

**TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER**  
***FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007***

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**APRIL 08, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
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# Finance Report

## Statement of Taxes Levied – 2007 Tax Year

State Taxes	65,309.04
County Taxes	1,041,849.58
Local Assessment	1,423,365.00
Deerfield School District	446,302.38
Marshall School District	37,406.49
McFarland School District	87,378.00
Monona Grove School District	3,332,629.66
Stoughton School District	217,217.98
Sun Prairie School District	2,612.00
Vocational School	461,407.99
Underrun/Overrun	0.42
Refuse and Garbage Collection	189,000.00
Street Lighting	585.65
Lottery Credit Penalty	1,784.95
Omitted Property Taxes (from previous years)	0.00
Managed Forest Lands	148.20
Occupational Taxes	1,662.75
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>7,308,660.09</b>

## Statement of Assessment – Jan. 1, 2007

REAL ESTATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
Residential	70,736,100	196,875,900	267,612,000
Commercial	3,051,200	11,966,600	15,017,800
Manufacturing	28,400	235,700	264,100
Agriculture	2,517,100		2,517,100
Undeveloped	950,800		950,800
Ag. Forest	891,100		891,100
Forest Lands	511,100		511,100
Other	4,185,600	11,650,500	15,836,100
PERSONAL PROPERTY	LOCALLY ASSESSED	MANUFACTURING	MERGED
	6,977,100	9,300	6,986,400
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE</b>			<b>310,586,500</b>

## Statement of 2007 Revenues and Expenditures

### REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 1,378,083
Intergovernmental	\$ 247,086
License & Permits	\$ 17,847
Fines, forfeitures and Penalties	\$ 17,847
Public Charges for Services	\$ 189,248
Intergovernmental Charges	\$ 86,328
Investment Income	\$ 59,603
Property Sales	\$ 22,170
Other	\$ 27,438
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,077,649</b>

### EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 337,620
Public Safety	\$ 605,751
Public Works	\$ 758,790
Health & Human Services	\$ 5,300
Culture, Recreation and Education	\$ 31,894
Public Service Enterprises	\$ 160
Capital Outlay	\$ 78,739
Debt Service	
Principal Retirement	\$ 251,887
Interest Expense	\$ 55,831
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,125,972</b>

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures \$ (48,323)

### OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Debt Issued	\$ 0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (48,323)</b>
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	\$ 638,776
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 590,453</b>
Indebtedness Beginning of Year	\$ 1,716,552
<b>Indebtedness End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,464,665</b>

## Explanation of 2007 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	4.57
Dane County	3.35
State of Wisconsin	0.21
Monona Grove School District	13.78
MATC	1.49
State School Credit	-2.25
MILL Rate Total	21.16

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

200,000/1000 x \$21.16	\$4,231.26
Lottery Credit	\$ (112.34)
Garbage Collection	\$ 135.00
Total Tax Bill	\$4,253.92

In this example, Town of Cottage Grove taxes account for 200 x \$4.58, or \$916.00 of the taxes. The remaining taxes are ones over which Town Officials have no control. The Garbage Collection charge is for 2008 garbage and recycling pick-up.

Tax rates for all of the school districts in the Town of Cottage Grove are shown below:

	School	Local*	Credit	Total	Max. Lottery Credit
Deerfield #1309	12.09	9.62	-2.25	19.46	98.52
Marshall #3332	11.96	9.62	-2.25	19.33	97.49
McFarland #3381	13.30	9.62	-2.25	20.67	108.42
Monona Grove #3675	13.78	9.62	-2.25	21.16	112.34
Stoughton #5621	9.90	9.62	-2.25	17.27	80.69
Sun Prairie #5656	12.43	9.62	-2.25	19.81	101.33

\* Local Taxes include: State \$.21, Dane County: \$3.36, Town \$4.57 and Vocational School \$1.48

## **Minutes of Annual Town Meeting – April 10, 2007**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kris Hampton at 7:00 P.M. Other Board members present: Dave Morrow, Steve Anders, Karen Kessenich, and Mike Klinger. Also present were Clerk Kim Banigan, Treasurer Debbie Simonson, Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith, and Attorney Greg Murray. A list of other attendees is available in Clerk's Office.
- II. The Clerk read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. **Motion** by Anders/Morrow to approve the minutes as read. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- III. Chairman Hampton asked if anyone had additional items to include in the agenda. No one did.
- IV. Presentation of Town Annual Report: **Motion** by Virgil Schroeder/Silvin Kurt to dispense with the reading of the 2006 Town Annual Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- V. Hampton read Resolution 2007-06 Authorizing the Town Board to Borrow Money in Case of Emergency. **Motion** by Virgil Schroeder/Steve Querin-Schultz to approve the resolution as read. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- VI. Hampton read Resolution 2007-07 Designating Public Depositories. **Motion** by Silvin Kurt/Virgil Schroeder to approve the resolution as read. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- VII. Hampton explained that the City of Madison, by the power of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), is not allowing land divisions in the areas along US Highway 12 & 18 between County Roads AB and N, which prevents developers or landowners from dividing off small acreages for either commercial or residential development. The Town plan is for commercial development in these areas. Madison seems intent on holding off development until they get there, although there is no projected timeline. Hampton suggested that one way to allow development may be for landowners to lease land to developers using a condominium approach. The developer could put up a building, but would not own the land, so there would be no land division required. Hampton asked the electors for direction: Should the Town consider

purchasing land from willing sellers to market as developable under a condominium approach to generate commercial tax base? He noted that the Town lost \$3-million in commercial tax base in 2006 when Landmark annexed part of their operations to the Village.

Kevin Shelly stated his position that farmland preservation and community separation as the Town is currently negotiating for a boundary agreement with the City of Madison and Village of Cottage Grove should have a higher priority than commercial development on US Highway 12 & 18. If pushing for the commercial development is detrimental to negotiations, he feels the Town can do without the commercial development. He is also concerned that commercial development would put more pressure on the south-east portion of the Town for further development.

Hampton responded that the City has indicated they do not want anything to do with using Town TDRs, and they do not want to include the southern part of the Town in negotiations. The Village has not yet given any indication of their willingness to use TDRs. Steve Querin-Schultz suggested that a condominium approach could be used as a bargaining chip with the City.

Hampton asked Attorney Murray to describe a town's authority within the ETJ of a city or village. Murray explained that ETJ gives cities and villages authority over land divisions, including certified survey maps, subdivisions and plat approval. Cities and Villages often forge boundary agreements without involving the intervening town. The Town of Cottage Grove is trying to maintain a seat at the table, with the goal of creating a long-term, binding agreement between the Town, the City and the Village for how areas in the Town will be developed.

Kevin Shelley asked how extraterritorial zoning (ETZ) fits into the picture, and whether it eliminates ETJ. Jim Bradt asked why only the west side of the Town is included in the ETZ area. Murray and Hampton explained that ETZ removes the County from the zoning process, putting zoning decisions in local hands, but does not eliminate ETJ. The current ETZ area includes the west side of the Town because

that is where development is most likely to occur in the near future. Hampton suggested that if ETZ works well on the west side of the Town, portions of the east side could be added in the future.

VIII. Set Date for Next Year's meeting: **Motion** by Kessenich/Klinger to have the next Annual Meeting on April 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IX. Other Business:

A. Kevin Shelley, as manager of the Liberty Prairie Cemetery, thanked the Town for the care of the cemetery.

X. Adjournment: **Motion** by Anders/Klinger to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Kim Banigan, Clerk

### **Town Logo Ideas Wanted**

What comes to mind when you think of the Town of Cottage Grove? What image would you like to portray to others about our township? Your ideas are needed as the Town Board works on developing a logo to use on letterhead, the web site and more. Please submit your ideas to the clerk at [clerkcgtown@verizon.net](mailto:clerkcgtown@verizon.net).

### **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. 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).

### **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.



## **Town Chairman's Report**

Well, the winter of 2007-2008 is one that we won't soon forget with the record-setting snow fall and bad weather that started back in November. The Town soon faced higher than expected expenses for plowing and salting the roads. With no real relief from the unusually rough winter through January and February, the Town's 2008 Budget was quickly impacted by additional expenses. As salt supplies diminished, we started mixing salt with sand to stretch this now valuable commodity to help us get through to spring. The highway crew has put in considerable overtime trying to keep the Town's roads open and safe for our residents.

Like those of surrounding communities, our roads have taken a real beating this winter. We won't know until spring how well the roads stood up to this exceptional winter. Road repairs mean additional expenses for an already strained highway budget. The Board's challenge will be to find ways to repair and maintain our roadways within the confines of the adopted budget.

The Town and Village Boards continue to meet monthly to discuss shared interest in a cooperative effort to better service our residents. Besides our current shared services with Police, Fire & EMS we have started discussions on Parks & Recreation activities. We have also discussed growth in the Town & Village and where it will be allowed to take place with the least opposition. As you can imagine this has been a very difficult discussion with no consensus reached as of yet, but we keeping talking, which is important in itself.

Discussions between the Town and the City of Madison as it keeps moving east have been more difficult. The City looks at the Town as just a hiccup in its growth pattern and wants to allow the Town very little, if any growth. We will continue these talks to see what progress can be made in securing our western border to protect the lifestyle our residents have chosen.

Starting later this year the Town Assessor will begin re-evaluating the property in the Town as required by the State so that all property is valued correctly and equitably. The revaluation will be completed by the third quarter of 2009.

I want to take this time to thank all of the Fire and EMS volunteers who give so much of their personal time to protect and serve our community. Please consider volunteering to help the Fire and EMS departments continue this great service to our community.

Kris Hampton, Town Chairman

## **Police Department Report**

We want to thank the citizens of the community for their support and assistance over the past year. Throughout the past months we have attempted to provide suitable response to the many calls for service and assistance we receive, while trying to maintain a visible presence on our roads, in our subdivisions and in rural areas as our demands and abilities allow. During this past year, the community continued to experience numerous property crimes, both residential and commercial, which resulted in loss amounting to significant dollar amounts for those who are victimized by the thefts, burglaries and criminal damage to property.

We cannot stress the importance of being notified immediately when residents see criminal or suspicious activity. The call immediately to 911 will allow a police officer to be sent to the location of this activity to hopefully apprehend an offender or at least head off criminal activity. Many times we get calls from citizens hours or days after they observed such activity. Our limited staff and large area of responsibility does not allow us to be everywhere, so we rely on the eyes and ears of citizens to work with us to make our community safe.

In the same light, we strongly encourage you to implement ways to make yourself, home, business and car less of a target for criminal activity. Over the past year we have taken a significant number of citizen reports of burglaries and thefts. We find that cars were left unlocked in driveways with wallets, money, important personal and work materials and expensive electronics in them, making them easy targets. We learn that homes were only secured with light weight locks on doors and windows, or not locked at all, allowing for easy entry. We are told that businesses did not activate electronic security systems, turn on video recording systems or engage security locks upon closing.

Residents and businesses are also encouraged to maintain records of their purchases for expensive electronics, tools, appliances, jewelry, etc. Set up a file that includes manuals or information received with the item and write the serial and model numbers on the cover along with a description of the item. Attach the original or a copy of the receipt. For jewelry, ask your jeweler for help in describing or identifying the item for your record. Finally, with today's digital photo capabilities, take a photo of the item, particularly jewelry, and

retain it for your records. Make a complete video/photo record of your entire house or business and retain it in a safe place. These records are valuable in helping you provide us with accurate descriptions of stolen items, which will not only be essential to identifying the items should they be recovered, but will help with insurance claims as well.

A combination of heightened effort and proactive security measures will have a positive impact on our community. Taking the few extra moments to bring expensive and valuable items inside from your car and lock it up takes away the temptation. Investing in heavy duty door and window locks and systems hardens your home. Activating security measures and systems serves as notice of criminal activity to law enforcement. Other measures such as installing lights, permanent or motion activated, eliminating places of hiding around your home and working with neighbors to develop home and business watch efforts will all help secure our community.

This past year saw the promotion of the department's second supervisor. We ended the year with our twelfth officer completing training. Both of these positions are welcome additions to the agency and will allow us to continue our response to the demands from the community. As a reminder, the Cottage Grove Police Department serves both the Village and Town of Cottage Grove, which is an area of 36-square miles and a population of over 9,300. Since our responsibilities and demands are throughout this expansive area, it is difficult to address all of the requests we receive for extra patrols and special enforcement, so we rely on the citizens of the community to be observant and call in suspicious activity.

The department has many ways for you to contact us with your concerns about traffic problems, suspected criminal activity, unsafe conditions or other issues you may have. We also welcome your contact to discuss crime prevention, or to arrange for home or business crime prevention surveys, to visit the police department or to participate in a ride along. 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](http://www.cottagegrovepolice.org). Our new location is at the corner of County N and Nora Rd., 2560 Nora Rd.

Police Chief John Gould

## **Deer-Grove EMS Report**

2007 proved to be a challenging and exciting year for change and growth within the Deer-Grove EMS organization. We welcomed three new administrative team members to the organization; Chief Paul Blount, Deputy Chief Matthew Hurtienne and Captain Paul Moynihan. Collectively, these talented individuals bring more than 32 years of EMS experience to the organization.

Recently we said goodbye to our Lead Medical Director, Dr. Lee Faucher. Having been a key player greatly impacting the success of the organization and Deer-Grove EMS Commission, Dr. Faucher will be sorely missed by staff and volunteers alike. Dr. Faucher leaves an everlasting mark on the organization, well beyond his teachings of trauma and shock assessment and treatment modalities.

Our current Medical Director, Dr. Laura Zakowski has been instrumental in many of our trainings and educational programs, as well as the services' continuous quality improvement project. We are confident that with her 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 a vibrant team. The organization employs four full-time Paramedics that function as Emergency Medical Technician Intermediates. The full-time staff is scheduled with harmonizing combinations of 29 - EMT Volunteers, 5 – Interns and 8 - LTE paramedics. These squads staff one full time ambulance and one volunteer ambulance in the Deer-Grove EMS District. Of our current membership, 23 EMTs are licensed at the basic level, 2 of which are honorary members, and 10 of the 23 are currently completing Intermediate Technician or Paramedic Training. The Deer-Grove EMS District proudly serves the communities of Cottage Grove, Deerfield and Pleasant Springs.

The organization had completed another successful year medically caring for and seeing to the safe, effective treatment and medical transport of the residents, commuters and guests within the District. In 2007 Deer-Grove EMS provided advanced life support treatment and assessment on over 726 calls.

*If you have an interest in serving your community as a volunteer EMT please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Lewis Kortsch 608.839.5658.*

## Volunteer Fire Department Report

The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by 43 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. 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. In 2007 the Department responded to 187 calls, and the Training division provided the staff with 254 hours of training.

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

Tom Banigan, Lieutenant

Jude Wolf, Lieutenant

The Fire Personnel/Honorary members are:

F.F. Dylan Anderson

F.F. James Bates

H. Clarence Buss

F.F. Dan Cushing

F.F. Jon Engelhart

F.F. April Hammond

F.F. Jason Helgeland

F.F. Todd Johnson

H. Robert King

F.F. Dennis Larson

H. Jim McAllister

F.F. Adam Poley

F.F. Joe Schumacher

F.F. Scott Trimborn

F.F. Nick Archibald

F.F. Jason Brinkmeirer

F.F. Chris Capouch

P.F. James Dexter

F.F. Brandon Fritsch

H. Joel Hammond

F.F. John Huston

P.F. Sean Knipfer

H. Duane Kopp

F.F. Kevin Laufenberg

H. Dick McCutchin

F.F. Joe Rauch

F.F. Erik Severson

F.F. Paul Wendricks

H. George Ball

F.F. Clint Brorby

F.F. Ben Conklin

F.F. Tyler Diettert

F.F. Ken Gulbranson

P.F. Josh Hammond

F.F. Justin Janish

F.F. Nathan Jones

F.F. Tony Kudrna

F.F. Matt Mabie

F.F. Robert Nelson

F.F. Cory Schneider

F.F. Lance Severson

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

In May of 2007, Lieutenant George Doucette passed away as a result of pancreatic cancer. George was a dedicated member of the department, and is greatly missed.

To learn more about who we are and what this Department does please refer to the [www.cottagegrovefire.org](http://www.cottagegrovefire.org) web site.

The Fireman's Association, of which all the personnel are members, 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 organization 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 residence, 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.

## **Parks and Recreation**

The Joint Recreation Committee has enjoyed great success in 2007. Town participant numbers had dropped off to below 20% of total recreation participants in 2006, however showed a great turn around once the joint department was formalized. In 2007, Town of Cottage Grove participation increased to 31%, equaling more than 450 participants. The Joint Recreation Department continues to develop new programs for all Cottage Grove residents and has taken the next step by collaborating on park projects. The Cottage Grove Recreation Department looks forward to continuing its joint success and utilizing both Town and Village amenities in providing programs for all citizens of Cottage Grove.

The program guide for Spring/Summer is available mid-March at Town Hall, Village 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.

## **Combined Emergency Government Report**

### **Who We Are and What We Do**

Established under Town and Village ordinance, the Cottage Grove Combined Emergency Government is the central point of coordination within Cottage Grove for response and recovery to large-scale emergencies and disasters. The Cottage Grove Combined Emergency Government consists of six committee members and meets the second Thursday of every month in the EOC room located in the Emergency Services building.

We all know that a large-scale emergency or disaster can arise at any time and from various natural or manmade causes. The best way to minimize potential loss and speed up the process of recovery from an event such as a tornado, snow storm, fire or a hazardous incident is to plan ahead. Our primary focus when not in a response or recovery mode is to ensure that Cottage Grove is prepared to respond. Our meetings include reports from the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Services Department, Cottage Grove and Taylor Prairie Elementary Schools, Hydrite and Landmark Services. The meetings include discussion, policy and procedure development, and training.

Karen Kessenich, Committee Chair

### ***Help keep your family safe! - NOAA Radios Available at Cost***

The Town of Cottage Grove is excited to participate in Dane County Emergency Management's program to distribute quality all-hazards radios to the public at cost. NOAA All-Hazards radios receive broadcasts exclusively from the National Weather Service. In addition to providing rapid warning of weather related events, they can also warn of the release of hazardous materials or other localized hazards. Unlike older type weather radios, this radio is programmable, allowing you to monitor for only the event types and locations you are concerned about.

A NOAA All-Hazards radio is always on, and will wake you up if you are sleeping, much like your smoke detector. It also has a backup battery to warn you even if the power is out.

Dane County Emergency Management hopes to have the radios available for you to purchase at the Cottage Grove Town Hall in time for Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week, which is April 21-28. These Reecom® Model R-1630 All-Hazards/ Weather Alert Radios retail for \$59.00, but will be offered at approximately \$22.00 + tax. Click on the Model: R1630 link at <http://www.reecominc.com/> for more information about the radio itself. There will be a limit of two radios per household.

## **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 TCG Ordinance 12.045, which states that mailbox support shall not be any larger than a 4" x 4" wood post, 4 ½" 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 Ordinance 25.04.

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

Town of Cottage Grove Ordinance 9.10 requires 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.



## **Stormwater Management**

### ***What is a rain garden?***

Rain gardens are shallow depressions (3-4 inches to two feet) planted with native wildflowers and other plants that soak up rainwater or melted snow from your rooftop, driveway and lawn. The gardens allow water to infiltrate into the soil rather than becoming runoff.

A rain garden can soak up to 30% more water than a traditional lawn. This helps to protect the quality of water downstream by preventing runoff from getting to the ditches and helps reduce the chances for local flooding.

Why is that important? Because the water from rain or snow fall that runs off our roofs and off our yards, into our streets and eventually through the ditches to our lakes is untreated, and carries with it all sorts of pollutants like fertilizers, oil from the street and pet waste. Holding back the runoff by allowing it soak into the ground in rain gardens helps improve the water quality in our lakes, can reduce the chances for local flooding and also helps reduce bank and shoreline damage.

Such a complex and important mix of environmental benefits is accomplished by devoting a small amount of space, time and money to the creation of a rain garden. There are only a couple of key decisions you'll need to make: the size of the garden, its location, the mix of native plants and vegetation you'll put in and whether you build it yourself or hire a professional landscaping company to help you.

Rain gardens should be positioned to receive water from downspouts or at a low-point in the lawn where drainage naturally occurs. While the plants grow, you'll need to weed a bit, but a mature rain garden is delightfully easy to maintain. The simpler you keep your design the more involved you can be in both planning and building the garden. But increasingly, driven by consumer demand and interest, there are many professional landscapers and horticulturists who are in the business of designing and building rain gardens. Visiting well-designed gardens can give you ideas and talking to folks who have them can provide helpful tips on how to do it right.

Rain gardens are aesthetically pleasing to look at and provide habitat for birds, butterflies and beneficial insects-including dragonflies that eat mosquitoes. Once the plants mature, maintenance is relatively low, and beats mowing! Just think-no noise, no gas, and all that free time!

### ***Rain Garden Listserv***

The Office of Lakes and Watersheds currently maintains a discussion group for those interested in rain gardens in Dane County. To subscribe, send a blank email to [daneraingardens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:daneraingardens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). To email the listserv, send email to [daneraingardens@yahoogroups.com](mailto:daneraingardens@yahoogroups.com).

**Building a History of the CG Township in the mid 1900's**  
**CGAHS, Post Office Box 46, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, 53527**

Memories? photos? clippings? papers?--about changes in farming, businesses, the subdivisions, accidents, events, and people. What can you share that captures township history during the mid 1900s?

The Cottage Grove Area Historical Society is adding photos and expanding on the *Cottage Grove's Bicentennial History*. Unfortunately that history did not include anything on farming, the subdivisions, or township happenings so we need lots of help. We will copy and return items. Contact Sara Steele, [smsteele@wisc.edu](mailto:smsteele@wisc.edu), 839-4624.

**Thank you!**

Thank you for supporting our brat stand, purchasing our publications, becoming members of the Cottage Grove Area Historical Society (annual dues \$12 individual, \$20 family, \$50 business, \$150 lifetime), and for the clippings, photos, and artifacts you have already shared. We also appreciate the storage room at the town office building.

**Please come!**

Our meetings start at 2:00 on the third Tuesday at Flynn Hall. We usually have a guest speaker and a sharing of information. We have a noon picnic in the summer and a potluck one evening in the fall. Visitors are welcome.

**It's been a busy year!**

We keep sharing history through newspaper articles and community displays. This year we added a third village bank and the IMC at the Cottage Grove Elementary School to the other places we share CG history (the first Fire Station during the festival, the Hog Breakfast, Christmas in the Grove, and the Friends Garden Tour and the Angelus Assisted Living Center.) We continue to expand our role in preserving history through a variety of means including a multi-volume collection of obituaries and a computerized list of deaths.

**2007-2008 Officers**

President: Dan Payne; Vice President, Miles Duckert; Secretary, Judy Phillips; Treasurer, Dennis Bork; Board Members: Jo Ann Kessler, Orville Freudenberg, Nancy Lesh, Lee Phillips, and Deanna Wollin.

**Remember, Cottage Grove's history occurs day by day. Please help CGAHS record 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:

**Colonial Club Services:** Prospective participants are evaluated for the following services:

- **Adult Day Center:** Colonial Club Day Center's professional staff provides health monitoring, attention to personal care needs, group activities, mind/memory stimulation and chair exercise to adults who may need individualized help, limited supervision, social opportunities, and/or therapeutic benefits. Daily pick-up and return transportation is also available.
- **Case Management:** Colonial Club case managers provide information and referral services regarding programs and services which are available through the 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.
- **Home Delivered Meals and Week Day Nutrition Site:** Colonial Club serves nutritious midday meals to those over 60 years old in the Colonial Club dining room, at a meal site in Marshall, and through delivered meals 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 and Low Vision Support Group.

**Colonial Club Programs:** Colonial Club offers activities and events to suit the needs and interests of many senior adults. Their monthly calendar is always filled with fun games, cards, bingo, educational classes, choir, entertaining shows, day trips and other travel opportunities, exercise, social events, gift shop items, and special community events like the Annual Financial Fair (April 26, 2008) and Strawberry Fest (June 21, 2008).

For more information, 608-837-4611 or visit us online at [www.colonialclub.org](http://www.colonialclub.org)

## **Senior/Disabled Transportation Continues**

If you need transportation for grocery shopping or an occasional trip to East Towne Mall, this is for you! The following trips are made available through your Dane County taxes.

Every Wednesday Transit Solutions, Inc. will pick up pre-registered participants in the Town and Village of Deerfield starting at 9:00 a.m. A van-type bus will then pick up those living in the Cottage Grove area with a destination of the Piggly Wiggly store. The exact time will depend on the number of stops made. The grocery trips cost \$2.00 round trip for those who can afford it.

Every other Tuesday a van-type bus will pick up pre-registered participants in the Town and Village of Deerfield starting at 10:00 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. Final destination will be the East Towne Mall area. Departure time will be 1:30 for the return trip home. There is a cost of \$3.00 for each round trip.

Reservations are required for all trips. Please call Transit Solutions, Inc. (TSI) at 294-8747 (294-TRIP) 24 hours in advance of the trip for reservations. Call Nora Cashin, Dane County Transportation Coordinator, Adult Community Services, 242-6486, with any questions about either the Tuesday or Wednesday trips. The additional money required for van/bus rental is part of the Dane County budget. If you know of someone who could use this service, contact Diane Wiedenbeck, 839-8588.

## **Regulation of 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.

## 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.**

<b>2008 Holiday Pickup Schedule:</b>		
<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Date Celebrated</b>	<b>Pick-up Date</b>
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26, 2008	Thursday, May 29, 2008
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 7, 2008	Thursday, Sept. 10, 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. An updated list of recyclables is included in the center fold of this report.

**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 Tues., Wed., Fri., and Sat. from May thru October to take your household hazardous waste products. For more information, call 608-294-5366, or see [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com).

**Resource Solutions**, 5943 Express Circle in Madison accepts most electronics at no charge from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., M-F, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Sat. There is a fee for CRT monitors, microwaves, and appliances. For more information, call 608-244-5451 or see [www.recyclethatstuff.com](http://www.recyclethatstuff.com).

**Waste Management's eCycle drop-off site** at 2200 Fish Hatchery Road is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. every other Sat. until April 29th, then every Sat. There is a charge of .35/lb unless it's a Sony product, then it's free. They also accept plastic furniture. For more information, call 608-215-2115, or see [www.recycleamerica.com/services/ecycling.aspx](http://www.recycleamerica.com/services/ecycling.aspx).

# Town of Cottage Grove Contact Information

## IN ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

	<u>Phone</u>
<b>Town Office</b> – 4058 County Road N 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., M-F <a href="http://www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov">www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov</a>	839-5021 839-4432 Fax
<b>Public Works</b> – 4062 County Road N 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-F	839-4767
<b>Building Inspector</b> – 5116 Pierceville Road Tom Viken	837-3371 837-1043 Fax
<b>Town Assessor</b> Associated Appraisal Consultants P.O. Box 2111, Appleton, WI 54913-2111	920-749-1995
<b>Police Dept.</b> – 2560 Nora Road 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., M-F (Non-Emergency) After hours (Non-Emergency) <a href="http://www.cottagegrovepolice.org">www.cottagegrovepolice.org</a>	839-4652 255-2345 839-4588 Fax
<b>Fire Dept.</b> – 4030 County Road N (Non-Emergency) <a href="http://www.cottagegrovefire.org">www.cottagegrovefire.org</a>	839-4343 839-4427 Fax
<b>EMS</b> - 4030 County Road N (Non-Emergency)	839-5658 839-4427 Fax
<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
AT & T (Telephone) Repair Service <a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a>	1-800-288-2020 1-800-611-2344
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

## 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
Jt. Town/Village Board Meetings.....	7 P.M. First Thursday 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 15 <sup>th</sup> – March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Comprehensive Plan	
Annual Review .....	March Plan Commission Meeting
Spring Election .....	First Tuesday in April
Annual Report Published.....	Mid-March
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 31 <sup>st</sup>
(payable to the Dane County Treasurer)	
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	
(odd years).....	First Monday in December
Tax Bills Mailed.....	Early December
First Day to Circulate Nomination	
Papers for Local Office .....	December 1st