

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

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Important upcoming Events:

April 5: Spring Election (pp. 25-26)
******Don't forget your Photo ID!******

April 19: Annual Town Meeting (p. 3)

May 16-20: Annual Curbside E-waste Collection (p. 45)

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2015 Population Estimate: 3900

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Tentative Agenda*

Annual Town Meeting – April 19, 2016

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 19, 2016 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 2015 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. Set date for next year's Annual Town Meeting
- IX. Other Business
- X. Adjournment

BY: Kris Hampton, Chairman

*** The final agenda will be posted on Friday, April 15th at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site. 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 – 2015 Tax Year

State Taxes	\$69,928.09
County Taxes	\$1,475,727.15
Local Assessment	\$1,510,270.00
Deerfield School District	\$633,462.00
Marshall School District	\$56,255.08
McFarland School District	\$93,720.00
Monona Grove School District	\$4,065,946.00
Stoughton School District	\$383,800.68
Sun Prairie School District	\$3,758.00
Vocational School	\$382,120.24
Underrun/Overrun	-\$0.09
Refuse and Recycling Collection	\$225,870.00
Street Lighting	\$585.65
Private Septic Maintenance	\$16,039.15
Lottery Credit Penalty	\$0.00
Omitted Property Taxes (from previous years)	\$0.00
Managed Forest Lands	\$389.34
TOTAL LEVY	\$8,917,871.29

Statement of Assessment – January 1, 2015

REAL ESTATE	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
Residential	\$105,561,300	\$234,827,300	\$340,388,600
Commercial	\$4,033,700	\$14,059,900	\$18,093,600
Manufacturing	\$880,600	\$295,500	\$1,176,100
Agriculture	\$2,866,400		\$2,866,400
Undeveloped	\$1,395,300		\$1,395,300
Ag. Forest	\$2,327,800		\$2,327,800
Forest Lands	\$1,095,900		\$1,095,900
Other	\$7,603,700	\$14,315,000	\$21,918,700
PERSONAL PROPERTY	LOCALLY ASSESSED	MANUFACTURING	MERGED
	\$8,371,200	\$0	\$8,371,200
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE			\$397,633,600

Statement of 2015 Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Revenues	
Taxes	\$1,552,498.41
Intergovernmental	\$275,906.63
Licenses and Permits	\$178,277.34
Fines, Forfeiture and Penalties	\$37,725.15
Public Charges for Services	\$228,561.49
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	\$158,437.44
Investment Income	\$4,306.80
Miscellaneous Income	\$28,136.42
Total Revenues	\$2,463,849.68
Expenditures	
General Government	\$312,626.82
Public Safety	\$762,077.86
Public Works	\$997,083.34
Culture, Education, Recreation	\$34,593.50
Health and Human Services	\$5,690.00
Conservation and Development	\$5,300.00
Capital Outlay	\$292,239.19
Debt Service	
Principal Repayment	\$304,179.65
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$3,456.40
Total Expenditures	\$2,717,246.76
Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	(\$253,397.08)
Other Financing Sources	
Property Sales	\$119,283.51
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	\$341,695.00
Liberty Cemetery Funds Revenue	\$800.00
Total Other Financing Sources	\$461,778.51
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$208,381.43
Fund Balances - Beginning	\$818,342.00
Fund Balances - Ending	\$1,026,723.43
Indebtedness Beginning of Year	\$304,378.00
Indebtedness End of Year	\$341,695.00

2015 Budget vs. Actual

	Actual	Budget
Revenue		
Taxes		
40010 · Local Taxes	\$1,549,883.73	\$1,549,884.00
41720 · Other Taxes-Village Annexation	\$2,614.68	\$2,530.98
Total Taxes	\$1,552,498.41	\$1,552,414.98
Intergovernmental Revenue		
40100 · Shared Revenue from State	\$55,534.43	\$55,492.00
40560 · Tax Exempt Aid	\$1,400.00	\$1,512.00
40200 · Police Dept Grants	\$160.00	
40110 · Fire Insurance Tax	\$13,080.04	\$13,000.00
40300 · Local Transportation Aids	\$145,089.78	\$145,089.78
40510 · PILT - State Conservation Land	\$229.96	\$220.00
40120 · Environmental Impact Fees	\$319.00	\$319.00
40530 · State Aid - Croplands / Forest	\$113.88	\$129.00
40540 · Paid Cnty- Forest /Managed	\$0.00	\$0.00
40400 · State Recycling Grant	\$7,451.60	\$7,400.00
40600 · Highway and Bridges	\$1,725.00	
40570 · Landfill Compensation Fee	\$50,612.94	\$50,000.00
40610 · Other & Veterans Graves	\$190.00	\$182.00
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	\$275,906.63	\$273,343.78
Licenses and Permits		
40700 · Business and Occupy License	\$3,975.00	\$3,925.00
40760 · Dog License Revenue	\$1,426.00	\$1,350.00
40730 · Building Permit / Inspection	\$131,523.64	\$30,000.00
40740 · Zoning Permits & Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,750.00
42230 · Cable Franchise Fee	\$37,577.70	\$30,000.00
40750 · Right-of-Way Permits	\$875.00	\$300.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
40770 · Mining Permits	<u>\$900.00</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
Total Licenses and Permits	\$178,277.34	\$68,075.00
Fines, Forfeiture and Penalties		
40800 · Law and Ordinance Violation	\$37,690.15	\$20,000.00
40840 · Police Dept Blood Draw Revenue	<u>\$35.00</u>	
Total Fines, Forfeiture and Penalties	\$37,725.15	\$20,000.00
Public Charges For Services		
41210 · Refuse Collection	\$149,610.24	\$148,988.00
41230 · Recycling Collection	\$75,324.60	\$75,011.00
41500 · Title Search	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
41100 · Highway Maintenance Chrgs	\$135.00	
41120 · Street Lighting Fees	\$585.65	\$585.00
41300 · Cemetery Income (Sale of Grave)	\$1,902.50	
41510 · Other Miscellaneous Chgs	<u>\$3.50</u>	
Total Public Charges For Services	\$228,561.49	\$225,584.00
Intergovernmental Charges		
41640 · Village Fire Payments	\$57,874.05	\$59,282.82
41710 · Pleasant Springs Reimbursements	\$63,125.00	\$63,125.00
41690 · Village Emergency Bldg Maint	\$24,163.53	\$27,454.50
41650 · Village Landfill Payment	\$8,166.44	\$8,000.00
41670 · Flynn Hall Reimbursement	\$4,411.72	\$4,166.67
41700 · Village Emergency Gov't Payment	\$420.72	\$750.00
41620 · Police Dept Misc/ Sale/Donation	<u>\$275.98</u>	
Total Intergovernmental Charges	\$158,437.44	\$162,778.99
Investment Income		
41800 · Interest Income	\$3,950.73	\$4,450.00
41810 · Int on Spec Assess/ Charges	<u>\$356.07</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total Investment Income	\$4,306.80	\$4,800.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Miscellaneous Income		
41900 · Town Garage Rent	\$18,564.00	\$18,726.00
41910 · Town Hall Rent	\$500.00	\$500.00
41920 · Flynn Hall Rent	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
41930 · Town Land Rent	\$700.00	\$700.00
42200 · Dividends	\$920.72	\$600.00
42210 · Insurance Refunds	\$2,931.00	
42240 · Sale of Recyclable Material	\$280.80	\$400.00
42250 · Other Miscellaneous Receipts	\$231.09	
42270 · NSF Fees	\$0.00	\$100.00
42290 · Use Value Penalty Tax	\$2,008.81	
Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$28,136.42</u>	<u>\$22,526.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u><u>\$2,463,849.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,329,522.75</u></u>
Expenditures		
General Government		
Town Board		
50000 · Board Salaries	\$14,800.04	\$18,000.00
50010 · Board FICA Expense	\$1,174.28	\$1,377.00
50020 · Association Dues & Fees	\$4,465.00	\$4,600.00
50030 · Board Printing & Publication	\$3,635.92	\$3,000.00
50040 · Town Board Travel Expenses	\$606.94	\$500.00
50050 · Conventions & Seminars	\$270.00	\$550.00
50170 · Other Board Expenses	\$95.03	\$350.00
Total Town Board	<u>\$25,047.21</u>	<u>\$28,377.00</u>
Plan Commission		
50110 · Plan Commission Per Diem	\$850.00	\$2,700.00
50120 · Plan Commission FICA	\$74.59	\$207.00
Total Plan Commission	<u>\$924.59</u>	<u>\$2,907.00</u>

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Town Planner		
50180 · Town Planner	<u>\$17,808.16</u>	<u>\$18,700.00</u>
Total Town Planner	\$17,808.16	\$18,700.00
Emergency Government		
50150 · Emergency Gov't Wages	\$225.00	\$300.00
50160 · Emergency Gov't FICA	\$17.21	\$23.00
50140 · Emergency Gov't Expense	<u>\$925.90</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Emergency Government	\$1,168.11	\$1,823.00
Clerk / Secretarial		
50450 · Replacement Secretary Wages	\$0.00	
50480 · Clerk Hourly Wage	\$27,546.29	\$30,930.76
50490 · Clerk Hourly FICA	\$2,432.07	\$2,731.00
50486 · Clerk Longevity	\$210.00	\$216.00
50485 · Clerk Retirement Allowance	\$3,412.20	\$3,576.00
50440 · Clerk's In Lieu of Health Ins.	\$969.24	\$969.24
50350 · Deputy Clerk Wage	\$3,034.12	\$3,250.00
50360 · Deputy Clerk FICA	\$230.82	\$249.00
50320 · Office Supplies	\$1,719.18	\$2,000.00
50330 · Office Equipment Maintenance	\$847.70	\$600.00
50340 · Office Equipment Purchases	\$1,839.40	\$2,000.00
50370 · Other Office Expenses	<u>\$408.20</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total Clerk / Secretarial	\$42,649.22	\$46,772.00
Treasurer		
50500 · Treasurer Wages	\$21,326.60	\$20,080.76
50510 · Treasurer FICA	\$1,885.61	\$1,785.00
50505 · Treasurer Retirement Allowance	\$2,665.79	\$2,274.00
50504 · Treasurer In Lieu of Health Ins	\$969.24	\$969.24
50520 · Treasurer Supplies	<u>\$1,121.04</u>	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Total Treasurer	\$27,968.28	\$26,909.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Assessor		
50540 · Assessor Costs	\$8,533.11	\$7,900.00
Total Assessor	\$8,533.11	\$7,900.00
Ordinance Committee		
50090 · Ordinance Comm. Wages	\$25.00	\$300.00
50100 · Ordinance Comm. FICA	\$1.91	\$23.00
Total Ordinance Committee	\$26.91	\$323.00
Judicial		
50200 · Judicial Judge Salaries	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
50210 · Judicial FICA	\$229.50	\$230.00
50220 · Judicial Education & Travel Exp	\$1,544.24	\$1,380.00
50230 · Judicial Expenses	\$1,883.61	\$2,650.00
50280 · Judicial Court Clerk Salary	\$10,265.21	\$12,500.00
50290 · Judicial Court Clerk FICA	\$787.01	\$957.00
Total Judicial	\$17,709.57	\$20,717.00
Legal		
50250 · Town Board Legal Expenses	\$16,074.00	\$15,000.00
50240 · Court Legal Expenses	\$8,872.30	\$10,000.00
Total Legal	\$24,946.30	\$25,000.00
Elections		
50380 · Election Workers Wages	\$881.76	\$1,750.00
50410 · Election Supplies	(\$322.11)	\$850.00
Total Elections	\$559.65	\$2,600.00
Accounting		
50560 · Audit Costs	\$11,663.84	\$11,900.00
50570 · Accounting Service Expense	\$600.30	\$500.00
50590 · Other Financial Costs	\$5.00	
Total Accounting	\$12,269.14	\$12,400.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Property & Liability Insurance		
50920 · Insurance - Town	<u>\$29,306.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Total Property & Liability Insurance	\$29,306.00	\$30,000.00
Town Hall		
50700 · Town Hall Utilities	\$5,725.86	\$6,500.00
50710 · Town Hall Maintenance	\$49,069.78	\$47,090.40
50720 · Town Hall Equipment	\$200.99	
50730 · Town Hall Supplies	<u>\$375.22</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Town Hall	\$55,371.85	\$54,090.40
Flynn Hall		
50750 · Flynn Hall Expenses	\$6,606.58	\$7,400.00
50760 · Flynn Hall Utilities	<u>\$6,616.84</u>	<u>\$6,250.00</u>
Total Flynn Hall	\$13,223.42	\$13,650.00
Emergency Building		
50770 · Emergency Bldg. Maint	<u>\$34,186.50</u>	<u>\$54,909.00</u>
Total Emergency Building	\$34,186.50	\$54,909.00
Other General Government		
50790 · 4091 CTH N Maintenance	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
50930 · Hydrite Chemical Settlement Exp	\$680.26	\$680.26
50940 · Illegal / Uncollectable Taxes	\$248.54	
Total Other General Government	<u>\$928.80</u>	<u>\$3,180.26</u>
Total General Government	\$312,626.82	\$350,257.66
Public Safety		
Law Enforcement		
51010 · Sheriff's Contract	\$350,597.12	\$401,839.03
51020 · Facilities Lease	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
51030 · Police Station Utilities	\$5,671.77	\$4,950.00
51040 · Police Station Janitorial	\$4,082.99	\$5,148.00
51060 · Police Station Maintenance	\$1,901.05	\$250.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
51070 · Police Commission	\$3.82	
51090 · Police Legal Expense	\$506.34	
51150 · Police - Supplies	\$0.00	\$500.00
51140 · Police - Vehicle Maint / Repair	\$1,496.11	\$2,500.00
51130 · Police - Fuel	\$10,000.01	\$21,000.00
51050 · Police - Insurance	\$816.00	\$1,300.00
51160 · Police - Communications	\$2,993.87	\$2,200.00
51100 · Dane County Communications	\$3,548.00	\$3,907.00
51080 · Police - Facilities Taxes	<u>\$6,088.09</u>	<u>\$8,100.00</u>
Total Law Enforcement	\$397,705.17	\$461,694.03
Fire Protection		
51200 · Town Owned Apparatus Expense	\$4,024.07	\$5,650.00
51210 · Joint Owned Apparatus Expense	\$10,429.37	\$8,000.00
51220 · Fire Fuel Expense	\$2,349.38	\$4,000.00
51240 · Equipment Expense	\$21,626.52	\$10,290.00
51250 · Telephone Expense	\$1,434.41	\$1,600.00
51260 · Insurance Expense	\$14,909.00	\$23,650.00
51270 · Officer and Training Pay	\$27,520.00	\$28,350.00
51280 · Training & Safety Expense	\$3,194.44	\$5,000.00
51300 · Personal & Records Expense	\$3,407.50	\$4,000.00
51290 · Hazmat and Investigation	\$0.00	\$300.00
51310 · Fire Preplan & Prevention	\$2,099.85	\$2,000.00
51320 · Inspection Expense	\$150.00	\$300.00
51330 · Fire Chief Expense	\$860.04	\$750.00
51340 · Maintenance Contracts	\$6,574.54	\$8,770.00
51230 · Pleasant Springs Expense	<u>\$6,378.98</u>	<u>\$63,125.00</u>
Total Fire Protection	\$104,958.10	\$165,785.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
EMS		
51400 · EMS Expense	\$135,505.32	\$135,505.32
Total EMS	\$135,505.32	\$135,505.32
Fire Inspection		
51590 · Fire Inspection Wages	\$1,785.00	\$1,725.00
51580 · Fire Inspection FICA	\$136.55	\$132.00
Total Fire Inspection	\$1,921.55	\$1,857.00
Building Inspection		
51530 · Building Inspection	\$121,987.72	\$27,000.00
Total Building Inspection	\$121,987.72	\$27,000.00
Total Public Safety	\$762,077.86	\$791,841.35
Public Works		
Highway Maintenance		
51730 · Patrolman Wages	\$193,687.82	\$197,946.08
51740 · Patrolman FICA	\$17,298.63	\$17,787.00
51710 · Longevity Pay	\$4,140.00	\$4,140.00
51720 · Patrolman Disability Insurance	\$3,759.44	\$3,817.00
51700 · Patrolman In Lieu of Health Ins	\$7,753.92	\$7,753.92
51750 · Patrolman Retirement	\$23,941.45	\$22,668.00
51760 · Gravel Expense	\$13,153.22	\$8,000.00
51770 · Contractor Expense	\$1,360.00	\$6,000.00
51780 · Sand and Salt Expense	\$34,470.14	\$45,000.00
51790 · Patch & Cold Mix	\$17,639.37	\$16,000.00
51820 · Road Signs	\$4,632.85	\$4,000.00
51830 · Bridge Expense	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
51840 · Tire Purchases & Expense	\$2,367.34	\$4,000.00
51850 · Equipment Repairs & Maint	\$26,927.20	\$20,000.00
51860 · Garage Utilities	\$5,737.73	\$6,000.00
51870 · Garage Maintenance & Repairs	\$16,375.50	\$12,381.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
51880 · Garage Equip. & Supplies	\$6,685.29	\$5,000.00
51890 · Fuel & Oil	\$19,685.67	\$36,000.00
51900 · Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$183.75	\$500.00
51910 · Culvert Expense	\$1,078.00	\$9,000.00
51920 · Center Stripping	\$3,488.94	\$3,000.00
51930 · Stormwater Expense	\$2,902.80	\$2,365.00
52020 · Street Lighting Cost	<u>\$1,789.80</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Highway Maintenance	\$410,058.86	\$435,358.00
Highway Construction		
52000 · Highway Maintenance Contracts	<u>\$320,245.97</u>	<u>\$332,894.00</u>
Total Highway Construction	\$320,245.97	\$332,894.00
Non-Hwy Maintenance		
51940 · Non-Hwy Wages	\$18,800.97	\$21,200.00
51970 · Non-Hwy FICA	\$1,610.87	\$1,748.00
51960 · Non-Hwy Retirement	<u>\$2,256.10</u>	<u>\$2,448.00</u>
Total Non-Hwy Maintenance	\$22,667.94	\$25,396.00
Garbage and Refuse Collection		
52100 · Refuse Collection - Curbside	<u>\$149,610.24</u>	<u>\$148,988.00</u>
Total Garbage and Refuse Collection	\$149,610.24	\$148,988.00
Recycling		
52110 · Recycling	<u>\$75,324.60</u>	<u>\$75,011.00</u>
Total Recycling	\$75,324.60	\$75,011.00
Landfill		
52140 · Landfill Monitoring - Town	\$11,250.96	\$11,586.00
52120 · Landfill Monitoring - Village	\$7,924.77	\$8,000.00
Total Landfill	<u>\$19,175.73</u>	<u>\$19,586.00</u>
Total Public Works	\$997,083.34	\$1,037,233.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Culture, Education, Recreation		
52300 · Park Expense	\$34,593.50	\$37,369.00
Total Culture, Education, Recreation	\$34,593.50	\$37,369.00
Health and Human Services		
52220 · Colonial Club Donation	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
52210 · Veterans Graves Paid	\$190.00	\$182.00
Total Health and Human Services	\$5,690.00	\$5,682.00
Conservation and Development		
52160 · Yahara Wins Pilot Project	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00
Total Conservation and Development	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00
Capital Outlay		
52550 · Highway Equipment Outlay	\$292,239.19	\$292,570.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$292,239.19	\$292,570.00
Debt Service		
52720 · Debt Service - Interest	\$3,456.40	\$3,447.75
52700 · Debt Service - Principal	\$304,179.65	\$304,179.65
Total Debt Service	\$307,636.05	\$307,627.40
Total Expenditures	\$2,717,246.76	\$2,827,880.41
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures	-\$253,397.08	(\$498,357.66)
Other Financing Sources		
42000 · Sale of Law Enforcement Equip.	\$23,568.50	
42010 · Sale of Highway Equip & Prop	\$95,715.01	\$95,000.00
42320 · Promissory Note Proceeds	\$341,695.00	\$341,695.00
42340 · Liberty Cemetery Funds Revenue	\$800.00	\$800.00
Total Other Financing Sources	\$461,778.51	\$437,495.00
Net Change In Fund Balance	\$208,381.43	(\$60,862.66)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Surplus Funds Applied		
43000 · Hydrate Chemicals Funds	\$680.26	\$680.26
43050 · ATC Impact Fees Applied	\$936.00	\$936.00
43060 · Unassigned General Fund	<u>\$59,246.40</u>	<u>\$59,246.40</u>
Total Surplus Funds Applied	\$60,862.66	\$60,862.66

2015 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 2015 taxes, payable in 2016, if, on January 1, 2015, you were the owner of the property and used the property as your primary residence. To claim the credit, complete and submit the 2015 Late Lottery and Gaming Credit Application (Form LC-300) along with a copy of your 2015 property tax bill to Wisconsin Dept of Revenue prior to October 1, 2016.

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 2015 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	\$3.80
Dane County	\$3.71
State of Wisconsin	\$0.18
Monona Grove School District	\$13.36
MATC	\$0.96
State School Credit	-\$2.26
MILL Rate Total	\$19.75

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	\$3,950.00
Lottery Credit	\$(135.37)
First Dollar Credit	\$(83.80)
Garbage Collection	\$155.88
Private Septic Maintenance	\$8.67
Total Tax Bill	\$3,895.38

In this example, Town of Cottage Grove taxes account for \$200,000/1,000 x \$3.80, or \$760.00 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	\$12.95	\$8.65	-\$2.26	\$19.34	\$131.23	\$81.24
Marshall #3332	\$13.35	\$8.65	-\$2.26	\$19.74	\$135.29	\$83.75
McFarland #3381	\$12.12	\$8.65	-\$2.26	\$18.51	\$122.78	\$76.01
Monona Grove #3675	\$13.36	\$8.65	-\$2.26	\$19.75	\$135.37	\$83.80
Stoughton #5621	\$11.94	\$8.65	-\$2.26	\$18.33	\$120.97	\$74.88
Sun Prairie #5656	\$13.20	\$8.65	-\$2.26	\$19.59	\$133.78	\$82.82

* Local Taxes include: State \$.18, Dane County: \$3.71, Town \$3.80 Vocational School \$.96. The garbage/recycling charge is \$155.88/residence. The Private Septic Maintenance Fee is \$8.67/residence.

2016 Budget Summary

General Fund

Revenue

General Town Property Tax	\$1,510,270
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$276,874
Licenses and Permits	\$68,765
Fines, Forfeiture and Penalties	\$25,000
Public Charges for Services	\$227,143
Intergovernmental Charges	\$102,482
Pleasant Springs Fire Revenue	\$63,756
Investment Income	\$4,850
Miscellaneous Income	\$22,703

Total Revenue **\$2,301,843**

Expenditures

General Government	\$309,641
Public Safety	\$688,002
Pleasant Springs Fire Expense	\$63,756
Public Works	\$1,168,567
Culture, Education, Recreation	\$7,000
Health and Human Services	\$6,190
Conservation and Development	\$6,000
Capital Outlay	\$98,581
Debt Service	
Principal Repayment	\$254,400
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$3,055

Total Expenditures **\$2,605,193**

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures **-\$303,350**

Other Financing Sources

Property Sales	\$28,800
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	\$273,750
Liberty Cemetery Revenue	\$800

Total Other Financing Sources **\$303,350**

Net Change in General Fund Balances **\$0**

Liberty Cemetery Fund

Liberty Cemetery Fund Revenue	\$50
Liberty Cemetery Fund Expense	\$800

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures **-\$750**

Highway Expenditures per mile \$15,131

**Projected
December 31,
2016**

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$1,026,936
Liberty Cemetery Fund	\$4,548
Indebtedness	\$361,045

2015 Town Levy \$1,510,270

2015 Assessed Value \$397,633,600

2015 Town Mill Rate (per \$1,000) \$3.7981

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting – April 21, 2015

D R A F T

- 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. Treasurer Debra Abel was also present. A list of other attendees is available in the Town Clerk's Office, which included 15 Town Electors.
- 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. MOTION by Mike DuPlayee/Steve Anders to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 Annual Town Meeting as printed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.
- IV. Additions to agenda by Electors: None.
- V. Presentation of the 2014 Annual Town Financial Report: The 2014 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures was printed on the back side of the agenda. Jay Bennett of Johnson Block and Company presented an overview of the Town's 2014 Financial Statements. Once again the Town's financial statements have been given an unqualified opinion, the highest level of assurance possible. Bennett made the following observations:
 - 2014 was fairly comparable to 2013 in terms of general fund activity. Total assets were at \$2,752,211, compared to \$2,568,260 in 2013. Cash was at \$947,810, compared to \$813,252 in 2013.
 - The 2014 year end governmental fund balance was \$818,341, up from \$673,958 in 2013. Of this balance, \$639,157 was unassigned, representing 27.4% of the 2015 budgeted expenses, which falls within the Town's Fund Balance Policy. \$6,058 was restricted for the Liberty Prairie Cemetery, \$94,820 was committed for sick leave liability, \$82,088 was assigned for specific purposes, and \$2,276 was non-spendable (pre-paid 2015 expenses).
 - The income statement shows a net income of \$144,383.
 - At the end of 2014, the Town had \$271,975 in outstanding General Obligation debt, just 1.09% of its debt capacity. The clerk noted that as of today, the Town has zero debt, although

the 2015 budget calls for more short term borrowing this year.

- Total expenditures in 2014 were \$2,415,812. Public works represented the highest category of spending at 45%, with public safety following at 31%. Other major spending categories included general government at 11% and debt service at 12%.
- Total revenues for 2014 were \$2,285,439. Taxes made up the highest percentage at 64%, followed by intergovernmental revenue at 12% and public charges for services at 11%. Other revenues included intergovernmental charges for services, licenses and permits, fines, forfeitures and penalties and interest.
- The required communication to the Town Board included the usual warning to small municipalities about a lack of segregation of duties due to a small office staff, and lack of expertise to prepare the financial statements.
- Bennett's only recommendation was that the Town consider adopting a written fraud policy, which he can provide a model for.

VI. Update on policing of the Town by the Dane County Sheriff's Office: Captain Jeff Teuscher explained that the Town's contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Office provides three deputies who are completely dedicated to the Town of Cottage Grove. They are supplemented by precinct staff and detectives. He then introduced Crime Analyst Michael Walnoha, who presented statistics through April 15, 2015:

- There were 723 calls for service, of which 414 were traffic related. It was noted that the statistics are not limited to services provided by the Town's contracted deputies, but include all Sheriff's Office activity in the Town. A map showed that incidents are concentrated in the more heavily populated areas and on the more heavily traveled roads. A breakdown by hour of the day shows that most of the calls take place between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., with a spike between 5 and 6 p.m.
- There were 401 citations issued, 201 by contract deputies, the rest by the Traffic Team and Southeast Beat deputies. 257 were for speeding violations. Other violations included insurance and registration violations, OWI, and various traffic infractions.
- Only 2% of the call volume was crime related. Significant incidents included an arson fire, a drug overdose, an auto theft (related parties), and theft from an auto.

VII. Update on sex offender ordinance: Hampton reported that on April 6, 2015, after considering research and recommendations from the Town Attorney and Ordinance Committee, the Town Board adopted an ordinance to regulate where convicted sex offenders can reside and loiter. The distance of 1,000 feet from child congregation areas that sex offender residences must abide by was selected because it survived a legal challenge in South Milwaukee. Should a larger distance survive a legal challenge, the Town could consider increasing this distance.

Truman Neinstedt, 3789 Sky High Road, asked how this ordinance applies to sex offenders already residing in the Town. Atty. Anderson said those residing here prior to the effective date of the ordinance would be unaffected. On a related matter, Neinstedt stated his opinion that the Town Board's decision to bill the owner of the property at 4721 Gaston Circle for extraordinary costs for the arson fire was immoral, akin to charging a rape victim for the rape test kit.

VIII. Update on improvements to I-39/90 and the County AB/US Hwy 12 & 18 intersection: A map of the DOT's current plan was projected on the wall. Hampton explained that the plans include moving County AB to the east, with frontage roads to AB from Millpond Road and the Dane County Landfill. The DOT will limit new access points and close off some if possible. This probably won't take place for another 8 years or so, when funding can be tied in with the improvements to the I-39/US Hwy 12 & 18 interchange.

IX. Progress report on the 2015 update of the Town's Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan: A time line for the update was projected on the wall. From March through May the Plan Commission is looking at the Conditions and Issues and the Visions and Directions Volumes. These set the stage for the comprehensive plan. Hampton asked for input regarding ways to lessen the impact of pressure from the City of Madison and Village of Cottage Grove, to keep the Town whole rather than slowly being eaten up by annexations. He feels that the area along the relocated County AB will be prime for commercial development, and wondered if the Town should consider purchasing the Hlavac farm to develop it as a commercial condominium. Steve Anders added that these are the up and coming thing because business owners don't have to absorb land

costs or deal with the City under ETJ. Mike Fonger said if the Town purchased the property, the tax base would be lost until somebody buys it. Hampton agreed, but added that being agricultural in use, the tax base is not that significant. Atty. Anderson noted that any decision to purchase property would require another Town Meeting to be held.

Romayn Rote, 2964 Gaston Road, said that 38 years ago he was told not to worry, the City would never jump the interstate. Today it abuts the Town at its northwest corner, and we need to do whatever we can to be ready for them.

Truman Neinstedt questioned having Town Board members on the Plan Commission, suggesting that it defeats the purpose of having a commission. Steve Anders countered that the Town Board members provide an important perspective. Neinstedt also suggested that a long-term tax sharing deal should be worked out with the City of Madison. He stated that some of the property owners along AB would probably like to be annexed.

- X. 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 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.
- XI. Other Business: None.
- XII. Adjournment: MOTION by Steve Anders/Kristi Williams to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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:

April 6, 2015: Creating Sec. 10.01 Creating Child Safety Areas and Precluding Designated Sex Offenders From Residing or Being Present in Child Safety Areas.

May 4, 2015: Amending Sec. 08.09 Establishing a permit requirement for Agricultural Commercial Vehicles and Implements of Husbandry (change town agent).

Oct 28, 2015 Adopting an Update to the 2002 Comprehensive Plan

Dec 21, 2015: Creating sec. 22.08 Legal Publication and Posting, Designation of Official Newspaper.

Jan. 18, 2016 Amending sec. 25.01(4) Publication and Posting of Ordinance Code Sections.

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.

Did you know?

Tax, Assessment and Zoning Answers

Available 24/7

Dane County's property listing web site, Access Dane, contains property tax, assessment and zoning information, past and present, for all properties in Dane County. The integrated DCIMaps feature along with links to Google and Bing maps provide mapping features. Check it out at <https://accessdane.countyofdane.com/>

Town Board Chair's Annual Report

January 2015 started out with a new three-year contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Office to provide deputies for dedicated patrol and police assistance in the Township. The contract with Dane County gives us a highly trained, professional, and dedicated police workforce and the cost to do so is less than the shared police department we previously had with the Village of Cottage Grove. The deputies continue to maintain offices at 2560 Nora Road, at the intersection with Highway N.

One of the changes the Town Board initiated with the change of policing in the Town was a request for increased patrol in the Town and traffic enforcement of speed limits. Each month the Board receives a report of all activities and citations that are heard by our local judge. Since speeding has been the biggest concern reported to Town Board members by the residents, we shared that information with the Sheriff's deputies, who then increased enforcement on those roads and in those areas. The feedback from residents in the Township has been very positive and the deputies report that they are well received and appreciated by our residents. If you are in need of emergency police assistance, you should call 911; otherwise, you may call Dane County Dispatch at 608-266-4948 and ask for a return call from the Cottage Grove Deputy, who will respond to your concerns.

The Town recently replaced its 15-year old plow truck as part of the Town's 15-year replacement schedule. We also replaced the Town's 16-year old front-end loader. This equipment is vital to our ability to maintain Town roads and snow removal. The Town Board also approved a project that replaced the front parking lot of the Town Hall because it was breaking up and needed substantial repair. The project hit delays when the contractor discovered several large soft areas in the previous base material. Additional stone had to be added to the base before compacting and asphalt could be laid. The Town Board found that this was the best solution for maintaining the integrity of the driveway/parking lot.

With the Town's assistance, and help from the local American Legion, the Historical Society of Cottage Grove relocated the Veteran's Memorial for World War I to a site just outside the Town Hall offices. The Memorial was restored to original condition and was placed beside the World War II Memorial at the Town Hall. A re-dedication is planned for the spring of 2016. It is an impressive sight.

Bridge inspection is performed every two years with the assistance of a contracted engineer hired through Dane County. In 2015, the Town

Board raised questions regarding the findings of two of the bridges that had been inspected by the contracted engineer. They asked another engineer to review those findings and give his opinion. With the updated and clarified information he provided, the Town Board was satisfied that replacement of the Femrite and Uphoff Road bridges can be scheduled in the next 2-4 years. The cost will be funded through grants and the Town's annual budget process.

The Township continues to fund its Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. We are grateful for the dedication, service and commitment of these volunteers and workers in our community. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in serving with the Fire Department or EMS to contact them through the Town's web site.

Kris Hampton, Chairman
Town of Cottage Grove

Clerk's Notes

2016 Elections

February 16: Spring Primary: The ballot included a race for Supreme Court Justice and a referendum for the Marshall School District only. Our 509 voters exceeded the prediction of a 20% turnout.

April 5: Spring Election (Presidential Primary, local, school district, county and judicial offices). Absentee voting in the Clerk's office is allowed from March 21– April 1. *

August 9: Partisan Primary (US Senator, Representatives in Congress, State Senators -- Even Numbered Districts, Representatives to the Assembly, District Attorney). Absentee voting in the Clerk's office is allowed from July 25-Aug. 5. *

November 8: Spring Election (US President and Vice President, US Senator, Representatives in Congress, State Senators -- Even Numbered Districts, Representatives to the Assembly, District Attorney) Absentee voting in the Clerk's office is allowed from Oct. 24-Nov. 4. *

**The Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding each election for absentee voting. Requests for mailed absentee ballots will be accepted through the Thursday preceding each election.*

New Voter Registration

If you are not registered to vote, you may do so on election day, but please be sure to bring along your proof of residence. For most people, this will be your Wisconsin DOT issued Driver's License or ID Card (or receipt if you haven't received the actual document yet). If your Driver's License or State ID Card does not have your current address, you will still be required to provide its number, but you will also need to supply another proof of residence. This could be any other official ID card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body, an employer ID Card with your photo, a real estate tax bill or receipt for 2015 or 2016, a utility bill from the past 90 days, a residential lease effective for election day, a bank statement, a paystub, a government check, any other official document issued by a unit of government. All of the above must contain your complete current name and address, and if it has an expiration date, it must be valid on election day.

Voter Photo ID

All Voters are now required to show a photo ID before they can vote. For most people, this will be your Wisconsin DOT issued Driver's License or ID Card (or receipt if you haven't received the actual document yet). Other common documents valid as voter ID include a US Passport or an ID card issued by a U.S. Uniformed service, and Veteran. These ID forms can be expired as long as the expiration date is after November 4, 2014, and need not contain your current address. Veteran Affairs ID Cards, without expiration dates, were recently added to the list of acceptable documents.

What to expect on Election Day

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful Town residents who have taken on the responsibility to serve as election workers. Even though they are called upon only a few times each year, it is a huge responsibility to keep up with the ever changing laws that affect how they perform their duties. I can only hope that the rest of you, as voters, will give them the respect and patience they deserve, and recognize that while everything might not always make common sense to you, there are good, and usually statutory reasons for the flow of things on election day.

To give you an idea of what to expect: You must verbally state your name and address and present your photo ID, which will be examined

by two election workers to be sure it resembles you in name and photo, and is not expired before November 4, 2014. Then you will be assigned a voter number, required to sign the poll book and issued a ballot. For the April 5th Election, we will have six different ballots to choose from, so it will be helpful if you know which school district you reside in. Once you have voted your ballot, you will insert it into the DS200 machine. While this machine is new and improved compared to the prior model in many aspects, it is a little slower to process your ballot. Please hang around for the few seconds it takes to decide whether to accept or reject your ballot.

To make things even more complicated, the Town is split into two State Assembly districts. For the August Primary and November General Election, this means we have to run two different poll books, so before you even get as far as stating your name and address, we will need to sort out which poll book to send you to. To expedite this process, it would be helpful if you know if you reside in Assembly District 46 or 47.

All of this will take time, so please allow plenty of time, be patient and enjoy the opportunity to visit with your fellow Town Residents while you wait in line to vote.

Email notifications

Are you looking for an easier way to keep up with what is going on with your local government? Would you like to have notice of upcoming Town meetings sent straight to your in-box? If your answer is Yes, please see the Email Updates section of the Town's web site.

Posting Locations

Wisconsin 2015 Act 79, adopted on November 11, 2015, changed the requirement for posting of notices by municipalities. Prior to this legislation, notices were required to be posted in three public places likely to give notice to persons affected. Under the new legislation, only one posting place is required if the notice is also posted on the municipal web site. On December 21, 2015, the Cottage Grove Town Board adopted TCG Ord. Section 22.08 Legal Posting and Publication, Designation of official Newspaper. As a result, Town notices are now posted on the Town's web site at:

<http://www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov>, and on the indoor and outdoor bulletin boards at the Town Hall, 4058 County Road N. Notices required to be published will be published in the legal section of the Wisconsin State Journal.

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

In order to protect the Town's roads from excessive wear, and assure that vehicles are safe to operate on town roads, the Town requires that the operators of agricultural commercial vehicles and implements of husbandry have a permit to use town roads if the vehicles exceed weights in the IOH Weight Limitation Chart and/or the overall length limit of 60 feet for a single vehicle and 100 feet for a two-vehicle combination. If you have questions about farm vehicles please contact the Town to determine whether a permit is required. See TCG Ord. Section 08.09 for more information. The Ordinance imposes a forfeiture for overweight operation. Permit Application materials can be found at <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/business/ag/permits.htm>.

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.

Location of Fire Numbers

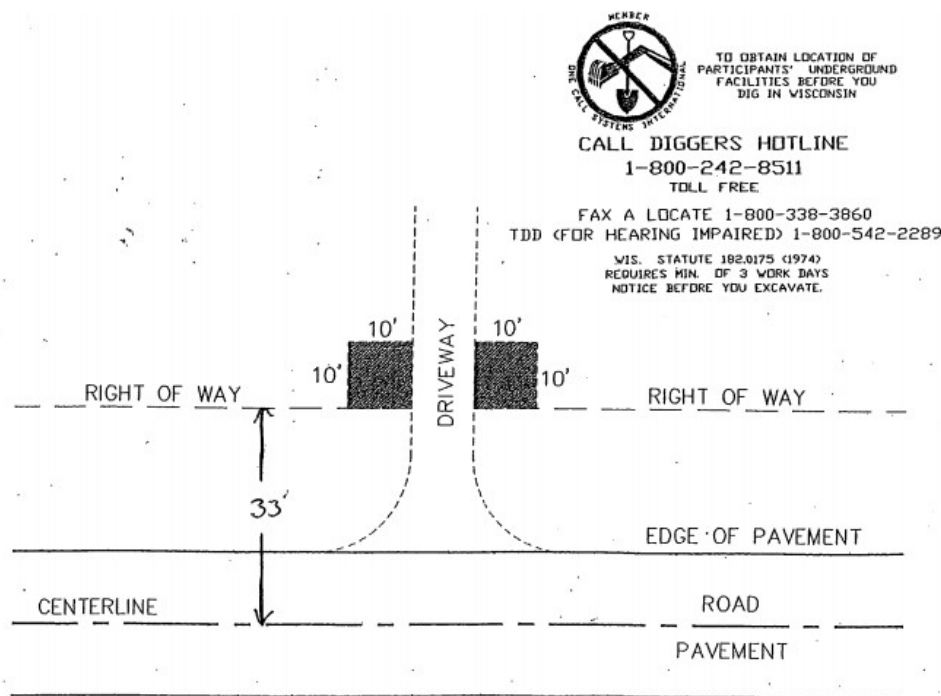
We have noticed that some residents have moved their fire numbers. Please review the information to follow and be sure your fire numbers are properly located.

Section 76.07 (1) Dane County Code of Ordinances provides that address numbers for buildings 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.

Police Department Report

Police Station
2560 Nora Road
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Dispatch: (608) 266-4948
Business Office: (608) 839-0560
Fax: (608) 873-5523

On behalf of the staff of the Town's Police Department, it is our privilege to provide you with this annual report. Deputy Steve French, Deputy Jen Grafton, Deputy Brian Biwer and myself, Lieutenant Gordon Bahler, would like to thank you for your support of your local police.

The staff of the Town's Police Department is dedicated to creating a Dane County community where citizens feel safe, served by a Sheriff's Office reflective of community diversity and guided by our fundamental values. We are an organization that is committed to providing a high level of service through professional service and partnerships.

The Town's Department currently consists of 3 patrol deputies which includes a K9 unit. The contracted staff of the Sheriff's Office serves businesses, schools, visitors and a population of over 3,000 residents. We provide 7 day a week services to our community which is spread across 36 square miles. At the monthly meeting of the Town Board a deputy provides a department report on all activities occurring in the previous month. We also attend monthly Municipal Court.

In addition to the contracted staff, we have the support of the Sheriff's Office patrol staff as well as all the investigative assets. We currently have two detectives operating out of the building. A Deputy available to the community and businesses as an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and a Probation and Parole Liaison from the Department of Corrections also have their offices at this location.

We have two squads assigned to the Town for patrol. A Crown Victoria, that was previously in service, was outfitted it with new equipment and used on a daily basis. Further, the Dane County Sheriff's Office leases a Ford Explorer Police Interceptor. The decal package was designed by Sheriff's Office staff and reflects the Town of Cottage Grove's partnership with the Dane County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Utrix, handled by Deputy Biwer, is a great asset included in the new contract. He is a patrol/narcotics detection dog who is capable of doing tracks on people as well. Since Utrix has been on the road, there have been several success stories to include finding drugs

in vehicles during traffic stops.

We have a tremendous self initiated call volume. There were 917 citations issued which have been directed at improving traffic safety and addressing residents' concerns for high volumes/speeds of commuter traffic on town roads. We have effectively lowered the speeds in trouble areas on township roads.

In addition to proactive traffic enforcement, we have placed speed signs, speed boards, and American Family Insurance "Slow Down" campaign signs within our community to educate and raise traffic safety awareness.

Looking back over the year we have had numerous calls for service. Calls for service have had a combined total of 2530 incidents. We were able to respond to and provide mutual aide to include crashes, EMS calls, domestic violence incidents, suicides, robberies, arson and a successful find for an elderly person that had wandered from her residence. To help us combat the heroin epidemic, we have added Naloxone kits to our AED's in our patrol vehicles.

We have made a great effort to get out and meet the business owners and residents in the town. We have implemented a reward for young people who are showing good behavior by giving them a free cookie coupon for Subway. This was provided to us as a tool from the owner of the Cottage Grove Subway. We supplied "Gifts for Kids" this year to under privileged children in the community for Christmas.

We are enthusiastic about the partnership we have formed with the Town of Cottage Grove. Our Core Values of Integrity, Respect, Professional Excellence, Courage, Leadership and Knowledge guide all of our actions as we perform our duties within the community.

We are committed to upholding our position of public trust. When our citizens feel safe, our community is able to function, grow and thrive. We are grateful for the opportunity you have given the Sheriff's Office to provide you the staff that is your primary law enforcement entity.

Always remember, if you see or hear something and it does not seem right to you, report it as soon as you can. You never know what crime you may prevent or solve by making that call.

Wishing you a joyful and prosperous 2016, your Town of Cottage Grove Police and the Dane County Sheriff's Office staff: Deputy Steve French, Deputy Jen Grafton, Deputy Brian Biber & K9 Utrix, Lieutenant Gordon Bahler

Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department Report

The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department is currently staffed by 39 active Volunteers and 7 honorary personnel from the Town and Village of Cottage Grove along with residents from 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 2,620 man-hours of training in 2015. The Prevention division conducts tours of the Emergency Services Building and fire prevention demonstrations to the schools and day care facilities throughout the year. The Inspection division conducted 252 inspection in the Town and Village of Cottage Grove in 2015.

The officers of the Cottage Grove Fire Department are:

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief	Tom Banigan, 1st Assistant Chief
Mark Kudrna, Captain	Jude Wolf, Captain
Jason Helgeland, Lieutenant	Justin Janisch, Lieutenant
April Hammond, Lieutenant	Jean Mueller, Lieutenant

The Fire Personnel/Honorary members are:

F.F. Dylan Anderson	F.F. Nick Archibald	H. George Ball
P.F. Cole Brown	P.F. Eric Bucholz	F.F. Charles Cluney
F.F. Jake Deon	P.F. Morgan Engels	H. Roger Floreke
F.F. Brandon Fritsch	F.F. Keith Gabrielse	H. Ken Gulbranson
H. Joel Hammond	F.F. Josh Hammond	P.F. Abigail King
H. Duane Kopp	P.F. Jason Kudrna	F.F. Tony Kudrna
F.F. Dennis Larson	F.F. Andrew Last	F.F. Kevin Laufenberg
F.F. Matt Mabie	F.F. Arlin Maag	P.F. Jack Mackesey
F.F. Casey Madden	F.F. Conner Mellom	H. Dick McCutchin
F.F. Tim Miller	F.F. Dale Mueller	P.F. Trevor Regali
F.F. Kyle Russell	F.F. Erik Severson	F.F. Lance Severson
H. Mark Severson	P.F. Alex Streber	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 286 calls in 2015, which was a 14% increase over 2014. The break-down of the calls were as follows: 99 in the Village, 84 in the Town of Cottage Grove, 66 in the Town of Pleasant Springs and 37 requests for Mutual Aid assistance to other communities.

This past year FF Dale Mueller passed away. While he had served our department for four years, he had also served Random Lake Fire Department for thirty years and the Adell Fire Department for six years, where he attained the rank of Chief.

The Department has had great success with its recruitment and has been able to add 3 new personnel in 2015. To learn more about who we are and what this Department does please refer to cottagegrovefire.org web site.

This past year the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) conducted an audit of our department. The audit reviewed the department's equipment, apparatus, staffing, water supply and dispatching capabilities. The Town of Cottage Grove's rating has now improved from a 6/9 to a 5/10. This new and improved rating now ranks the department within the top 20% of fire departments nationally.

The Fireman's Association, of which all the personnel are members, host the Annual Fireman's Festival. This event is held each year on Father's Day weekend. The Association utilizes some of the proceeds from the Fireman's Festival 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 an annual permit system for **ALL** open burning and campfires. Town residents can apply for their annual permit at the Town Hall during office hours, or online at http://burn_permit.towncg.net.

In case of an Emergency dial 911.

Stay safe and have a great year.

Respectfully,

Bruce Boxrucker, Chief.

Deer-Grove EMS Report

By Chief Duane Erschen

DGEMS is continually building a work environment that fosters employee / membership retention, where people feel compelled to stay and continue to offer their skills and service while becoming familiar with the people of our district. DGEMS remains strongly committed to developing a balance in the synergistic relationship of keeping alive its historical starting point through volunteerism, while building upon the firm commitments of carrier oriented members as well. Currently our staff consists of 14 volunteers, 4 honorary members, 8 new volunteers and candidates, 8 full-time paramedics, a full time paramedic Chief, and one part-time office manager. Our volunteer force donated 9,724 hours in 2015. That is an awesome resource to the community and we are thankful to them for their contribution!

2015 Calls by Area						
	Village CG	Town CG	Village DF	Town Pleasant Springs	Mutual Aid	Missed Calls
January	30	15	13	11	7	6
February	36	15	8	10	9	7
March	23	17	10	6	8	6
April	40	13	4	6	13	4
May	36	17	9	4	11	6
June	33	16	24	8	10	6
July	36	12	17	14	10	1
August	32	16	14	16	7	4
September	31	18	7	8	13	1
October	30	9	10	7	15	3
November	28	12	7	9	5	4
December	23	16	15	8	7	2
Municipality Total	378	176	138	107	115	50

Deer-Grove EMS Paramedics and EMTs are professionally trained health care providers who tirelessly devote themselves to being ready for the needs of our community. In a proactive desire to improve our communities' well-being we have established our "Community Paramedic" program. In 2015 we furthered this effort by offering

Fall Prevention Assessments as follow up to patients who have experienced a significant fall due to preventable measures. Deer Grove EMS, through the Community Medic program, offers to schedule a one-on-one in-home assessment for fall risks and other hazards. Also, if they would like, we can help residents make changes to their home so it is much safer. Another Community Medic related effort was a community-wide Hands Only CPR / CCR & AED (Automated External Defibrillator) program offered for the area. The intent of this was 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) have provided basic training on giving chest compressions, rescue breaths, the Heimlich maneuver, and information on how to recognize heart attack and stroke signs and symptoms.

Deer-Grove EMS also has a strong focus public relation efforts. We want the community that we serve to know we are here for them and we like to offer our skills and knowledge base to proactively help as we can. Part of what helps us fulfill this intention is offering official American Heart CPR classes for businesses and individuals who are interested to learn the life-saving techniques. If anyone is interested in obtaining this training they simply need to go to our website: www.deergroveems.com. DGEMS helped host several station tours for schools and interested community members. Some very important public relations events that we always cherish are participating in the Community Festivals in Cottage Grove and Deerfield. In the past couple of years we have handed out popsicles which is a big hit. And believe it or not, the list goes on...

A much more detailed 2015 Annual Report is available on the District's web site at <http://www.deergroveems.com>.

MISSION STATEMENT: DGEMS provides for the health and well-being of our communities with a team of professionals that are dedicated, knowledgeable and have a vested interest in our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT: DGEMS will be recognized as leaders in our profession and as positive community role models. We will provide exemplary services and patient care to our communities by investing in public education, training and teamwork. We will be accountable to each other, to our patients and to our communities. We will also strive to encourage one another's professional growth as we guide the department into the future.

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 2016 Events

Cottage Grove Triad is an organization of Cottage Grove seniors (50+), CG Police Department and the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Sponsored by RSVP of Dane County, it is part of the National Triad, which began 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 as noted below.

Most programs are free; refreshments are provided. Our 2016 programs are as follows:

Apr. 26 – 10:00 a.m. “Silver Alert and Care Trak”; (Taylor Ridge)

This program emphasizes relationship between law enforcement and people who may wander due to dementia, Downs Syndrome or Autism.

May 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m. - “What is Hoarding and What Can We Do About it?” (Taylor Ridge). Panel discussion with a variety of professionals on hoarding: what is it, how it affects one's safety and where one can get help.

June 28th – 10:00 a.m. “A Look at CCR and AED's with DeerGrove EMS Staff” (Taylor Ridge): EMTs will discuss and demonstrate two life-saving procedures anyone can perform: Chest Compression Resuscitation (CCR) and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (ARD). This is a hands-on program.

Aug. 8th – 12:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; “AARP Smart Driver Program” (Monona State Bank) **Reservations Required**; age 50+ only. Contact Diane, 839-8588. This 4-hour class will give you a thorough review of the ‘rules of the road’ with an emphasis on safety strategies for older drivers. Topics also include roundabouts and active defensive driving. The fee for this course is \$15 for AARP members (bring your card), \$20 for non-members which covers the cost of supplies. Check with your insurance company to see if you may be eligible for an insurance discount. Scholarships may be available. Snacks provided.

Aug. 22nd; 12:30 p.m. “CarFit: Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Perfect Fit”; (CG Safety Building). **Reservations required**; age 50+ only. Call Diane 839-8588. Trained professionals will ask you simple questions and complete a 12-point CarFit checklist. The entire process lasts about 20 minutes; you will leave with recommended car

adjustments and adaptations, a list of resources and great peace of mind. There is no charge.

Sept. 27 – 10:00 a.m. “Support Available for Individuals with Dementia and their Caregivers” (Taylor Ridge): Speaker Joy Schmidt, Dementia Care Specialist, ADRC of Dane County, will talk about dementia and how the ADRC can help caregivers. Ms. Schmidt will talk about cognitive screening, the LEEPS program, how to remain independent as long as possible, research studies and much more.

Sept. 30; 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Annual Triad Safety Conference: “Staying Safe in an Unsafe World” (American Family Insurance Training Center). This day includes a continental breakfast, lunch and many interesting speakers and workshops. There is a nominal cost which includes breakfast, coffee, lunch and snacks as well as all materials. **Registration required.**

Oct. 15 – 8:00 – noon. Car Winterization (Meineke Car Care): Cottage Grove Village Police will check your car’s safety equipment and Meineke employees will make sure that your car is ready for winter. **Reservations required; ages 50+ only.** Call Linda at 839-8208.

Oct. 25 – 10:00 a.m. “Know Your Community: Bring Your Questions; Receive Important Phone Numbers”; (Taylor Ridge): A panel of knowledgeable people will be able to answer those questions you’ve always wanted to ask such as water testing, electronics and hazardous waste pick up and much more. Part of the program will include which local/county agency to call when you have a problem and important phone numbers to keep handy.

Nov. 8 – 10:00 a.m. “Medicare Part D Plans” (Taylor Ridge): Matt Mabie, RPh and owner of Hometown Pharmacy in Cottage Grove, will talk about Medicare Part D drug plans, how to choose them, why you should or should not choose them, the basic background of the Part D program and what spending limits are in place for 2016. He will also cover information about Seniorcare and why it may be of benefit to some people. Bring any outdated or unused prescriptions or over the counter medicines that you no longer want and Matt will take care of them for you.

For information about Cottage Grove Triad programs and the Committee, please contact Linda (839-8208) or Diane (839-8588); wdwieden@frontier.com; <http://cottagegrovetriad.org>. Everyone is welcome to attend events, except those as listed above.

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 participate in a scheduled 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 Transit Solutions Inc. (294-8747) or Diane Wiedenbeck, 839-8588, if you have questions about this service.

Colonial Club Senior Activity Center

Greetings from the Colonial Club in Sun Prairie!

From all of us at the Colonial Club, we extend our deepest thanks to the Town of Cottage Grove for their continued support. In 2015, 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: 54 hours of case management services, 67 meals at the Colonial Club & 363 home-delivered meals. (These are just partial year numbers, as the end of the year reports have not yet been completed). 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.

With the number of people over the age of 60 steadily increasing, we expect demand for services will increase along with the population. To ensure that we can provide services to older adults in the Town of Cottage Grove, we need both financial and human support. If you can't make a financial contribution, consider becoming a volunteer. We especially need drivers to come to the Colonial Club and deliver meals in the Cottage Grove area. Please contact Kim Peterson, 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 18, 2016. 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 29th year. Our other fundraiser, "ColoniALE Fest" is a craft beer tasting that will be held on Friday, Nov. 4 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

P.O. Box 46
Cottage Grove , WI 53527

The Cottage Grove Area Historical Society (CGAHS) had its beginnings in 1976 when local residents were asked to contribute local history for Americas Bicentennial celebration. These individuals continued to meet and discuss the area's history.

In January 1989, the group became a nonprofit organization and obtained tax exempt status. With these qualifications, the CGAHS became eligible as an affiliate of Wisconsin's State Historical Society.

The CGAHS archives are presently located in the basement of Flynn Hall. Board members are in the process of photographing artifacts which will temporarily limit public access to the collections until this is completed.

The CGAHS typically meets at Flynn Hall the third Tuesday of each month @ 1PM. To see more of the societies activities visit Facebook @ www.facebook.com/CGWIAHS or stop at one of the groups brat feeds scheduled for June 24, August 5, and August 26 in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. Soon to be added is a CGAHS specific website.

For more information contact Dennis Bork at acres2@frontier.com or call 608-839-5578.

Stormwater Management



Keep Your Lawn Green and the Water Blue

Using too much fertilizer and other lawn care products can cause water pollution. The same rain that helps turn your lawn green can also wash excess fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants into the nearest creek, turning the water green, or worse. Much of it makes its way downstream through our roadside ditches to downstream lakes. To help prevent pollution, have your soil tested to determine how much fertilizer you really need. And use lawn care products as instructed on the product labels. Less is always more when it comes to water quality.

Fertilizer is a pollutant when it is washed off lawns and gardens into streams, rivers and other bodies of water. Fertilizer consists of plant nutrients that help plants grow and reproduce. In the water these nutrients feed naturally occurring algae and can lead to massive algae blooms, particularly during the warm summer months. An algae bloom is an explosion in the algae population that turns the water green, shutting out sunlight needed by bottom-growing plants and leading to oxygen depletion that kills fish and other aquatic creatures.

This season, try applying no more fertilizer than can actually be used by your lawn and the plants you are tending. Here are some practical tips which will limit the amount of fertilizer available to be washed into roadside ditches and downstream lakes and streams:

- Have your soil tested. Then apply only the kinds and amounts of nutrients that your grass and plants need.
- Once your soil has been tested, follow the instructions that come with commercial fertilizer to make sure you apply no more than is required.
- Apply fertilizer in the fall when it is most beneficial to cool season grasses and least likely to end up in runoff.
- Avoid leaving fertilizer on hard surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways where they are most likely to be washed into a storm ditch, where it will end up in a stream. Sweep fertilizer off hard surfaces onto the lawn or into the garden.
- If possible, avoid applying fertilizer just before a rain storm.

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 1-800-583-2510 to make arrangements.

Town of Cottage Grove Recycling Weeks (Shaded) 2016

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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 third annual curbside collection of electronic waste items (E-waste) will be during the week of May 16-20. On your normal pickup day during that week, place your discarded electronics out with your trash (this is not a recycling week).

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

Dane County Clean Sweep is a place to bring hazardous household materials such as Oil-Based Paints and Paint-Related Products, Pesticides & Poisons, Household Products Containing Organic Solvents, Ignitables, and Aerosols, and Rechargeable Batteries. Clean Sweep is located at 7102 US Hwy 12, Madison WI 53718, (Beltline/12/18 East toward Cambridge) across from the Yahara Hills Golf Course at the Dane County Landfill and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Tuesdays – Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays.

FEES APPLY.

- Dane County Households & Farms: \$10.00 per trip for all household hazardous waste and electronics. One television or computer monitor is included with the trip fee. Additional televisions and monitors will be billed at an additional \$10.00 each.
- Businesses: Fees based on weight and type of waste. Businesses must qualify as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG's) and must schedule an appointment prior to bringing wastes to the collection facility.

Payment accepted by cash, Visa or Mastercard for payment of the trip and CRT fees. Businesses must pay with Mastercard or Visa when dropping off materials. For more information, call 608-838-3212, or see www.danecountycleansweep.com.

Town Calendar of Events

Meeting and other required notices are posted at the Town Hall 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

	<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 – Viken Inspection Agency, LLC 5116 Pierceville Road	837-3371 837-1043 Fax
Town Assessor - Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. 1314 W. College Ave., P.O. Box 2111 Appleton, WI 54912-2111 www.apraz.com	800-721-4157
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
<u>Utility and Service Providers:</u>	
Advanced Disposal (Trash and Recyclables collection) www.advanceddisposal.com	800-583-2510
Alliant Energy (Gas and Electric) Customer Service/Billing Electric Emergency/Outage Gas Emergency www.alliantenergy.com	800-862-6222 800-862-6261 800-862-6263
AT & T (Telephone and Internet) Repair Service www.att.com	800-288-2020 800-246-8464
Charter Communications (Cable/Telephone/Internet) www.charter.com	888-438-2427
Frontier (Telephone and Internet) www.frontier.com	877-462-8188
Madison Gas & Electric (Gas and Electric) www.mge.com	608-252-1111
We Energies (Electric) www.we-energies.com	800-662-4797