

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 13, 2010

7:00 P.M.

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Finance Report

Statement of Taxes Levied – 2009 Tax Year

State Taxes	68,194.42
County Taxes	1,152,473.26
Local Assessment	1,437,829.00
Deerfield School District	531,814.63
Marshall School District	39,838.84
McFarland School District	92,167.00
Monona Grove School District	3,775,837.52
Stoughton School District	249,028.60
Sun Prairie School District	3,049.00
Vocational School	527,627.08
Underrun/Overrun	0.13
Refuse and Recycling Collection	209,608.20
Street Lighting	585.65
Lottery Credit Penalty	0.00
Omitted Property Taxes (from previous years)	0.00
Managed Forest Lands	327.23
Occupational Taxes	1,641.15
TOTAL LEVY	8,090,021.71

Statement of Assessment – Jan. 1, 2009

REAL ESTATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
Residential	104,293,900	223,473,600	327,767,500
Commercial	4,509,100	12,729,500	17,238,600
Manufacturing	56,700	449,400	506,100
Agriculture	3,260,800		3,260,800
Undeveloped	1,271,500		1,271,500
Ag. Forest	2,405,600		2,405,600
Forest Lands	1,033,100		1,033,100
Other	7,823,900	13,978,700	21,802,600
PERSONAL PROPERTY	LOCALLY ASSESSED	MANUFACTURING	MERGED
	5,971,200	45,200	6,016,400
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE			381,302,200

Statement of 2009 Revenues and Expenditures

REVENUES

Taxes	\$1,451,672
Intergovernmental	\$ 274,447
License & Permits	\$ 63,023
Fines, forfeitures and Penalties	\$ 26,733
Public Charges for Services	\$ 222,393
Intergovernmental Charges	\$ 124,534
Investment Income	\$ 12,968
Other	\$ 27,976
Total Revenues	\$2,203,746

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 351,814
Public Safety	\$ 743,903
Public Works	\$ 826,837
Health & Human Services	\$ 5,406
Culture, Recreation and Education	\$ 14,431
Public Service Enterprises	\$ 164
Capital Outlay	\$ 9,020
Debt Service	
Principal Retirement	\$ 251,135
Interest Expense	\$ 48,287
Total Expenditures	\$2,250,997
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ (47,251)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Proceeds from Promissory Notes	\$ -
Property Sales	\$ 58
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 58
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (47,193)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	\$ 601,787
Fund Balances End of Year	\$ 554,594
Indebtedness Beginning of Year	\$1,325,644
Indebtedness End of Year	\$1,074,509

2009 Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

	2009 Budget	2009 Actual
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Court Fines and Penalties		
40800 · Law and Ordinance Violation	20,000.00	26,733.00
40820 · CPR Classes		172.00
Total Court Fines and Penalties	20,000.00	26,905.00
Grants from Local Government		
40610 · Other & Veterans Graves	162.00	164.00
40630 · Urban Stormwater Grant		795.00
40640 · Build Grant		6,900.00
40600 · Hwy and Bridge Grant		2,625.00
Total Grants from Local Government	162.00	10,484.00
Intergovernmental Charges		
41620 · Police Payments/ Reimbursements	250.00	118.00
41640 · Village Fire Payments	58,018.00	57,906.00
41650 · Landfill Charges	8,100.00	6,492.00
41670 · Flynn Hall Reimbursement	3,400.00	3,400.00
41690 · Emergency Bldg Maintenance	24,743.50	20,345.00
41700 · Emergency Government Income	750.00	472.00
41710 · Pleasant Springs Reimbursements	33,292.00	33,292.00
41720 · Property Tax Sharing	12,262.37	12,262.00
41730 · Land Reimbursement	2,000.00	2,000.00
41740 · Other Fire Dept Reimbursements	243.43	509.00
Total Intergovernmental Charges	143,059.30	136,796.00
Licenses and Permits		
40700 · Business and Occupational License	7,000.00	4,840.00
40730 · Building Permit / Inspection	15,000.00	21,693.00
40740 · Zoning Permits & Fees	1,500.00	2,500.00
40750 · Right - of - Way Permits	200.00	215.00
40760 · Dog License Revenue	1,150.00	1,315.00
40770 · Mining Permits	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Licenses and Permits	25,850.00	31,563.00
Miscellaneous Public Charges		
41500 · Title Search	2,000.00	4,275.00
41510 · Other Miscellaneous Charges		50.00

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Total Miscellaneous Public Charges	2,000.00	4,325.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		
42200 · Dividends	2,000.00	2,354.00
42220 · Gas Tax Refunds		1,112.00
42230 · Cable Franchise Fee	25,000.00	31,460.00
42240 · Sale - Recycling Material	300.00	58.00
42250 · Other Miscellaneous Receipts		841.00
42270 · Non Cashed Checks / NSF Charge		130.00
42280 · Weather Radio Revenue/ Payments		-175.00
12600 · Use Value Penalty Tax		2,548.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>27,300.00</u>	<u>38,328.00</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues		
41800 · Interest Income	35,000.00	12,454.00
41810 · Interest on Spec Assess/ Charges		514.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>12,968.00</u>
Other Financing Sources		
42300 · Undesignated Funds	34,317.76	0.00
42310 · Bond Proceeds	63,166.00	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>97,483.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other State Payments		
40510 · State Conservation Land	96.00	97.00
40530 · Received Forest/ Managed	1,200.00	346.00
40540 · Paid County- Forest /Managed		-4.00
40550 · Other State Payments Received		100.00
Total Other State Payments	<u>1,296.00</u>	<u>539.00</u>
Rent Income		
41900 · Town Garage Rent	16,200.00	15,940.00
41910 · Town Hall Rent	3,000.00	3,376.00
41920 · Flynn Hall Rent	1,200.00	1,350.00
41930 · Town Land Rent	400.00	500.00
Total Rent Income	<u>20,800.00</u>	<u>21,166.00</u>
Sanitation And Utilities		
41210 · Refuse Collect - Curbside	134,784.00	134,830.00
41230 · Recycling Charges	59,810.40	59,949.00
Total Sanitation And Utilities	<u>194,594.40</u>	<u>194,779.00</u>
State Grants		
40200 · Police Other Earnings		14,051.00
Total State Grants		<u>14,051.00</u>

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
State Recycling Grants		
40400 · State Recycling Grant	12,000.00	10,944.00
Total State Recycling Grants	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>10,944.00</u>
State Shared Taxes		
40100 · Shared Revenue from State		
40110 · Fire Insurance Tax	10,000.00	10,631.00
40100 · Shared Revenue from State - Other	85,240.00	85,673.00
Total 40100 · Shared Revenue from State	<u>95,240.00</u>	<u>96,304.00</u>
Total State Shared Taxes	95,240.00	96,304.00
Taxes		
40010 · General Town Property Tax	1,437,829.00	1,437,829.00
40030 · Occupational Taxes	1,500.00	1,581.00
Total Taxes	<u>1,439,329.00</u>	<u>1,439,410.00</u>
Transportation		
40300 · Local Transportation Aids	142,093.22	142,125.00
Total Transportation	<u>142,093.22</u>	<u>142,125.00</u>
Transportation Charges		
41100 · Highway Maintenance Charges		22,531.00
41120 · Street Lighting Fees	585.00	586.00
Total Transportation Charges	<u>585.00</u>	<u>23,117.00</u>
Total Income	<u>2,256,792.68</u>	<u>2,203,804.00</u>
Expense		
Capital Outlays		
52520 · Law Enforcement Capital Outlay	11,302.00	9,020.00
Total Capital Outlays	<u>11,302.00</u>	<u>9,020.00</u>
Culture and Recreation		
52300 · Park Expense	5,000.00	4,431.00
52320 · Recreation Dept Expense	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>14,431.00</u>
Debt Service		
52700 · Debt Service - Principal Paid	204,835.00	204,830.00
52720 · Interest Paid - Other	35,217.00	35,222.00
52750 · Capital Lease - Principal	28,807.00	28,807.00
52760 · Capital Lease - Interest	7,622.00	7,622.00
52770 · Fire Truck - Principal (PS)	17,499.00	17,498.00
52780 · Fire Truck - Interest (PS)	5,443.00	5,443.00
Total Debt Service	<u>299,423.00</u>	<u>299,422.00</u>

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
General Government		
Financial Administration		
50500 · Treasurer Salary	16,320.00	16,320.00
50510 · Treasurer FICA	1,248.48	1,248.00
50520 · Treasurer Supplies	1,800.00	1,060.00
50540 · Assessor Costs	1,890.00	2,400.00
50550 · Revaluation Costs	54,322.00	54,325.00
50560 · Audit Costs	13,740.00	12,669.00
50570 · Accounting Service Expense	750.00	600.00
50580 · Bank Charges	40.00	50.00
50590 · Other Financial Costs	200.00	175.00
Total Financial Administration	<u>90,310.48</u>	<u>88,847.00</u>
General Administration		
50300 · Clerk Salary	10,000.00	10,000.00
50310 · Clerk FICA	765.00	765.00
50320 · Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,535.00
50330 · Madison Leasing/ G. Flesh	250.00	295.00
50340 · Office Equipment Purchases	100.00	160.00
50370 · Other Office Expenses	500.00	237.00
50380 · Election Workers Wages	1,300.00	1,070.00
50400 · Election Notices- Publications	100.00	257.00
50410 · Election Supplies	600.00	1,551.00
50440 · Clerk's in lieu of Health Insurance	1,950.00	1,788.00
50450 · Replacement Secretary	2,850.00	2,228.00
50460 · Replacement Secretary FICA	218.02	169.00
50480 · Clerk Hourly Wage	18,498.00	19,038.00
50490 · Clerk Hourly FICA	1,415.10	1,565.00
Total General Administration	<u>41,046.12</u>	<u>41,658.00</u>
General Building Town		
50700 · Town Hall Utilities	8,000.00	6,257.00
50710 · Town Hall Maintenance	5,000.00	5,270.00
50730 · Town Hall Supplies	1,100.00	767.00
50750 · Flynn Hall Expenses	1,000.00	1,049.00
50760 · Flynn Hall Utilities	6,000.00	5,306.00
50770 · Emergency Bldg. Maintenance	49,927.00	40,690.00
50780 · Janitor FICA	395.00	520.00
Total General Building Town	<u>71,422.00</u>	<u>59,859.00</u>

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Judicial and Legal		
50200 · Judicial Judge Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00
50210 · Judicial FICA	230.00	230.00
50220 · Judicial Education/ Travel Exp.	1,300.00	1,236.00
50230 · Judicial Expenses	3,000.00	1,908.00
50240 · Court Legal Expenses	14,000.00	15,098.00
50250 · Town Board Legal Expenses	27,500.00	24,235.00
50270 · Town Board Litigation Expense	32,500.00	32,614.00
50280 · Judicial Court Clerk Salary	15,455.00	12,423.00
50290 · Judicial Court Clerk FICA	1,183.00	949.00
Total Judicial and Legal	<u>98,168.00</u>	<u>91,693.00</u>
Legislative (Town Board)		
50000 · Board Salaries	20,000.00	19,300.00
50010 · Board FICA Expense	1,530.00	1,476.00
50020 · Association Dues & Fees	4,000.00	3,999.00
50030 · Board Printing & Publication	2,500.00	3,354.00
50040 · Town Board Travel Expenses	1,500.00	699.00
50050 · Conventions & Seminars	550.00	305.00
50090 · Ordinance Comm. Wages	400.00	50.00
50100 · Ordinance Comm. FICA	31.00	4.00
50110 · Plan Commission - Wage	1,950.00	1,525.00
50120 · Plan Commission - FICA	149.00	117.00
50140 · Emergency Government Expense	1,500.00	942.00
50150 · Emergency Government Salaries	550.00	250.00
50160 · Emergency Government FICA	43.00	19.00
50170 · Other Board Expenses	250.00	927.00
50180 · Town Planner	15,000.00	7,490.00
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	238.00
Total Legislative (Town Board)	<u>49,953.00</u>	<u>40,695.00</u>
Other General Government Expense		
50920 · Insurance- Other	32,287.00	29,062.00
Total Other General Government Expense	<u>32,287.00</u>	<u>29,062.00</u>
Total General Government	383,186.60	351,814.00
Health and Human Services		
52210 · Veterans Graves Paid	162.00	164.00
52220 · Colonial Club Donation	5,406.00	5,406.00
Total Health and Human Services	<u>5,568.00</u>	<u>5,570.00</u>

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Public Safety		
EMS		
51400 · EMS Expense	102,828.00	102,828.00
Total EMS	<u>102,828.00</u>	<u>102,828.00</u>
Fire Protection		
51200 · Town Owned Apparatus Expenses	5,750.00	5,496.00
51210 · Joint Owned Apparatus Expense	7,850.00	10,232.00
51220 · Fire Maintenance- Fuel	4,300.00	2,648.00
51230 · Pleasant Springs Expense	10,350.00	5,267.00
51240 · Fire Dept- Equip Expense	14,845.00	22,883.00
51250 · Fire Dept- Phone	2,400.00	1,964.00
51260 · Fire Dept- Insurance	21,475.00	20,885.00
51270 · Fire Dept.- Wages	28,300.00	27,240.00
51280 · Fire Dept. Training & Safety	4,000.00	2,356.00
51290 · Fire Hazmat & Investigation	750.00	0.00
51300 · Fire Dept. Personal & Records	1,200.00	368.00
51310 · Fire Preplan & Fire Prevent	2,500.00	1,765.00
51320 · Fire Dept Inspection Expense	750.00	0.00
51330 · Fire Chief Expenses	1,200.00	550.00
51340 · Fire Dept Maintenance. Contracts	9,775.00	7,892.00
Total Fire Protection	<u>115,445.00</u>	<u>109,546.00</u>
Inspections		
51530 · Bldg Inspection Wages	14,500.00	17,128.00
51590 · Fire Inspections	1,050.00	1,446.00
51580 · Fire Inspection FICA	81.00	111.00
Total Inspections	<u>15,631.00</u>	<u>18,685.00</u>
Law Enforcement		
51010 · Police Wage & Invoice Payments	477,972.00	491,393.00
51020 · Facilities Lease	6,947.00	6,711.00
51030 · Police Dept Utilities	2,829.00	2,425.00
51040 · Police Dept Janitorial	1,331.00	1,270.00
51060 · Police Dept Maintenance	104.00	175.00
51070 · Police Commission	6,475.00	10,870.00
Total Law Enforcement	<u>495,658.00</u>	<u>512,844.00</u>
Total Public Safety	<u>729,562.00</u>	<u>743,903.00</u>
Public Works		
Non- Highway Maintenance		
51930 · Stormwater Expense	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>1,782.00</u>

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Total Non- Highway Maintenance	2,500.00	1,782.00
Highway Maintenance		
51700 · Patrolman in lieu of Health Insurance	15,600.00	15,600.00
51710 · Longevity Pay	3,818.00	3,888.00
51720 · Patrolman Disability Insurance	4,265.00	4,250.00
51730 · Patrolman Salaries	209,777.00	208,270.00
51740 · Patrolman FICA	17,973.68	18,984.00
51750 · Patrolman Retirement	25,173.00	24,542.00
51760 · Gravel Expense	8,000.00	8,794.00
51770 · Contractor Expense	6,750.00	58,917.00
51780 · Sand and Salt Expense	28,000.00	32,819.00
51790 · Patch & Cold Mix	5,500.00	23,167.00
51820 · Road Signs	2,000.00	2,351.00
51830 · Bridge Expense		525.00
51840 · Tire Purchases & Expense	4,000.00	6,859.00
51850 · Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	15,000.00	14,196.00
51860 · Garage Utilities	7,500.00	4,343.00
51870 · Garage Maintenance & Repairs	4,500.00	2,870.00
51880 · Garage Equip. & Supplies	6,000.00	3,634.00
51890 · Fuel & Oil	50,000.00	20,601.00
51900 · Drug & Alcohol Testing	500.00	275.00
51910 · Culvert Expense	3,000.00	0.00
51920 · Center Stripping	3,500.00	3,674.00
52000 · Highway Maintenance Contracts	175,000.00	147,157.00
52020 · Street Lighting Cost	1,700.00	1,618.00
Total Highway Maintenance	<u>597,556.68</u>	<u>607,334.00</u>
Sanitation Costs		
52100 · Refuse Collect- Curbside	134,784.00	142,107.00
52110 · Recycling Expenditures	59,810.40	59,896.00
52120 · Landfill Monitoring - Village	8,100.00	6,492.00
52140 · Landfill Monitoring - Town	10,000.00	9,226.00
Total Sanitation Costs	<u>212,694.40</u>	<u>217,721.00</u>
Total Public Works	<u>812,751.08</u>	<u>826,837.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,256,792.68</u>	<u>2,250,997.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-47,193.00</u>

Explanation of 2009 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	3.77
Dane County	3.02
State of Wisconsin	0.18
Monona Grove School District	12.92
MATC	1.38
State School Credit	-2.07
MILL Rate Total	19.21

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	
\$19.21	\$3,842.00
Lottery Credit	\$ (97.98)
First Dollar Credit	\$ (85.89)
Garbage Collection	\$ 14.40
Total Tax Bill	\$3,672.53

In this example, Town of Cottage Grove taxes account for \$250,000/1000 x \$3.77, or \$942.50 of the taxes. The remaining taxes are ones over which Town Officials have no control. The Garbage Collection charge is for 2010 garbage and recycling pick-up.

Tax rates by School District:

	School	Local*	Credit	Total	Max. Lottery Credit	Max. First Dollar Credit
Deerfield #1309	11.06	8.36	-2.07	17.35	89.37	78.34
Marshall #3332	9.78	8.36	-2.07	16.07	77.38	67.83
McFarland #3381	11.43	8.36	-2.07	17.72	88.69	77.74
Monona Grove #3675	12.92	8.36	-2.07	19.21	97.98	85.89
Stoughton #5621	8.75	8.36	-2.07	15.04	70.44	61.74
Sun Prairie #5656	10.69	8.36	-2.07	16.98	91.03	79.79

* Local Taxes include: State \$.18, Dane County: \$3.02, Town \$3.77
Vocational School \$1.38

2010 Budget Summary

Revenue	
Taxes	
General Town Property Tax	\$1,437,829
Other Taxes	\$1,500
Special Assessments	\$0
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$267,621
Licenses and Permits	\$24,160
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$24,000
Public Charges for Services	\$214,242
Intergovernmental Charges	\$106,655
Pleasant Springs Fire Revenue	\$66,810
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$74,416
Total Revenue	\$2,217,232
Other Financing Sources	
Promissory Note Proceeds	\$152,488
Designated Capital Projects Funds	\$0
Undesignated Funds	\$36,478
Liberty Prairie Cemetery Funds	\$800
Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources	\$2,406,999
Expenditures	
General Government	\$302,815
Public Safety	\$685,102
Pleasant Springs Fire Expense	\$2,690
Public Works	\$747,507
Health and Human Services	\$5,568
Culture and Recreation	\$15,000
Conservation & Development	\$103,118
Capital Outlay	\$194,354
Debt Service	\$251,605
Pleasant Springs Fire Debt Service	\$62,810
Capital Lease	\$36,430
Total Expenditures	\$2,406,999
Town Tax Levy	\$1,437,829
Assessed Value	\$381,302,200
Town Mill Rate (per \$1,000)	3.7708
Highway Expenditures/mile	\$10,327

Budget approved by the Town Board on November 16, 2009. Tax Levy and Highway Expenditures approved by the Electors on December 02, 2009.

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting – April 14, 2009

A video presentation of *Dane Waters A REFLECTION OF US ALL* preceded the meeting.

- 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 the Town Clerk's Office.
- II. Flag Pledge
- III. The minutes of last year's Annual Town Meeting were available in printed form. There was no reading of the minutes at the meeting. **MOTION** by Virgil Schroeder/Michael Kindschi to approve the minutes as printed. **MOTION CARRIED 19-0.** (Voters at tonight's meeting were asked to stand and count off as they sat down.)
- IV. Additions to agenda by Electors:
 - Karen Kessenich asked for a discussion about the designation of the Town's official newspaper.
 - Truman Nienstedt asked for a discussion about the current law enforcement situation.
- V. Presentation of the 2008 Annual Town Report: The 2008 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures was printed on the back of the agenda. **MOTION** by Silvin Kurt/Deborah Simonson to approve as printed. **MOTION CARRIED 19-0.**
- VI. Resolution giving the Town Board authority to borrow money in an emergency: Hampton read the resolution. Anderson answered a question about what is considered an emergency, stating that it would have to be an unforeseeable, unplanned event, such as a natural disaster or fire. **MOTION** by Truman Nienstedt/Steve Querin-Schultz to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED 21-0.**
- VII. Resolution designating public depositories: Hampton read the resolution. **MOTION** by Truman Nienstedt/Jeff Smith to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED 23-0.**
- VIII. Status report of The Farm Conservancy, followed by discussion of the four options for the remaining 40-43 acres previously identified to have benefits for the Town:
 - Securing grants to purchase the 40-43 acres, to remain as parkland.
 - Seeking a private foundation to purchase the 40-43 acres, to remain as open space.
 - Town and Village jointly purchasing the 40-43 acres.
 - No municipal purchase of the 40-43 acres, but securing an agreement with the Village to allow the 40-43 acres to be developed in the Town.

Hampton reported that the Village made an offer, which as been accepted, for the 59 acres of The Farm Conservancy that qualifies for Dane County and WDNR conservation grants. The Town is not part of this offer and has withdrawn its co-application for the grants. The question remains as to what will become of the remaining 40-43 acres. The bullets above represent options that the Town Board has identified as beneficial to the Town. There were questions and discussion about cost to purchase the remaining 40-43 acres, whether grants might be available, what uses would be allowed if grants were involved, and

whether private foundations might be interested. Eleven people voted in favor of the following ranking:

1. Securing grants to purchase the 40-43 acres, to remain as parkland.
2. Seeking a private foundation to purchase the 40-43 acres, to remain as open space.
3. Town and Village jointly purchasing the 40-43 acres.
4. No municipal purchase of the 40-43 acres, but securing an agreement with the Village to allow the 40-43 acres to be developed in the Town.

Twelve people voted in favor of only the following options and order:

1. No municipal purchase of the 40-43 acres, but securing an agreement with the Village to allow the 40-43 acres to be developed in the Town.
 2. Seeking a private foundation to purchase the 40-43 acres, to remain as open space.
- IX. Presentation of concept plan for a possible Agri-Business Park at US Highway 12 & 18 and County Road N – Gary Peterson, Sustainable Services, Inc., followed by a question for electors: Should the Town finance the development of an agri-business park at US Highway 12 & 18 and County Road N?: Peterson began by giving an overview of commercial planning beginning in 2002 with the adoption of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. All commercial areas planned were within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Madison, but at that time the City was not exercising its ETJ authority, and made no comment on the Town’s plans for commercial development within its ETJ. Since that time, however, the City has begun exercising ETJ authority, and has indicated it will not allow land divisions for development within its ETJ. For this reason, the Agri-Business Park is proposed to be developed under a condominium plan.

Peterson displayed maps showing property boundaries and elevations of the entire 160 acres, and a concept plan for the first 40 acres to follow sustainable standards already adopted by the Town Board. Sustainable features would be designed to reduce energy and waste products, control stormwater, and preserve some of the natural areas. A combination of agricultural related businesses and organic farming plats was shown on the plan.

Hampton said that the Plan Commission suggested formation of a Community Development Authority (CDA) as a means to eliminate taxpayer exposure to this project. Anderson explained that a CDA is a legal entity created by the Town Board that has the ability to borrow and/or bond, keeping the financing of the project entirely off the backs of taxpayers. The CDA would purchase the land and make all of the improvements using loan or bond proceeds, and would probably continue to own and manage the development indefinitely. Even if the project were to fail, no liability would fall on taxpayers. The Town would benefit from the additional property tax base.

There was discussion about whether such a project is feasible, and why a CDA rather than a private developer. Anderson said that a CDA would allow the Town to have more control over the development, and it may be difficult to find a developer willing or able to sustain such a long-term project.

The Town would need to provide funds to form the CDA and for the CDA to do a feasibility study. It was suggested that an option on the land be purchased to prevent any surprises in the land cost after all of the background work has been done. **MOTION** by Steve Querin-Schultz/Truman Nienstedt to set a limit of \$25,000 to create a CDA, perform a feasibility study, and purchase an option on the land. **MOTION CARRIED 12-8.** Karen Kessenich questioned where the \$25,000 was to come from, and cautioned against dipping into the Towns undesignated funds.

X. Set date for next year's Annual Town Meeting: **MOTION** by Virgil Schroeder/Silvin Kurt to hold next year's Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. **MOTION CARRIED 24-0.**

XI. Other Business

A. Discussion about the designation of the Town's official newspaper: Currently the Town's official newspaper is the Wisconsin State Journal. Karen Kessenich asked whether there is any interest in publishing official notices in the Herald Independent instead. Kris Hampton recalled that the argument against using the Herald Independent in the past was that it is only published weekly, making it difficult to publish adequate notice at times. The Clerk noted that the Herald Independent serves primarily the Monona Grove School District, and may not be of much interest to Town residents in other school districts. There was no further discussion.

B. Discussion about the current law enforcement situation: Kris Hampton reported that Douglas Kenny is the acting Police Chief, and the Police Commission is scheduled to hear testimony regarding charges against Chief John Gould on May 12th. There were questions about whether public testimony would be allowed, and concern over possible animosity within the department after this is settled. Police Commission Meetings typically include an agenda item for public comment early in the meeting where concerns could be brought up.

There was discussion about an agenda item on a recent Law Enforcement Committee meeting to look into possibly contracting with the Dane County Sheriff's Department for policing services. Hampton said that this has been looked at from time to time to be sure the Town and Village are getting the best value for the money spent.

XII. Presentation of video: All About Wisconsin Roundabouts, a Wisconsin DOT Webcast Event.

XIII. Adjournment: **MOTION** by Truman Nienstedt/Sharon Fredenberg to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Kim Banigan, Clerk

Tentative Agenda*
Annual Town Meeting – April 13, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Town Meeting for the Electors of the Town of Cottage Grove will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall located at 4058 County Road N in the Town of Cottage Grove, Dane County Wisconsin. All residents and interested parties are invited to attend.

Agenda for the Town Meeting

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Flag Pledge
- 3) Approval of minutes of last year's Annual Town Meeting
- 4) Additions to agenda by Electors
- 5) Presentation of the 2009 Annual Town Financial Report
- 6) "Things You can do to reduce stormwater pollution", presented by Chuck Nahn, Nahn and Associates, LLC
- 7) Discuss options for the future of law enforcement in the Town
- 8) Discuss plans for the celebration of the 110th birthday of Flynn Hall
- 9) Set date for next year's Annual Town Meeting
- 10) Other Business
- 11) Adjournment

BY: Kris Hampton, Chairman

Final Agenda will be posted on April 9, 2010

NOTE: If you require an interpreter, materials in alternative formats, or other accommodations to access this meeting, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

* The final agenda will be posted on Friday, April 9th on the Town's web site, and the posting boards at the Town Hall, Gaston Road at Brown Thrush Trail, the park on American Way, and US Hwy 12 & 18 at County BN.

Town Board Chair's Report

Throughout 2009--the year of stimulus money from Washington--the Township watched and waited for a program for which we would qualify, but none became available. On the positive side, however, our Fire, EMS, and Police departments qualified for grants to help purchase some new, badly needed radios.

With the economy in a recession, the Town completed the revaluation of properties for the entire Township, as mandated by the State. The assessors sent notices to all property owners that reported what the assessors believed to be the current value of each property in the Township. Declining home values and increases in the value of land raised concerns by a number of residents. Our Board of Review held meetings where residents could dispute the new assessments and the Board did their best to determine the fair value of those properties.

The Board approved funds for a significant safety improvement to the intersection of Uphoff Road and Laudon Road, in response to a suggestion from the owner of the adjacent property. The intersection was corrected to include a 90 degree corner, making oncoming traffic from both directions clearly visible. Thanks to the land owner, the cost to the Town for this improvement was under \$25,000, due in part to monies received from a real estate developer who had planned improvements to the same roadway.

As always, the Board worked very hard in developing our 2010 budget and managed to keep the levy rate at the same level as 2009. There are no significant expenditures planned for 2010; however, we are in the process of replacing a 15-year old plow truck, which should arrive sometime in early summer.

Other road work was announced by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, who notified us that the bridges at Baxter and Ridge Road would be raised and a new deck installed on the Baxter Road bridge in the spring of 2010. The planners have advised us that no two roads will be closed at the same time. Please watch for announcements on the status of construction and road closures this spring.

I would be remiss if I did not offer a Big Thank You to all of the volunteers at Fire and EMS who give so much of their time to keep us safe. We're grateful for the valuable services they bring to our community. Please consider volunteering for either of these fine departments: these men and women would appreciate your help and support.

Kris Hampton, Town Chairman

Police Department Report

We want to thank the residents of the Town of Cottage Grove for their support and assistance over the past year. Throughout the past year 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. We cannot stress the importance of being notified immediately when residents see criminal or suspicious activity. 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 township to work with us in helping to make our community safe.

In the fall of last year the department lost an officer and part time clerk which impacted our already limited staff. Early this year we were able to replace the clerical position but have yet to replace the officer position. 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 well over 9,000. As noted earlier, we rely on the citizens of the community to be observant and call in suspicious activity.

Over the past year we have worked to improve our technological capabilities by improving our internal computer system to enhance our access to and management of our records system. We have added capabilities to allow citations, warnings and vehicle crash reports to be completed in the squad cars and electronically transmitted to various receiving points. We continued to improve our use of digital imaging for evidence and other photo needs. And, we added digital camera systems to our squad cars to help document our actions and improve officer safety. We anticipate continued positive changes in these and related areas in the coming year all of which will further help improve our efficiency and hopefully our service to you.

We cannot stress the importance of taking the time to examine and implement ways you can make yourself, home, farm, business and car less of a target for criminal activity. A few simple steps combined with a few dollars will go a long way to help reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of a crime. Make sure to include in your security plan a system to maintain records of purchases for electronics, tools, appliances, jewelry, etc by setting up a file that includes manuals or information received with the item and the recorded serial and model numbers along with a description of the item and original or a copy of the receipt. With today's digital photo capabilities, take a picture of the item, particularly jewelry, and retain it for

your records. A combination of heightened effort and proactive security measures will have a positive impact on our community.

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 township. It has helped us to provide 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 42 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. The Training division provided the staff over 3,200 man-hours of training in 2009.

In 2009 the Department responded to 233 calls. 71 in the Village of Cottage Grove, 67 in the Town of Cottage Grove, 61 in the Town of Pleasant Springs and 34 Mutual Aid responses to other communities.

The officers of the Cottage Grove Fire Department are:

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief	Mark Severson, 1 st Assistant Chief
Mark Kudrna, Captain	Jess Robinson, Captain
Roger Floreke, Captain	Mike McCormick, Lieutenant
Jude Wolf, Lieutenant	Tom Banigan, Lieutenant

The Fire Personnel/Honorary members are:

F.F. Tyler Anders	F.F.	Dylan Anderson	F.F. Nick Archibald
H. George Ball	F.F. James Bates	F.F. Ben Brake	
F.F. Chris Capouch	F.F. Ben Conklin	H. David Conklin	
F.F. Dan Cushing	F.F. James Dexter	P.F. Jake Deion	
F.F. Jon Engelhart	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. Justin Janisch	F.F. Shawn Jerrett	
F.F. Todd Johnson	H. Robert King	H. Duane Kopp	
P.F. Jennifer Kopp	F.F. Tony Kudrna	P.F. Joel Kuklinski	
F.F. Dennis Larson	P.F. Andrew Last	F.F. Kevin Laufenberg	
F.F. Matt Mabie	H. Jim McAllister	H. Dick McCutchin	
F.F. Erik Severson	F.F. Lance Severson	F.F. Nathan Snyder	
P.F. Greg Strandlie	P.F. Kevin Stutz	P.F. Adam Weisensel	
F.F. Paul Wendricks	F.F. Josh Wills		

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

In 2009, Assistant Chief Dave Conklin retired after 34 years of service to this Department and the communities of Cottage Grove

The Department has had great success with its recruitment and has been able to add 8 new personnel in 2009. To learn more about who we are and what this Department does please refer to cottagegrovefire.org web site.

The Fireman's Association, of which all the personnel are also a member, participates in the Dane County adopt-a-highway program, on County Highway N, south of the Village of Cottage Grove, as well as the Annual Fireman's Festival, held every year on Father's Day weekend. The association utilizes most of these proceeds to provide scholarships to Monona - Grove students and to answer donation requests from 12 different youth 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 a yearly permit system for open burning. Residents can pick up their permit at the Town office once a year and are then required to call 48 hours prior to the scheduled burn with all the pertinent information. A Campfire/Bonfire burning permit has been added for 2010 to address the burning after sunset issues. These permits are also available on the Town's web site.

In case of an Emergency dial 911.

Respectfully, Bruce Boxrucker, Chief

Deer-Grove EMS Report

The year 2009 was an end of decade, but a start to a new era for the Deer-Grove EMS District. 2009 gave us the chance to look internally and develop a vision for the future. We concentrated on building an organization where each member can have the opportunity to be part of the growth and development. Through development of global leadership principles and infusing learning of organizational methodologies we have seen an unprecedented departmental success. A few of these successes are:

- Approval of our paramedic application.
- Establishing and strengthening organizational communication.
- Specification and ordering of a new ambulance with the focus on department member safety.
- Increased cardiac monitoring technology.
- Increased billing revenue.
- Development of a strategic planning process.
- Continuous development of the DGEMS Continuous Quality Improvement committee.
- Creation of a new mission and vision statement that involved the entire membership and stakeholders.

This past year saw an increase in volunteer membership by 18%. Deer Grove EMS is proud to have a number of Volunteers who have worked hard to obtain and maintain certification in EMS. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit our website at www.deergroveems.com and fill out an on-line Volunteer application.

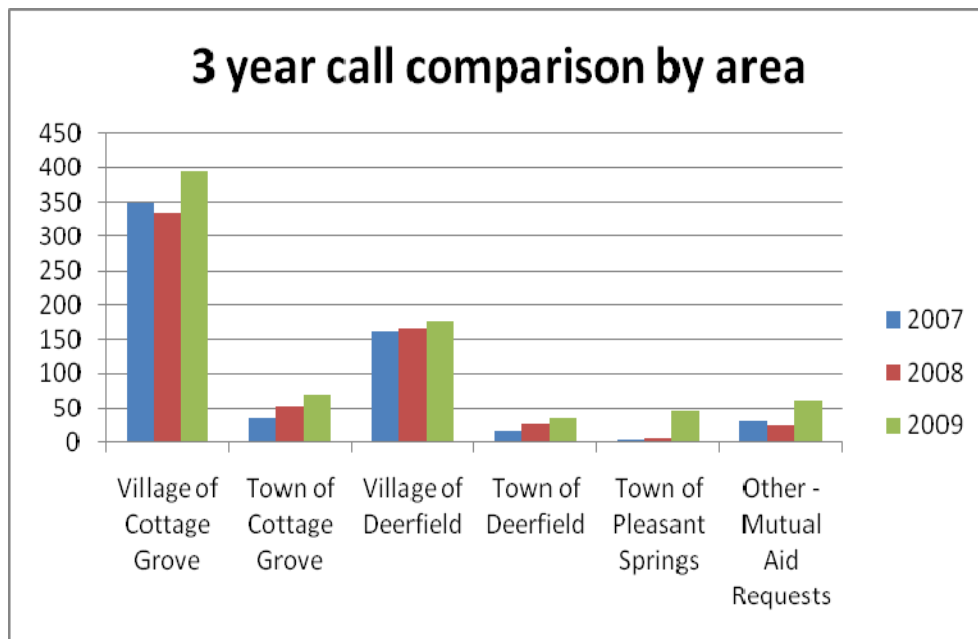
DGEMS witnessed an increase of EMT-Paramedic Interns from three to eight. With this increase of interns, DGEMS was able increase day time coverage in Deerfield. The enhancement of the intern program will also allow DGEMS to enhance the paramedic response system in 2010.

2009 also saw an enhancement of our continuous quality improvement team. This team, made up of representatives from DGEMS, monitors and conducts research in the effort to continuously improve our service. This team follows a method of: plan, do, study, and act. Through this process the team was able to:

- Create a process to mail a Patient Survey to all our clients.
- Administer and offer a public flu shoot clinic.
- Enhance public relations.
- Strengthen our firefighter rehabilitation program.
- Monitor and review patient care skills.
- Complete a DGEMS Continuous Quality Improvement manual.

The accomplishments of the Deer-Grove EMS District in 2009 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 of their service to our communities.

By Chief Matt Hurtienne



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. Please take this into account when you are replacing your mailbox.

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 site.

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.

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 first Wednesday 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, Glacial Drumlin Middle School, Hydrite and Landmark Services. The meetings include discussion, policy and procedure development, and training.

Combined Emergency Government Accomplishments in 2009

The Combined Emergency Government Committee conducted National Incident Management System (NIMS) / Incident Command System (ICS) level 200 training in March 2009. ICS 200 is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-200 provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS. This training was a follow-up to the ICS-700 and ICS-100 courses provided in previous years. Training is provided to committee members, elected officials, and any resident interested in attending. Additionally, the committee conducted a site visit to the Dane County Emergency Management Center in 2009. This tour allowed committee members the opportunity to ask questions regarding the capabilities and relationship our municipality has with the county in regards to planning, training and

Emergency Government Manual.

Jon Russell, Committee Chair

Parks and Recreation

The Joint Recreation Committee has continued to enjoy great success in 2009. Since formalizing the joint recreation department, town residents have made up over 30% of all the departments participation. In 2009, 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 an active role in creating a wide variety of special events, classes, and activities for all ages.

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.

Cottage Grove Kids' Park

How Can You Help?

By now you have most likely heard about the new Cottage Grove Kids' Park that will be located at Fireman's Park in Cottage Grove. This community built playground has been designed by our children in Cottage Grove and will be entirely built by volunteers. All fundraising efforts, donation of materials and tools, public relations, etc is all being done by volunteer residents of Cottage Grove. Now we are asking for your help!

Below are different ways you can make a donation to help us reach our goal to build our playground by this coming fall of 2010. We hope that you will choose one of the following ways for your family to support and be a part of this wonderful new asset to our community!

- Fence Pickets will enclose parts of the playground. Your name or a short message will be engraved on each picket. Cost is \$50 each.

- Brick Pavers will be part of the walkway to enter the playground. Your family name or message will be engraved on your brick. Cost is \$100/\$120 depending on size of the paver.
- Component Sales to help bring our playground to life! Buy an actual piece of the playground equipment that the children will play on (swing, slide, etc.). Your name will be on a donor sign located at the entrance of the park. Costs vary depending on the equipment chosen.
- Monetary donations are welcome as well and all donations of \$250 or higher will be recognized on the park donor sign.

Please visit our web site for more information about the CG Kids' Park and to get a copy of the family donation form at www.cgkidspark.org. The CG Kids' Park project is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Friend of Fireman's Park and send to PO Box 262. Cottage Grove, WI 53527.

Thank you for your support! It takes a community to build a GREAT playground!

New and Updated Town Ordinances

The following ordinances have been updated since publication of the last Annual Report and Newsletter:

- Jan. 2009: Sections 12.01 Uniform Building code, 12.02 Town Building Inspector and Chapter 07 Fees and Bonds were updated.
- July 2009: Section 03.04 Confidentiality of Income and Expenses Provided to Assessor for Assessment Purposes was created.
- Jan. 2010: Chapter 11.02 Open and Outdoor Burning was updated, including the creation of a new campfire permit.
- Feb. 2010: Section 16.02 Solid Waste Disposal was updated, and Section 16.04 Regulation of Waste Treatment, Disposal and Storage Sites was created.

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.

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.

Stormwater Management

Illicit Discharge Connections

We have recently enacted an ordinance addressing illicit discharge connections into our drainage ditches as part of our WDNR stormwater permit. The following definition is taken from the Environmental Protection Agency concerning illicit discharge connections (modified to fit our Town):

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to the Town roadside ditches (ditches) that is not composed entirely of storm water, except for discharges allowed under a WPDES permit or waters used for firefighting operations. These non-stormwater discharges occur due to illegal connections to the ditches.

As a result of these illicit connections, contaminated wastewater enters ditches which flow directly into our rivers and lakes without receiving treatment from a wastewater treatment plant.

Illicit connections may be intentional or unknown to the landowner. These connections are often due to the floor drains connected to the storm drainage system in a commercial area. Additional sources of illicit discharges are failing septic systems, illegal dumping practices, and the improper disposal of sewage from recreational practices such as boating or camping.

Illicit discharges can also result from private pool maintenance, cleaning paint brushes, washing cars, carpet cleaning and other common activities. The basement drain tile discharge, after heavy rains, is not considered an illicit discharge.

You can help to eliminate illicit discharges and clean up our rivers and lakes through the following activities:

1. Private Swimming Pool Filter Cleaning and Discharge - Let your pool water sit untreated for 5 days before discharge into the ditch at the end of the season. Do not discharge your pool filter backwash directly into the ditch. Backwash from pool filters must be discharged to the sanitary sewer, on-site septic tank and drain field system (if properly designed and adequately sized), or an unpaved vegetated area of your lawn away from the ditch.

2. Proper disposal of household cleaners, solvents, oils and paints- Do not dump in the ditch!!! See the Town Website (“Resources” Tab on www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov) for information on weekly recycling pickup items including engine oil, lead batteries, appliances and tires. Other household chemicals (paints, pesticides, poisons) take to the Dane County “Clean Sweep” disposal site at Dane County Highway Garage 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd.(north end), corner of Fish Hatchery and Badger Roads from 7:30am - 2:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from May 1 - October 30.
3. Septic System Operation- Have your septic system checked periodically for any leaks or failures. COMM Chapter 83 contains minimum inspection and servicing standards for different types of septic systems. A visual inspection by a qualified individual is required once every three years to determine if wastewater is ponding on the septic system ground surface.
4. Car Wash- Get your car washed at private car wash or use environmentally friendly cleaner. Consider washing your car over the grass instead of on the driveway.
5. Look for dry weather discharge - If you do notice flow in a roadside ditch after a long dry period of no rainfall (at least three days of dry weather), contact Kim at the Town Hall (particularly if it has an unusual color or odor!)

Thank you, in advance, for helping to keep our rivers and lakes clean!!!

Colonial Club Senior Activity Center

301 Blankenheim Lane, Sun Prairie WI 53590

Greetings from the Colonial Club in Sun Prairie!

2009 was another good year for people throughout northeast Dane County, including the good folks from the Town of Cottage Grove. Despite cuts from various sources due to the economy, the Colonial Club managed to stave off any cuts to services.

This meant:

- We were able to provide nearly 121 hours of Case Management service to Town residents.
- We provided 708 hours of care to Town residents through our Adult Day Center program.
- We served over 300 nutritious meals to Town residents, either here at the Club or delivered to their homes.
- We provided over 2,280 miles of transportation services to Town residents.

As you can see, some of the very basic needs -- food, transportation, care and support, are provided by Colonial Club to Town of Cottage Grove residents. We couldn't do it without the support of many individuals, businesses and agencies, including the United Way of Dane County and Dane County Health & Human Services. Additionally, the financial support of the Town of Cottage Grove Board was instrumental in providing services to people over the age of 55. While services are directed to people of a certain age, the benefit of these services positively affects people of all ages.

In 2010, you can look to find our case management team providing office hours in the Town (we'll announce locations through the Town office). We hope you'll consider joining us for one of our many special events that raises the funds we need to keep things moving. Our biggest event of the year, Strawberryfest is Saturday, June 19 from 8 a.m. -2 p.m.

Looking ahead, we know it's going to be tough to keep providing these much needed services. However, we remain committed to serving the Town of Cottage Grove residents.

Bob Power, Executive Director

Triad Information

Cottage Grove Triad is an organization of Cottage Grove seniors (55+), CG Police Department and the Dane County Sheriff's Office. It is sponsored by Dane County RSVP and is part of the National Triad, which was started in 1988 to reduce both criminal victimization and unwarranted fear of crime affecting older persons. The sole purpose of Triad is to promote senior issue awareness, safety and to reduce the fear of crime that seniors often experience.

Members of the CG Triad Committee are senior volunteers as well as business representatives in the community, CG Police, Dane County Sheriff's Community Officer and DeerGrove EMS volunteers. All programs are free to the participant, except where noted.

The following is a list of topics for the 2010 meetings scheduled to date:

February: Self Defense Awareness – Dick Thompson, 8th Degree Black Belt Instructor

March: What you always wanted to know about Medications – Kevin Hoey, RPh.

April: AARP Driver Safety Education (\$12.00 AARP members/\$14.00 non-members) and the CarFit Program – Steve Sheets, AARP and RSVP Volunteer

September: Frauds and Scams – Cottage Grove Police Chief John Gould

October: Free Car Winterization Program – Mike's Automotive Clinic

The Cottage Grove Triad Committee meets approximately six times a year at Angelus Retirement Community. For information about the Cottage Grove Triad and meeting dates, please contact Diane Wiedenbeck at 839-8588.

Shopping Transportation For Seniors and Disabled

On the first and third Friday of every month persons 60 and over (or persons with disabilities) may contact Transit Solutions, Inc. 294-8747 (294-TRIP) to schedule a trip to Madison for shopping or lunch. The charge is \$3.00 roundtrip. One trip may be to the East Towne Mall area and the next trip could be to the Monona WalMart. Those who participate will be able to help make decisions on trip locations. Pick up times will be 10:00 a.m. in Deerfield and then in Cottage Grove. Return will be at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance.

Transit Solutions Inc. has also been providing transportation for grocery shopping to persons over 60 and those with disabilities for several years. These trips are funded by Dane County and will continue indefinitely. The grocery bus operates every Wednesday, provided there are people who want to ride it! Cost to use this service (if you can afford it) is \$1.00 for a one-way trip, \$2.00 for a roundtrip to go grocery shopping!

Starting times on Wednesdays for grocery shopping begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Town and Village of Deerfield and continue on to Cottage Grove Town and Village. Times are dependent on the number and location of participants. You will shop at Piggly Wiggly in Cottage Grove and leave for home at about 11:00.

Remember, at least a 24-hour notice must be given for all trips. If you need special help, Transit Solutions, Inc. can provide accessible vehicles if they know in advance.

Contact Diane Wiedenbeck, 839-8588, if you have questions about this service; or Transit Solutions Inc. (294-8747).



Cottage Grove Area Historical Society

Post Office Box 46, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, 53527

Have you left a footprint? I don't mean on a rainy day on a muddy spot in the lawn. But, have you left a footprint in your community? What have you contributed? Community service, volunteer work, etc.? If you have left a footprint in Cottage Grove the Cottage Grove Area Historical Society would like to know about it. Pictures to add to our 4,000 plus pictures or items from your time here in Cottage Grove. Please don't throw things away, give the historical society a chance to look at these, we need your help to make our collection grow. Contact Sara Steele at smsteele@wisc.edu or 839- 4624 if you have photos or other artifacts to share.

In the last year the Cottage Grove Area Historical Society members remodeled the history room at Flynn Hall, we had four brat and com feeds, helped with planting prairie grasses at Glacial Drumlin School, and photo recorded the Village and Vilas Hope road areas.

We have new publications out now. I recommend the "Beginnings of Cottage Grove" to all as a good background of early Cottage Grove. Another is "Raising Tobacco in Cottage Grove" from 1890 to 2009, it has lots of photos of our friends and neighbors and is a very interesting book about Cottage Grove people. The newest booklet is aerial photos of the Town and Village of Cottage Grove, you may never get a chance to fly over our town so this may be the next best thing.

Our latest project we will be working on is a 110 year birthday celebration of Flynn Hall. Many of you who are longtime residents should be able to contribute facts and photos of events in Flynn Hall. Please contact any member of the society or bring them to the Town Hall office. Thanks in advance.

President, Lee Phillips 839-4447

Refuse and Recycling Information

On January 1, 2010, Veolia Environmental Services, Inc. began a five year contract to pick up refuse and recyclables in the Town. The switch in service providers required a few changes for residents to adjust to, including using vendor-supplied carts to work with the automated pickup system, collection of recyclables every other week, and a change in pickup day for some. We are happy to report that the transition has gone smoothly and feedback has been predominantly positive.

If you live on County Road N or anywhere to the east of N, your pickup day is Wednesday. If you live west of County Road N, your pickup day is Thursday. A list of recyclable items, a holiday collection schedule, and a calendar highlighting recycling weeks was distributed along with the carts in December. If you have lost yours, you can find the information on the Town's web site. The new service includes pickup of appliances at no additional charge, however you must call 1-800-248-2373 to make arrangements. On recycling weeks, you may also put out up to 2 one-gallon containers of waste engine oil, car and truck batteries, up to 2 off the rim tires (maximum of 8 per year).

Other Recycling Options

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.

Recycling Electronics

In October 2009, Governor Doyle signed Wisconsin's electronics recycling law as Act 50. This law establishes the E-Cycle Wisconsin program to collect and recycle certain electronic devices. It is based on a product stewardship approach, which assigns primary responsibility for collection and recycling to the manufacturer. The law also bans certain electronics from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators after September 1, 2010. For more information on E-Cycle Wisconsin, go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/ecycle/>. Following are some of your options for properly disposing of electronic devices:

American TV Stores, 5201 High Crossing (271-1002) and 2404 W. Beltline Highway (271-1000) will accept computers, TV's and most other electronics. Most items are free, but there is a fee for larger TV's. See www.americantv.com/pages.e-cycle.jsp or call the stores for more information.

Best Buy Stores, 2452 East Springs Dr. (242-0701) and 7357 West Town Way (829-1188) will accept computers, TV's and electronics for recycling (hard drives must be removed from all CPU's). Search for 'recycling' at www.bestbuy.com, or call the stores for details.

Staples Stores, 6580 Monona Dr. (216-0931) and 4538 Verona Rd (271-1821) recycles Dell brand computers, monitors and printers for free, other brands for a fee. Go to www.staples.com and search for 'ecoeasy' or call the stores for details.

1-800-Got Junk, (1-800-468-5865) full service junk removal service will haul heavy items out of your basement, etc. See www.1800gotjunk.com/madison or call for more information.

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.

Goodwill Industries accepts computers and computer components at no charge. (They do not accept televisions or other electronics, only computer related materials.) See www.goodwill.org for more information.

2010 Census

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more. The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. The 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about how we live as a nation, our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential. For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at www.census.gov.

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	7:00 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	
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 Accurate Appraisal, LLC P.O. Box 415, Manasha, WI 54952-0415 www.accurateassessor.com	800-770-3927
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) www.deergroveems.com	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
Veolia Environmental Services www.VeoliaES.com	1-800-248-2373