

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.
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Statement of Taxes Levied – 2008 Tax Year

State Taxes	66,994.71
County Taxes	1,063,505.25
Local Assessment	1,437,829.00
Deerfield School District	542,020.00
Marshall School District	40,197.29
McFarland School District	87,628.00
Monona Grove School District	3,781,807.51
Stoughton School District	227,943.97
Sun Prairie School District	2,808.00
Vocational School	478,227.59
Under run/Overrun	-0.66
Refuse and Garbage Collection	194,871.60
Street Lighting	585.65
Lottery Credit Penalty	355.77
Omitted Property Taxes (from previous years)	0.00
Managed Forest Lands	327.23
Occupational Taxes	1,581.40
TOTAL LEVY	7,926,682.31

Statement of Assessment – Jan. 1, 2008

REAL ESTATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
Residential	70,698,900	198,782,400	269,481,300
Commercial	3,145,400	11,966,600	15,112,000
Manufacturing	46,900	392,200	439,100
Agriculture	2,561,300		2,561,300
Undeveloped	960,100		960,100
Ag. Forest	874,700		874,700
Forest Lands	511,100		511,100
Other	4,142,300	11,604,400	15,746,700
PERSONAL PROPERTY	LOCALLY ASSESSED	MANUFACTURING	MERGED
	5,568,300	9,200	5,577,500
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE			311,263,800
Assessment ratio to fair Market Value			.7871

Statement of 2008 Revenues and Expenditures

REVENUES

Taxes	\$1,436,940
Intergovernmental	\$ 294,356
License & Permits	\$ 62,644
Fines, forfeitures and Penalties	\$ 23,662
Public Charges for Services	\$ 192,409
Intergovernmental Charges	\$ 94,082
Investment Income	\$ 35,293
Other	\$ 28,853

Total Revenues **\$2,168,239**

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 323,792
Public Safety	\$ 674,654
Public Works	\$ 827,831
Health & Human Services	\$ 5,406
Culture, Recreation and Education	\$ 13,464
Public Service Enterprises	\$ 162
Capital Outlay	\$ 120,640
Debt Service	
Principal Retirement	\$ 259,661
Interest Expense	\$ 52,514

Total Expenditures **\$2,278,124**

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures \$ (109,885)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Proceeds from Promissory Notes	\$ 120,640
Property Sales	\$ 580

Total Other Financing Sources **\$ 121,220**

Net Change in Fund Balances **\$ 11,335**

Fund Balances Beginning of Year \$ 590,453

Fund Balances End of Year **\$ 601,788**

Indebtedness Beginning of Year \$1,464,665

Indebtedness End of Year **\$1,325,644**

2008 Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Court Fines and Penalties		
40800 · Law and Ordinance Violation	15,000	23,662
40820 · CPR Classes	0	-1.95
Total Court Fines and Penalties	15,000	23,660
Grants from Local Gov't		
40610 · Other & Veterans Graves	150	162
40630 · Urban Stormwater Grant	6,478	2,377
Total Grants from Local Gov't	6,628	2,539
Insurance Recoveries		
42110 · Damage to Highway Eq/ Prop	0	518
Total Insurance Recoveries	0	518
Intergovernmental Charges		
41620 · Police Payments/ Reimbursements	377	290
41640 · Village Fire Payments	52,252	56,165
41650 · Landfill Charges	8,100	8,190
41670 · Flynn Hall Reimbursement	3,400	3,825
41690 · Emergency Bldg Maint	19,494	18,441
41700 · Emergency Government Income	750	329
41710 · Pleasant Springs Reimbursements	11,663	4,841
41720 · Property Tax Sharing	11,912	11,912
41730 · Land Reimbursement	2,000	2000
Total Intergovernmental Charges	109,948	105,993
Licenses and Permits		
40700 · Business and Occup License	6,500	7,355
40730 · Building Permit / Inspection	20,000	24,285
40740 · Zoning Permits & Fees	2,500	2,000
40750 · Right - of - Way Permits	400	215
40760 · Dog License Revenue	750	935
40770 · Mining Permits	1,000	1,100
Total Licenses and Permits	31,150	35,890

	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Actual</u>
Miscellaneous Public Charges		
41500 · Title Search	1,800	2,585
41510 · Other Miscellaneous Chgs	0	90
Total Miscellaneous Public Charges	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,675</u>
Miscellaneous Receipts		
42200 · Dividends	1,000	3,761
42210 · Insurance Refunds	0	1,950
42230 · Cable Franchise Fee	25,000	26,754
42240 · Sale - Recycling Material	100	565
42250 · Other Miscellaneous Rcpts	100	-3,778
42260- RE Tax Reimbursement	0	2,202
42270 · Non Cashed Checks / NSF Charge	0	30
12600- Use Value Penalty Tax	0	2,548
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>26,200</u>	<u>34,032</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues		
41800 · Interest Income	35,000	35,077
41810 · Int on Spec Assess/ Charges	0	216
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,293</u>
Other Financing Sources		
42320 · Promissory Note Proceeds	0	120,640
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>0</u>	<u>120,640</u>
Other State Payments		
40510 · State Conservation Land	96	97
40530 · Received Forest/ Managed	1,200	1,251
40540 · Paid Cnty- Forest /Managed	0	0
Total Other State Payments	<u>1,296</u>	<u>1,348</u>
Property Sales		
42030 · Sale of Other Eq & Prop	0	15
Total Property Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
Rent Income		
41900 · Town Garage Rent	15,326	15,042
41910 · Town Hall Rent	3,200	3,901
41920 · Flynn Hall Rent	1,000	2,281
41930 · Town Land Rent	400	400
Total Rent Income	<u>19,926</u>	<u>21,624</u>
Sanitation And Utilities		

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
41210 · Refuse Collect - Curbside	131,525	131,209
41230 · Recycling Charges	58,175	57,825
Total Sanitation And Utilities	<u>189,700</u>	<u>189,034</u>
State Grants		
40200 · Police Other Earnings	0	2,531
40210 - FEMA Grant	0	41,224
Total State Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>43,753</u>
State Recycling Grants		
40400 · State Recycling Grant	9,600	12,158
Total State Recycling Grants	<u>9,600</u>	<u>12,158</u>
State Shared Taxes		
40100 · Shared Revenue from State		
40110 · Fire Insurance Tax	10,000	10,560
40100 · Shared Revenue from State - Other	85,369	85,763
Total 40100 · Shared Revenue from State	<u>95,369</u>	<u>96,323</u>
Total State Shared Taxes	<u>95,369</u>	<u>96,323</u>
Taxes		
40010 · General Town Property Tax	1,423,365	1,423,365
40020 · Budget Only- Surplus Apply	40,000	0.00
40030 · Occupational Taxes	0	1,663
Total Taxes	<u>1,463,365</u>	<u>1,425,028</u>
Transportation		
40300 · Local Transportation Aids	138,329	138,235
Total Transportation	<u>138,329</u>	<u>138,235</u>
Transportation Charges		
41100 · Highway Maintenance Chrgrs	0	115
41120 · Street Lighting Fees	585	586
Total Transportation Charges	<u>585</u>	<u>701</u>
Total Income	<u>2,143,896</u>	<u>2,289,459</u>
Expense		
Capital Outlays		
52530 · Fire Protection Equip. Outlay	0	120,640
Total Capital Outlays	<u>0</u>	<u>120,640</u>
Culture and Recreation		
52300 · Park Expense	5,000	3,464
52320 · Recreation Dept Expense	10,000	10,000
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>15,000</u>	<u>13,464</u>

	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Actual</u>
Debt Service		
52700 · Debt Service - Principal Paid	231,959	231,959
52720 · Interest Paid - Other	43,707	43,787
52750 · Capital Lease - Principal	27,702	27,702
52760 · Capital Lease - Interest	8,728	8,727
Total Debt Service	<u>312,096</u>	<u>312,175</u>
General Government		
Financial Administration		
50500 · Treasurer Salary	16,000	16,000
50510 · Treasurer FICA	1,224	1,224
50520 · Treasurer Supplies	1,800	2,165
50540 · Assessor Costs	13,291	6,753
50550 · Revaluation Costs	25,078	25,075
50560 · Audit Costs	13,340	15,699
50570 · Accounting Service Expense	1,500	439
50580 · Bank Charges	40	60
50590 · Other Financial Costs	200	179
Total Financial Administration	<u>72,473</u>	<u>67,594</u>
General Administration		
50300 · Clerk Salary	10,000	10,000
50310 · Clerk FICA	765	782
50320 · Office Supplies	2,500	2,544
50330 · Madison Leasing/ G. Flesch	250	202
50340 · Office Equipment Purchases	100	49
50370 · Other Office Expenses	1,000	452
50380 · Election Workers Wages	1,900	2,868
50390 · Election FICA	146	123
50400 · Election Notices- Publications	500	804
50410 · Election Supplies	750	991
50420 · Secretary Salary	7,400	3,723
50430 · Secretary FICA	567	297
50450 · Replacement Secretary	0	360
50460 · Replacement Secretary FICA	0	15.62
50480 · Clerk Hourly Wage	9,736	12,102
50490 · Clerk Hourly FICA	745	912
Total General Administration	<u>36,359</u>	<u>36,226</u>

	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Actual</u>
General Building Town		
50700 · Town Hall Utilities	8,000	7,014
50710 · Town Hall Maintenance	9,350	6,154
50730 · Town Hall Supplies	1,100	1,078
50750 · Flynn Hall Expenses	1,150	1,032
50760 · Flynn Hall Utilities	6,000	5,322
50770 · Emergency Bldg. Maint	38,987	36,928
50780 · Janitor FICA	386	460
Total General Building Town	<u>64,973</u>	<u>57,989</u>
Judicial and Legal		
50200 · Judicial Judge Salaries	3,000	3,000
50210 · Judicial FICA	230	230
50220 · Judicial Education/ Travel Exp.	1,820	942
50230 · Judicial Expenses	3,000	2,532
50240 · Court Legal Expenses	18,500	19,289
50250 · Town Board Legal Expenses	35,000	30,201
50270 · Town Board Litigation Expense	12,000	7,299
50280 · Judicial Court Clerk Salary	15,455	11,175
50290 · Judicial Court Clerk FICA	1,183	855
Total Judicial and Legal	<u>90,188</u>	<u>75,522</u>
Legislative (Town Board)		
50000 · Board Salaries	20,000	20,600
50010 · Board FICA Expense	1,530	1,572
50020 · Association Dues & Fees	4,100	3,946
50030 · Board Printing & Publication	2,500	3,380
50040 · Town Board Travel Expenses	1,500	1,086
50050 · Conventions & Seminars	700	565
50090 · Ordinance Comm. Wages	400	300
50100 · Ordinance Comm. FICA	31	23
50110 · Plan Commission - Wage	1,950	825
50120 · Plan Commission - FICA	149	63
50140 · Emergency Gov't Expense	1,500	658
50150 · Emergency Government Salaries	550	225
50160 · Emergency Gov't FICA	43	17
50170 · Other Board Expenses	600	277
50180 · Town Planner	20,000	16,983
Total Legislative (Town Board)	<u>55,553</u>	<u>50,520</u>

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
Other General Gov't Expense		
50920 · Insurance- Other	31,000	32,012
50930 - Hydrite Payment	0	1,325
50940 · Illegal Taxes	2,604	2,604
Total Other General Gov't Expense	<u>33,604</u>	<u>35,941</u>
Total General Government	353,150	323,792
Health and Human Services		
52210 · Veterans Graves Paid	150	162
52220 · Colonial Club Donation	5,406	5,406
Total Health and Human Services	<u>5,556</u>	<u>5,568</u>
Public Safety		
EMS		
51400 · EMS Expense	100,819	100,819
Total EMS	<u>100,819</u>	<u>\$100,819</u>
Fire Protection		
51200 · Town Owned Apparatus Expenses	4,180	3,304
51210 · Joint Owned Apparatus Expense	7,850	6,104
51220 · Fire Maint- Fuel	3,300	4,035
51240 · Fire Dept- Equip Expense	15,295	26,798
51250 · Fire Dept- Phone	2,400	2,030
51260 · Fire Dept- Insurance	20,450	17,350
51270 · Fire Dept.- Wages	28,200	28,290
51280 · Fire Dept. Training & Safety	4,000	3,654
51290 · Fire Hazmat & Investigation	750	0.00
51300 · Fire Dept. Personal & Records	7,000	330
51310 · Fire Preplan & Fire Prevent	2,500	1,556
51320 · Fire Dept Inspection Expense	1,000	599
51330 · Fire Chief Expenses	1,200	525
51340 · Fire Dept Maint. Contracts	6,355	7,327
Total Fire Protection	<u>104,480</u>	<u>101,902</u>
Inspections		
51510 · Plumbing Inspect. Wages	1,000	0.00
51520 · Plumbing Inspect. FICA	77	0.00
51530 · Bldg Inspection Wages	19,000	22,307
51540 · Bldg & Inspection FICA	1,454	1,706
51580 · Fire Inspection FICA	81	90
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	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
51590 · Fire Inspections	1,050	1,170
Total Inspections	22,662	25,272.58
Law Enforcement		
51010 · Police Wage & Invoice Payments	440,668	435,333
51020 · Facilities Lease	4,148	4,065
51030 · Police Dept Utilities	2,365	2,680
51040 · Police Dept Janitorial	1,120	1,141
51060 · Police Dept Maintenance	104	356
51070 · Police Commission	1,037	3,086
Total Law Enforcement	449,442	446,661
Total Public Safety	677,403	674,654
Public Works		
Highway Maintenance		
50190 - Urban Stormwater Permit	0	250
51700 · Patrolman Health Insurance	15,600	15,600
51710 · Longevity Pay	3,674	3,744
51720 · Patrolman Disability Insurance	3,600	4,074
51730 · Patrolman Salaries	229,994	237,119
51740 · Patrolman FICA	17,595	19,619
51760 · Gravel Expense	7,000	11,341
51770 · Contractor Expense	6,750	8,518
51780 · Sand and Salt Expense	26,000	29,305
51790 · Patch & Cold Mix	5,500	692
51820 · Road Signs	2,000	2,255
51840 · Tire Purchases & Expense	3,000	1,558
51850 · Equipment Repairs & Maint	12,000	16,109
51860 · Garage Utilities	7,500	5,630
51870 · Garage Maintenance & Repairs	6,500	3,534
51880 · Garage Equip. & Supplies	6,000	3,077
51890 · Fuel & Oil	30,000	54,748
51900 · Drug & Alcohol Testing	500	240
51910 · Culvert Expense	3,000	3,517
51920 · Center Stripping	3,500	2,614
51930 · Stormwater Expense	6,478	7,997
52000 · Highway Maintenance Contracts	175,000	184,092
52020 · Street Lighting Cost	1,700	1,686
Total Highway Maintenance	572,891	617,318

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
Sanitation Costs		
52100 · Refuse Collect- Curbside	131,525	134,280
52110 · Recycling Expenditures	58,175	57,836
52120 · Landfill Monitoring - Village	8,100	16,380
52140 · Landfill Monitoring - Town	10,000	2,017
Total Sanitation Costs	<u>207,800</u>	<u>210,513</u>
Total Public Works	<u>780,691</u>	<u>827,831</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,143,896</u>	<u>2,278,124</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>0</u>	<u>11,335</u>

Town Board needs your input for Garbage and Recyclable Contract

The Town and Village contract with Waste Management for pickup of garbage and recyclables expires at the end of 2009. The Town and Village Boards will be considering bids for a new contract in the next few months. If you have any in comments or suggestions for the board to consider in choosing the next contractor, please email them to the town clerk at clerkcgtown@verizon.net.

Committee Member Interest

If you are interested in serving on any of the Town's committees, please email the town clerk at clerkcgtown@verizon.net with the committee(s) you are interested in, and your qualifications. New committee appointments are made after the spring election each year.

2009 Budget Summary

Revenue	
Taxes	
General Town Property Tax	\$1,437,829
Other Taxes	\$1,500
Special Assessments	\$0
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$250,791
Licenses and Permits	\$25,850
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$20,000
Public Charges for Services	\$197,179
Intergovernmental Charges	\$175,267
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$83,100
Total Revenue	\$2,191,517
Cash Balance Applied	\$0
Total Revenue & Cash Applied	\$2,191,517
Expenditures	
General Government	\$383,187
Public Safety	\$784,712
Public Works	\$812,751
Health and Human Services	\$5,568
Culture and Recreation	\$15,000
Conservation & Development	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$11,302
Debt Service	\$240,052
Capital Lease	\$36,429
Total Expenditures	\$2,289,001
Other Financing Sources	
Promissory Note Proceeds	\$0
Designated Capital Projects Funds	\$63,166
Undesignated Funds	\$34,318
Town Levy	\$1,437,829
Assessed Value	\$311,263,800
Town Mill Rate (per \$1,000)	4.6193
Highway Expenditures/mile	\$8,947

Budget approved by the Town Board on November 18, 2008
 Tax Levy and Highway Expenditures approved by the Electors
 on December 04, 2008

Explanation of 2008 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	4.62
Dane County	3.42
State of Wisconsin	0.21
Monona Grove School District	15.64
MATC	1.54
State School Credit	-2.47
MILL Rate Total	22.96

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 \$22.96	\$4,591.47
Lottery Credit	\$ (110.99)
First Dollar Credit	\$ (48.10)
Garbage Collection	\$ 138.60
Total Tax Bill	\$4,570.98

In this example, Town of Cottage Grove taxes account for \$200,000/1000 x \$4.62, or \$924.00 of the taxes. The remaining taxes are ones over which Town Officials have no control. The Garbage Collection charge is for 2009 garbage and recycling pick-up.

Tax rates by School District:

	School	Local*	Credit	Total	Max. Lottery Credit	Max. First Dollar Credit
Deerfield #1309	14.52	9.79	-2.47	21.83	103.02	44.64
Marshall #3332	12.44	9.79	-2.47	19.76	88.30	38.27
McFarland #3381	13.44	9.79	-2.47	20.76	95.37	41.33
Monona Grove #3675	15.64	9.79	-2.47	22.96	110.99	48.10
Stoughton #5621	10.28	9.79	-2.47	17.59	72.92	31.60
Sun Prairie #5656	13.36	9.79	-2.47	20.67	94.78	41.07
* Local Taxes include: State \$.21, Dane County: \$3.42, Town \$4.62 Vocational School \$1.54						

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting – April 8, 2008

- I. The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Kris Hampton at 7:00 P.M. Town Clerk Kim Banigan recorded the minutes, and Attorney Connie Anderson provided legal counsel. A list of other attendees is available in Clerk's Office.
- II. Flag Pledge
- III. The minutes of last year's Annual Town Meeting were attached to the agenda in printed form. There was no reading of the minutes at the meeting. **MOTION** by Virgil Schroeder/Silvin Kurt to approve the minutes as printed. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Hampton suggested that voting on issues on tonight's agenda be accomplished by those in favor or opposed standing in turn, then counting off as they sit down. There were no objections to this method.
- IV. Additions to the agenda by electors: Dave Morrow asked that the following be added:
 - A. A Resolution Urging United States Federal Transit Administration to Reject Dane County Application for Rail Transit Funding.
 - B. A resolution supporting Town comprehensive plans as the means of determining future land use.
- V. Presentation of 2007 Annual Report: **MOTION** by Virgil Schroeder/Leroy Ebert to dispense with the reading of the 2007 Town Annual Report. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**
- VI. Hampton read Resolution 2008-03 Authorizing the Town Board to Borrow Money in Case of Emergency. **MOTION** by Virgil Schroeder/Karen Kessenich to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**
- VII. Hampton read Resolution 2008-04 Designating Public Depositories. **MOTION** by Virgil Schroeder/Deborah Simonson to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**
- VIII. Hampton read the agenda item regarding possible purchase of the former "The Farm Golf Course" and asked if there were questions or comments. A lengthy discussion followed. Major topics included: (*Randy Margenau of the*

Village of Cottage Grove was present and answered many of the questions about the property and grant applications.)

- Questions and concerns regarding the appraisal of the property in January of 2008 at \$35,000/acre – many thought this amount to be too high.
- Discussion about the 59 acres of conservancy was that it could be used for passive recreation only, with a possibility of a dog park on part of it. The Village has an easement on it for sewer and possible future road.
- What would be an acceptable use of the 43 acres that do not qualify for conservancy? Hampton suggested that some of the cost of purchasing it could be recouped if the Town were able to develop it as residential at a density similar to the Meadow Grove subdivision. There was also talk of using it for sports fields, and a suggestion that soccer clubs, for example, might offer grants that could assist with the purchase price. The majority of opinions expressed, however, were that it should all remain as green space. Funding from private conservancy groups could be further explored for this portion of the property, although it would mean giving up control over the land.
- Those who spoke against the purchase of the property expressed concern over how accessible the conservancy would be to residents not living nearby, and the fact that due to Village ETJ and County zoning, the Town has little control over what can be done with the property. Hampton stated that before the Town would enter into the purchase, a partnership agreement stating how the 43 acres could be used would need to be in place. There were some who felt that this property was not of any benefit to the Town, or asked if this would set a precedent for future purchases to protect green space adjacent to other Town subdivisions.
- Arguments in favor of the purchase included the desire to protect the natural state of the property for future generations, and a need for green space for sports fields.
- Some residents were concerned about how they will know when further discussions about this matter are to take place. Hampton said that funding of any purchase will require a referendum, which would be preceded by an informational public hearing. The clerk advised residents that all agendas are posted on the Town's web site as well as the regular posting boards around

the Town. Some residents suggested keeping each other informed by word of mouth.

- A. Should the Town and Village purchase all or part of the property for general recreational use by the public? **IN FAVOR: 40, OPPOSED: 14.**
- B. If both grants are awarded, should the Town split the remaining purchase price of the 59 acres of Conservancy with the Village of Cottage Grove? **IN FAVOR: 41, OPPOSED: 0**
- C. Should the Town participate with the Village in purchasing the remaining +/- 43 acres? **IN FAVOR: 40, OPPOSED: 13.**

IX. Should the Town participate financially with the Village in development of a community library? Hampton stated that the Town will always have to pay the County library tax, regardless of any contribution to a Village library. Kristi Williams, who was formerly on the County Library Board, explained how the County Library tax is used. Diane Wiedenbeck from the Village Library Board said that they are looking at a downsized library, and there will be open houses followed by a Village referendum. Peggy Jensen suggested that the Town contribute \$500,000 to the Village's library, and sited technology that could be purchased with the Town's contribution. There was general consensus that this matter should be tabled until the Village makes a definite commitment to a library. The matter will be reconsidered at next year's Annual Town Meeting.

X. Should the Town participate financially with the Village in development of a community recreation center? Randy Marganeu from the Village explained that a phased \$14.5 million expansion of Firemans Park would include a recreation center with gymnasium and wellness center, competitive baseball fields, and a swimming pool. Partnerships with other organizations are possible. The initial phase would be the recreation center at a cost of \$4.5 million. Open houses and a Village referendum are planned. There was discussion that Town residents will want to use the facilities, and by participating financially, the Town will purchase a voice in the planning and operational discussions. There was general consensus that this matter should be tabled until the Village makes a definite commitment. The matter will be reconsidered at next year's Annual Town Meeting.

XI. Should the Town Board pursue development of a Town logo to be used on letterhead and other printed materials? There was general consensus that rather than paying for development of a logo, a contest should be held among Town residents.

XII. Set Date for Next Year's meeting: **MOTION** by Virgil Schroeder/George Ball to have the next Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

XIII. Other Business:

A. A Resolution Urging United States Federal Transit Administration to Reject Dane County Application for Rail Transit Funding: Hampton read the resolution. **MOTION** by Karen Kessenich/Jeff Smith to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

B. A resolution supporting Town comprehensive plans as the means of determining future land use. Hampton read the resolution. **MOTION** by Silvin Kurt/Virgil Schroeder to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

XIV. Presentation of Stormwater Management Educational Video: *Dane Waters – a reflection of us all.*

XV. Adjournment: **MOTION** by Karen Kessenich/Deborah Simonson to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.** The annual meeting was adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

Kim Banigan, Clerk

Town Board Chair's Report

The Town Assessor has started the process of re-evaluating all properties in the Township, as required by the State, so that all property is valued correctly and equitably. The assessors, who carry identification from the Town as well as their employer Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc, will be viewing each property in the Township. We currently anticipate that we will have an Open Book and Board of Review some time in the third quarter of this year.

We started off this winter with record snowfall which meant more salt and more overtime for our Public Works staff; these costs are monitored by the Board to ensure that we stay within our approved budget. After last winter's experience, we ordered more salt through the State's contract to help replenish our stock for this year. Hopefully, the extra salt we ordered will be enough to get us through this season; the road crews are using salt mixed with sand to stretch our supply.

Last June's heavy rains caused drainage problems and required culvert repairs. The Town received some funding from FEMA for the June flooding and also for the heavy snowfall we saw last winter; the funding helped cover the additional expenses we incurred in responding to those unexpected events. We still have some work to complete replacing culverts that will lessen the effects of any future flooding. We anticipate that work should be completed this year.

The record setting increases in oil prices in 2008 were a challenge for every household and for the Township. The cost of oil greatly influenced the amount of work the Township could do for road maintenance; some projects were put on hold due to budget constraints. In November, the Town Board put a referendum on road maintenance before the citizens, asking you to vote whether additional monies should be budgeted to address increasing costs for road maintenance in the Township. While the Board had the authority to fund the costs through borrowing or service cuts, we felt that Town residents should be directly involved in this important budget decision. Residents voted against the referendum to spend \$90,000 per year for five years on road maintenance. The Board will do its best to maintain the roads with current funds available to us.

After more than 27 years of service as Town Office Secretary, Ruth Gjermo announced her retirement in 2008. Ruth did an outstanding job for the Town and its residents, and we wish her all the best in her retirement years. Town Clerk

Kim Banigan has assumed the duties of the office secretary in addition to her other duties, with part time help from Bev Homburg.

In December, the Town and Village entered into a 5-year contract with the Town of Pleasant Springs to expand the area that the Fire Department serves, including a section of the Interstate 90. The Cottage Grove volunteer firemen are enthusiastic with the expanded service area and particularly pleased that we could add a new fire engine to help them service these expanded areas. The new fire engine will be funded by the revenue from the contract with Pleasant Springs and we hope to fund the entire expense at no cost to our taxpayers. Deer-Grove EMS also has a separate contract to provide emergency medical services to the same area, the increased revenue from which will help lessen the tax burden on Town residents.

We owe a BIG thank you to all of the Fire and EMS volunteers who give so much to keep us safe. Please consider volunteering to the Fire and EMS departments; these men and women provide a great service to our community and could use your help.

Kris Hampton, Town Chairman

Police Department Report

Thank you for your support and assistance over the past year. During the past months we have attempted to provide appropriate response to the many calls for service and assistance we have received while trying to maintain a visible presence on the roads, in subdivisions and rural areas as our demands and abilities have allowed. The past year was not without a number of incidents and challenges. Again, property crimes, residential and commercial, continued to result in loss amounting to significant dollar amounts to those who are victimized by the thefts, burglaries and criminal damage to property.

Immediate notification of police when residents see criminal or suspicious activity is vital to the successful conclusion of a case. The call to 911 allows a police officer to be sent to the location of activity to hopefully apprehend an offender or potentially head off criminal activity. Immediate notification significantly increases our opportunity of resolving the situation in a suitable manner. We rely on the eyes and ears of citizens of the community to work with us in helping to make our community safe.

This past year saw the addition and training of our thirteenth officer which will allow us to continue our response to the growing demands from the community. We expanded the hours of our part time clerical position to better assist us with the timely processing of department reports. Grant funds helped cover three quarters of the cost of new, modern portable radios for each officer to improve their ability to communicate. A combination of grant and budget funds provided an upgrade to the department's computer system to notably improve in-house computer capabilities and set a foundation for expanded use of technology to enhance our work. We also significantly changed our website to allow for dissemination of 'breaking news' and subscriber e-mail messages to improve our contact with the community.

The Cottage Grove Police Department staff of 13 officers serves both the Village and Town of Cottage Grove, an area of 36-square miles with a population of over 9,400. The large area of responsibility and increasing demands from residents are a challenge and makes it difficult to address all of the requests we receive for extra patrols and special enforcement. We endeavor to do our best and that is why we rely on the citizens of the community to be observant and call in suspicious activity.

We have 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. 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 Our office is located at the corner of County N and Nora Rd., 2560 Nora Rd.

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 in the face of the challenges we encounter. 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 41 active Volunteers 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 2008 the Department responded to 222 calls, and the Training division provided the staff 441 hours of training.

The officers of the Cottage Grove Fire Department are:

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief
Mark Severson, 1st Assistant Chief
David Conklin, 2nd Assistant Chief

Mark Kudrna, Captain
Jess Robinson, Captain
Tom Banigan, Lieutenant

Roger Floreke, Captain
Mike McCormick, Lieutenant
Jude Wolf, Lieutenant

The Fire Personnel/Honorary members are:

P.F. Tyler Anders	F.F. Dylan Anderson	F.F. Nick Archibald
H. George Ball	F.F. James Bates	H. Clarence Buss
F.F. Chris Capouch	F.F. Ben Conklin	F.F. Dan Cushing
F.F. James Dexter	F.F. Jon Engelhart	P.F. Brian Fisher
F.F. Brandon Fritsch	F.F. Ken Gulbranson	F.F. April Hammond
H. Joel Hammond	F.F. Josh Hammond	F.F. Jason Helgeland
F.F. John Huston	F.F. Justin Janish	F.F. Todd Johnson
H. Robert King	H. Duane Kopp	F.F. Tony Kudrna
F.F. Dennis Larson	P.F. Andrew Last	F.F. Kevin Laufenberg
F.F. Matt Mabie	H. Jim McAllister	H. Dick McCutchin
F.F. Robert Nelson	F.F. Adam Poley	F.F. Erik Severson
F.F. Lance Severson	P.F. Nathan Snyder	P.F. Jay Verick
F.F. Paul Wendricks	P.F. Josh Wills	

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

Clarence Buss, a member of this Department for 57 years passed away in February of 2008.

The Department has had great success with its recruitment and was able to add 7 new personnel in 2008. To learn more about who we are and what this Department does please refer to the www.cottagegrovefire.org web site.

The Fireman's Association, of which all the personnel are also a member, participates in the Dane County's 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 residents, has an annual permit system for open burning (non Ag-1 land). The resident picks up their permit at the Town office once each 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

Chief Report By: Chief Hurtienne

During 2008, the Deer-Grove EMS District continued to provide the highest quality of emergency and non-emergency life safety services. The District finished the year with 797 emergency responses. This is an increase of over 70 emergency responses from 2007. Through the department's commitment to continuous improvement, the staff developed and implemented several new and innovative programs to create greater economic efficiencies and improve service effectiveness. These included a continuous quality improvement program and a new department EMS service billing monitoring system that has increased our billing collection ratio. We also promoted two volunteer members to the level of Lieutenant, allowing the volunteer membership to have stronger representation in leadership meetings. The accomplishments of the Deer-Grove EMS District in 2008 were only possible through the ongoing dedication of each member and their commitment to our community. It is to each of them that I extend my deepest appreciation.

Training Report By: Deputy Chief Antoniewicz

In 2008, members of DGEMS logged more than 800 man-hours of in house training. This included the implementation of “CCR”, or cardio-cerebral resuscitation. Deer-Grove EMS is one of the first services in the nation to adopt this new training, which was successfully used to save the life of a sporting event spectator when she suffered a sudden cardiac event. DGEMS Training Center staff provided first aid and CPR instruction to more than 200 citizens of the Dane County area in 2008. Additionally, DGEMS participated in the County-wide “CCR Saturday” event, a free training session for members of the community to learn the new life-saving technique. Committed to continuing education for the betterment of patient care, DGEMS staff also provided approximately 600 hours of clinical oversight as a preceptor site for Blackhawk Technical College EMT-Intermediate students.

Continuous Quality Improvement Report By: Lt. Moynihan

The Continuous Quality Improvement process is focused on improving our organization and providing the best care possible to the residents of the district. The CQI committee uses information from Patient Care Run Forms and other sources of statistical data to help determine areas where improvement is needed and to guide our decision making process for the future direction of DGEMS.

Volunteer Report By: Lt. Kortsch

The Deer Grove EMS District has served the Towns and Villages of Deerfield and Cottage Grove for 30 years. Even with the addition of full time staff members in recent years to help provide a higher level of care to our residents and 24/7 coverage, we still extensively rely on volunteers. In 2008 we added 10 new volunteers, and we look to grow in 2009 with new volunteers; people who want to help our friends and neighbors. Please join me in thanking ALL of the Volunteers, along with the other staff members for all of the time and effort given in 2008.

Highway Department Reminders

Right-of-Way Permits

Please remember that the Town does not allow any trees, posts, fences, large rocks, retaining walls, etc. to be placed in the road right-of-way, which 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. This ordinance was adopted in order to improve roadside safety for vehicles that might inadvertently leave the roadway. 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. *If you received notice of a non-compliant mailbox last fall and have not corrected it yet, please do so as soon as weather 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 Private Snow Removal

At this point you are probably hoping we've seen the last of snow for awhile, but here is a reminder for next winter: TCG Ordinance 8.06 Regulation of Private Snow Removal states that "No person shall allow snow, or ice, or both, which is removed from private property, to be deposited in any highway or right-of-way within the Town limits, in an amount that creates a traffic or safety hazard without immediately removing the accumulation from the highway or right-of-way." This includes snow deposited by mechanical or manual methods into the road, ditches, culverts or drainageways.

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

NOAA All-Hazards Radios Available at Cost

The Town of Cottage Grove is excited to once again 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 by April 1st (Just in time for you to pick yours up at the April 7th election). These Reecom® Model R-1630 All-Hazards/Weather Alert Radios retail for \$59.99, but will be offered at approximately \$25.00 + 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.

Ordinance Committee Report

The Ordinance Committee had a busy year in 2008. Below is a list of ordinance additions and revisions:

- Jan. 7: Minor Changes to section 15.15 Transfer of Development rights.
- Feb. 4: Creating section 9.12 School Bus Warning Lights
- July 7: Repeal of section 2.03 Legal Counsel
- Aug. 18: Creating section 20.20 Dangerous Animals Regulated
- Oct. 7: Creating section 20.30 Number of Animals (dogs) Regulated
- Oct. 7: Amending section 12.045 Regulation of Mailbox Installation
- Oct. 7: Creating section 10.08 Regulation of Discharge of Firearms
- Oct. 20: Amending section 10.08 Regulation of Discharge of Firearms
- Nov. 17: Creating section 11.08 False Alarms Prohibited
- Dec. 15: Amending section 16.02 Solid Waste Disposal
- Dec. 15: Amending section 11.06 Public Nuisances
- Dec. 15: Repealing Chapter 14 Erosion Control and Wetlands
- Dec. 15: Creating Chapter 14 Illicit Discharge Control

Details of these and all Town of Cottage Grove ordinances can be found on the Town's web site at www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov.

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

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.

Parks and Recreation

The Joint Recreation Committee has enjoyed great success in 2008. Since formalizing the joint recreation department, town residents have made up over 30% of all the departments participation. In 2008, Town of Cottage Grove participation equaled 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.

Stormwater Management Proper Disposal of Pet Waste



Pet waste left in our parks, yards or other open areas can be washed away and carried by rainwater into roadside ditches to nearby rivers, lakes and streams which causes many problems, among them:

1. Pet waste decays, using up dissolved oxygen and releasing compounds that are harmful to fish and other animals that rely on water to live.
2. Pet waste contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth in downstream lakes upsetting the natural balance.
3. Pet waste contributes to bacterial contamination of our rivers, lakes and streams. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria such as E. Coli and fecal coliform. Waters that contain a high amount of bacteria such as E. Coli are unfit for human contact. A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which can cause disease in humans.

Whether in your yard or walking your dog, you can easily do the right thing. Purchase a device made especially for the task or simply use a plastic bag. Then, just place the waste in a garbage can, flush down the toilet or bury it in your yard. Everyone will be happier when you pick up after your pet! Also, who wants to step in it let alone swim in it!

The Town of Cottage Grove has an ordinance requiring pet waste cleanup (Chapter 20.01(2)(h) and (j)) **Please do the right and considerate thing and pick up after your pet.**



Cottage Grove Area Historical Society

Post Office Box 46, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, 53527

What will people know of Cottage Grove 100 years from now? If you went to a rural school, had school or church picnics, baseball games, weddings, family gatherings, any of this is information we collect for the historical society. Pictures, newspaper articles, artifacts, videos, old items from homes, garages, etc. are all items of interest to the history of Cottage Grove. Information on farming before stereo and air conditioned tractor cabs, back even to working horse teams, trips to the grocery store, everyday events, these are all collectable. The point is everything and anything is an item to be preserved for future generations. This is what we do. We still have people who have served in the armed forces and have not given any information about their military life. Tell us your story. We can make copies of photos, etc. if you wish to keep the originals. Our contact person is Sara Steele at smsteele@wisc.edu

We do not receive funding from tax dollars. Our brat and corn feeds during the summer, and sales of calendars and publications about Cottage Grove are our means of support. We want to thank all of you who have contributed by supporting these fundraisers.

We encourage everyone to join us. Annual dues from June to June are \$12.00 for a single person, \$20 per family, \$50 for a business, and a lifetime membership is \$150. We meet at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday each month at Flynn Hall. Members receive newsletters eight or more times during the year. We invite you to stop at any of the three banks in Cottage Grove to see our displays, which are changed periodically. We also have displays at Angelus Retirement Center and at Cottage Grove Elementary and Glacial Drumlin Schools, and during the festival in June at the old Fire Station in Fireman's Park. During Hog Day Breakfast we have the room in Flynn Hall open with displays and books to look at (we have a collection of 3,000 or more photos). If you would like to bring a group to visit the room at Flynn Hall, please call for an appointment.

Officers this year are Lee Phillips, President; Deanna Wollin, Vice-President; Dennis Bork, Treasurer; and Judy Phillips, Secretary. Bev Burmester, Diane Shaw, Dan Payne, Terry Strand, and Orville Freudenberg are board members.

In closing I want to recommend purchasing our latest publication "Cottage Grove Country Stores and Garages". It covers the 40's through the 70's, places you may have visited at sometime or other. These are available at the three Cottage Grove banks or by calling 839-4447.

Remember what you do today is tomorrow's history.
President, Lee Phillips

Colonial Club Senior Activity Center

301 Blankenheim Lane, Sun Prairie WI 53590

Since 1970, the Colonial Club has been providing services to residents of northeast Dane County aged 55 and over. Since several communities do not have their own senior center, the Colonial Club doors are open to people from Cottage Grove, as well numerous other towns, villages and cities. The Colonial Club offers the following services:

Adult Day Center: Concerned about leaving a loved one alone, but not ready for nursing home care? The Adult Day Center is a cost effective alternative for families needing health care monitoring, personal care, social, and recreational activities for their family member. Each new participant will receive a service plan individually designed for them by staff, their physician and family members. Adult Day Center participations can choose from a wide variety of extended services as well as how often they attend. Adult Day Center hours are Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Supportive Home Care: The Goals of the Supportive Home Care (SHC) program are to enhance and prolong independent living; increase the feeling of security and lessen stress; reduce isolation and increase self-care; and prevent premature nursing home placement. SHC aides can provide numerous services, including, but not limited to bathing, dressing, light housekeeping and meal preparation.

Case Management: The purpose of the Case Management program is to assess the needs of older adults and to provide information/referrals and advocacy in the areas of services, benefits, activities, volunteer opportunities and other resources. Participants in the Case Management program will have a confidential, one-on-one meeting with a caring case manager. Whether you need to explore in-home assistance options, caregiving support or one of any number of situations, a Colonial Club case manager will provide compassionate support to anyone in need.

Nutrition: Creamy casseroles, comforting soups or roasted chicken, the Colonial Club kitchen whips up tasty meals each day. Unlike lots of places, this food is made on site and served fresh and hot. Evoking memories of Mom's home-cooked meals, this is a cost effective option in providing a nutritious meal to those who may not have access to one.

Activities: From fitness programs such as aerobics, chair exercises, Wii bowling, and dance classes to travel opportunities to Door County, Ho-Chunk, Washington DC and beyond, we offer a healthy menu of strong activities that attract the seniors of today and also the seniors of tomorrow. As long time supporters of lifelong learning, we also offer a variety of classes from painting to writing, from computers to cooking, anything you may want to continue your education.

Cottage Grove/Deerfield Shopping For Disabled and Those Over 50 Who Don't Drive 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.

Tuesdays – East Towne Mall area trips
Wednesdays – Piggly Wiggly shopping trips

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.

Triad Information

Cottage Grove Triad is a part of the National Triad and is sponsored by Dane County RSVP. Our local Triad is also supported by the Cottage Grove Police Department and the Dane County Sheriff's Office.

The Cottage Grove Triad Committee consists of representatives from RSVP, Cottage Grove Police Department, the Dane County Sheriff's Office, DeerGrove EMS, members of the business community and volunteers from both the Town and Village.

Already-scheduled programs for 2009 include an AARP Driver Safety course on April 13. This 4-hour course (formerly 55 Alive) will be held at Monona State Bank and requires advanced registration. (Cost is \$12/AARP members and \$14/non-members with some partial scholarships available.)

The CarFit program, designed for those over 50, enhances your safety by making you and your car fit each other. It will be held May 13 in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church parking lot. There is no cost for this program.

The fourth annual Car Winterization Program will be scheduled in October. Two other programs planned for 2009 are: "Internet Safety: Protecting You and Your Grandchildren", speaker to be determined; and "The Gatekeepers: Suicide Prevention – watching for signs," presented by Kris Mirenda, DeerGrove EMS.

Other free programs will be held in several locations on topics such as home safety, consumer fraud and identity theft and scams; and first aid for seniors. If you have any item of interest to older adults, please contact us.

All Triad events are free except the AARP Driver Safety Course and open to the general public. More information about specific programs will be in the Herald-Independent, on local Cable 98 and (www.tn.cottagegrove.gov) and posters will be placed in community businesses and churches. If you have any questions, would like to become involved or register for any programs, please contact Diane Wiedenbeck at 839-8588.

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, Tuesday or Wednesday, pick-up will be on Thursday that week. **Please place bags/cans and recycle bins next to your driveway by 6:30 A.M.**

2009 Holiday Pickup Schedule:		
Holiday	Date Celebrated	Pick-up Date
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2009	Thursday, May 28, 2009
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 7, 2009	Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009

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 Tues., Wed., Fri., and Sat. from May thru October to take your household hazardous waste products. For more information, call 608-243-0368, or see www.danecountycleansweep.com.

Resource Solutions, 5943 Express Circle in Madison accepts most electronics and appliances for a nominal fee from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., M-F. For more information, call 608-244-5451 or see 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, Gold star, LG, Zenith or product, then it's free. They also accept plastic furniture. For more information, call 608-215-2115, or see www.recycleamerica.com/services/ecycling.asp.

Town Calendar of Events

Meeting notices are posted at the Town Hall, at the corner of US Hwy. 12 & 18 and County Road BN, the corner of Gaston Road and Brown Thrush Trail, American Heritage Park at 4539 American Way, and online at www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov. Notices requiring publication are published in the legal section of the Wisconsin State Journal. Please call the office at 839-5021 to be placed on an agenda.

Town Board Meetings	7 P.M. First & Third Mon. of the month
Jt. Town/Village Board Meetings	6:30 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 th – March 15 th
Comprehensive Plan Annual Review	4 th Wednesday in March
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
<i>*Open Book and Board of Review will probably be later in 2009 due to the reassessment of all Town Property. You will receive notice by mail.</i>	
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	
to the Dane County Treasurer	July 31 st
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 st

Town of Cottage Grove Contact Information

IN ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

	<u>Phone</u>
Town Office – 4058 County Road N 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., M-F www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov	839-5021 839-4432 Fax
Public Works – 4062 County Road N 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-F	839-4767
Building Inspector – 5116 Pierceville Road Tom Viken	837-3371 837-1043 Fax
Town Assessor Associated Appraisal Consultants P.O. Box 2111, Appleton, WI 54913-2111	920-749-1995
Police Dept. – 2560 Nora Road (Non-Emergency) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., M-F (Non-Emergency) After hours (Non-Emergency) www.cottagegrovepolice.org	839-4652 255-2345 839-4588 Fax
Fire Dept. – 4030 County Road N (Non-Emergency) www.cottagegrovefire.org	839-4343 839-4427 Fax
EMS - 4030 County Road N (Non-Emergency)	839-5658 839-4427 Fax
<u>Utility and Service Providers:</u>	
Alliant Energy (Gas and Electric) www.alliantenergy.com	1-800-255-4268
Verizon (Telephone and Internet) www.verizon.com	1-800-837-4966
AT & T (Telephone and Internet) Repair Service www.att.com	1-800-288-2020 1-888-611-2344
Charter Communications (Cable and Internet) www.charter.com	1-888-438-2427
Waste Management www.wm.com	273-2500