

**TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER**  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006*

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Supervisor 3

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**APRIL 10, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
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# Finance Report

## Statement of Taxes Levied – 2006 Tax Year

State Taxes	65,837.89
County Taxes	1,029,504.24
Local Assessment	1,375,177.00
Deerfield School District	446,591.50
Marshall School District	33,995.08
McFarland School District	84,159.00
Monona Grove School District	3,249,049.62
Stoughton School District	200,629.34
Sun Prairie School District	2,472.00
Vocational School	454,482.45
Underrun/Overrun	-0.15
Refuse and Garbage Collection	183,565.80
Street Lighting	585.65
Lottery Credit Penalty	0.00
Omitted Property Taxes (from previous years)	1,244.69
Managed Forest Lands	150.15
Occupational Taxes	1,082.07
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>7,128,526.33</b>

## Statement of Assessment

REAL ESTATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
Residential	70,745,900	194,649,200	265,395,100
Commercial	3,105,300	12,860,700	15,966,000
Manufacturing	29,100	222,100	251,200
Agriculture	2,529,500		2,529,500
Undeveloped	947,800		947,800
Ag. Forest	906,400		906,400
Forest Lands	511,100		511,100
Other	4,164,600	11,610,400	15,775,000
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>LOCALLY ASSESSED</b>	<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	<b>MERGED</b>
	7,137,100	24,900	7,162,000
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE</b>			<b>309,444,100</b>

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

### REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 1,325,421
Intergovernmental	\$ 262,735
License & Permits	\$ 64,169
Fines, forfeitures and Penalties	\$ 12,270
Public Charges for Services	\$ 182,218
Intergovernmental Charges	\$ 74,910
Investment Income	\$ 30,253
Other	\$ 69,615
Total Revenues	\$ 2,021,591

### EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 278,064
Public Safety	\$ 599,781
Public Works	\$ 690,300
Health & Human Services	\$ 4,748
Culture, Recreation and Education	\$ 112
Public Service Enterprises	\$ 156
Capital Outlay	\$ 80,897
Debt Service	
Principal Retirement	\$ 1,334,346
Interest Expense	\$ 111,489
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,099,893
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ (1,078,302)

### OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Debt Issued	\$ 1,325,000
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 1,325,000
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	\$ 246,698
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	\$ 392,078
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	\$ 638,776
Indebtedness Beginning of Year	\$ 1,725,898
<b>Indebtedness End of Year</b>	\$ 1,716,552

## 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	4.44
Dane County	3.33
State of Wisconsin	0.21
Monona Grove School District	13.43
MATC	1.47
State School Credit	-1.96
MILL Rate Total	20.93

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 \$20.93	\$	4,185.08
Lottery Credit	\$	(128.63)
Garbage Collection	\$	131.40
Total Tax Bill	\$	4,187.85

In this example, Town of Cottage Grove taxes only account for 200 x \$4.44, or \$888 of the taxes. The remaining taxes are ones over which Town Officials have no control. The Garbage Collection charge is for 2007 garbage and recycling pick-up.

### Could Emergency Vehicles Reach You in an Emergency?

[Town of Cottage Grove Ordinance 8.02](#) establishes standards for driveways to ensure that emergency vehicles can reach you in an emergency. There should be a width of 16 feet or more with an overhead clearance of 14 feet or more in height that is free of encroachments. Driveways 200 feet or more in length should have an area of 6 feet or more from each side of the edge of the driveway free of encroachments. Take a look at your driveway. Are there tree limbs or other obstacles encroaching on the above dimensions?

Sacrificing a little privacy is a small price to pay for the safety of your family. And while you're out there trimming, please make sure your fire number is visible. If anyone in your family would need special assistance in an emergency, please fill out and send in the enclosed [TRIAD survey](#).

## Town Calendar of Events

Meeting notices are posted at the Town Hall, Landmark Services Co-op Corn Palace, the corner of Gaston Road and Brown Thrush Trail, American Heritage Park at 4539 American Way, and on the Town's web site at [www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov](http://www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov). Notices requiring publication are published in the legal section of the Wisconsin State Journal. To be placed on an agenda, please call the office at 839-5021.

Town Board Meetings.....	7 P.M. First & Third Mon. of the month
Plan Commission Meetings .....	7 P.M. Fourth Wednesday of the month
Local Candidate Nomination	
Papers Due to Clerk .....	First Tuesday in January
First Installment Taxes Due .....	January 31st
Spring Primary (if needed).....	Third Tuesday in February
Public requests for Land Use	
Plan Changes Accepted.....	February 15th – March 15th
Comprehensive Plan	
Annual Review .....	March Plan Commission Meeting
Spring Election .....	First Tuesday in April
Annual Town Meeting .....	7 P.M. Second Tuesday in April
Assessor's Open Book .....	June – watch for notice in May
Board of Review .....	June or July – watch for notice in May
Annual Alcohol Licensing	
Hearing and Board Approval .....	First Monday in June
Annual Non-Metallic Mining	
Hearing and Board Approval .....	First Monday in June
Second Installment Taxes Due.....	July 31st
Partisan Primary (even years) .....	Second Tuesday in September
Budget Workshops.....	October and November
General Election (even years).....	First Tuesday in November
Annual Budget Hearing	
and Town Budget Meeting.....	November – watch for notice
Election Inspectors Appointed	
(even years).....	First Monday in December
Tax Bills Mailed .....	Early December
First Day to Circulate	
Nomination Papers for	
Local Office .....	December 1 <sup>st</sup>

**MINUTES OF 2005 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2006**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hampton at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Kris Hampton, Steve Anders, Mike Klinger, Dave Morrow and Karen Kessenich. A list of attendees is attached (available in Clerk's Office). Also present were Clerk Kim Banigan, Treasurer Debbie Simonson, Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith, Attorney Connie Anderson and Police Chief John Gould.
- II. The Clerk read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Querin-Schultz to approve the minutes as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** with the exception of an abstention by Morrow.
- III. Chairman Hampton asked if anyone had additional items to include in the agenda.
- IV. Silvin Kurt asked to consider the Chairman's salary beginning with the next term.
- V. Janie Riebe asked for a discussion regarding the City of Madison's Smart Growth Plan for areas in the Town of Cottage Grove.
- VI. Steve Anders asked to consider application for a Storm Water Permit Grant from the DNR.
- VII. Presentation of Town Annual Report: **MOTION** by Schmelzer/V. Schroeder to dispense with the reading of the 2005 Town Annual Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VIII. The Clerk read Resolution 2006-03 Authorizing the Town Board to Borrow Money in Case of Emergency. Kessenich asked if the resolution should be more specific in defining an emergency. Anderson defined an emergency as something outside of normal town business, such as a natural disaster or fire. Querin-Schultz stated that he trusted the board to use good judgment on the matter, and there was a consensus of agreement **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Morrow to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- IX. The Clerk read Resolution 2006-04 Designating Public Depositories. Kindschi asked why all local banks were not included. The Treasurer

responded that she had recently researched banking firms, and the ones listed were those currently being used. **MOTION** by Klinger/V. Schroeder to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- X. Hampton stated that due to the technical nature of the treasurer position, he is asking the electors to approve changing the treasurer position from elected to appointed effective with the next term, which begins on April 10, 2007. This would allow development of standards and criteria for selecting the treasurer. Simonson asked what this would mean for her. Hampton stated that rather than running for re-election, she would be appointed for a three year term at the first Town Board meeting in April, 2007. Salary and duties would stay the same. Hampton read Resolution 2006-05 Changing the Office of Treasurer from Elected to Appointed. **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Kurt to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** It was agreed that standards and criteria for the position should be completed before the appointment occurs.
- XI. Chairman Hampton stated that property on Main Street that backs up to Flynn Hall may be available to purchase for expansion of parking. No price has been discussed. **MOTION** by Kessenich/V. Schroeder to authorize the Town Board to negotiate the purchase of land to the south of Flynn Hall. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- XII. Consideration of the Chairman's Salary: **MOTION** by Kurt/Kindschi to increase the Chairman's salary to \$2000/year starting with the term following the 2007 election. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- XIII. Discussion of City of Madison's Smart Growth Plan: Riebe stated that she is very worried about the threat to the rural atmosphere and farm land in the Town. Hampton explained that annexation requires consent of the landowner, or a 51% vote in the case of multiple landowners. He further explained that the City's Smart Growth map as shown in the newspaper recently shows a 20 year plan, and the City must be adjacent to a parcel before it can be annexed. Negotiations are in process for a boundary agreement between the City and the Town and Village of

Cottage Grove that would provide open space and community separation. While it is clear that the City will take a portion of the Town, a boundary agreement may help determine which portion.

Anders stated that the high density development occurring in the City allows developers to pay huge amounts for land. Anderson stated if the municipalities do not make an agreement regarding what lands are to be developed, the developers will make the decision for us.

- XIV. Consider application for a Storm Water Grant: Hampton explained that as part of Phase II of the DNR's Storm Water plan, the Town is required to obtain a Municipal Storm Water Permit. A petition for exemption from the permit requirement has been denied by the DNR, but the denial can still be contested. The Wisconsin Town's Association is sponsoring application for an Urban NPS Grant to help pay the costs associated with the permit. **MOTION** by Kindschi/V. Schroeder to allow the Town to apply for the Urban NPS Grant **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Anders stated that the Town should still contest the denial for exemption, and it was agreed to include the discussion on the next Town Board agenda.
- XV. Set Date for Next Year's meeting: **MOTION** by Klinger/V. Schroeder to have the next Annual Meeting on April 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.
- XVI. Other Business:
- XVII. Hampton thanked outgoing supervisor Virgil Schroeder for his service on the Town Board.
- XVIII. Virgil Schroeder thanked the Board, the Treasurer and the Clerk for their professionalism. He challenged the board to work hard to get a boundary agreement with the City and the Village, including incorporation of the TDR program, and to follow through with plans for the new Cottage Grove EMS Service.
- XIX. Adjournment: **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Anders to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.
- XX. Submitted by Kim Banigan, Town Clerk

## **Town Chairman's Report**

A part of the Town's Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2002, charged the Town to work with the Village to develop a long term boundary agreement. With that goal in mind, the Town has been meeting jointly with both the Village and the City of Madison to come up with an agreement that all parties can embrace. This is not an easy task to accomplish with the demands and control the other municipalities have over the Town. Some of the interests the Town is trying to secure include: Town development areas (both residential & commercial), City and Village use of Town development rights, protection of current property owner's rights, and long term economical stability for the Town. We hope to have a preliminary agreement worked out to present to the Town residents sometime in 2007.

The Town and Village have settled the dispute over the monitoring cost of the closed Natvig Landfill that is located south of Cottage Grove and we are working together to ensure the safety to the environment from this site. The Town is also working with the Village on a Joint Recreation Program for 2007 so that all residents will be charged the same fees to participate in the various recreation programs offered. This also means that some programs may be conducted at Town parks. Residents will be invited to a meeting on the recreation programs that may be conducted at their neighborhood park.

The Town has purchased some additional land in back of Flynn Hall that will eventually be developed into parking space for Flynn Hall users. The Lions Club is helping the Town to offset the purchase price of the land. On behalf of the Town Board and residents, we'd like to thank the Lions Club for their help with this project and for their assistance in maintaining the Flynn Hall property.

The Town's Plan Commission is in the final phase of completing revisions to the Smart Growth Plan and we hope to have it before the public for a hearing sometime this summer. The Commission has also been evaluating ways to improve our TDR Program that will preserve farm land in the Township and provide landowners opportunities to capture some value through their building rights while continuing farming operations.

In 2006, the Town purchased a new front-end loader to replace a 30+ year old piece of equipment, and it recently purchased a new squad car for the Police Department. We also rebuilt a 1 mile section of Hope Road last year, using a \$20,000 grant from the State. This spring, residents of the Meadow Grove subdivision will have a new play structure erected in the park by local residents that was approved in this year's budget.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Fire and EMS volunteers that give so much of their personal time to protect and serve us throughout the year. Please consider volunteering to help the Fire and EMS departments. They can use your help.

Kris Hampton, Town Chairman

## **Police Department Report**

The year 2006 was a notable year for the department. We have been in our new facility at 2560 Nora Rd. for just over one year and have found it to be beneficial to our operations. We appreciate the efforts of all those involved in this project and feel the new facility is a positive for our community. We became part of a multi-agency police records system that links over 14-area agencies together to allow information sharing capabilities. We worked through personnel shortages which impacted our proactive response abilities. And, we continued to experience a high demand for calls for service in both the township and village involving crimes, traffic issues and service requests. As we moved into 2007 we restored our staffing to our authorized strength of 11-full time sworn positions with our newest officer expected to complete field training in April. We will also be adding an additional supervisory position in September.

Our staffing shortage in 2006 added to our challenge of working to balance our ability to be responsive to the calls we receive, provide proactive policing service, participate in community activities, continue our training, upgrade equipment, implement our improved records system and sustain our working partnerships with surrounding police agencies. We strived 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 overall crime in Cottage Grove.

We rely on your help to make our community safe. 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. 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. The department serves both the Town and Village of Cottage Grove and our responsibilities and demands are spread throughout this expansive area making it difficult to address all of the requests we receive for extra patrols and special enforcement. Your cooperation in engaging in crime prevention practices at home and in the workplace helps our work and 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. Emergencies should be reported by calling 911. Non-emergency calls should be directed to 255-2345. During business hours you can reach us for non-emergencies and business related questions at 839-4652. We are on the Internet at [www.cottagegrovepolice.org](http://www.cottagegrovepolice.org).

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

## **Police Commissioners Wanted**

On January 4, 2007, a joint resolution of the Town and Village of Cottage Grove created a Police Commission with the powers to hire, discharge and discipline employees as provided in Wisconsin Statutes 62.13(5) and 62.13 (6m). In addition, the Police Commission is responsible for policy and procedures pertaining to promotions and discipline. The Police Commission will meet at least twice a year with at least one meeting being conducted in the August/September time frame for budget purposes. Two commissioners from the Town of Cottage Grove are needed. If you would like to be considered, please submit a letter of interest and your qualifications to the Town Clerk no later than July 1, 2007.

## **Volunteer Fire Department Report**

The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by 36 active Volunteer's and 7 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. 2006 was a very busy year for this Department. Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire 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 315 hours of training in 2006. The total man-hour participation was 2,411 hours.

In 2006 the Department responded to 195 calls, which required 1,882 staff man-hours to handle (from time of call to back to quarters). The following is a summary of those calls:

39 – CO & Alarm Investigations	55 – Vehicle Accidents
8 – Vehicle Fires	21 – Grass/Brush related Fires
6 – Assist Citizens	3 – Natural Gas Leaks
19 – Assist Deer-Grove EMS	20 – Structure Response Calls
1 – Arcing wires	
25 – Mutual Aid assistance to other communities (7 to Deerfield, 1 to Marshall, 7 to Sun Prairie, 1 to Blooming Grove, 9 to McFarland)	

The officers of the Cottage Grove Fire Department are:

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief  
Mark Severson, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief  
David Conklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief  
Mark Kudrna, Captain  
Roger Floreke, Captain  
Jess Robinson, Captain  
Mike McCormick, Lieutenant  
George Doucette, Lieutenant  
Jude Wolf, Lieutenant

The Fire Personnel/Honorary members are:

F.F. Dylan Anderson	H. George Ball	F.F. Tom Banigan
F.F. Sam Boerema	F.F. Clint Brorby	F.F. Jason Brinkmeirer
H. Clarence Buss	F.F. Chris Capouch	F.F. Ben Conklin
F.F. Tyler Diettert	F.F. Jon Engelhart	F.F. Brandon Fritsch
F.F. Ken Gulbranson	F.F. April Hammond	H. Joel Hammond
P.F. Jason Helgeland	P.F. John Huston	F.F. Todd Johnson
F.F. Nathan Jones	F.F. Michael Klinger	H. Robert King
H. Duane Kopp	P.F. Tony Kudrna	F.F. Dennis Larson
F.F. Matt Mabie	H. Jim McAllister	H. Dick McCutchin
P.F. Adam Poley	F.F. Joe Rauch	F.F. Cory Schneider
F.F. Erik Severson	F.F. Lance Severson	F.F. Scott Trimborn
F.F. Paul Wendricks		

F.F. = Fire fighter   P.F. = Probationary Fire fighter   H. = Honorary

In 2006 Fire fighter Joel Hammond retired from the Department after 26 years of service. Joel is still active with Fire Fighters Association in an Honorary Membership capacity. He still plans in helping at the annual Cottage Grove Firemen's Festival.

The Cottage Grove Fire Department, like 80% of the communities across the nation, relies on volunteers to answer the call. Your department, unfortunately, is experiencing a staffing shortage during the weekday hours. The Department is looking to fill this shortage, so if you are at least 18 years of age, reside in the Town or Village of Cottage Grove or know of anybody

who works within the Town or Village of Cottage Grove who has an interest in learning more, please 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 to answer any of your questions and provide you with more information. The Cottage Grove Fire Department will supply you with your own Personal Protective Equipment and the necessary training. The community will provide you with the work.

The Fireman's Association, of which all the personnel are also 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 Monona Grove students and to answer donation requests from 12 different youth organizations in Cottage Grove and Monona.

Please remember, open burning in the Town of Cottage Grove, is by permit only. The Town of Cottage, in an effort to make this easier on the residents, has a yearly permit system for open burning (non Ag-1 land). The resident picks up their permit at the Town office once a year and is 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**

2006 proved to be a challenging and exciting year of change and growth within the Deer-Grove EMS organization. We said goodbye to Chief Jess Robinson who served the organization for over five years, and on March 1, 2007 we will welcome Paul Blount as the new Chief. We also said goodbye to Dr. Musa our Medical Director, of 15 years. We thank Dr. Musa for his dedication and commitment to Deer-Grove EMS. He was instrumental in moving us forward to the pre-hospital advanced life support level.

Our current Medical Director team consists of Dr. Lee Faucher who was recently joined by Co-Medical Director Dr. Laura Zakowski. We are confident that with their assistance Deer-Grove EMS service, staff and membership will continue to advance beyond the national standard of pre-hospital emergency medical care.

Deer-Grove EMS currently consists of many dedicated individuals that make up one dynamic team. The organization includes one Office Manager and four full time Paramedics that function as Emergency Medical Technician Intermediates. The full time staff is scheduled with complementary combinations of 48 EMT Volunteers, 2 Interns and 3 Externs. These teams staff one full time ambulance and one volunteer ambulance in the “Deer-Grove EMS district”, which consists of the communities of Cottage Grove, Deerfield and Pleasant Springs.

The organization had a record setting year medically caring for and seeing to the safe, successful treatment and medical transport of the residents and guests within the communities we serve. Deer-Grove EMS provided advanced life support treatment and assessment on over 780 calls in 2006. Several of our dedicated teams of professional and volunteer medics will be honored this year by Dane County for having successfully resuscitated two citizens who suffered heart attacks which caused them to go into cardiac arrest. These citizens were true “Saves”: they both experienced life threatening medical emergencies and with the assistance and early medical interventions provided by Deer-Grove

EMS were able to return to their normal activities as productive members of their communities. Congratulations to the survivors and to the dedicated staff and members of the Deer-Grove EMS medic teams.

*If you have an interest in serving your community as a volunteer EMT, please contact: Int. Chief Kim Jack 608-839-5658.*

Deer-Grove EMS continued to educate and provide citizen and community training in first aid and CPR through out the year. We also participated in several emergency preparedness programs for the local Senior Communities arranged by the Cottage Grove Chapter of the TRIAD, an organization consisting of the AARP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs Association. For more information about the Cottage

Grove Chapter of the TRIAD contact: Diane Wiedenbeck - 839-8588 or visit: [www.rsvpdane.org/Programs/Triad.htm](http://www.rsvpdane.org/Programs/Triad.htm). For more information on any of the Deer-Grove EMS citizen training programs please contact: Int. Chief Kim Jack 608-839-5658.

Deer-Grove EMS, in anticipation of the escalating demands for pre-hospital emergency medical service associated with projected population and industrial growth, will continue to move forward technologically and professionally. With that growth we expect to advance the Deer-Grove EMS district to a fully staffed Paramedic EMS department.

Thank you to all the dedicated community members of the Deer-Grove EMS Commission, for donating an astronomical number of hours to guarantee the future of Deer-Grove EMS. Thank you to the Town and Village boards of Cottage Grove and Deerfield for persevering during these most recent challenges to Deer-Grove EMS. Thank you to the dedicated member of the service for your ongoing support wisdom, and patience.

Kim Jack, Interim Chief

## **Combined Emergency Government Report**

Emergency Government is the planned response of the Town and Village of Cottage Grove emergency services, i.e. public works, police, fire, and EMS departments, to various types of emergencies. When a disaster strikes, the Cottage Grove Emergency Government Committee is ready to provide assistance. Following a natural or man-made disaster, our local officials work through the Dane County Emergency Management system

The first response to a disaster is the job of our local government's emergency services with help if necessary from nearby municipalities, the state and volunteer agencies. It is the long-term recovery-phase of a disaster that places the most severe financial strain on families, local and state government. In major events, the Governor may request a federal disaster declaration. If the President approves the Governor's request, federal disaster aid may be available to individuals and/or local governments.

The Cottage Grove Emergency Government meetings bring together our emergency services department heads, businesses and members of the community for ongoing preparation and training of our community's emergency governmental services. Our meetings are held once a month in the EOC Room located in the lower level of the Emergency Services Building.

Karen Kessenich, Committee Chair

## **Highway Department Reminders**

Please remember that the Town does not allow any trees, posts, fences, large rocks, etc. to be placed in the road right-of-way. 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.

Mailboxes may be placed in the right-of-way as long as they comply with Town of Cottage Grove Ordinance 12.045, adopted in 2006, which states that mailbox support shall not be any larger than a 4" x 4" wood post, 4 1/2" round post, 2" inside diameter steel pipe, or 2 lbs/ft. steel channel, and that the support should not be set in concrete or on a base plate, nor should it be installed more than 24" in the ground. The complete ordinance is available in the Town office, or on the Town's web page. Please take this into account when you are replacing your mailbox.

## **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.

# Stormwater Management

## Springtime Brings More than Flowers with those Showers

March brings our first taste of spring with warm southern breezes, spring showers and water everywhere. There are buds on the trees and spring flowers beginning to make an appearance. But there are also oily sheens in parking lots running off with the melting snow and washing into the storm drains, and the muddy water is flowing down the ditches and gutters. Spring is a good time to stop and ask, “What happens to all that melting snow and rainwater washing across the ground?” Most of it ends up in our lakes and streams, but along the way it goes through a few changes.

### *Storm Water is more than Just Water*

Storm water begins its journey to our lakes and rivers when it washes across the surface of the land. When snow melts and rain falls, water flows across streets, rooftops, lawns and farmland. The flowing water carries sand, salt, fertilizer, leaves, grass clippings, pesticides, oil, trash and many other pollutants. In developed areas, storm drains and ditches carry the large amounts of runoff water to lakes and streams.

Storm drain inlets located along the curbs and in parking lots collect the runoff, which flows untreated to nearby streams and lakes. A common misconception is that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. It does not! The polluted water flows directly into our lakes.

### *“What Can I Do?”*

The first step toward keeping our lakes and streams clean is to think about what we do at home. Each of us contributes to storm water pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street.
- Direct rainwater away from paved areas to lawns or gardens where it can soak in.
- Get a soil test before applying fertilizer to your lawn. Don’t pay for something you don’t need. If you do use fertilizer, apply it according to directions and clean up any spills on paved surfaces.

- Clean up pet waste – bury it or flush it down the toilet.
- Compost your leaves and yard debris.
- Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks, and walk or ride a bike whenever you can.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash that sends its used water to the sewage treatment plant.
- Prevent soil erosion.
- Don't let anything but rain go down the storm drain or ditch.

Go to [www.myfairlakes.com](http://www.myfairlakes.com) for more ideas on how you can help our lakes and streams.

Adapted from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension, Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission and other publications.

## **What is Your Flood Risk?**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are used to identify properties required to carry flood insurance by federally backed mortgage holders. FEMA estimates that the annual premium for \$250,000 worth of flood insurance on a residence with a \$1,000 deductible could be as much as \$1,285 annually. Coverage for \$100,000 of building contents would add around \$798. These quotes are based on a single family, one floor residence with no basement. For more information on Flood Insurance, see [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). FIRM maps also serve as the basis for county and municipal floodplain zoning ordinances, which can have implications on your property's value and potential uses.

FEMA and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recently released preliminary drafts of new FIRM maps for Dane County which include some areas not previously identified as flood risk areas. Landowners would be well advised to review the maps for their area during the public review time between February 9, 2007 and May 9, 2007.

The [preliminary map for the Town of Cottage Grove](#) is available for viewing at the Town Hall during normal office hours, or on the Town's web page. Additional maps and information about filing your comments or protests can be found on Dane County Planning and Development's Floodplain Mapping Website at [www.countyofdane.com/plandev/floodplain/default.aspx](http://www.countyofdane.com/plandev/floodplain/default.aspx).

## **Parks and Recreation**

The newly formed [Joint Cottage Grove Recreation Department](#) ensures that recreation program participants from both the Town and Village pay equally for recreation programs, and gives the Town representation on the Joint Recreation Committee. Please show your support throughout the year to make this joint endeavor a long term commitment. With support from both the Town and Village, we're sure that the recreation department can continue to grow and provide young people of Cottage Grove an assortment of opportunities.

The program guide for Spring/Summer is available mid-March at Village Hall, Town Hall, area businesses and schools. The guide for Fall/Winter is available towards the end of August.

The Town Parks Committee usually meets just once each year to recommend budget needs for maintenance of Town parks. 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 Redepenning at 221-2672 for more information.

## **Peddlers and Transient Merchants**

Any individual engaging in the sale of retail merchandise on a temporary basis must obtain a Peddlers Permit from the Town Clerk. If someone comes to your door selling wares, ask to see their Peddler's Permit, and if they refuse to show one, or exhibit any suspicious behavior, please report it to the Police Department.

## **Town Hall and Flynn Hall Available for Rent**

Both the Town Hall and Flynn Hall are 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](http://www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov).

## **Senior/Disabled Transportation Continues**

Dane County is continuing to fund transportation for seniors who do not drive and the disabled. Town of Cottage Grove residents are eligible to join the group for weekly grocery shopping trips to the Piggly Wiggly Store at Cottage Grove Market Place at a cost of \$2.00 for a round trip for those who can afford it.

Every Wednesday Transit Solutions, Inc. will pick up **pre-registered** participants in the Town and Village of Deerfield starting at 9:30 a.m. The bus will then pick up those living in the Cottage Grove area. The time will depend on the number of stops made. **Reservations are required.** Please call TSI at **294-8747 (294-TRIP) by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday.**

The Sun Prairie Colonial Club is currently organizing trips for other purposes, such as mall shopping, movies or lunch. These trips will be scheduled in advance and the roundtrip cost will be \$3.00.

Watch for further information in the Herald- Independent, the Town website, Cottage Grove Cable Channel 12, or call Norah Cashin, Dane County Transportation Manager, at 242-6486; or Diane Wiedenbeck, 839-8588, <mailto:mdwiedenbeck@village.cottage-grove.wi.us>.

## **Regulation of Parades, Processions and Races**

In 2006, [Town of Cottage Grove Ordinance 9.10](#) was revised to require a permit for any parade or procession of more than 10 people, or any race among runners, bicyclists or motorists on Town Highways. The complete ordinance is available in the Town office, or on the Town's web page.

**Help Preserve Cottage Grove History**  
**CGAHS, Post Office Box 46, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, 53527**

It has been a busy year for CGAHS. We thank the many folks who purchased brats from us at our Friday afternoon brat stand. We expect to continue to serve this summer but have not decided on day and time.

We hope that many of you saw the exhibits that we now place in small display cases in the local banks, two cases in The Angelus Retirement Center, the first fire station in the park at the time of the festival and at both schools during Christmas In the Grove. We enjoy folks stopping by and sharing history.

We overflowed our room in Flynn Hall and appreciate the Town of Cottage Grove letting us store some of the bigger items in a locked room at the town hall.

We have more than 2,000 photos in our older photo collection and are beginning a collection of photos from 1990 to the present.

Our meetings are at 2:00 on the third Tuesday of the month. Visitors are welcome. Memberships are \$12 for individual, \$20 for family. \$50 business, \$150 lifetime.

Our officers this year are: President, Dan Payne  
Vice President, Miles Duckert  
Secretary, Nancy Lesh  
Treasurer, Dennis Bork

Executive Board members: Frieda Baxter, Jo Ann Kessler, Orville and Arlene Freudenberg, Lee Phillips, and Deanna Wollin.

Please share photos, clippings, and artifacts which tell the story of Cottage Grove. Contact: Dennis Bork (608/839-5578) for membership and photos; Jo Ann Kessler (608/839-4689) regarding artifacts; and Sara Steele (608/839-4624) regarding archives and research.

Remember, we are building history every day. Please help CGAHS preserve a record of our 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, Parkinson's Support Group.

**Programs:** Colonial Club offers activities and events to suit the needs and interests of many senior adults. Such as: Games, Cards, Bingo, Educational Classes, Choir, Shows, Travel, Exercise, Social Events, Gift Shop, Strawberry Fest, and much more.

For more information, 608-837-4611 or visit us online at

[www.colonialclub.org](http://www.colonialclub.org)

## Garbage and Recycling Information

Did you know that in addition to helping the environment, your recycling efforts offset your taxes by providing revenue to the Town in the form of recycling grant funding from the Wisconsin DNR? Please follow the guidelines below to ensure that we continue to benefit from this program.

**Normal collection day is Wednesday.** However, when a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, pick-up will be on Thursday that week. **Please place bags/cans and recycle bins next to your driveway by 6:30 A.M.**

2007 Holiday Pickup Schedule:		
Holiday	Date Celebrated	Pick-up Date
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2007	Thursday, May 31, 2007
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 3, 2007	Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2007	Thursday, July 5, 2007
Christmas	Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007	Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007
New Years	Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008	Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008

**Up to 4 bags/cans of solid waste, plus the recycle bin contents will be collected weekly.** This excludes any commercial waste, construction items, furniture, or appliances. Please contact Waste Management at 273-2500 to make arrangements for these items to be picked up for an additional fee. **Yard waste will NOT be picked up** at roadside, but may be composted or burned, if an **Open Burning Permit** is obtained.

**All recyclables must be put in the recycle bin loose.** Newspapers, plain paper or glossy paper such as magazines and/or catalogs must be bundled or bagged separately and placed on top of the recycle bin. Corrugated cardboard boxes must be emptied and flattened, and tied into 4'x4'x6" bundles. Please crush cans and plastic containers to conserve space.

**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 thru October 31st to take your household hazardous waste products. For more information, call 608-294-5366, or see [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com).

**April, 21, 2007** - Cascade Assets Management will collect computers and other electronics from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the City of Madison Transfer Station near the Alliant Energy Center. For more information, see [www.cascade-assets.com/individual/madisonroundup.htm](http://www.cascade-assets.com/individual/madisonroundup.htm) or call 222-4800.

# Town of Cottage Grove Contact Information

## IN ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

	<u>Phone</u>
<b>Town Office</b> 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., Mon. thru Fri. <a href="http://www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov">www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov</a> email: <a href="mailto:officecgtown@verizon.net">officecgtown@verizon.net</a>	839-5021
<b>Public Works</b> 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Mon. thru Fri.	839-4767
Building Inspector Tom Viken	837-3371
<b>Town Assessor</b> Associated Appraisal Consultants	920-749-1995
<b>Police Dept.</b> (Non-Emergency) 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M., Mon. thru Fri. After hours <a href="http://www.cottagegrovepolice.org">www.cottagegrovepolice.org</a>	839-4652 255-2345
<b>Fire Dept.</b> (Non-Emergency)	839-4343
<b>EMS</b> (Non-Emergency) <a href="http://www.deergroveems.org">www.deergroveems.org</a>	839-5658
<b><u>Utility and Service Providers:</u></b>	
Alliant Energy (Gas and Electric) <a href="http://www.alliantenergy.com">www.alliantenergy.com</a>	1-800-255-4268
Verizon (Telephone) <a href="http://www.verizon.com">www.verizon.com</a>	1-800-483-3000
Charter Communications (Cable) <a href="http://www.charter.com">www.charter.com</a>	1-888-438-2427
Waste Management <a href="http://www.wm.com">www.wm.com</a>	273-2500