

Town of Plover

5081 HOOVER AVENUE-SOUTH
PLOVER, WI 54467

UPDATES

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

CHAIRMAN KARCHESKI:

2012 HIGHWAY PROJECTS:

Poplar Drive: Chip seal

Prairie Drive: Chip seal

Shady Drive: Reconstructed shoulders

Hoover Ave: Reconstructed shoulders

Town employees continue cutting brush, mowing and crack filling as well as reclaiming ditches by pulling gravel back onto the road and restoring the crown of the road to allow greater drainage – thus preserving our roads.

WINTER PLOWING: Residents with medical conditions can prioritize their roads to be plowed first – notify the Town of Plover Clerk or Chairman of your need.

Please don't park your car on town roads during and immediately after a snow storm to allow adequate space for plowing operations.

Free sand/salt for residential use will be available again this year – bring your own container.

ROAD REPORT: The Town of Plover is unique and special – a township where diverse agriculture and residential interests meet “on the road”.

To thank area farmers for communications they provided during the past harvest season is appropriate – timely communications have helped maintain our roads. On a couple roads, gravel was provided by the farmer, farm equipment was used to keep ditches mowed around their fields, and they helped in grading certain roads and have donated labor in other cases.

It is critical that the Town of Plover continue to work with all farmers in the maintenance of our rural roads.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The Portage County Planning and Zoning Dept. provides a monthly report based on permit activity. Permit activity for the last few years in the Town of Plover has resulted in total construction costs - as reported on permits – (most significant category is noted in parenthesis) as follows:
2009 - \$1,806,500 – (Residential \$817,000)
2010 - \$3,844,900 – (Commercial \$2,290,000)
2011 - \$4,042,350 – (Commercial \$2,310,000)
Thru 10/31: \$2,026,000 – (Commercial \$700,000)

UPCOMING EVENTS: For the first time since 1982, Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is coming to Portage County and bringing 80,000 people to our area for this three day event! With a projected cost of over a million dollars, Portage County has committed to raising

\$200,000 locally to showcase our local businesses and the power of our agriculture.

The Town of Plover is excited to be a part of this 2014 statewide event – hosted by Ken Feltz Farms and Blue Top Farms, with additional land made available for farm demonstrations thru the cooperation of Myron Soik and Sons, Inc., and Greg Kizewski and Sons, Inc.

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is a three-day event showcasing the latest developments in production agriculture, practical applications including recent research and technological developments. This is the largest agricultural show in the state with more than 600 commercial and educational vendors. Sponsorships and volunteers will make this event a huge success; contact Tom Coleman (715-302-2627) for information and the forms needed to help you become a part of this event.

SUGGESTIONS: We are looking for creative ideas - to save money – to provide new services – to correct a problem. Please contact the Town Clerk at 715-344-7684 or the Town Chairman at 715-630-5493 with your suggestion, concern or reaction.

Our town board meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month; we need you and your opinions to help make our community a better place to live.

SUPERVISOR BENTLEY: In 2005, the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Town of Plover as a planning tool to be used by the town as well as the county to support administration of zoning and future development – a “look ahead” projection of the Town of Plover for the next several years.

The State of Wisconsin mandated that each municipality’s Comprehensive Plan define housing, transportation, utilities and community facilities, agriculture, natural and cultural resources, economic development, intergovernmental cooperation, and land use as well as issues and opportunities as each of these elements might relate to a specific municipality.

Times change – and in 2011, the Town of Plover began a review of the existing Plan. This review has progressed to considering land-use needs in the future such as residential, commercial, agricultural, governmental, right-of-ways, parks, industrial and undeveloped - decisions which will determine future zoning restrictions.

Meetings are open to all of you – as property owners in the Town of Plover your input is essential if the review effort is going to be successful. All meetings are posted on the town’s posting boards, advertised in the local papers under “Government Meetings” as well as listed on the website -

TOWNOFPLOVER.COM

SUPERVISOR FIRKUS: The Town of Plover has created a committee to study the feasibility of creating ATV routes as well as the legal and financial implications of having ATV routes in our town. After 9 months of reviewing similar efforts in Pine Grove as well as in Adams, Clark and Vilas counties, and seeking information from the Wis. ATV Assoc. and WDNR, a draft ordinance was submitted to the town board suggesting opening 25 town roads for ATV routes. With concern regarding safety issues and signage needs, the Town Board returned the suggestion to the committee asking that only one or two roads be identified which would provide a connecting link to/from another municipality, and which would

provide an economic advantage to the Town of Plover...so the Committee goes back to work – needing to gain agreement and partnership with a neighboring municipality as well as any involved landowner.

All Committee meetings are posted and published – these meetings are open to the public; this committee and the Town Board need to be aware of your concerns and interests in this effort.

SUPERVISOR ROWE: This fall the Portage County Planning and Zoning Department presented proposed changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance at an informational meeting well attended by representation from the Town of Plover. As a result, our insights and questions were shared at a local Wisconsin Towns Association meeting involving other municipalities in the county to encourage those town boards to consider the impact of shoreland setbacks and restrictions which seemed to exceed state recommendations and to ask that they review these changes locally before the ordinance was changed.

We are looking forward to working with the county to address these concerns prior to the county’s approval of this ordinance.

SUPERVISOR SNIADAJEWSKI: The Town of Plover has extended their contract for the processing of solid waste and recyclables with Portage County’s Transfer Facility thru 2019.

In addition, the current contract with Veolia for curbside pick-up of garbage and recycling has also been extended thru 2019. For 2013, this contract establishes monthly costs per-residence for curb-side pickup of \$8.56 for garbage plus \$1.94 for recycling;

in addition there is a fuel surcharge if \$4.10 per gallon for #2 diesel is exceeded at the gas pump.

The Town of Plover’s day for curb-side pick-up will not change – Thursdays - with recycling pick-up every two weeks.

The cost of this service is substantial but recycling as much as possible helps reduce the cost of curb-side pickup to the Town since the County returns a percent of their profit from recycled materials to the town ...so, the more we recycle, the more the Town will benefit.

Another way you can help the town is to drop off old electronics, appliances, microwaves and items containing metal or wiring – place these items in the RED dumpster. The Town gets paid for these items and this money helps offset the cost of the “general” dumpster that **residents** can use for the hard-to-get-rid-of items such as mattresses or furniture. **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN EITHER DUMPSTER!**

CLERK’S CORNER: Six elections kept everyone busy during 2012! November 6th statistics: with a total population of 1710, 79.9% of those over 18 years of age voted! 83.4% of our 1,057 registered voters cast a ballot! And, 19.7% of those voting cast their ballots as absentee voters - many by voting early in the clerk’s office.

Now, in 2013, four of our town board offices (two-year terms) are up for election:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Town Chairman	Tim Karcheski
Town Supervisor	Jim Rowe
Town Supervisor	Bill Sniadajewski
Town Clerk/Treas.	Joan Scheider

Nomination papers for all offices are available in the town office. Election will be held on April 2nd in 2013 and if a primary is necessary, that would be held on February 19th.

Anyone interested in running for the office of Clerk/Treasurer is encouraged to contact the Town Office - not only for nomination papers - but for any background and explanation desired regarding this office.

HISTORIC RECORDS: Various old records of the Town of Plover have been reviewed by the State Historical Society and, subsequently, released to the custody of the Portage County Historical Society.

The State Historical Society is interested in cataloging additional documents which will then be returned to either UWSP or the Portage County Historical Society such as Official Canvass Records and Poll List from 1854, the 1863 Vol. 1 Assessment Roll for the "Village of Stanton", Board of Health records from 1920, Poor Relief records from 1936 and Town Board Minutes for the period from 1947 to 1990.

Anytime between now and prior to release, these records are available for public viewing at the town hall – just call the town office at 715-344-7684 for an appointment.

DOG LICENSING – 2013:

Licensing begins January 1st - **all you need is proof of your pet's current rabies vaccination.** The cost – prior to April 1st if spayed or neutered is \$8.00; if male or female, the cost is \$18. After April 1st the late fee increases the license cost by \$5.

Keep in mind – the citation to an owner for an unlicensed dog will range between \$169 and \$263.50 - so **buying that license is really a good deal!** The town's cost for the Portage County Animal Control Contract with the Humane Society is reduced proportionately based on the number of licenses issued.

A letter from the Sheriff's Office has been included as the last page of this newsletter –

PLEASE READ!

170 dogs were licensed in the Town of Plover this year; there is a statistic - 1 dog for every 3.5 persons - so with 1710 residents, that means there are 488 dogs in the town – of which 318 are not licensed! The town keeps \$2 for each license sold plus late fees – in 2012, a total of \$460 – in other words, of the 170 dogs – 24 dogs were licensed after April 1 and each owner could have saved \$5 on each of those dogs by not incurring the late fee!

We can do better than that! In 2013 the town hopes to hold a clinic, in cooperation with the Humane Society, on a Saturday, for the administration of rabies shots and the issuing of a license. **Let's go for 100%!**

INVOLVED IN OUR TOWN:

ATV COMMITTEE:

Eugene Pavelski, Chair
Mike Schoenholz, Secretary
Joe Firkus

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Tim Karcheski, Chair
Joan Scheider, Secretary
Roger Bentley
Jim Garbe
Marlene Rowe

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Don Hamerski, Chair
Tim Karcheski, Vice Chair
Marlene Rowe, Secretary
Tom Altman
Richard Pingel
Doug Ross
Merridee West-Trzebiatowski

BOARD OF REVIEW:

Tim Karcheski, Chair
Joan Scheider, Clerk
Roger Bentley
Joe Firkus
Jim Rowe
Bill Sniadajewski
David Schaub
James Garbe
Barb Karcheski
Deborah Sniadajewski
Jack Eckerson
Gerry Kuhnke

ELECTION OFFICIALS:

Jean Kuhnke, Chief
Marlene Rowe, Chief
Shirley Ciesielski, Greeter
Penny Eckerson, Greeter
Elsie Isherwood, Inspector
Marcella Jurgella, Inspector
Barb Karcheski, Inspector
Gerry Kuhnke, Inspector
Terry Lee, Inspector
Annette Pendergast, Inspector
Germaine Rajkowski, Inspector
Orin Sayner, Inspector

**GROUNDWATER CITIZENS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Barb Feltz, Town Representative
Nancy Lila, Alternate

**URBAN AREA STEERING
COMMITTEE:**

Tim Karcheski
Joe Firkus
Jim Rowe, Alternate

TOWN BOARD:

CHAIRMAN: Tim Karcheski 715-630-5493
SUPERVISORS: Roger Bentley 715-498-6707
Joe Firkus 715-341-1041
Jim Rowe 715-341-4124
Bill Sniadajewski 715-341-5290
CLERK/TREAS: Joan Scheider 715-345-9390

TOWN OFFICE: 715-344-7684
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TOWN OF PLOVER STAFF:

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BLDG. INSPECTOR: Mike Bembenek

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

SUPERINTENDENT
OF HIGHWAYS Tim Karcheski 715-630-5493

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES:

LEAD: Richard Barden
David Dombrowski Dustin Karcheski
Dylan Karcheski Cory Pliska
Jim Rowe Jerry Riske

PROVIDING TOWN SERVICES

SNOW PLOWING GRADING
PATCHING CRACKS PICKING UP DEBRIS
MOWING & TRIMMING INSTALLING SIGNS
SIGN INVENTORY TOOL INVENTORY
POWER WASHING OF TRUCKS
FACILITY & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF BLUEBIRD PARK
AND ALL TOWN PROPERTY

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In closing, we would like to thank all residents in the Town of Plover for allowing us the privilege of serving you. We operate with an “open door” – please contact us with any questions or concerns you might have – or your interest to help: call 715-630-5493 to talk with Chairman Karcheski, call a Supervisor, the clerk – or the town office at 715-344-7684.

**FROM ALL OF US,
A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY
SEASON!**