

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

Kris Hampton
Town Chair

Steven Anders
Supervisor 2

Mike DuPlayee
Supervisor 4

Kim Banigan
Town Clerk

Beverly Homburg
Deputy Clerk

Cyndi Peck
Court Clerk

Duane Erschen
EMS Chief

Mike Fonger
Supervisor 1

Kristi Williams
Supervisor 3

Beth Gilpin
Municipal Judge

Debra Abel
Town Treasurer

Jeff Smith
Highway Superintendent

Bruce Boxrucker
Fire Chief

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 21, 2015
7:00 P.M.
Town Hall
4058 County Road N
Cottage Grove, Wisconsin 53527
Phone: 608-839-5021
Fax: 608-839-4432

Web Site: www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov

Email: clerk@towncg.net

2014 Population Estimate: 3887

Table of Contents

<u>Tentative Agenda Annual Town Meeting – April 21, 2015.....</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Finance Report.....</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Statement of Taxes Levied – 2014 Tax Year.....</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Statement of Assessment – January 1, 2014.....</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Statement of 2014 Revenues and Expenditures.....</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>2014 Budget vs. Actual.....</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>2014 Late Lottery Credit.....</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Committee Member Interest.....</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Explanation of 2014 Tax Bills.....</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>2015 Budget Summary.....</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>Minutes of Annual Town Meeting – April 15, 2014.....</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>New and Updated Town Ordinances.....</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>Town Board Chair's Annual Report.....</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Treasurer Introduction.....</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Clerk's Notes.....</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>2015 Elections/Voter ID Requirement.....</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Email notifications.....</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Public Participation Strategy for the Town of Cottage Grove</u>	
<u>Comprehensive Plan Update.....</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>Highway Department Reminders.....</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Right-of-Way Permits.....</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Implements of Husbandry/Ag Commercial Vehicles.....</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Mailbox Installation.....</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Location of Fire Numbers.....</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>Dane County Sheriff's Office</u>	
<u>Introductions.....</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report.....</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>Deer-Grove EMS Annual Report.....</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>Emergency Government Committee Report</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>Cottage Grove TRIAD 2015 Events.....</u>	<u>37</u>
<u>Dane County Elderly (60+) and Disabled Transportation.....</u>	<u>39</u>
<u>Colonial Club Senior Activity Center.....</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Cottage Grove Area Historical Society.....</u>	<u>41</u>
<u>Stormwater Management.....</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>Water Quality Experts Ask for Help with “Illicit Discharges”</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>Pet waste disposal reminder.....</u>	<u>43</u>
<u>Refuse and Recycling Information.....</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>Items to be Recycled.....</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Recycling Electronics.....</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>Hazardous Waste Disposal.....</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>Town Calendar of Events.....</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>Town of Cottage Grove Contact Information.....</u>	<u>48</u>

Tentative Agenda*

Annual Town Meeting – April 21, 2015

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 21, 2015 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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Flag Pledge
- III. Approval of minutes of last year's Annual Town Meeting
- IV. Additions to agenda by Electors
- V. Presentation of the 2014 Annual Town Financial Report
- VI. Update on policing of the Town by the Dane County Sheriff's Office.
- VII. Update on regulation of Level 3 sex offender residency.
- VIII. Update on improvements to I39/90 and the County AB/US Hwy 12 & 18 intersection.
- IX. Progress report on the 2015 update of the Town's Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan.
- X. Set date for next year's Annual Town Meeting
- XI. Other Business
- XII. Adjournment

BY: Kris Hampton, Chairman

*** The final agenda will be posted on Friday, April 10th on the Town's web site, and the posting boards at the Town Hall, Gaston Road at Brown Thrush Trail, the park at 4539 American Way, and US Hwy 12 & 18 at County BN. This is the one meeting that allows for agenda items to be added during the meeting, so if there is something you would like to discuss with your fellow Town electors, come prepared to bring it up under item IV. above.**

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.

Finance Report

Statement of Taxes Levied – 2014 Tax Year

State Taxes	65,211.01
County Taxes	1,355,968.76
Local Assessment	1,549,884.00
Deerfield School District	617,763.07
Marshall School District	52,973.93
McFarland School District	92,875.00
Monona Grove School District	3,970,244.00
Stoughton School District	346,964.14
Sun Prairie School District	3,558.00
Vocational School	358,795.83
Underrun/Overrun	-0.27
Refuse and Recycling Collection	224,934.84
Street Lighting	585.65
Private Septic Maintenance	12,762.24
Lottery Credit Penalty	0.00
Omitted Property Taxes (from previous years)	0.00
Managed Forest Lands	409.91
TOTAL LEVY	\$8,652,930.11

Statement of Assessment – January 1, 2014

REAL ESTATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
Residential	105,300,000	232,164,500	337,464,500
Commercial	4,006,400	13,710,500	17,716,900
Manufacturing	934,700	296,300	1,231,000
Agriculture	2,867,400		2,867,400
Undeveloped	1,391,700		1,391,700
Ag. Forest	2,327,800		2,327,800
Forest Lands	1,040,900		1,040,900
Other	7,596,700	14,282,300	21,879,000
PERSONAL PROPERTY	LOCALLY ASSESSED	MANUFACTURING	MERGED
	7,641,400	0	7,641,400
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE			393,560,600

Statement of 2014 Revenues and Expenditures

General Government	\$274,018
Public Safety	\$740,293
Public Works	\$1,088,824
Culture, Recreation and Education	\$4,939
Health and Human Services	\$5,656
Conservation and Development	\$5,300
Capital Outlay	\$13,688
Debt Service	
Principal Repayment	\$276,379
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$6,715
Total Expenditures	\$2,415,812
Deficiency of Revenue over Expenditures	-\$130,373
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Property Sales	\$1,006
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	\$273,750
Total Other Financing Sources	\$274,756
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$144,383
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	\$673,958
Fund Balance End of Year	\$818,341
Indebtedness Beginning of Year	\$307,007
Indebtedness End of year	\$304,378

2014 Budget vs. Actual

	Actual	Budget
Revenues		
Taxes		
40010 · General Town Property Tax	\$1,470,539.00	\$1,470,539.00
41720 · Other Taxes Village Annexation	\$2,582.31	\$2,582.31
Total Taxes	\$1,473,121.31	\$1,473,121.31
Intergovernmental		
40100 · Shared Revenue from State	\$55,616.05	\$55,593.00
40560 · Tax Exempt Aid	\$1,512.00	\$1,508.00
40200 · Police Dept Grants	\$5,432.67	\$0.00
40110 · Fire Insurance Tax	\$13,423.26	\$12,027.00
40300 · Local Transportation Aids	\$139,489.13	\$139,489.13
40510 · PILT-State Conservation Land	\$223.22	\$125.00
40120 · Environmental Impact Fees	\$319.00	\$319.00
40530 · Received Forest/ Managed	\$599.19	\$580.79
40540 · Paid Cnty- Forest /Managed	-\$469.77	-\$116.16
40400 · State Recycling Grant	\$7,453.44	\$7,400.00
40570 · Landfill Compensation Fee	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
40610 · Other & Veterans Graves	\$156.00	\$176.00
Total Intergovernmental	\$273,754.19	\$267,101.76
License and Permits		
40700 · Business and Occup License	\$4,000.00	\$3,700.00
40760 · Dog License Revenue	\$1,357.50	\$1,400.00
40730 · Building Permit / Inspection	\$41,098.70	\$20,000.00
40740 · Zoning Permits & Fees	\$2,500.00	\$1,750.00
42230 · Cable Franchise Fee	\$36,393.87	\$30,000.00
40750 · Right - of - Way Permits	\$325.00	\$375.00

	Actual	Budget
40770 · Mining Permits	\$750.00	\$900.00
Total Licenses and Permits	\$86,425.07	\$58,125.00
Fines, Forfeiture and Penalties		
40800 · Law and Ordinance Violation	\$23,855.30	\$20,000.00
Total Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	\$23,855.30	\$20,000.00
Public Charges For Services		
41210 · Refuse Collection	\$148,884.48	\$159,152.00
41230 · Recycling Collection	\$74,959.20	\$80,032.00
41500 · Title Search	\$1,475.00	\$1,000.00
41100 · Highway Maintenance Chrgs.	\$45.00	\$0.00
41120 · Street Lighting Fees	\$439.04	\$585.00
41140 · Special Charges	\$13,562.62	\$13,562.62
41300 · Liberty Cemetery Funds	\$800.00	\$800.00
Total Public Charges For Services	\$240,165.34	\$255,131.62
Intergovernmental Charges		
41640 · Village Fire Payments	\$57,799.16	\$59,306.90
41710 · Pleasant Springs Reimbursements	\$62,500.00	\$65,496.00
Village Share of Fire Truck Loan	-\$12,271.00	\$0.00
41690 · Village Emergency Bldg Maint	\$23,808.67	\$25,000.00
41650 · Village Landfill Payment	\$7,608.83	\$8,000.00
41670 · Flynn Hall Reimbursement	\$3,999.99	\$4,000.00
41700 · Village Emerg. Gov't Payment	\$444.89	\$750.00
41620 · Police Dept Misc/ Sale/Donation	\$513.11	\$250.00
Total Intergovernmental Charges for Services	\$144,403.65	\$162,802.90
Investment Income		
41800 · Interest Income	\$4,222.12	\$4,500.00
41810 · Int on Spec Assess/ Charges	\$494.84	\$700.00

	Actual	Budget
Total Investment Income	\$4,716.96	\$5,200.00
Miscellaneous		
41900 · Town Garage Rent	\$17,179.02	\$18,412.35
41910 · Town Hall Rent	\$250.00	\$750.00
41920 · Flynn Hall Rent	\$2,615.00	\$1,500.00
41930 · Town Land Rent	\$700.00	\$500.00
42200 · Dividends	\$2,257.93	\$300.00
41940 · Insurance Recoveries	\$12,647.89	\$0.00
42210 · Insurance Refunds	\$987.00	\$0.00
42240 · Sale - Recycling Material	\$625.99	\$0.00
42270 · Non Cashed Checks / NSF Charge	\$250.00	\$0.00
42290 · Use Value Penalty Tax	\$1,484.51	\$0.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$38,997.34	\$21,462.35
Total Revenues	\$2,285,439.16	\$2,262,944.94
Expenditures		
General Government		
50000 · Board Salaries	\$15,350.04	\$20,000.00
50010 · Board FICA Expense	\$1,081.20	\$1,530.00
50020 · Association Dues & Fees	\$4,549.37	\$4,100.00
50030 · Board Printing & Publication	\$3,981.64	\$2,700.00
50040 · Town Board Travel Expenses	\$387.14	\$750.00
50050 · Conventions & Seminars	\$307.50	\$550.00
50170 · Other Board Expenses	\$446.47	\$250.00
50110 · Plan Commission - Wage	\$1,325.00	\$1,500.00
50120 · Plan Commission - FICA	\$91.01	\$115.00
50180 · Town Planner	\$1,494.07	\$1,500.00
50140 · Emergency Gov't Expense	\$889.70	\$1,500.00
50150 · Emergency Gov't Wages	\$150.00	\$300.00
50160 · Emergency Gov't FICA	\$11.48	\$23.00

	Actual	Budget
50320 · Office Supplies	\$1,951.54	\$2,000.00
50330 · Office Equipment Maintenance	\$568.68	\$600.00
50340 · Office Equipment Purchases	\$1,912.20	\$2,000.00
50370 · Other Office Expenses	\$204.54	\$250.00
50440 · Clerk's In Lieu of Health Ins.	\$2,100.00	\$1,950.00
50450 · Deputy Clerk Wages	\$2,445.12	\$3,200.00
50460 · Deputy Clerk FICA	\$181.43	\$245.00
50480 · Clerk Hourly Wage	\$27,453.87	\$29,100.00
50490 · Clerk Hourly FICA	\$2,203.44	\$2,376.00
50500 · Treasurer Wages	\$19,639.82	\$16,813.00
50510 · Treasurer FICA	\$1,488.16	\$1,287.00
50504 – Treas. in Lieu Of Health Ins.	\$403.85	\$0.00
50520 · Treasurer Supplies	\$1,641.96	\$1,500.00
50090 - Ordinance Comm. Wages	\$50.00	\$400.00
50100 - Ordinance comm. FICA	\$3.82	\$31.00
50540 · Assessor Costs	\$8,527.40	\$7,900.00
50200 · Judicial Judge Salaries	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
50210 · Judicial FICA	\$210.37	\$230.00
50220 · Judicial Education/Travel Exp.	\$1,016.08	\$1,380.00
50230 · Judicial Expenses	\$759.98	\$2,600.00
50280 · Judicial Court Clerk Salary	\$10,074.00	\$12,250.00
50290 · Judicial Court Clerk FICA	\$755.72	\$938.00
50250 · Town Board Legal Expenses	\$18,725.80	\$18,000.00
50240 · Court Legal Expenses	\$8,024.20	\$18,000.00
50380 · Election Workers Wages	\$3,653.47	\$6,000.00
50400 · Election Notices- Publications	\$238.10	\$0.00
50410 · Election Supplies	\$3,998.75	\$4,800.00
50560 · Audit Costs	\$11,300.00	\$11,300.00
50570 · Accounting Service Expense	\$1,058.93	\$100.00

	Actual	Budget
50580 · Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$100.00
50920 · Insurance - Town	\$28,157.00	\$31,540.00
50700 · Town Hall Utilities	\$6,055.16	\$6,500.00
50710 · Town Hall Maintenance	\$6,418.89	\$7,000.00
50730 · Town Hall Supplies	\$130.63	\$800.00
50750 · Flynn Hall Expenses	\$2,527.66	\$2,304.93
50760 · Flynn Hall Utilities	\$6,410.63	\$6,000.00
50770 · Emergency Bldg. Maint	\$33,617.29	\$50,000.00
50790 - 4091 Cty Hwy N Maintenance	\$25,854.87	\$24,918.50
50930 - Hydrite Chem. Settlement Exp	\$930.22	\$930.22
50940 · Uncollectable Taxes	\$258.57	\$0.00
Total General Government	\$274,017.77	\$313,161.65
Public Safety		
51010 · Police Wage & Invoice Payments	\$458,909.92	\$478,468.24
51020 · Police Facilities Lease	\$10,021.30	\$7,727.33
51030 · Police Station Utilities	\$2,464.20	\$2,529.78
51040 · Police Station Janitorial	\$921.76	\$1,111.57
51060 · Police Station Maintenance	\$156.36	\$95.81
51070 · Police Commission	\$466.25	\$4,750.00
51090 - Police Legal Expense	\$2,018.27	\$0.00
51100 · Dane County Communications	\$3,472.00	\$4,859.00
51200 · Town Owned Fire Apparatus Expenses	\$2,573.01	\$6,000.00
51210 · Joint Owned Fire Apparatus Expenses	\$8,270.66	\$8,280.00
51220 · Fire Dept. Fuel	\$3,475.16	\$4,000.00
51240 · Fire Dept. Equip Expense	\$18,048.87	\$10,390.00
51250 · Fire Dept. Phone	\$1,637.26	\$1,800.00
51260 · Fire Dept. Insurance	\$20,102.00	\$23,650.00

	Actual	Budget
51270 · Fire Dept. Officer & Trng. Pay	\$26,670.00	\$27,300.00
51280 · Fire Dept. Training & Safety	\$1,505.08	\$5,000.00
51290 · Fire Dept. Hazmat & Investig.	\$0.00	\$300.00
51300 · Fire Dept. Personal/Records	\$2,723.54	\$2,000.00
51310 · Fire Dept. Preplan & Fire Prevention	\$1,532.10	\$2,250.00
51320 · Fire Dept. Inspection Expense	\$91.27	\$350.00
51330 · Fire Chief Expenses	\$660.59	\$750.00
51340 · Fire Dept. Maint. Contracts	\$9,226.64	\$10,270.00
51230 · Pleasant Springs Expense	\$2,576.49	\$40,008.00
51400 · EMS Expense	\$125,025.96	\$125,025.96
51580 · Fire Inspection FICA	\$168.68	\$132.00
51590 · Fire Inspection Wages	\$1,845.00	\$1,725.00
51530 · Bldg Inspection Payments	\$35,730.75	\$18,000.00
Total Public Safety	\$740,293.12	\$786,772.69
Public Works		
51710 · Patrolman Longevity Pay	\$4,032.00	\$4,032.00
51720 · Patrolman Disability Ins.	\$3,704.26	\$3,636.00
51700 · Patrolman In Lieu of Hlth Ins	\$16,800.04	\$15,600.00
51730 · Patrolman Wages	\$185,745.68	\$182,000.00
51740 · Patrolman FICA	\$17,009.24	\$17,096.00
51750 · Patrolman Retirement	\$21,590.36	\$21,840.00
51760 · Gravel Expense	\$12,003.51	\$7,000.00
51770 · Contractor Expense	\$7,802.64	\$7,970.14
51780 · Sand and Salt Expense	\$47,470.80	\$36,000.00
51790 · Patch & Cold Mix	\$13,459.86	\$16,000.00
51820 · Road Signs	\$3,517.70	\$4,000.00
51830 · Bridge Expense	\$1,400.00	\$500.00
51840 · Tire Purchases & Expense	\$3,118.26	\$4,000.00
51850 · Equipment Repairs & Maint	\$21,128.48	\$20,000.00

	Actual	Budget
51860 · Garage Utilities	\$5,339.03	\$5,500.00
51870 · Garage Maint. & Repairs	\$2,339.87	\$2,000.00
51880 · Garage Equip. & Supplies	\$4,909.80	\$5,000.00
51890 · Fuel & Oil	\$32,335.39	\$36,000.00
51900 · Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$283.50	\$500.00
51910 · Culvert Expense	\$4,985.25	\$9,000.00
51920 · Center Stripping	\$1,601.84	\$3,000.00
51930 · Stormwater Expense	\$827.50	\$2,770.00
51940 · Non-Hwy Wages	\$17,275.71	\$20,400.00
51960 · Non-Hwy Retirement	\$2,073.06	\$2,448.00
51970 · Non-Hwy FICA	\$1,480.18	\$1,748.00
52000 · Highway Maint. Contracts	\$417,003.43	\$433,596.89
52020 · Street Lighting Cost	\$1,613.08	\$1,800.00
52100 · Refuse Collect- Curbside	\$145,877.76	\$159,152.00
52110 · Recycling Collection Exp.	\$73,445.40	\$80,032.00
52120 · Landfill Monitoring - Village	\$7,850.50	\$8,000.00
52140 · Landfill Monitoring - Town	\$10,799.50	\$10,650.00
Total Public Works	\$1,088,823.63	\$1,121,271.03
Culture, Recreation Education		
52300 · Park Expense	\$4,938.86	\$5,243.88
Total Culture, Recreation Education	\$4,938.86	\$5,243.88
Health and Human Services		
52220 · Colonial Club Donation	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
52200 - Cemetery Expense	\$0.00	\$800.00
52210 · Veterans Graves Paid	\$156.00	\$176.00
Total Health and Human Services	\$5,656.00	\$6,476.00
Conservation and Development		
52160 · Yahara Wins Pilot Project	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00
Total Conservation And Development	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00

	Actual	Budget
Capital Outlay		
52520 · Law Enforcement Capital Outlay	\$13,687.65	\$0.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$13,687.65	\$0.00
Debt Service		
52700 · Debt Service - Principal	\$232,747.93	\$232,728.54
52770 · Fire Truck - Principal	\$20,671.30	\$24,390.00
Village Share of Fire Truck Principal	-\$12,072.04	\$0.00
52750 · Capital Lease - Principal	\$35,031.57	\$35,031.57
52720 · Debt Service - Interest	\$5,175.77	\$4,997.94
52780 · Fire Truck - Interest	\$341.07	\$1,098.00
Village Share of Fire Truck Interest	-\$199.18	\$0.00
52760 · Capital Lease - Interest	\$1,397.74	\$1,397.74
Total Debt Service	\$283,094.16	\$299,643.79
Total Expenditures	\$2,415,811.19	\$2,537,869.04
Deficiency of Revenue over Expenditures	-\$130,372.03	-\$274,924.10
Other Financing Sources		
42320 · Promissory Note Proceeds	\$273,750.00	\$273,750.00
42000 - Sale of Law Enforcement	\$1,005.97	\$0.00
Total Other Financing Sources	\$274,755.97	\$273,750.00
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$144,383.94	-\$1,174.00
Surplus Funds Applied		
43000 – Hydrite Funds Applied	\$930.00	\$930.00
43050 - ATC Impact Fees Applied	\$244.00	\$244.00
Total Surplus Funds Applied	\$1,174.00	\$1,174.00

2014 Late Lottery Credit

If you did not receive a lottery credit on your property tax bill and think you are eligible, you can still claim the credit. You may claim the lottery and gaming credit for 2014 taxes, payable in 2015, if, on January 1, 2014, you were the owner of the property and used the property as your primary residence. To claim the credit, complete and submit the 2014 Late Lottery and Gaming Credit Application (Form LC-300) along with a copy of your 2014 property tax bill to Wisconsin Dept of Revenue prior to October 1, 2015.

Please keep in mind that if this property continues to qualify for the lottery credit, you must also complete a Lottery and Gaming Credit Application (Form LC-100) and file with Dane County Treasurer's Office, so the credit may be applied to your future property tax bills.

For additional information and to obtain Lottery and Gaming Credit applications, contact the Wisconsin Department of Revenue or their web site. <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/forms/lottery/index.html>

Committee Member Interest

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

Explanation of 2014 Tax Bills

The following is a breakdown of mill rates and an explanation of how tax bills are calculated. The example is for property in the Monona Grove School District.

MILL Rates	
Town of Cottage Grove	3.94
Dane County	3.44
State of Wisconsin	0.17
Monona Grove School District	13.16
MATC	0.91
State School Credit	-1.99
MILL Rate Total	19.63

Mill rates are calculated per \$1,000 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 \$19.63	\$3,926.00
Lottery Credit	\$(148.24)
First Dollar Credit	\$(87.59)
Garbage Collection	\$155.88
Private Septic Maintenance	<u>\$8.67</u>
Total Tax Bill	\$3,854.72

In this example, Town of Cottage Grove taxes account for \$200,000/1,000 x \$3.94, or \$788.00 of the taxes. The remaining taxes are ones over which Town officials have no control.

Tax rates by school district:

	School	Local*	Credit	Total	Max. Lottery Credit	Max. First Dollar Credit
Deerfield #1309	12.72	8.46	-1.99	19.19	143.28	84.67
Marshall #3332	12.57	8.46	-1.99	19.04	141.65	83.70
McFarland #3381	12.08	8.46	-1.99	18.55	136.13	80.44
Monona Grove #3675	13.16	8.46	-1.99	19.63	148.24	87.59
Stoughton #5621	11.17	8.46	-1.99	17.64	125.88	74.39
Sun Prairie #5656	12.50	8.46	-1.99	18.97	140.86	83.23

* Local Taxes include: State \$.17, Dane County: \$3.44, Town \$3.94 Vocational School \$.91.
The garbage/recycling charge is \$155.88/residence. The Private Septic Maintenance Fee is \$8.67/residence.

2015 Budget Summary

General Fund

Revenue

General Town Property Tax	\$1,549,884
Other Taxes	\$2,531
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$273,344
Licenses and Permits	\$68,075
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$20,000
Public Charges for Services	\$225,584
Intergovernmental Charges	\$99,654
Pleasant Springs Fire Revenue	\$63,125
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$27,376

Total Revenue \$2,329,573

Expenditures

General Government	\$282,980
Public Safety	\$730,085
Pleasant Springs Fire Expense	\$63,125
Public Works	\$766,467
Health and Human Services	\$6,300
Culture and Recreation	\$7,000
Conservation & Development	\$296,556
Public Service Enterprise	\$182
Capital Outlay	\$315,000
Debt Service	\$307,677

Total Expenditures \$2,775,373

Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures -\$445,800

Other Financing Sources

Sale of Highway Equipment	\$75,000
Promissory Note Proceeds	\$370,000
Liberty Cemetery Trust Fund	\$800

Total Other Financing Sources \$445,800

Change in Fund Balance \$0

Highway Expenditures/mile \$16,007.31

	Projected Dec. 31, 2015
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$818,341
Liberty Cemetery Trust Fund	\$5,300
Indebtedness	\$370,000

Town Levy	\$1,549,884
Assessed Value	\$393,560,600
Town Mill Rate (per \$1,000)	3.9381

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting – April 15, 2014

- 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. Hampton reminded everyone to sign in and that only Town Residents may participate in any votes taken tonight. Atty. Anderson read a list of direct powers of a Town meeting according to Wisconsin Statutes.
- 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 Mike DuPlayee/Kristi Williams to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**
- IV. Additions to agenda by Electors: Sheryl Albers, 4274 Vilas Road, asked to add a discussion regarding the per diem amount for the Police Commission Chairperson. Otto K Otteson, 2173 Nora Road, asked to have the population included in future Annual Reports and Newsletters.
- V. Presentation of the 2013 Annual Town Financial Report: The 2013 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures was printed on the back side of the agenda. Clerk Banigan pointed out that the Town was under budget by \$18,907 in 2013, and that indebtedness at the end of the year was at just \$307,000. She said that the Town Board does a good job of creating and following the Town's annual budget.
- VI. Update on Deer-Grove EMS: Chief Duane Erschen said that while call volumes were unusually low in 2013, the draft audit of 2013 DGEMS financial statements shows that the service came in under budget for 2013. He described the staffing model used by DGEMS, which utilizes paid staff to ensure that at least one ambulance is staffed at all times. Volunteers allow for staffing of the second ambulance and the first responder vehicle, which is fully stocked with medical supplies and equipment in the same manner as the ambulances. Call volumes for 2014 so far are higher than they were in 2013.

Chief Erschen was asked to describe the Community Medic

initiative that DGEMS is participating in. Currently DGEMS puts on blood pressure clinics at local community centers and elder care facilities, using the opportunity to provide education about medications, fall prevention, etc. and allowing community members to become familiar with DGEMS staff. Hopes are to eventually expand the program to provide preventative or hospital follow-up services to generate revenue for the service.

Hampton said that Deer-Grove EMS provides a great service to the Town, and can always use more volunteers.

- VII. Update on future policing options for the Town of Cottage Grove due to the dissolution of the Joint Police Department on December 31, 2014: Hampton described the events that have led up to the need for this discussion: In March of 2013, the Town and Village of Cottage Grove signed a 10 year agreement to continue the Joint Police Department. In a letter dated December 17, 2013, the Village President stated that the Village intends to withdraw from the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement effective December 31, 2014. Neither the Town Board nor the Chief of Police had any prior knowledge of the Village Board's plans to withdraw, as all discussions took place in closed sessions, and no reason was stated for the withdrawal.

The Town Board has been looking at options for policing in the Town beginning in 2015. While State Statutes do not require Towns to provide any more police coverage than what is provided by the County, the Town Board does intend to have a local police force of some kind. The creation of a Town only police department has been eliminated due to cost, which leaves two options: Contracting with the Dane County Sheriff's Office or contracting with the Village of Cottage Grove. Preliminary proposals have been received from the Dane County Sheriff's Office and the Cottage Grove Police Chief. A letter from the Village President indicates that the Village Board may be interested in discussing the possibility of contracting services to the Town once their consultant's study is completed sometime in June. Hampton listed several benefits of contracting with the County, including the ability to participate in selection of the officers, more access to County detectives and other support staff, no personnel issues or legal liabilities to contend with, no need for a Police Commission. Several area municipalities already contract with the County and have expressed their

satisfaction with the services provided. On April 7th, the Town Board voted to begin negotiations with the County to determine such things as how much coverage the Town will need, during what hours, and where the officers will be housed. Hampton stated that the Board intends to keep the cost within the currently budgeted amount, so no tax increases due to police services are expected. No final decision will be made before July 7th, to allow the Village time to submit a proposal as well.

Sheryl Albers said she has inquired with the Wisconsin Towns Association about police data and statistics for comparable towns. She expressed concerns over whether ordinance prosecutions will lead to overtime, how much less service will we have compared to now, and will we still have access to the canine officer. She said she is proud of our current police department and commended them for their service. Hampton said that the Town Board has no problems with the CGPD officers or Chief, but while the Town Board had no part in the decision to dissolve the joint department, they do need to decide how to police the town going forward.

Steve Querin-Schultz, 2293 W. Ridge Road, asked if the Village has expressed interest in contracting to the Town. The Clerk read a letter from the Village President dated March 18, 2014 indicating that the Village Board may be in a position to discuss contracting after their study is complete in June.

Sarah Hurley, 2284 Uphoff Road, asked if the dissolution of the joint police department is a done deal. She admitted that she was not well informed as she had just heard about it, but felt that there must be some reason why the Village Board decided to withdraw. There followed much discussion and speculation as to the reason. Village Administrator Matt Giese was present but refrained from providing any explanation.

Dane County Captain Jeff Teuscher provided background and answered questions about the Sheriff's Office history of contracting police services to municipalities. Roger Williams, 3768 Bohnsack Lane, said that the benefits that would come with contracting with the County all add up to make it seem like a good way to go.

Hampton closed the discussion by saying that the Town Board will be working on requirements for a police contract at their

next meeting on April 21st.

- VIII. Stormwater Management Education: Hampton reminded residents that the Town's Phase 2 Stormwater Permit requires monitoring of stormwater run-off, which takes place primarily in the ditches. He urged residents to keep leaves and pet waste out of the ditches, and be mindful when applying fertilizers and pesticides that any excess will follow the ditches to area lakes and streams. In addition to hiring a consultant to complete the required annual Stormwater report to the DNR, the Town is also participating in a study to track nitrogen, which is expected to be the next limited nutrient, in an area north of Lake Mendota.
- IX. Set date for next year's Annual Town Meeting: **MOTION** by Mike DuPlayee/Kristi Williams to hold next year's Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**
- X. Other Business: Police Commission Chair per diem rate: Sheryl Albers had prepared and distributed copies of her argument for increasing the per diem rate for the Police Commission Chair. **MOTION** by Sheryl Albers/Romayn Rote that as a matter of equity and fairness, the per diem for the Police Commission Chair be increased to \$50 (when the Chair is a Town appointed commission member). **MOTION CARRIED 23-0-0.**
- XI. Adjournment: **MOTION** by Steve Anders/Mike DuPlayee to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Kim Banigan
Clerk

New and Updated Town Ordinances

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

- July 7, 2014 – Amending Sec 10.08 Regulation of Discharge of Firearms. This amendment changed the definition of a Rifle to read as follows: “RIFLE means any firearm having a grooved (i.e. rifled) barrel that, upon discharge, projects a round or elongated projectile. Handguns, rifled barreled shotguns and muzzle loaders are not considered rifles for the purpose of this ordinance.”
- Oct. 10, 2014 – Amending section 20.02(2) Offenses against animals and 20.03 Other animal regulations: This amendment updated statutory references and created a penalty for animals running at large when off the owner's premises.
- Jan. 5, 2015 – Creating Sec. 08.09 Establishing a permit requirement for Agricultural Commercial Vehicles and Implements of Husbandry. State Legislation adopted in 2014 increased the allowable weight and length of agricultural vehicles operated on Wisconsin highways. The higher limits apply on town roads unless a town adopts an ordinance to require the vehicle owner to obtain a permit before operating a vehicle which exceeds the previous weight limits. In order to protect the Town's roads from excessive wear, and assure that vehicles are safe to operate on town roads, the Town will require that the operators of agricultural commercial vehicles and implements of husbandry have a no-fee permit to use town roads if vehicles exceed a single axle weight of 23,000 pounds or a gross vehicle weight of 92,000 pounds, dependent on number of axles and axle spacing, and/or the overall length limit of 60 feet for a single vehicle and 100 feet for a two-vehicle combination. Farmers who have any questions about farm vehicles should contact the Town to determine whether a permit is required. The Ordinance imposes a forfeiture for overweight or over-length operation.
- Feb 2, 2015 – Amending Sec. 4.01, 4.05: Repealing the Joint Cottage Grove Police Department and Law Enforcement Committee, and Affirming Services by the Dane County Sheriff's Office.

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.

Town Board Chair's Annual Report

We started the year 2014 working on how the Town of Cottage Grove would provide police services to its citizenry in light of the Village of Cottage Grove's decision to dissolve the joint services agreement we had for sharing the Cottage Grove Police Department. Several options were considered by the Town Board: Starting our own stand-alone Department, contracting with the Village's new Police Department, or contracting with the Dane County Sheriff's Office.

The Town Board concluded that the expense of starting and maintaining a stand-alone police department was too prohibitive. By June of 2014, we also concluded that the Village would not be offering us an option to share police services with their police force. Instead, we solicited a bid for services from the Dane County Sheriff's Office, which resulted in a 3-year contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Office for police services in the Township.

A Committee of several Board members interviewed a number of Dane County deputies that were interested in working specifically for the Township, looking for individuals that had experience and were familiar with the area. The Board also concluded that we should continue to maintain the Town's Police Department at the current building on the corner of Nora Road and County N. A 3-year lease for that building was signed as well.

Meanwhile, the Board worked on other matters concerning the Township: It resolved a drainage issue at Valley and Bonnie Streets and paved and seal coated several roads within the Township.

The Board also arranged for needed repairs and upgrades to our old Town garage at 4091 County Road N, which was built in 1947.

Wisconsin's winter weather had taken a toll on the exterior paint, so it was repainted, the chimney was fixed, and the last of the single-paned windows were replaced with glass blocks. The original fuel oil furnace was replaced with updated natural gas to ensure that heating the building would be more economical. The garage is a leased property for the Township.

We also partnered with Dane County to get Federal funding to help with the addition of turning lanes at Highway BB and Vilas Hope Road; this intersection has been the scene of numerous accidents.

In late July, we received Debbie Simonson's notice of her resignation as our Town Treasurer, effective in early December. Debbie had given the Town many years of dedicated service and countless hours taking care

of our financial concerns.

A committee, including a Town Supervisor, the Town Clerk, and Mrs. Simonson, was formed to seek and interview candidates for the position and then forward their recommendations to the Town Board for a final decision. The Board was pleased with the candidates recommended and chose Debra Abel as the Town's new Treasurer. She comes to the Township with considerable accounting and computer skills, particularly with the systems that support the Town's financial records. We are very pleased with how well she is doing. She and her family live in the Town of Dunn.

On behalf of the Town Board, we thank you for your continued support. It is important that we hear from you on matters that concern our community. We also thank the numerous volunteers that give so much of their time and expertise to our Emergency Medical Services and our Fire Department. Without these dedicated volunteers, we would not have a vibrant community that we can proudly call our home.

Kris Hampton, Chairman
Town of Cottage Grove

Treasurer Introduction



We were very happy to welcome Debra Abel as our new Town Treasurer beginning in December of 2014. Debra comes to us with a wealth of experience in accounting, a willing attitude and a friendly face. Please take a minute to introduce yourself when you have occasion to visit the Town office.

Clerk's Notes

2015 Elections

February 17: Spring Primary (Marshall School District Only). We had a grand total of 5 voters for this election!

April 7: Spring Election (local, school district, county and judicial offices). Absentee voting in the Clerk's office allowed from March 23 – April 3rd at 5:00 P.M.
Requests for mailed absentee ballots accepted through April 2nd.

Voter ID Requirement

On March 23, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of an earlier Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals decision which had reinstated the photo ID law, clearing the way for enforcement of Wisconsin's 2011 voter ID law. Because the Spring Election was just two weeks away, however, the Attorney General advised state election officials not to implement it at the April 7 election. This allows plenty of time for those without a photo ID to obtain one before the next election, which, barring any special elections, will be February 16, 2016. The Government Accountability advises anyone who does not have a state ID card to take advantage of the opportunity to get one for free. The Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles has a process to allow people to obtain a free State ID card for voting purposes, even if the person does not have a birth certificate. That process can take time, especially for people born outside of Wisconsin, so it makes sense to get started early. More information is available at the Wisconsin DMV website:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/petition-process.htm>.

Email notifications

I would like to draw your attention to the "Email Updates" area of the Town's web site where you can sign up to be notified by email when agendas are posted for Town Board and various committee meetings. This is a good way to keep up with what is going on with your local government. If there are other topics you would like to see included in the list of available updates, please email your suggestions to clerk@towncg.net.

Public Participation Strategy for the Town of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan Update

(ADOPTED December 1, 2014)

Introduction

A required component of Section 66.1001 of Wisconsin Statutes—the State’s comprehensive planning legislation—is to actively involve community stakeholders throughout the process to prepare, update, or amend a local comprehensive plan. Public participation helps to ensure that the resulting comprehensive plan accurately reflects the vision, goals, and values of the citizens of a community.

Section 66.1001(4)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes requires the Town of Cottage Grove to adopt, by resolution, written procedures designed to foster public participation at every stage in the update to or subsequent amendment of its comprehensive plan. The written procedures must provide for wide distribution of the comprehensive plan, an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the plan, and provisions for local response to such comments.

This document is intended to fulfill this statutory requirement. It outlines the procedures that will be followed to consider and adopt the update and subsequent periodic amendments to the Town’s 2015 Comprehensive Plan, until such time as the Town once again prepares another full update to its Comprehensive Plan.

Goals Addressed by this Public Participation Strategy

- Provide opportunities for people to participate in processes to consider and adopt an update and subsequent amendments to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Adopt provisions in the update and subsequent amendments that reflect the ideas, desires, and objectives of most residents and property owners.
- Use the Town’s Plan Commission as a foundation for guiding the plan update/ amendment processes.
- Meet the requirements set forth in Section 66.1001 of Wisconsin Statutes.
- Recognize that the goals expressed above must be balanced with the need to complete the comprehensive plan update/amendments within a reasonable time frame.

Public Participation Techniques

Community participation will focus around meetings of Town Plan Commission, Town Board, or joint meetings of the two bodies. The Town will, at a minimum, use the following techniques to obtain public input during its plan update process and each subsequent plan amendment process:

- Ensure that all Plan Commission and Town Board meetings to consider, discuss, and adopt the Comprehensive Plan update/amendments are open to the public, and are noticed as required by State open meeting regulations.
- Provide at least some opportunity at all public meetings for public comment, at the discretion of the Plan Commission or Town Board. Some meetings will be specifically intended to encourage wide participation from the public. Other meetings will be primarily intended to be work sessions for the Plan Commission, Town Board, or some combination. With respect to the latter, a public comment period will be included at the end of the work session, the beginning of the work session, or both. This will allow the Commission or Board to concentrate on completing tasks without interruption, while still allowing the public an appropriate opportunity to observe and provide comments.
- Hold one formal public hearing on the proposed comprehensive plan update or amendments and the adopting ordinance prior to adoption. All members of the public will have an opportunity to present testimony and offer comments at the public hearing. The public hearing will be noticed and held per the requirements of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.1001.

Opportunities for Comments on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update/Amendments

The Town will have available copies of draft plan update/amendment materials at the Town Hall during normal business hours, and on the Town's web page. The Town will also provide copies of the draft and final plan update/amendments to adjacent and overlapping governments and non-metallic mineral interests as required by statute, and to members of the participating public as requested. The Town may charge for public copies an amount equal to the costs of time and materials to produce such copies.

Public comments will be solicited and responded to at every stage of

the plan update/amendment processes. Written comments on the comprehensive plan update/amendments may also be delivered, mailed, or e-mailed to the Town Clerk. The Town will respond to written comments via mail, e-mail, telephone, meeting, and/or through consideration of appropriate changes to the comprehensive plan.

Highway Department Reminders

Right-of-Way Permits

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. It has been observed that several residents are placing basketball hoops in the road right-of-way. Please keep in mind that by doing this, you are accepting the liability should anyone hit it.

Regarding work in the right-of-way, TCG Ord. sec. 08.03 states: *“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 highway superintendent. ...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.”*

If you have any questions on where the roadway ends, call the Town Highway Department at 839-4767.

Implements of Husbandry/Ag Commercial Vehicles

Please see information on new permit requirements under the *New Ordinances* section on page 21.

Mailbox Installation

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.

Location of Fire Numbers

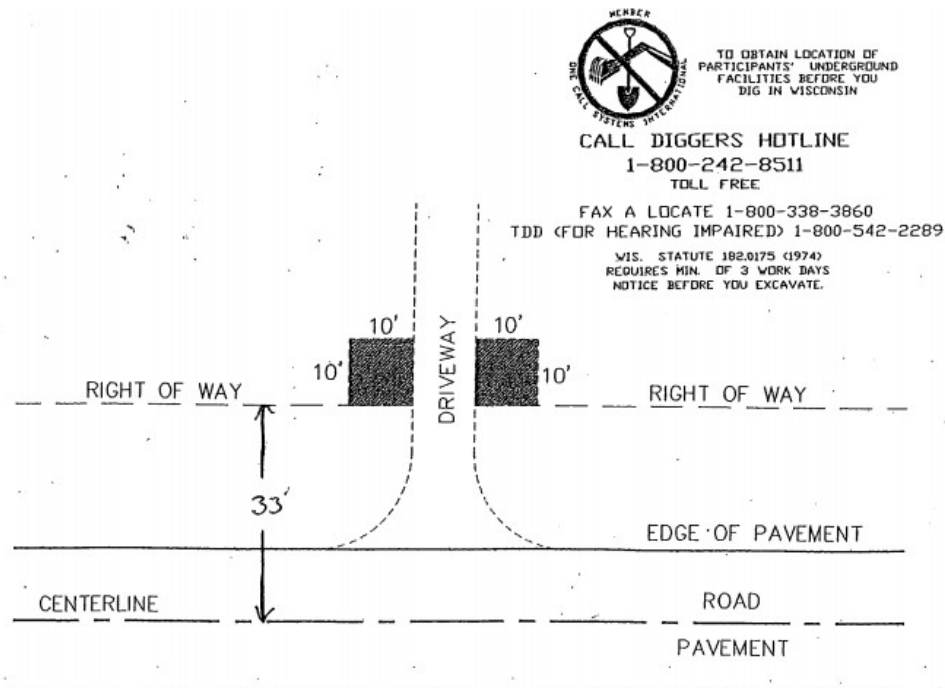
We have noticed that some residents have moved their fire numbers. Please review the information to follow and be sure your fire numbers are properly located.

Section 76.07 (1) Dane County Code of Ordinances provides that address numbers for buildings which are located more than 60 feet from the road right-of-way shall be installed on a post. The post shall not be located more than 10 feet from the driveway serving the building and not more than 10 feet from the road right-of-way. The post may be located on either side of the driveway. Height of the number shall not be less than 3 feet or more than 4 feet above the ground. The number shall be installed parallel or perpendicular to the road and shall not be concealed from view from the road by trees, shrubs, bushes, etc., (see diagram).

Note: Compliance with the above listed instructions is very important with regard to emergency services. Failure to install a number as specified could delay effective service.

OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY

Section 76.10(3) Dane County Code of Ordinances provides that the owner of the land on which a numbering sign is located shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the number as specified by ordinance.



Post must be located in the shaded area on either side of the driveway.

Dane County Sheriff's Office

Introductions

Town of Cottage Grove Residents:

I would like to tell you we greatly appreciate your support during the transitional period and split of the previous combined police department. We have worked hard over the past year with your town board to make the transition a smooth process and to make sure we meet your public safety concerns. You can rely on your three full time contract deputies to provide a high level of service to your community. We are community minded and use a problem solving approach to calls for service. Your deputies will be supported by the entire staff of the Southeast Precinct and the many other resources of the Sheriff's Office. If you have any law enforcement concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We are grateful for the confidence you have placed in us. We look forward to have a long lasting working relationship with the residents of the Town of Cottage Grove. Thank you.

Captain Jeff Teuscher

Field Services Division, Dane County Sheriff's Office



L-R: Deputy Brian Biwer with K-9 officer Utrix, Deputy Jennifer Grafton, Deputy Steven French.

Photo courtesy of *The Herald-Independent*.

For non-emergencies, please call 608-266-4948 and ask to speak to the Cottage Grove Deputy. Of course, in any emergency, dial 9-1-1.



Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report

The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department is currently staffed by 40 active volunteers and 7 honorary personnel from the Town and Village of Cottage Grove and the Town of Pleasant Springs. These men and women volunteer their time and expertise for Fire Prevention programs in the community and all emergencies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff, for all their hard work and dedication to their department and our communities 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 4,000 man-hours of training in 2014.

In 2014 our municipal leaders were able to pay off the notes on the two pieces of apparatus, which means there are no outstanding loans for any of the fire department apparatus as of this publication.

The officers of the Cottage Grove Fire Department are:

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief	Tom Banigan, 1st Assistant Chief
Mark Kudrna, Captain	Nate Snyder, Captain
Jude Wolf, Captain	Justin Janisch, Lieutenant
Jason Helgeland, Lieutenant	

The Fire Personnel/Honorary members are:

F.F. Devon Anders	F.F. Dylan Anderson	F.F. Nick Archibald
H. George Ball	P.F. Eric Buchholz	F.F. Charles Cluney
F.F. Ben Conklin	F.F. Jake Deon	P.F. Morgan Engels
P.F. Jayln Ennen	H. Roger Floreke	F.F. Brandon Fritsch
F.F. Keith Gabrielse	H. Ken Gulbranson	F.F. April Hammond
H. Joel Hammond	F.F. Josh Hammond	P.F. Abigail King
H. Duane Kopp	F.F. Tony Kudrna	F.F. Dennis Larson
F.F. Andrew Last	F.F. Kevin Laufenberg	F.F. Graydon Lippitt
F.F. Matt Mabie	F.F. Arlin Maag	F.F. Casey Madden
P.F. Conner Mellon	H. Dick McCutchin	P.F. Tim Miller
F.F. Dale Mueller	F.F. Jean Mueller	P.F. Trevor Regali
F.F. Kyle Russell	F.F. Erik Severson	F.F. Lance Severson
H. Mark Severson	F.F. Cody Vial	F.F. Paul Wendricks
F.F. Josh Wills		

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

The Department responded to 254 calls in 2014, which was about the same as 2013. The break-down of the calls were as follows: 69 in the Village, 78 in the Town of Cottage Grove, 49 in the Town of Pleasant Springs and 58 requests for Mutual Aid assistance to other communities.

The Department has had great success with its recruitment and has been able to add 4 new personnel in 2014. To learn more about who we are and what this Department does please refer to the 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. In 2014, the Great Lakes PRCA voted our Fireman's Association the most improved rodeo. The Fireman's Association is currently seeking sponsors for the 2015 Fireman's Association Professional Rodeo, if interested or would like more information contact Mark Kudrna (Festival Chairperson). The Association utilizes some of these proceeds to provide scholarships to Monona - Grove students for continuing education and to answer donation requests from 3 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 ALL open burning. The resident can pick up their permit at the Town office once a year, or on the Town's web site, 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.

Stay safe and have a great year.

Respectfully,
Bruce Boxrucker, Chief.



Deer-Grove EMS Annual Report

The following is a summary of the 2014 Annual report prepared by Chief Duane Erschen. You are encouraged to read the report in its entirety at www.deergroveems.com.

The essence of this past year was a steady strengthening of the many positive aspects that Deer-Grove EMS consistently stands for, while adding enhancements to better serve our community:

- The Automated External Defibrillator fund-raising project bridged the generosity of local businesses with providing AED's for increased community access.
- The severe winter of 2013-14 made it clear that we needed more robust outerwear for our staff. Our municipal leaders agreed to allow for the purchase of new gear, which arrived just in time for the arrival of cold weather.
- The bikes and much of the equipment for the new DGEMS Bike Team have arrived and are being finished in anticipation for a Spring roll-out.
- An EMS Association sponsored display case was installed in the front entrance of Station 1 and will be used to display awards and DGEMS memorabilia.
- Our website (www.deergroveems.com) is sporting a new look which has already attracted a great viewership and has even been an access point for people applying to become part of the DGEMS Team.

In 2014 our volunteer force donated 13,255 hours of service, an awesome resource for the community! As DGEMS remains strongly committed to keeping alive the volunteer aspect of the service which was its historical starting point, it is also establishing a synergistic relationship with its paid staff in this combination department. In 2014 we transitioned the part time Paramedics to full time as a way to compensate for the loss of the volunteer internship program. This allows for two paid paramedics to be on duty at all times. A "crew" consists of at least two members, and scheduling one paid paramedic at each station encourages the volunteers to jump on the schedule making a full crew. Of course there are normal fluctuations of availability throughout the year, and in the events where adequate staffing does not exist to fill two crews, the on duty staff will come together at one station to make up a crew. The table below shows the

frequency having two ambulances staffed in 2014 compared to 2013.

	2 Ambulance Staffed 2013	2 Ambulances Staffed 2014
January	N/A	51.16
February	39.43	54.61
March	32.22	60.75
April	30.7	44.86
May	24.46	45.7
June	43.79	57.17
July	33.2	37.05
August	30.91	26.34
September	46.55	32.29
October	40.23	22.18
November	34.52	33.61
December	43.15	17.88
Average %	36.29%	40.30%

Call volume in 2014 was typical to those of previous years with a slight upward trend. The graph below shows the responses delivered in 2014:

2014 Calls by Area							
	Village CG	Town CG	Village DF	Mutual Aid Town DF	Town Pleasant Springs	Mutual Aid	Monthly Call Total
January	34	16	11	2	13	4	80
	42.50%	20.00%	13.80%	2.50%	16.30%	5.00%	
February	27	8	10	0	8	7	60
	45.00%	13.30%	16.70%	0.00%	13.30%	11.70%	
March	28	10	18	0	7	2	65
	43.10%	15.40%	27.70%	0.00%	10.80%	3.10%	
April	24	12	13	0	7	6	62
	38.70%	19.40%	21.00%	0.00%	11.30%	9.70%	
May	30	16	17	0	2	5	70
	42.90%	22.90%	24.30%	0.00%	2.90%	7.10%	
June	22	16	14	0	6	13	71
	31.00%	22.50%	19.70%	0.00%	8.50%	18.30%	
July	24	13	6	1	6	6	56
	42.90%	23.20%	10.70%	1.80%	10.70%	10.70%	
August	29	13	18	0	3	2	65
	44.60%	20.00%	27.70%	0.00%	4.60%	3.10%	
September	25	16	13	0	9	10	73
	34.20%	21.90%	17.80%	0.00%	12.30%	13.70%	
October	30	9	15	1	1	2	58
	51.70%	15.50%	25.90%	1.70%	1.70%	3.40%	
November	36	13	16	0	6	6	77
	46.80%	16.90%	20.80%	0.00%	7.80%	7.80%	
December	27	8	12	0	5	5	57
	47.40%	14.00%	21.10%	0.00%	8.80%	8.80%	
Municipality Total	336	150	163	4	73	68	794
	42.60%	18.80%	20.60%	0.50%	9.10%	8.50%	100.00%

Along with all of these calls and the staffing achievements, we also focus greatly on good public relation efforts, which in 2014 included:

- CPR classes for businesses and individuals.
- Hosting of Red-Cross local blood drives.
- Working with the local Police Departments in our “Sundaes on Sunday” program, rewarding youth for wearing helmets and biking safely.
- Passing the boot for Muscular Dystrophy.
- Working with several local public safety partners in coordinating a Scared Straight demonstration in Deerfield, to give a lasting impression of the damage drinking and driving can do.
- Making ourselves available for several sporting events.

One of our paramount ongoing efforts has been the Community Medic initiative. We visit several locations on a monthly basis offering blood pressure clinics (Glenwood, Taylor Ridge, Deerfield Senior Center), and we are always open to including other groups for this free service. Now, in addition to screening for the presence of elevated blood pressure (BP) and completing My Medic sheets, we also provide information such as what people can do to help lower their BP, what stage of the disease they may be in, what serious events like heart attack and stroke they may be at a higher risk for, and why it's important to keep it well controlled. Another task that we are currently focusing on is creating a community CPR program. The intent of this is to help improve survival from sudden cardiac arrest by increasing the number of people who are willing to help in an emergency. The shorter classes (<1 hour) will provide training on giving chest compressions, rescue breaths, the Heimlich maneuver, and information on how to recognize heart attack and stroke signs and symptoms. Down the line we will also be looking at fall prevention and home safety checks for our older residents. Looking forward to the future and following a national trend we are hoping these efforts will further develop into a Community Medic proactive healthcare initiative. This would allow our Paramedics to offer care that could help to potentially minimize emergency room visits and provide preemptive treatments and interventions. The real idea is to make it an extended healthcare service of bringing the hospital to people's homes, making more easily available treatments for chronic ailments and post hospitalization care.

Emergency Government Committee 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 (Emergency Operations Center) 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 man-made causes. The best way to minimize potential loss and speed up the process of recovery from an event such as a tornado, snowstorm, fire or a hazardous incident is to plan. 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, Deer-Grove EMS, Monona-Grove School District, Hydrite and Landmark Services. The meetings include discussion, policy and procedure development, and training.

In the event of an emergency please tune to local radio and television stations for emergency response updates.

The Emergency Government Committee will provide real time updates to all stations and request that information be disseminated as rapidly as possible.

Cottage Grove TRIAD 2015 Events

Cottage Grove Triad is an organization of Cottage Grove seniors (55+), Village Police Department and the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Sponsored by RSVP of Dane County, it 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. All ages are invited, except for "Car Winterization" (over 50).

Apr. 28 – 10:00 a.m.; "Maintaining Independence:

Live Independently As Long As Possible" (Taylor Ridge)

Janet Bollig, Home Health United and Safe Communities, will speak about being safe in your home – i.e., falls prevention and other ways of maintaining independence. Plan now for a free 'home' assessment. I am happy I did!

May 26 – 10:00 a.m.; "Chair Yoga" (Taylor Ridge)

Meagan Miller who has a popular and busy life leading yoga classes in Cottage Grove and elsewhere, will show us simple chair yoga exercises to help maintain balance and strength. Come in comfortable clothes.

June 23 – 10:00 a.m.; "Keeping Your Keys: Lowering Mature Driver Risk" (Taylor Ridge)

Nick Jarmusz, American Automobile Association and a resident of Cottage Grove, will give you tips for keeping your car keys and planning for transportation and independence after giving up automobile ownership. His program was extremely well received at the 2014 Fall Triad Conference.

Aug. 25 – "Medicare Part D: A Pharmacist's Perspective" (Taylor Ridge)

Matt Mabie, Hometown Pharmacy, will help us understand Medicare Part D, when we need to have it and what the alternatives are.

Sept. 18 – "Annual Triad Safety Conference" (American Family Insurance, Madison)

This is an all-day event including great speakers with many ideas for seniors, morning coffee/breakfast treats and lunch. Early Bird cost is \$20; full cost \$25. E-mail wdwieden@frontier.com for reservation information.

Sept. 22 – 10:00 a.m.; “Frauds, Friends and Family” (Taylor Ridge)

John Hendrick, Chief Legal Counsel of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, will talk about how to be alert for scams and identity theft; but don't forget to look closer to home! According to State and National statistics, over 60% of elder financial exploitation comes from family members.

Oct. 17 – 8:00 a. m.; “Car Winterization Program” (Meineke, 222 W. Cottage Grove Rd., Cottage Grove)

Schedule your appointment for a winter car check (must be over 50). In a few minutes you will have your car's belts, tires (including spare), antifreeze, lights, turn signals and more checked. Appointments can be made for needed repairs if desired; no tickets will be issued. Know if your car is ready for cold and snow!

Oct. 27 – 10:00 a.m.; “Mental Health Issues: How They Affect Our Relationships ” (Taylor Ridge)

Jane Gray, M.O.S.T. a part of Journey Mental Health, will discuss various mental health issues, including depression, how they affect our relationships with those who have mental issues and how we react to those with mental issues.

Nov. 17 – 10:00 a.m.; “Getting to Know ADRC: How They Can Help You” (Taylor Ridge)

Speakers Connie Monroe and Kayla Stevens of the Adult and Disabled Resource Center of Dane County will provide information about assistance services available at no cost through the ADRC. They can connect you to whatever resource you may need and are ready to answer your questions.

For information about Cottage Grove Triad programs and the Committee, please contact Linda (839-8028) or Diane (839-8588); cgtriadinfo@netzero.net; <http://cottagetrovetriad.org>. Anyone is welcome to attend.

All programs are FREE! Refreshments are provided.

Dane County Elderly (60+) and Disabled Transportation For Grocery Shopping and East Towne Area

Transit Solutions Inc. has 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 round trip to go grocery shopping! Contact Transit Solutions, 294-8747, at least 24 hours in advance.

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.

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

Important: at least a 24-hour notice must be given for all trips, using the phone number above. 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).

Colonial Club Senior Activity Center

Greetings from the Colonial Club in Sun Prairie!

Once again, we offer our deepest thanks to the Town of Cottage Grove for their continued support of the Colonial Club. In 2014, we continued to serve the Town of Cottage Grove and eight other towns, villages and cities in northeast Dane County. With the financial support we receive from a wide variety of sources, we were able to maintain all of the programs and services older adults have come to rely on.

We provided the following services to Town of Cottage Grove residents: 60 hours of case management services, 97 meals at the Colonial Club, 533 home-delivered meals and 2,211 miles of transportation services. While most of the services we provide are specifically for those 60 years of age and older, the benefit of these services positively affects people of all ages, like the family and loved ones of the older adults.

To ensure that we continue providing services to older adults in the Town of Cottage Grove, we encourage you to consider becoming a volunteer. We especially need drivers to come to the Colonial Club and deliver meals in the Cottage Grove area. Please contact Donna Malaise, our Volunteer Coordinator at 837-4611 ext. 120 to learn more about how you can help your neighbors with this critical service.

Over 2,000 people come to our annual Strawberryfest, which is on Saturday, June 20, 2015 this year. There is no admission charge and there are plenty of things to do for people of all ages. It's a family-friendly event that is in its 28th year. Our other fundraiser, "ColoniALE Fest" is a craft beer tasting that will be held on Friday, Nov. 6 this year. Obviously, an event targeting people of legal age, it has become a great fundraiser for our organization.

Again, we so appreciate the support of the surrounding communities like the Town of Cottage Grove as we continue to fulfill our mission of enhancing the well-being and independence of older adults.

Bob Power, Executive Director



Cottage Grove Area Historical Society

I am pleased to announce that this last year the Cottage Grove Area Historical Society (CGAHS) has obtained use of the W.J. Steele house. It consists of a barn, garage and house.

It will be used for storage and possible displays in the coming years. Now that we have the house and barn we can accept more artifacts and larger items from the 1800 to 1900's.

Currently we have exhibits at our headquarters at Flynn Hall, also the old Fire Station during the festival, three banks, Asters and two schools. Publications are at Gaston Gallery and the Cottage Grove Town Hall. We have more than 5,000 items in our collection. We continue to preserve photos of Cottage Grove people, places, activities, plants, animals and birds in our photo digital collection. The photos will be scanned and returned to you if you would like to have your photos back. If you have any memories you would like to share about living in or growing up in Cottage Grove, please share them with us.

We greatly appreciate the financial support you have given the CGAHS through attending our brat feeds, purchasing CGAHS's annual calendars and/or one of our special topic reports, and taking out a membership in CGAHS. Our monthly meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Flynn Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our mailing address is CGAHS, P.O. Box 46, Cottage Grove, WI 53527 or call Terry Strand, 608-222-4946 or email tstrand@charter.net.

Terry Strand, President

Stormwater Management



Water Quality Experts Ask for Help with “Illicit Discharges” October 2014

Residents, businesses and municipalities in our area are working to keep our lakes and rivers clean by keeping pollution out of the stormwater system. People sometimes dump things on the ground or into stormwater ditches that can harm our waters. When anything other than clear stormwater ends up in the stormwater ditch, water quality experts start using fancy terms like “illicit discharges” and “hazardous substance spills.” For a good rule of thumb for judging whether what you’re seeing is a problem, just think about how upset a parent would be if a child spilled that material into the family aquarium or swimming pool. If mom or dad would be mad, there’s a good chance you could be witnessing an “illicit discharge.” Residents and businesses can help make or keep our waters fishable and swimmable by correcting or reporting such pollution to the appropriate contacts.

Some illicit discharges are one-time events and are easy to recognize as a problem. Consider, for example, a ruptured oil pipeline or liquid manure spill, or even someone dumping paint into a stormwater ditch. These need to be cleaned up immediately, and municipalities and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff have procedures for dealing with such toxic spills. Other illicit discharges are ongoing problems and are often harder to recognize. Examples include a failed, leaking septic system or a workshop floor drain that is connected to the stormwater ditch instead of the wastewater sewer system.

What can area residents do? First, consider your own house, especially if you have an older home. Do you have any waste pipes from inside the house that go anywhere other than your sewer or septic line when they leave the house? If so, you probably have an illicit discharge problem – look for ways to redirect those pollutants to your wastewater system.

Second, pay attention in your neighborhood. Watch for signs that someone has dumped something inappropriate into a stormwater ditch, waterway, or onto the ground – oil, paint, cleaning solvents, anything other than clean water. If you do spot such pollution, take a

picture and then contact your local municipal contact or Wisconsin DNR contact to report the pollution. Visit www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov today for information on your local municipal contact. DNR's spill hotline information is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/spills/>

Third, tell your community leaders and municipal contact that you support policies and practices that reduce and clean runoff, such as installation of pervious pavement, construction site erosion control measures and other stormwater best management practices.

As a society, we have made great strides over the past 50 years in our efforts to stop polluting our lakes and rivers. We've corrected many of the worst problems, such as the direct discharge of untreated industrial and municipal wastewater into rivers. But our waterways are still not as clean as we'd like because of stormwater pollution. Please do your part to help keep our stormwater runoff clean and clear, and downstream waters fishable and swimmable.

This article is brought to you by the Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership, working with the Rock River Stormwater Group to reduce the amount of pollution making its way to our lakes and streams. The Yahara chain of lakes and the Yahara River both ultimately drain to the Rock River.

Pet waste disposal reminder

Please remember that it is a violation of TCG Ord. section 20.01 for any dog or cat to defecate upon any private property, other than that owned or occupied by the animal's owner or caretaker, or in any public park or recreation area, or within any public right-of-way within the Town limits, without the waste being immediately collected and removed by the person in control of said animal. Furthermore, a person will be in violation of this ordinance if, within the town limits, the person knowingly deposits, dumps, disposes or otherwise places animal waste or manure in any public park, recreation area, public right of way, or private property not owned or leased by the person, unless the person has permission from the property owner to do so.

Please be respectful of your neighbor's and public property, and do your part to help keep pet waste out of our lakes and streams by picking up after your pet.

Refuse and Recycling Information

Advanced Disposal is under contract to pick up refuse and recyclables in the Town using vendor-supplied carts to work with their automated pickup system. Trash is picked up weekly, and recyclables are collected every other week. 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 calendar highlighting recycling weeks was mailed with property tax bills in December, and is also shown below. Most appliances are also picked up at no additional charge, however you must call 1-800-248-2373 to make arrangements.

Town of Cottage Grove Recycling Weeks (Shaded) 2015

January							February							March							April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31								29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		
May							June							July							August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4						1	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
31																					30	31					
September							October							November							December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: There will be NO collections on the following days: Thanksgiving Day * Christmas Day * New Year's Day * Memorial Day * Labor Day. Collections will be one day later (working on Saturdays) when the holiday falls during the week.

Items to be Recycled

Have your trash and recycling out to the curb by 6:00 a.m.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, OFFICE PAPER: Glossy inserts, catalogs, mail circulars, phone books, paper-back books, cereal boxes, envelopes, wrapping paper etc.

CARDBOARD (Flattened): Clean cardboard only. Must be broken down, flattened and tied in bundles.

GLASS (CLEAR-BROWN-GREEN): All bottles and jars must be rinsed out. No window glass, light bulbs, TV tubes, drinking glass, etc.

ALUMINUM: Aluminum beverage cans only. No aluminum foil.

TIN & BI-METAL CANS: Soup, vegetable, juice cans, etc. All cans must be rinsed out completely.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS: Plastic bottles with threaded caps, TYPE 1 through TYPE 5 and TYPE 7. Look for the ♻ coding on the bottom of the bottle. All plastic bottles must be rinsed out completely. No deli or butter containers.

WASTE OIL: Common engine oil only. Must be in a leak-proof, non breakable **one gallon jug with a threaded lid, labeled OIL.** Limit 2 gallons per week.

LEAD ACID VEHICLE BATTERIES: Car and truck batteries only. Battery casings must be unbroken.

TIRES: Car tires off the rim, two (2) per week per unit, up to eight (8) per year.

Oil, batteries and tires go next to your recycle container.

Place your recyclables in the containers provided. Any overflow may be placed in clear plastic bags next to the containers. These containers are to be left with the residence if you move. Please keep your recyclables separate from your other trash and easily accessible. DNR is enforcing stronger recycling laws in the State of Wisconsin.

Construction Debris: Plaster, lath, 2 x 4's, shingles, etc. are to be placed in 32 gallon containers weighing no more than 50 lbs, manageable by 1 person. These items will be taken as trash.

Empty or Dry Paint Cans: Place next to your trash can with the lids off.

NO MEDICAL WASTE – i.e needles, rubber gloves, oxygen tubes, IV bags, etc., **NO YARD WASTE, NO WET PAINT or HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** It is illegal to landfill these items.

Recycling Electronics

The second annual curbside collection of electronic waste items (E-waste) will be during the week of May 18-22. On your normal pickup day during that week, place your discarded electronics out with your trash (this is not a recycling week). In 2014, 1.27 tons of electronic waste were collected in the Town with this event.

Wisconsin's electronics recycling 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. For more information, including a list of facilities that accept discarded electronics, go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle/wisconsin.html>.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

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.

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
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 31 st
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.....	Late March
Annual Town Meeting.....	7:00 P.M. Third Tuesday in April
Assessor's Open Book.....	May or 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 August
Budget Workshops.....	October and November
General Election (even years).....	First Tuesday in November
Annual Budget Hearing	
and Town Budget Meeting.....	Nov. or Early Dec. – 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

Phone

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 – Tom Viken

5116 Pierceville Road

837-3371

837-1043 Fax

Town Assessor - Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. 800-721-4157

1314 W. College Ave., P.O. Box 2111

Appleton, WI 54912-2111

www.apraz.com

Dane County Sheriff's Office (non-emergency)

608-255-2345

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

Utility and Service Providers:

Advanced Disposal - www.advanceddisposal.com

Garbage/Trash (Ft. Atkinson Office)

800-248-2373

Recyclables (Waunakee Office)

608-251-7878

Alliant Energy (Gas and Electric)

Customer Service/Billing

800-862-6222

Electric Emergency/Outage

800-862-6261

Gas Emergency

800-862-6263

www.alliantenergy.com

AT & T (Telephone and Internet)

800-288-2020

Repair Service

800-246-8464

www.att.com

Charter Communications (Cable/Telephone/Internet)

888-438-2427

www.charter.com

Frontier (Telephone and Internet)

877-462-8188

www.frontier.com

Madison Gas & Electric (Gas and Electric)

(608) 252-1111

www.mge.com

