as well, so we will alternate the monthly activities between the 2 Township Buildings. January was held at Riley, as February was at Marengo, and March will be at Riley, and so forth. Either a free health screening for things like blood pressure and diabetes, or a short speaker on topics that will be useful to our elders will be had, a FREE lunch, and an activity such as BINGO or Wii Bowling will also take place. We ask for reservations only so we know how many will be there for lunch and to be certain we have enough supplies. Our first meeting was held in January of this year. Many area businesses gave donations that we used for BINGO Prizes. We had certificates for Free Services from Bill's Barber, Country Gentlemen, and Wild Hare, a Candle from Marengo Printing, a free lunch from Flatlanders, Gift Certificates from Brandt's Pharmacy, a Hooded Sweat Shirt from Bobbies, Wool Socks from Levin's, 18 Holes of Golf from Marengo Ridge, tote bags from Hyperstitch, and gift items from The Marengo Greenhouse. Lunch was provided by Healthquest, a health care provider. Everyone had a great time! Many thanks to all who donated! A listing of future dates appear on the bottom of page 3.



ROONEY RETIRES

Barbara Rooney has given 11 plus years of service to Riley Township. Appointed in 1999 to fill a vacancy in the position, Barb has served our Township well. This position is not an easy nor popular position to hold. No one enjoys paying taxes and the trend is to hold the Assessor responsible for their bill. The public needs to realize that the Assessor "assesses" property and State Law mandates the taxes that are charged. Barb (centered) was presented with a plaque at the January Board of Trustees Meeting to show appreciation for all the hard work that she has put into the job.



Thank you Barb and all the best for the future.

Pictured from left to right are Trustees Duane Dahlman, Rebecca White and Ted Oberg, "ex-Assessor" Barb Rooney Centered with Supervisor Donna Bernardi, Road Commissioner Dave Diamond, followed by Clerk Karen Schnable, and Trustee Cathy Johnson.

REMEMBER... "RETURN YOUR CENSUS QUEIONNAIRE"

I need to ask all residents of Riley to take 10 minutes to fill out your census form and mail it back. It is important to our community because census data help fund new schools, hospitals and roads and will determine how we are represented at all levels of government. Visit www.2010census.gov for more information.

Bald Eagle Sightings

Article and Photos By Deb Hallman, Riley Twp.

Keep your eyes open while traveling in and around western McHenry County and eastern Boone County. You just may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of some majestic visitors to our area. I had the pleasure of seeing these beautiful creatures on two separate occasions right around the county line area.

On January 15th I saw one for the first time, high up in a tree on Slough Road. I didn't have my camera with me, so I quickly turned around and went home to get it. When I got back it was still there. I got out of my van to get some photos but as I walked closer to the tree it flew off. It was a beautiful bird, it's size amazed me. Later that same day, about 2-3 hours later, I saw another eagle on Spring Road, in a tree line out in a farm field. I couldn't get close enough to find out if it was the same bird, or a different one, and I didn't have my binoculars with me



After a few weeks of disappointment in not seeing the bald eagles again, I spotted a different bald eagle also on Slough Road, perched in a tree high above the creek on February 11th. There was no mistaking that is was a bald eagle, I know this was a different eagle because it did not have the white head as the first one did. According to the website www.baldeagleinfo.com it takes about 5 years for the adult plumage to develop and turn white, so this one must have been a juvenile.



Another time, we came across TWO young bald eagles eating a dead skunk on Jackson Road right by the creek. There were three cars that stopped and watched these beautiful birds for some time.

It is so exciting to have these beautiful visitors right here in our area and I am hoping that it's a sign that the bald eagle population is on the rise. Hopefully you will get a chance to see these beautiful creatures for yourself and hopefully they will continue to stay in our area. It is up to us to make sure they are safe while they are here.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR MAILBOX

BY: DAVE DIAMOND,
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Mailboxes along the roadside can be a mixed blessing for snowplow operators. The mailbox along a rural stretch of road can help guide us when clearing roads after a big storm and the road is almost impossible to see. When the storm passes and we clean off the slush, these same mailboxes can cause problems for our plowing crews. The mailbox which is your personal property is an obstruction in the public right of way that is allowed to be placed along the roadside in order for you to receive home delivery of mail. Unfortunately mailboxes can sometimes be the last concern while performing your maintenance and upkeep chores and they tend to fall into disrepair. As a

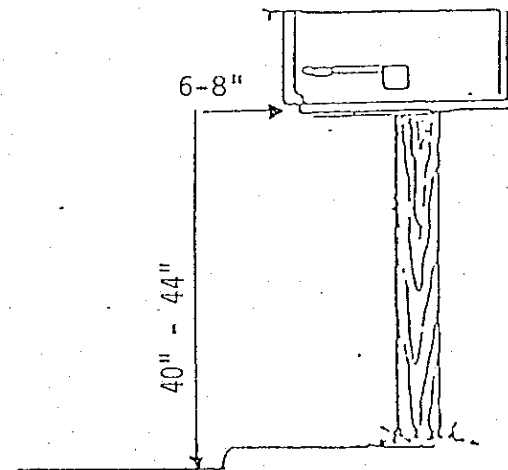
property owner you should provide regular maintenance to your mailbox to keep it in good condition. Our crews make every effort to not cause snow, ice or the snowplow blade to contact your mailbox, unfortunately sometimes it happens. Our policy is to repair mailboxes if our snowplows physically hit your mailbox or post. In some cases



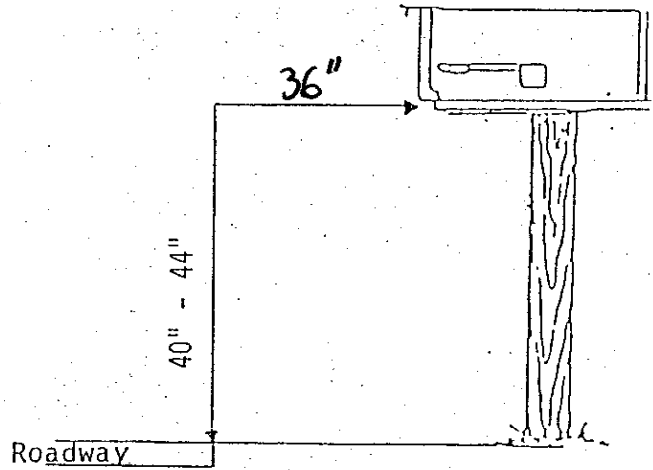
the box may be temporarily reinstalled until more permanent repairs can be made in the spring. We will not replace any type of customized box or post, if you place such a mailbox in front of your home, you do so at your own risk. The township will replace mailboxes with standard rural mailboxes and 4X4 wooden posts. If your mailbox is damaged or knocked down by the thrown snow from our plow, the property owner is responsible for repairs. We appreciate your cooperation in understanding each of our responsibilities involving your mailbox.



Typical installation with curb



Typical installation without



Seniors, SAVE THESE DATES:

Meet on the following dates at the assigned Township Hall at 10:30 am. Lunch will be served.

Friday, April 16th – (Marengo)

Friday, May 21st – (Riley)

Friday, June 18th – (Marengo)

Friday, July 16th – (Riley)

Friday, August 20th – (Marengo)

Friday, September 17th – (Riley)

Friday, October 15th – (Marengo)

Friday, November 19th – (Riley)

Friday, December 17th – (Marengo)

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(last call for services taken at 3:30 pm)

for more information.

FARES: Seniors 65+, People with Disabilities and Students—\$.075

All Others—\$1.50

Service Area : Marengo City Limits

Village of Union, Township Limits of Riley and Marengo (yes, rural and unincorporated areas)

**SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING
APRIL 13, 2010
7:30 P.M.
RILEY TOWN
HALL
THE PLACE TO BE!**

