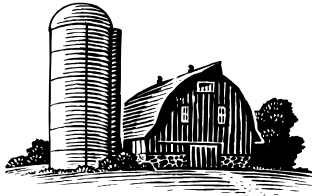


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**Monthly Board Meetings**

Sep 12

Oct 10

Nov 14

Dec 12

**Budget Hearing**

(To be announced)

**Summer 2007**

**Tire Day & So Much More!**

By Sharon Schwab, Chair

Last year the Town of Grant began sending all its commingled container recyclables to the Portage County Materials Recovery Facility. Then, just after the spring election, the board formalized this commitment to the county by signing a Recycling Processing & Education Cooperative Agreement with the Solid Waste Department. This has already translated into savings for our residents – both environmental and financial.

In May our Transfer Station was the site of a county-wide tire collection day and in just eight hours town employees processed nearly 3000 waste tires from town and county residents. One farmer brought in more than 400 tires – WOW! In past years it cost our taxpayers about \$1500 to conduct this annual event; however this year a grant received by the Solid Waste Department defrayed the cost of both tire recycling and labor!

In this issue you'll find articles about plastics' recycling, composting and more. I hope you will do your part to help reduce the amount of garbage by recycling or composting your materials whenever possible. The less garbage you make the less it costs our taxpayers in solid waste disposal. Please do your part. Thank you.

**Transfer Station Hours**

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>Jun - Aug</b>	11AM-7PM	9AM-5PM
Sep - Oct	11AM-5PM	9AM-5PM
Nov - Mar	11AM-4PM	9AM-4PM
Apr - May	11AM-5PM	9AM-5PM



**Roads, roads, roads....**  
(Look inside for more details!)

**Aging and Disability Resources Center**  
By Carrie Placeway, Director  
Transportation and Adult Day Center, Portage County

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Portage County is located in downtown Stevens Point. While the offices may be in the city, the agency provides a wide variety of services to seniors, adults with disabilities, and their families and caregivers throughout Portage County. Some of the services offered to Town of Grant residents are contracted through Wood County due to the close proximity to the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin located in Wisconsin Rapids. These services include transportation options like volunteer drivers and home-delivered meals. Although Wood County may be providing the service, people interested in receiving the service should still contact the ADRC of Portage County to make the arrangements. Other services available to Town of Grant residents and other Portage County citizens include information about community resources, assistance accessing public and private programs/services, public benefits counseling, volunteer programs, caregiver support and services, prevention programs, educational and recreational classes, a senior craft outlet, and Adult Day services.

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Portage County offers many volunteer opportunities both within ADRC programs and services, as well as out throughout the community. One such opportunity is the Volunteer Escort Driver Program. Many older adults and people with disabilities rely on Volunteer Escort Drivers to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping and nutrition program dining sites, and other essential personal business. Transportation services are more than a ride. The face-to-face personal contact between a driver and the rider provides a safety check to a person who may be frail, isolated, or at-risk. **We are in need of volunteers in the Town of Grant and surrounding areas to fill this crucial role.** Volunteer drivers enjoy the flexibility and variety that this volunteer activity provides. All rides are set up through the ADRC of Portage County and are generally for neighbors and other town residents who live close to the driver. Drivers are provided with training and are reimbursed the IRS mileage rate.

For more information about services available or to learn how to become a volunteer, please contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Portage County at 346-1401, stop in at Lincoln Center – 1519 Water St., Stevens Point, or link to us from the web at [www.co.portage.wi.us/adrc](http://www.co.portage.wi.us/adrc).



### Town of Grant Zoning Fees – Effective January 1, 2007

Type	Conservancy/Residential/Agricultural	Commercial/Industrial
New residence including mobile home (new or old) & commercial/industrial building	\$200.00	\$400.00
Additions: Primary residence or Commercial/Industrial Building	\$100.00	\$200.00
Establish an address	\$30.00	\$30.00
Moving a previously located residence or commercial/industrial building into the town	\$300.00	\$400.00
Moving residence or commercial/industrial building within the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving accessory building within the town	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moving accessory building into the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving building through the town on town roads	\$30.00	\$30.00
Accessory building or addition under \$1000 or 100 square feet or less	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory building or addition above 100 square feet to 200 square feet	\$30.00	\$60.00
Accessory building or addition above 200 square feet to 2500 square feet	\$50.00	\$100.00
Accessory building or addition above 2500 square feet	\$75.00	\$150.00
Razing any building	\$15.00	\$15.00
Signs and Billboards	\$25.00	\$50.00
Public hearing fees	\$150.00	\$300.00
Quarrying – Permitted Use	\$50.00	NA
<b>Penalties – Failure to purchase a permit prior to construction, moving or demolition shall result in twice the cost of such permits. Fees are charged by current zoning district or proposed zoning district the time of construction.</b>	Contact: Marty Rutz, Zoning Administrator Telephone: 335-6835	

## **2007 Construction Update**

By Jim Wendels, Supervisor

This summer has been very busy for us on various construction projects occurring throughout our Town. Our employees continue to supplement the contractor's work forces by providing operations such as clearing and grubbing, ditch cleaning, cutting new ditches, cutting back the sod adjacent to the roadways, shaping newly placed gravel, installing culverts and shouldering. By performing these activities with our own equipment and labor we are able to save money by not paying a contractor to complete these necessary tasks.

Construction projects and their corresponding prime contractors are listed below. All projects have already begun or are already complete and all projects must be completed by September 1, 2007:

1. Pulverize and Re-laid Pavement/Add Base Course – American Asphalt
  - a. 90<sup>th</sup> Street (Quarry Road – CTH W)
    - i. We will target paving this segment with asphalt in 2008
2. Base Course/Double Chip Seal Coat – Fahrner Asphalt
  - a. Pine Street (CTH U to 90<sup>th</sup> Street)
    - i. We worked with the farmer on this segment to configure their driveways to minimize turning movements on the chip seal by approaching and leaving the fields at an angle. The final roadway will consist of a 20' driving surface with 2' gravel shoulders on each side.
3. Asphalt Overlays
  - a. White Pine Drive (CTH U – Deer Road) – Wood County Hwy. Dept.
    - i. Town crews performed total re-grading and shaping of the roadway ditches and culverts to improve drainage within the area and the roadway has been widened to a 20' driving surface with 2' gravel shoulders on each side.
  - b. CTH U/Pine Street Intersection – Wood County Hwy. Dept.
    - i. Supplements the double coat chip seal by having majority of heavy turning movements done on the asphalt versus the chip seal.
  - c. 90<sup>th</sup> Street/Pine Street Intersection - Wood County Hwy. Dept.
    - i. Supplements the double coat chip seal by having majority of heavy turning movements done on the asphalt versus the chip seal.
  - d. CTH U/Washington Street Intersection – American Asphalt
    - i. This project will improve the safety at this intersection by providing a paved approach to eliminate the gravel wash boarding effect that is so frequent at this location and which makes it difficult to slow down and stop.
4. Pulverize & Re-Laid Pavement/Base Course/Asphalt Concrete
  - a. 100<sup>th</sup> Street (Lake Road – Grant Street) – American Asphalt

- i. This project is reconstructing this segment of roadway and includes widening the roadway surface with a 20' driving surface and 2' gravel shoulders on each side.
5. Joint and Crack Sealant – Fahrner Asphalt
  - a. Griffith Street (CTH U – 90<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - b. 90<sup>th</sup> Street (CTH W – Griffith Street)
  - c. 90<sup>th</sup> Street (CTH WW – Lake Road)
  - d. Evergreen Avenue (CTH U – 105<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - e. Oak Street (110<sup>th</sup> Street – CTH F)
  - f. Mill Road (CTH U – 100<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - g. Lake Road (90<sup>th</sup> Street – 110<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - h. Lake Road (110<sup>th</sup> Street – CTH F)
  - i. Prairie Drive (CTH F – 125<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - j. 110<sup>th</sup> Street (Lake Road – Grant Street)
  - k. Grant Street (100<sup>th</sup> Street – 110<sup>th</sup> Street)

The total cost of all projects will be approximately \$162,000 and that takes us close to our budgeted amount for construction in calendar year 2007. If the projects run under our budgeted amount it is possible we could entertain other smaller projects in the fall season as all contractors agreed to honor their unit prices for additional work if budget allows.

Upon completion of our active construction projects listed above, the list of maintenance projects we'd like to work on yet this summer and fall is as follows:

1. 110<sup>th</sup> Street (Quarry Road – CTH W)
  - a. Excavate soft spots and backfill with sand
  - b. Add gravel to the entire roadway
2. 110<sup>th</sup> Street (Griffith Street – CTH WW)
  - a. Excavate soft spots and backfill with sand
  - b. Add gravel to the entire roadway
3. Washington Street (Culvert crossing – 90<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - a. Excavate soft spots and backfill with sand
  - b. Add gravel to the entire roadway
4. Townline Road
  - a. Excavate soft spots and backfill with sand
  - b. Add granite to the entire roadway

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#### **Threats to our Woodlands**

As of January 2007 a nonnative insect, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in four Midwestern states. EAB only attacks ash trees. EAB has not been detected in Wisconsin but can be identified by unusual sprouts or D-shaped exit holes on the trunk. To prevent spread of EAB:

- Leave firewood at home – do not transport it to campgrounds or parks
- Use firewood from local sources
- If you have moved firewood, burn all of it before leaving your campsite.

For more information about EAB call 1-866-322-4512 or [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

For information about gypsy moths call 1-800-642-MOTH or [gypsymoth.wi.gov](http://gypsymoth.wi.gov)

To prevent the spread of oak wilt DO NOT PRUNE oaks from April 1 – November 1.

## **Yard Materials Management at Home**

By Kathy Powell, Education & Program Specialist  
Recycling Connections, Portage County

The Town of Grant strongly encourages residents to recycle their leaves, grass clippings and garden debris at home to enrich their soil. You can:

**LEAVE GRASS CLIPPINGS ON YOUR LAWN!** Grass clippings are rich in nitrogen. Clippings help retain moisture, but do not promote thatch.

**CUT IT HIGH!** Let your grass grow to 3-3 1/2:" before cutting it back to 2 1/2 - 3". This promotes deeper roots, shades out weeds and reduces the amount of time you spend on mowing, bagging and raking. Be sure your mower blade is sharp.

**USE GRASS CLIPPINGS FOR MULCH!** Mulch your gardens, flower beds and around trees and shrubs with grass clippings. Keep clippings away from tree trunks. Herbicide treated grass should not be used as mulch for 6 weeks after application. Treated grass can be composted or left on the lawn. Do not compost if treated with DOW chemicals Confront (or other herbicides containing clopyralid or picloram).

### **MAKE COMPOST TO IMPROVE SANDY SOIL, HOLD MOISTURE AND GROW HEALTHY PLANTS!**

- Put a layer of coarse sticks or garden debris in the bottom of a compost bin
- Mix equal weights of green yard trimmings with brown dried leaves or small brush (less than 1/2" in diameter). Always have a brown layer on top.
- Add water with each couple of layers. Keep the pile sponge damp at all times.
- Turn the pile occasionally.
- In about 12-18 months the center and bottom of the pile will be crumbly compost.

#### **For faster compost**

- Chop up or mix the green and brown yard materials before composting
- Keep pile moist and turn every week or two. Pile will heat up as bacteria multiply and breakdown materials
- Finished compost ready in 3-6 months
- Use in your garden or as a mulch

To learn what you can and should not compost go to [www.recyclingconnections.org](http://www.recyclingconnections.org) and click on "Updates Compost Handouts". To purchase a Home Compost Bin call the Portage County Solid Waste & Recycling Line at 345-5972.



## Road Report

By Dick Kertis, Supervisor

We had a short hectic winter (a couple days blizzard), some rainy weather and now quite a bit of dust since our last newsletter. Although it's been a challenge, we've managed to keep most of our 116 miles of roads in pretty decent shape (at least passable).

First we had to wait until the four foot deep frost left before we could grade some of the sheltered roads. Then we had a little rainy spell, so it was too sloppy to grade. Once it started to dry out it eventually got too dry but most roads were pretty well shaped up by this time. We've gotten a little rain lately but the way the roads shed water it soon turns back to dust.

Most of our paved roads aren't getting any newer so a lot of new potholes appeared along with a lot of old patched ones that reappeared. Environmental cracks repairs (straight across) on some of the older asphalt roads were made. A single one mile stretch required 30,000 pounds of material to level it out (this is all done by hand I might add).

The early warm up and some moisture really helped the roadside weeds and grass to grow to a good height, but we had all roads mowed prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Garry prepared Pine Street so it was ready for the gravel base which was applied the second week of July. This required reducing the 5% crown to a 2% for the finished paved surface.

Equipment wise, all pieces are operational. Several more modifications or upgrades have been made to improve the operation and save time changing implements on the John Deere 7320. All 3-point hitch implements are now modified to fit the new quick-attach adapter on the 7320 tractor. This allows us to switch implements in a fraction of the time it used to take.

The rubber-tired wobble wheel compactor has been modified by installing 2 slide-out bottom gates so the tons of ballast can be "drained" rather than shoveled out. The inside of the ballast box was cleaned, sanded, acid washed and painted. A heavier counter-weight was installed on the heavy "woods" brush mower to take excess weight off the solid rubber depth guide wheels. This should eliminate the numerous failures of these wheels and will help these from sinking in on soft shoulders. Finally, a manual indicator was fabricated and installed on the J.B. tractor leader. This shows the operator when the bucket is level for digging so he can load much faster.

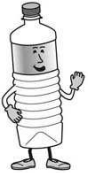


## Plastics Recycling in 2007

By Juanita Keller, Program & Administrative Manager  
Recycling Connections, Portage County



**Plastics: Check for a neck!** The only plastics accepted for recycling must have a neck and must be a # 1 or # 2. Check for a threaded bottle opening that is smaller at the top than the bottom and is marked #1 or #2 on the bottom of the container; includes plastic water, soda, laundry and dish detergent, shampoo, and milk bottles.



Plastic bottle recyclers use these plastic bottles to produce, among other things, fabric, carpeting, building materials and new bottles. Recycling is no longer just about saving landfill space and protecting the environment; more and more, recycling means providing raw materials that help grow our economy. Recycling is definitely worth the effort!

**Exceptions:** NO plastic motor oil bottles and NO #1 brown plastic bottles!

**Plastic cups, pails and tubs are not accepted at this time** (no matter what the number is.) Manufacturers are not currently accepting these plastics. Please reuse or place in trash.

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