

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE

ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 11, 2006

7:00 P.M.

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Finance Report

Statement of Taxes Levied – 2005 Tax Year

State Taxes	64,826.56
County Taxes	987,600.92
Local Assessment	1,323,263.00
Deerfield School District	414,580.00
Marshall School District	34,671.75
McFarland School District	82,648.00
Monona Grove School District	2,964,222.90
Stoughton School District	182,511.45
Sun Prairie School District	2,382.60
Vocational School	437,745.49
Underrun/Overrun	-0.51
Refuse and Garbage Collection	178,090.80
Street Lighting	585.65
Lottery Credit Penalty	0.00
Managed Forest Lands	150.15
Occupational Taxes	1,082.07
TOTAL LEVY	6,674,360.83

Statement of Assessment

REAL ESTATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
Residential	70,413,100	190,645,200	261,058,300
Commercial	3,033,000	12,749,000	15,782,000
Manufacturing	31,000	237,100	268,100
Agriculture	2,564,700		2,564,700
Undeveloped	948,300		948,300
Agricultural Forest	911,400		911,400
Forest Lands	506,200		506,200
Other	4,161,600	11,502,500	15,664,100
PERSONAL PROPERTY	LOCALLY ASSESSED	MANUFACTURING	MERGED
	6,562,900	18,600	6,581,500
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE			304,284,600

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

REVENUES

Taxes	\$1,182,688
Intergovernmental	242,906
Licenses and permits	67,609
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	21,436
Public charges for services	175,619
Intergovernmental charges for services	65,656
Investment income	6,364
Other	<u>47,229</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,809,507</u>

EXPENDITURES

Current	
General government	289,004
Public safety	888,656
Public works	782,936
Health & Human Services	1,025
Culture, Recreation and Education	3153
Conservation and development	1,584
Public service enterprises	1,107
Debt Service	
Principal retirement	120,000
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>64,378</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,151,843</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(342,336)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Proceeds from Promissory Notes	106,000
Proceeds from Capital Leases	<u>295,621</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>401,621</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	59,285
FUND BALANCES - Beginning of Year	<u>335,586</u>
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 394,871</u>

Explanation of Tax Bills

The following is a breakdown of mill rates and an explanation of how tax bills are calculated. As most of our citizens are in the Monona Grove School District, that district is used in the explanation.

MILL Rates	
Town of Cottage Grove	4.35
Dane County	3.25
State of Wisconsin	0.21
Monona Grove School District	12.40
MATC	1.44
State School Credit	-1.59
MILL Rate Total	20.06

MILL rates are calculated per \$1000 of property assessed value and are rounded off to the nearest hundredth. Therefore, if your home in the Monona Grove School District is assessed at \$200,000, your taxes are:

200,000/1000 x \$20.06	\$	4,012.20
Lottery Credit	\$	(102.65)
Garbage Collection	\$	128.40
Total Tax Bill	\$	4,037.95

Town of Cottage Grove taxes only account for 200 x \$4.35, or \$870.00 of your taxes. The remaining taxes are ones over which Town Officials have no control.

Senior/Disabled Transportation Available Soon

Beginning May 1, Dane County will be providing transportation for seniors and disabled residents of the communities of Cottage Grove and Deerfield. This will include grocery shopping trips every Wednesday to the Piggly Wiggly Store at Cottage Grove Market Place at a cost of \$2.00 for a round trip. There will also be two trips a month for “fun” activities, such as mall shopping, a movie, or a program at the Colonial Club. The roundtrip cost will be \$3.00. For more information, check the Town’s web site, watch local cable Channel 12, or call Norah Cashin, Dane County Transportation Manager, at 242-6486; or Diane Wiedenbeck, 839-8588, after April 15.

**TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2005**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hampton at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Kris Hampton, Steve Anders, Virgil Schroeder and Mike Klinger. A list of attendees is attached (available in Clerk's Office). Also present were Clerk Kim Banigan, Treasurer Debbie Simonson, Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith, Attorneys Connie Anderson and Greg Murray, Police Chief John Gould.
- II. The Clerk read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. **MOTION** by Klinger/Querin-Schultz to approve the minutes as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- III. **MOTION** by Schmelzer/Kurt to dispense with the reading of the Annual Town Report and approve the financial report as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- IV. The Clerk read the resolution for borrowing money. **MOTION** by Smith/Klinger to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Borrow Money in Case of Emergency. A resident asked if there was a cap on the borrowing, how often it has been used, and if the Town has insurance. The Board answered that there never has been a cap, it had not been used in recent memory, and the Town does have insurance. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- V. The Clerk read the Resolution Designating Public Depositories. **MOTION** by Klinger/Querin-Schultz to approve the Resolution Designating Public Depositories. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VI. Attorney Anderson explained that Village Boards have greater authority than Town Boards in areas such as contracting and making appointments. Electors can grant Village Powers to the Town Board, which may eliminate the need to call a Special Town meeting as often. The Town of Cottage Grove originally granted Village Powers to the Town Board at the Annual Meeting on April

3, 1956, and since it had been nearly 50 years, the Town Board wished to have it reconfirmed. The Clerk read the resolution. **MOTION** by Kurt/Smith to approve the Resolution Reaffirming Authorization for the Town Board to Exercise Village Powers. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. The Clerk read the resolution giving the Town Board Authority to appoint assessors. **MOTION** by Anders/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Appoint Assessors. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. Chairman Hampton asked if anyone had any other items to be considered. Simonson asked for a policy to set mileage reimbursement equal to the rate set by the State. **MOTION** by Simonson/Querin-Schultz to update the mileage each year to match what is set by the State. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. Michael Poskie and Richard Boyes presented pictures taken today of the junk accumulation at the residence on the corner of American Way and Liberty, complaining that it had been that way for years, and they want the Town to do something about it. Attorney Murray explained that the Town has secured an agreement to go onto the property to clean it up. The agreement also stipulates that the resident must submit payment in advance to offset the expense of the cleanup, but the resident had since stepped back from that part of the agreement. The Town Board will need to make an economic decision at their next meeting on April 18th, and Poskie and Boyes were urged to attend that meeting.

X. Set Date for Next Year's meeting: **MOTION** by Klinger/Schroeder to have the next Annual Meeting on April 11, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

XI. Adjournment: **MOTION** by Schroeder/Querin-Schultz to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Kim Banigan, Clerk

Important Election Change Voter Registration Required in 2006

As of January 1, 2006, state law requires all voters to be registered, and federal law requires voter registrations to be in a centralized system. Previously, municipalities with populations under 5000, including the Town of Cottage Grove, were not required to have voter registration.

This important change means that even if you have voted in the Town of Cottage Grove before, you will need to be registered under the new system before you can vote in 2006. Many residents pre-registered at elections held in 2005. If you can't remember if you registered in 2005, please call the Clerk's office at 839-5021 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday sometime before the April 4th election.

Registering includes providing a driver's license or state ID number and birth date when filling out the registration form. If you have neither a license nor an ID number, you may also use the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you are mailing your application in, you must include a copy of the form of identification used. You may also register in the Clerk's office at the Town Hall from 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. A [Voter Registration form](#) is enclosed for your convenience. You may make copies as needed, or download additional copies from the Forms area of the Town's web page at www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov.

Registering ahead is the best way to avoid long lines at the polls on election day. You may still register on election day, but proof of residency will be required, which includes a driver's license, state ID card or any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body with your current address on it, a real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election, a residential lease which is effective for a period that included election day, a utility service statement for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before election day.

Town Board Meetings

The Town Board holds regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall (4058 County Road N). The Planning Commission holds regular meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Corn Palace, Gaston Road at Brown Thrush and American Way, and on the Town's web site at www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov. To be placed on the agenda, please call the office at 839-5021.

Chairman's Report

The members of the Town Board worked hard in preparing the 2006 budget with much thought in meeting the needs of our community. A major purchase was approved by the Town Board in 2005 to replace a 15 year old vehicle with a new truck that provides snow plowing capabilities and other road maintenance assistance.

The Town and Village Boards worked together in relieving the crowded conditions in the Emergency Service building by renting the former Garst building on Hwy N and Nora Rd for the Cottage Grove Police Department. The EMS and Police Departments were running out of space and this affected their efficiency. The freed up space will now be used by the Fire Department and the EMS and this will improve productivity. The Town and Village will be studying options for additional space at the Emergency Service building over the next year or so to determine whether an addition could be added to the building to bring the Police department back into that facility.

The ETZ Committee is currently drafting a zoning code to cover the area in the Township that is now under the zoning authority of the Town and Village.

The Plan Commission for the Town is currently working on updates to our Smart Growth Plan that was adopted in 2002. The updates have been submitted to the Township by residents and by the County to make the Plan easier to understand and to meet the changes our citizens wanted. I hope that the revisions will be ready for a Public Hearing in early summer. The City of Madison has completed their Smart Growth Plan and it will be looked at as we update our Plan.

The Town, Village, and the City of Madison have started discussions on a joint Boundary Agreement. We are very early in these talks but all parties

are interested in reaching a common goal of providing community separation with designated areas of growth for each community.

The Town and Village are in the process of starting our own EMS District to provide higher levels of service (paramedic service, better patient care, increased recruitment and retention of career staff and volunteers) to our community. This joint effort will continue throughout 2006 with the new service up and running on January 1st 2007. We have enjoyed a long relationship with the Deerfield communities in operating Deer-Grove EMS, but felt it was time to provide EMS services on our own.

Kris Hampton, Chairman

Police Department Report

The Department ended 2005 with an increase in total police actions in both the township and village. The year end totals marked a 5-year high for department activity which mirrors the growth in the community. The past year saw a continuation of crimes against property throughout the community which resulted in the loss of and damage to significant dollar amounts of personal belongings and property. While trends may indicate a decline nationally and locally in crime, our community still continues to experience a great number of these types of crimes which results in significant dollar amount losses to our residents who are victimized.

As we move through 2006 the department is working to balance our ability to be responsive to the calls we receive, participate in community activities, continue our training, upgrade equipment, plan for improved records and communications systems and sustain our working partnerships with surrounding police agencies to maximize our information and shared resources. We moved into our new facility at the corner of County N and Nora Rd. (the former Garst Seed office) early in the year and were able to capitalize on the opportunity to make improvements that have helped us with our efficiency. We extend our thanks and gratitude to those who worked on this project to provide us with this new facility.

We look forward to implementing our new records management system this year. It will connect us with other departments in the county to allow for greater information sharing and access and significantly improve our reporting efficiency and provide for enhanced officer safety. We also hope to continue to build on our relationship and cooperation with the community to address the property crime issue in an effort to work toward reducing crime in Cottage Grove.

Your willingness to call us with reports of suspicious or criminal activity allows us to respond faster and hopefully in time to prevent loss of property or more serious incident. And, possibly in time to apprehend an offender. Your willingness to allow us to assist you with a home or business security survey or provide you with crime prevention tips will help us be proactive in our attempts to address crime and community issues that affect us all. Your cooperation in engaging in crime prevention practices at home and in the workplace will greatly benefit everyone and significantly reduce the chances of you becoming a victim.

The department has many ways by which we can be contacted with your concerns about traffic problems, suspected criminal activity, unsafe conditions or other issues you may have. We encourage you to visit us at our new facility at 2560 Nora Rd. Emergencies should be reported by calling 911. Non-emergency calls should be directed to 255-2345.

During business hours you can reach us at 839-4652 for non-emergencies and business related questions. We are on the Internet at www.cottagegrovepolice.org with direct contact e-mail.

We appreciate the support and cooperation received from the residents of the community. It has played a key role in our ability to provide a high level of service. Your involvement and proactive efforts are important particularly as our community grows. We hope that you will continue to stay in touch with us and look forward to the opportunity to speak with you or meet you in person.

Police Chief John Gould

Volunteer Fire Department Report

The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by 36 active Volunteers and 6 Honorary personnel from the Town and Village of Cottage Grove. These men and women volunteer their time and expertise for Fire Prevention programs in the community and all Emergencies. 2005 was a very busy year for the Department. Crews spent 52 hours at the Watertown Tire Fire, 12 hours at the Stoughton Church fire and 11 hours assisting Stoughton with the Tornado disaster. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, for all their hard work and dedication to the department and the community this past year.

There are six Divisions within the Department: Investigation, Maintenance, Prevention, Personnel/Records, Training/Safety and Fire Inspections. The Training division provided the staff 102 hours of training in 2005. The total man-hour participation was 1,819 hours.

In 2005 the Department responded to 185 calls. The following is a summary of those calls:

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| 28 – Fire Alarm Investigations | 1 – Odor Investigation |
| 20 – Motor Vehicle Accidents | 1 – Previous Fire Investigation |
| 9 – Motor Vehicle Fires | 13 – Smoke Investigations |
| 9 – Disregards (Called Off) | 6 – CO Alarm Investigations |
| 16 – Grass/Brush related Fires | 12 – Assist Deer-Grove EMS |
| 1 – Train Derailment | 7 – Structure Response Calls |
| 7 – Assist Citizens | 6 – Arcing wire |
| 5 – Natural Gas | |
| 24 – Mutual Aid assistance to other communities (6 to Deerfield, 1 to Marshall, 6 to Sun Prairie, 2 to Blooming Grove, 2 to McFarland, 3 to Watertown, 1 to Lake Mills, 2 to Stoughton, 1 to Oregon) | |

The above calls required 2,091 staff man-hours to handle (from time of call to back to quarters).

Officers:

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief	Mark Severson,, 1 st Assistant Chief
David Conklin, 2 nd Assistant Chief	Mark Kudrna, Captain
Roger Floreke, Captain	Mike McCormick, Lieutenant
George Doucette, Lieutenant	Jess Robinson, Lieutenant
Mike Klinger, Staff Lieutenant	Jon Yaskal, Staff Lieutenant

Fire Personnel/Honorary:

Mike Adams	Dylan Anderson	George Ball
Tom Banigan	Sam Boerema	Clint Brorby
Clarence Buss	Don Buss	Chris Capouch
Ben Conklin	Jeff Dahl	Jon Englehart
Brandon Fritsch	Chris Frutiger	Ken Gulbranson
April Hammond	Joel Hammond	Bob King
Duane Kopp	Dennis Larson	Matt Mabie
Jim McAllister	Dick McCutchi	Gary Peper
Joe Rauch	Dave Rhode	Cory Schneider
Erik Severson	Lance Severson	Scott Trimborn
Paul Wendricks	Jude Wolf	

In 2005, four of the staff left the department they were:

Staff Lt. Tom Casey 18 years of service
Staff Lt. Denise Casey 14 years of service
Fire fighter Paul Jerrett 3 years of service
Fire fighter Joe Siegert 3 years of service

In 2005, 1st Assistant Chief Gary Peper moved from Active Status to Honorary after 24 years of service to this Department and the Cottage Grove Community. Gary was active in many committees for this Department from the Emergency Services Building to Apparatus Specification and Purchase. Fire Fighter Duane Kopp also moved in 2005 from Active Status to Honorary after 15 years of service to this Department and the Cottage Grove Community. Duane served within the Training Division for two years and has been the Committee Chair for the Home Talent baseball team for the last five years.

Presently, like all communities relying on volunteers, this department is experiencing a staffing shortage during weekday hours. The Cottage Grove Fire Department will supply you with your own personal equipment and the necessary training. The community will provide you with the work. If interested, or for more details, call the Department's non-emergency phone number (839-4343 ext. 13) and I will have a staff member from the Personnel Committee contact you and help answer any of your questions and provide you with more information or visit our web page at www.cgfirerescue.org.

The Fireman's Association, of which all the personnel are a member, participates in the Dane County adopt-a-highway program on County Highway N south of the Village of Cottage Grove, as well as the Annual Fireman's Festival held every year on Father's Day weekend. The association utilizes most of these proceeds to provide scholarships to 7 Monona Grove students and to answer donation requests from 12 different youth organization in Cottage Grove and Monona. The Fireman's Association donations to the various youth organizations, scholarships and the department exceeded \$15,000 in 2005.

Please remember, open burning in the Town of Cottage Grove, is by permit only. The Town of Cottage Grove, in an effort to make this easier on the residents, has a yearly permit system for open burning (non Ag-1 land). Permits may be obtained at the Town Hall from 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday. You can also download the permit application from the Town's web site at www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov. Residents with permits are then required to call 48 hours prior to the scheduled burn with all the pertinent information.

In case of an Emergency dial 911

Respectfully,

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief

Deer-Grove EMS Report

Deer-Grove EMS responded to 703 calls in 2005, an increase of 8.5% over 2004. There were 156 responses in the Town of Cottage Grove and 292 responses into the Village of Cottage Grove. There were 61 responses into the Town of Deerfield and 157 responses into the Village of Deerfield. We responded to 17 calls into the Town of Pleasant Springs and 20 mutual aid calls outside of the District.

Deer-Grove EMS is an Intermediate (Advanced) level provider. Currently, the department employs 4 career EMT-Paramedics and one part-time Accounts Manager. The department operates one of two Firefighter/Paramedic Internship Programs in Dane County in concert with the Cottage Grove Fire Department. Currently, the two departments have three live-in student interns who have completed certifications in Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials – Technician. One has recently completed the EMT-Paramedic Program through the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics. Another will complete paramedic training in May through MATC. The other will begin paramedic training in the fall. The department currently has three volunteers completing paramedic training through MATC. The department has more than 40 volunteer members who play an integral part in the combined success of the department's ability to provide emergency care to patients and respond in a timely manner.

The department logged a total of 31,700 hours of combined staffing in 2005. There were 23,515 hours logged on the primary ALS unit, stationed in Cottage Grove. There were 8,185 hours logged on the unit staffed primarily in Deerfield. These totals result in the second highest staffing totals for ambulances in the Deer-Grove EMS District ever and the highest call volume in the department's 28 year history.

Volunteer and Internship opportunities are available at all levels. If interested, please contact the Deer-Grove Business Office at 608.839.5658 or visit www.deergroveems.org for more information.

Jess Robinson, EMS Chief

Combined Emergency Government Report

The Committee was formed in May, 1989 per Chapter 166 of the Wisconsin Statutes to prepare both the Township and the Village to cope with emergencies from enemy action and natural or man made disasters.

We continue to assess our Plan in areas of hazard analysis, resource development, special needs response and education materials. Nuclear, biological and chemical NBC Disaster Preparedness Brochures are available at the Town Hall, Village Hall and at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is located in the lower level of the Emergency Services Building.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Meetings are held at various public facilities and industrial sites located in the Town and Village. This is done to familiarize the committee with layouts and the special needs that might require attention in each facility.

Committee Members:

Town - Virgil Schroeder, Kris Hampton, Linda Fonger, Rita Odegaard

Village – Jack Henrich, Larry Kieck, Christopher Dyer, Ken Dahl

Cottage Grove Schools - Barbara Berg, Rene Tennant

Hydrite Chemical – Angie Watry

Landmark Services Co-op – Mark Lea

Fire Chief Bruce Boxrucker

EMS Director Jess Robinson

Police Chief John Gould

Thank you to the members of this committee for their continual commitment. Additional members are needed. If you are interested, or for more information, call the Town Hall at 839-5021.

Virgil Schroeder, Chairman

Highway Department Report

Over the last couple of years, we have noticed an increase in the number of obstructions being placed on town road right-of-ways. The Town does not allow any trees, posts, fences, large rocks, etc. to be placed in the road right-of-way. Mailboxes may be placed in the right-of-way as long as they conform to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation standards, which state that mailbox support shall not be any larger than a 4" x 4" wood post, 4 1/2" round post, or 2" inside diameter pipe. Please take this into account when you are replacing your mailbox or doing landscaping.

The normal right-of-way on a town road extends 33 feet from the center of the road or 60 feet from the center of a cul-de-sac. If you have any questions on where the roadway ends, call the Town Highway Department at 839-4767.

In 2005, the Town was required to apply for a Storm Water Discharge Permit because of our proximity to the Madison Lakes. Without treatment, polluted storm water runoff can be transported from our roadway ditches and ultimately discharged into local rivers and streams. EPA's Storm Water Phase II Rule established a storm water management program that is intended to improve the nation's waterways by reducing the quantity of pollutants that storm water picks up and carries into storm sewer systems during storm events. Common pollutants are oil and grease from roadways, pesticides from lawns, sediment from construction sites, carelessly discarded trash, such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers and plastic bottles.

When deposited into nearby waterways through our ditches, these pollutants can impair the waterways, thereby discouraging recreational use of the lakes, contaminating drinking water supplies and interfering with the habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife.

Please do everything you can to reduce any pollutants in our roadways.

Jeff Smith
Highway Superintendent

Right-of-Way Permits

No person shall make any excavation or fill or install any culvert or make any other alteration in any town roadway or in any manner disturb any town roadway or bridge without applying for and receiving a permit from the Town of Cottage Grove Highway Superintendent. The Highway Superintendent shall approve the location and specifications of any alterations. Any damage caused to town property and/or right of way due to any work done under this permit is the responsibility of the permit holder. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable under TCG 25.04.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Town has an active Parks and Recreation Committee that is currently in need of more volunteers. The best way to improve the park in your neighborhood is to have your voice heard as a member of the committee. Call the Town Office if interested at 839-5021.

Town Cemetery Plots Available

The Salem and Door Creek Cemeteries in the Town of Cottage Grove have plots available. Call Rocky Redepinning at 221-2672 for more information.

Town Hall and Flynn Hall Available for Rent

Both the Town Hall and Flynn Hall available for rent for your special event. The rental fee is \$100/day plus a separate \$50 check for a security deposit, which will be returned to you as long as you meet the terms of the rental agreement. Call the Town Office at 839-5021 for more information. Reservation forms and calendars of availability are also available in the Forms area of the Town's web site at www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov.

Help Preserve Cottage Grove History

CGAHS, Post Office Box 46, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, 53527

The Cottage Grove Area Historical Society (CGHAS) asks your help in preserving Cottage Grove history by sharing:

-- photographs of CG people, places, or events taken any time up to 1980. If you do not want to part with originals, please permit us to copy and return them. Contact Dennis Bork, 839-5578, acres@chorus.net

-- scrapbooks, clipping collections, land abstracts, journals, or other papers, which we will copy and return. Contact Sara Steele 839-4624, smsteele@wisc.edu

-- your memories either by jotting them down or by having a CGAHS member help you tape record them Contact Lee Phillips 839-4447

-- household, family, farm, business or other items you are going to discard. Contact Fred Volker, 222-1040 or Deanna Wollin 839-4470

We invite you to join the Cottage Grove Area Society and support us with your dues and your time and talent working on special projects of your choice. Currently dues are \$8 for individual and \$10 for families per year. Or you can subscribe to our newsletter for \$8 without becoming a member. Send dues or subscriptions to Dennis Bork, 2772 Hope Road, Cottage Grove WI.

Non-members and members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month at Flynn Hall. A work session starts at 1:00 in the History Room in the basement. The meeting starts at 2:00 upstairs.

Come look at photos at our exhibit at Christmas in the Grove. Or look at our various collections at our open office during the Hog Day Breakfast and periodic open hours at Flynn and/or the restored fire station.

Our present officers are: President, Miles Duckert; Vice President, Dan Payne; Secretary, Diane Shaw; Treasurer, Dennis Bork; and Former President and Founder, Bob Felten.

REMEMBER History started yesterday and not sometime before you were born. Photos of usual activities and common household, farm or business items are part of Cottage Grove's history and help other learn about that history.

Colonial Club Senior Activity Center **301 Blankenheim Lane, Sun Prairie, WI 53590**

Colonial Club offers many services that are available to Northeast Dane County residents 55 years old and over. The following is a brief overview:

Adult Day Center: Colonial Club Day Center's professional staff provides health care monitoring, personal care, and social and recreational services to adults needing self-care help, limited supervision, social opportunities, and/or therapeutic benefits.

Community Services Department

Prospective participants are evaluated for the following services:

Case Management: Colonial Club case managers provide information and referral services regarding programs and services available through Colonial Club, and the Federal, State, and County systems for those eligible for, or currently receiving, medical assistance.

Supportive Home Care: For a nominal hourly fee, our Supportive Home Care program provides assistance with personal care and simple household chores.

Respite Care: Respite care provides rest and relief for the primary caregiver of a homebound older resident of Northeast Dane County.

Meal Program: Colonial Club serves nutritious midday meals to those over 60 at the Club, at meal sites throughout Northeast Dane County, and through home delivery for the homebound.

Support Groups: The following groups meet at Colonial Club: Caregiver Support Group, Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group, Diabetic Support Group, Parkinson's Support Group.

Senior MEDS: A comprehensive medication education and management program, Senior MEDS is held in various locations throughout Dane County. Pre-registration is needed to plan for sufficient materials and pharmacists.

For more information, 608-837-4611 or visit us online at www.colonialclub.org

Garbage and Recycling Information

1. **Normal collection day is Wednesday.** However, when a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, pick-up will be on Thursday that week.

2006 Holiday Pickup Schedule:		
Holiday	Date Celebrated	Pick-up Date
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2006	Thursday, June 1, 2006
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2006	Thursday, September 7, 2006
Christmas	Monday, December 25, 2006	Wednesday, December 27, 2006
New Years	Monday, January 1, 2006	Wednesday, January 3, 2007

2. **Up to 4 bags/cans of solid waste, plus the recycle bin contents will be collected weekly.** This excludes any commercial waste, which must be contracted for separately as well as construction items and furniture items. Please contact Waste Management at 273-2500 or by email at WMEService@wm.com to make arrangements for these items.
3. **All recyclables must be put in the recycle bin loose.** Newspapers, plain paper or glossy paper such as magazines and/or catalogues must be bundled or bagged separately and should be placed on top of the recycle bin. Corrugated cardboard boxes must be emptied and flattened, and tied into 4'x4'x6" bundles. Cans and plastic containers should be rinsed out and crushed to conserve space.
4. **Bags/cans and recycle bins should be placed next to your driveway by 6:30 A.M.**
5. **Appliances and yard waste will NOT be picked up** at roadside. You can make arrangements directly with Waste Management at 273-2500 or by email at WMEService@wm.com to pick up appliances for a nominal fee. Yard waste can be composted OR burned, if an **Open Burning Permit** is obtained from the town.

Cleansweep & Product Exchange at the Dane County Highway Garage, 2302 Fish Hatchery Road is open from 7:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from May 2nd to October 31st to take your household hazardous waste products. For more information, call 608-294-5366, or see www.danecountycleansweep.com.

April, 22, 2006 - Cascade Assets Management collection of computers and other electronics from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M at the City of Madison Transfer Station near the Alliant Energy Center. For more information, see www.cascade-assets.com/individual/roundup.htm or call 222-4800.

Town of Cottage Grove Contact Information

IN ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

	<u>Phone</u>
Town Office	
8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday	839-5021
www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov	
email: officecgtown@verizon.net	
Public Works	
7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday	839-4767
Monday thru Friday	
Building Inspector	
Tom Viken	837-3371
Town Assessor	
Associated Appraisal Consultants	920-749-1995
Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)	
8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday	839-4652
After hours	255-2345
www.cottagegrovepolice.org	
Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	839-4343
www.cgfirerescue.org	
EMS (Non-Emergency)	839-5658
www.deergroveems.org	
<u>Utility and Service Providers:</u>	
Alliant Energy (Gas and Electric)	1-800-862-6222
www.alliantenergy.com	
Verizon (Telephone)	800-483-3000
www.verizon.com	
Charter Communications (Cable)	274-3511
www.charter.com	
Waste Management	273-2500
www.wm.com	