

# Town of Plover

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# UPDATES

**CHAIRMAN KARCHESKI:** It's that time of year again when local farmers head to fields with large equipment. The Town of Plover is very unique in having not only diverse agriculture but significant residential interests – especially when it comes to roads. The town board recently invited several farms in to a town board meeting to discuss large equipment use of roads.

Communications is a key to help maintain roads which could be damaged by large equipment. Some of the ideas from this very productive meeting: communications is a good maintenance policy, use of one-way roads during certain farming seasons and the willingness of farms to help maintain and repair roads used by their equipment.

This can be a win-win situation which will aid in the longevity of the town's road system.

*THANK YOU* to area farmers for helping control vegetation along roadways. To widen and to raise the south portion of Jackson Avenue for better draining, Hamerski Farms provided labor, fill and equipment.

With 1715 residents in the Town of Plover, there are 16,211 agricultural acres of which 12,794 acres irrigated.

## 2013 HIGHWAY PROJECTS:

A portion of Cardinal Drive was repaved as well as part of River Heights Drive; to help drain water from the roadway and prevent the edge of the road from breaking off – shoulders were reconstructed on Hoover Avenue, sections of Birch Drive and Prairie Drive.

Town employees cut brush, mowed ditches and crack filled, repaired potholes and, on gravel roads, pulled gravel out from the ditches to reclaim the ditch and restore a crown to roads – again to increase drainage and preserve our roads.

Town of Plover covers 40.6 square miles; 70.66 road miles are certified for state aid of which 59.77 miles are blacktop or chip seal leaving 10.89 miles as gravel or dirt.

## ENCROACHMENT OF ROAD

**RIGHT-OF-WAY:** An encroachment is any unauthorized object located partially or wholly within the highway right-of-way. This includes, but is not limited to buildings, signs, fences, or other objects and unpermitted uses such as parking lots and driveways. The state does not allow encroachment within the state highway right-of-way. Statutes direct the Town of Plover to maintain the highway right-of-way free and clear of encroachments – this includes rural areas. *Please reference Wisconsin State Statute 82 regarding road right-of-way.*

## **FELTZ FARM ON PORTER DRIVE**

### **HOST OF**

**PORTAGE COUNTY JUNE DAIRY DAYS**

### **AND**

**WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS**

**IN AUGUST 2014**

## **SUPERVISOR DUSTIN CHECK:**

**TIS THE SEASON** - spring planting will be underway by the time you receive this newsletter. If you meet large farm tractors and equipment on the road, PLEASE slow down or pull over. Even tho driving down the road may look easy, to the operator, it is not! You need to give that operator as much room as possible – he is concerned about your safety as well as the need to navigate around signs, dodge mail boxes and pot holes all while keeping his equipment on the road. Remember – this little bit of consideration is for safety’s sake!

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## **SUPERVISOR ROGER BENTLEY:**

### **SO HOW WIDE IS A ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY?**

The Town of Plover maintains that a road is the width of 66 feet – that is, 33 feet from the center of the road. Within the right-of-way of typical roads, one can find public facilities, driving surface, shoulders, road drainage systems, aerial and underground public utilities and traffic signs. Property owners are allowed to install a mail box meeting the guidelines of the USPS.

Town employees trim and cut brush to improve safety; traffic is impeded whenever trees, brush or vegetation come in contact with a vehicle traveling in the lane of traffic or on road shoulders; trees or brush which pose a risk of falling onto the road may also be removed.

Feel free to call members of the town board about questions or concerns relating to right-of-way maintenance; we need your input.

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## **SUPERVISOR JOE FIRKUS:**

### **ARE ATV ROUTES COMING TO THE TOWN OF PLOVER?**

Hopefully! After almost 2 years of study our committee, aided by DNR, has a route plan and is making sign proposals to the town board. We will not use taxpayers’ dollars to purchase signs but are looking at tourism development support from room tax, donations and fund raising. Meetings are always posted and we’d like to hear from all of you.

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## **MORE FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

- Goldensands Speedway: fastest 1/3 mile race track in country! Racing starts in May - [√ goldensandsspeedy.com](http://goldensandsspeedy.com)
- Galecke Park – great fishing, skiing and recreational boating
- Bluebird Park – only disc golf course in Plover; also soccer field, goal posts, softball backboard and picnic tables.
- Boston School Forest: used by schools
- Ditches: great trout fishing

## **SUPERVISOR JIM GARBE:**

### **A GEM RIGHT IN THE TOWN OF PLOVER!**

The Wisconsin River runs about 11.4 miles from the spillway below the Whiting dam to the Biron Dam in Wood County with at least 26 islands of which the largest island - privately owned - exceeds 275 acres in size.

Popular for boating, waterskiing, fishing and lounging on sand bars, and access to explore the backwaters of Rocky Run, Mill Creek, Love Creek and Halladay Creek feeder streams.

Access points in the Town of Plover:

**Galecke Park**, located at the end of Park Drive; with two concrete ramps and a floating dock for boat launches, ample parking and picnic grounds with limited facilities.

**Forest Lake Subdivision**, just off Highway 54 about 4 miles west of the village; unimproved public access with launching for canoes, kayaks and small boats by a carry of about 100 yards with access to upper portion of Love Creek.

**Pierce Avenue**, intersects with Highway 54 about 5 miles west of the village; unimproved access point with gravel launching ramp and some parking, located where the mouth of Love Creek intersects with the Wisconsin River – directly across the river from the confluence of Mill Creek and Rocky Run.

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## **NEW BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

- **Brooks Equipment**, located on Prairie Drive, just off Interstate 39 – selling & servicing large road equipment.
- **K&S Auto Repair**, on Harding Avenue, a great vehicle repair center.
- New Management at both the **Best Western and the Elizabeth Inn** – located on Harding Avenue, just off I39; check them out for your next big event.
- **Kwik Trip**, another business located on Harding Avenue – on Highway 54 just off I39 – a state-of-the-art truck stop!
- **Bieri Cheese Company**, to be located just off Highway 54 – will be opening later this year.

**CLERK'S CORNER:** No changes to our Town Board this year – however, in 2015, candidates for the chair, two supervisors and the clerk/treasurer will be considered.

## **2014 TOWN BOARD**

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Chair -Tim Karcheski	4/2015
Supervisor Roger Bentley	4/2016
Supervisor Dustin Check	4/2015
Supervisor Joe Firkus	4/2016
Supervisor Jim Garbe	4/2015
Clerk/Treasurer Joan Scheider	4/2015

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**DOG LICENSING - 2014:** As of April 15, 108 dogs were licensed this year as compared to 117 thru the same date in 2013.

Keep in mind – the Portage County Sheriff's citation to an owner for an unlicensed dog will range between \$169 and \$263.50 – **so being able to prove a current rabies vaccination and buying that license is really a good deal – even after April 1 with the late charge of \$5.**

If your dog is spayed or neutered, the license will now cost \$13; if male or female, the cost is now \$23 – and **you will need proof of the pet's most current rabies vaccination.**

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**OPEN BOOK**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**5 TO 7PM**

*This is your opportunity to compare your property with other comparable parcels.*

**BOARD OF  
REVIEW**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**5 TO 7PM**

*Call the town office for the forms necessary to request a hearing with the Board of Review.*

**TOWNOFPLOVER.COM** - the town's website, completely redesigned and rewritten! The change in design provides several drop-down windows, an archive of agendas and minutes (all of 2013 for a start), and a business directory for which, if you have any suggestions or changes, please call the office – 715-344-7684.

As you browse thru emergency services, for instance, you can link to the Village Fire Department; as you check out committees, you will find those humble servants in our community who willingly serve you in their capacities on the Planning Commission, the ATV Committee, the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and working your elections.

The current year's budget, a calendar of town meeting dates and times, a historical recount of our past, most current ordinances and newsletters – it's all out there on the new website!

As in the past, we are looking for pictures – of our past, present and peeks into our future...how about the first drone to be used for agriculture in our township ???

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## **YARD MATERIAL BRUSH DROP-OFF**

Recycle leaves, grass and garden debris at home by composting, mulching or grass recycling. Grass clippings are best left on the lawn. However, if you have more yard materials than you can recycle, then you can take excess yard materials, pine needles and cones to the **WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WWTF)**, 4496 Coolidge Avenue. A load should not exceed a pickup truck box in size. **STUMPS, TREE TRUNKS, LOGS OF ANY SIZE, SOD, DIRT, TIMBERS, ROCKS, CONCRETE, BOARDS OR FOREIGN MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. VIOLATORS WILL BE FINED.** The schedule is as follows (excluding holidays):

**Mondays: Noon to 6:00 PM**  
**Thursdays: Noon to 6:00 PM**  
**Saturdays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
(Days and times are subject to change)

### **2014 SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 24, 2014  
THRU  
Saturday, October 25, 2014  
And  
The first two Saturdays in November:  
Saturday – November 1, 2014  
Saturday – November 8, 2014**

**BRUSH AND BRANCHES WILL BE  
ACCEPTED DURING THE SAME  
DAYS AND HOURS  
AS YARD MATERIALS DROPOFF**

Town of Plover residents are allowed to drop off **ONE** load of brush, no larger than 10' long, 6' wide, and 4' high per household per date (see above). Residents who drop off brush in excess of the allowed limit will be charged a minimum \$25 tipping fee per load, payable at the time of drop off. A load is considered to be 10' long, 6' wide and 4' high or less.

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## **2014 RECYCLING PICKUP DATES - SET OUT BY 5 AM**

**JANUARY 9  
JANUARY 23**

**FEBRUARY 6  
FEBRUARY 20**

**MARCH 6  
MARCH 20**

**APRIL 3  
APRIL 17**

**MAY 1  
MAY 15  
MAY 30 (FRIDAY)**

**JUNE 12  
JUNE 26**

**JULY 10  
JULY 24**

**AUGUST 7  
AUGUST 21**

**SEPTEMBER 5 (FRIDAY)  
SEPTEMBER 18**

**OCTOBER 2  
OCTOBER 16  
OCTOBER 30**

**NOVEMBER 13  
NOVEMBER 28 (FRIDAY)**

**DECEMBER 11  
DECEMBER 26 (FRIDAY)**