

# Town of Plover

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## UPDATES

### **CHAIRMAN KARCHESKI:**

We are very proud to have Feltz Family Farms located in the Town of Plover. In 2015 Feltz Farms hosted Farm Progress Days and Portage County Farm Technology Days making a positive contribution for farming in Central Wisconsin. Seems as tho it would be hard to top that effort, but in 2016 Feltz Farms had another exciting year filled with new ideas, leadership and growth in our community.

This time, the Wisconsin Master Agriculturists presented the 2016 Master Agriculturist award to Ken Feltz recognizing his farming, community service and leadership. This award is given to not only the selected individuals but also their families. The Master Agriculturist program, dating back to 1930 when the Wisconsin Agriculturist first started honoring top Wisconsin farmers, is the oldest farm awards program in Wisconsin and is one of the longest-running career-achievement honors programs in American agriculture.

Ring in 2016 the Feltz family celebrated a very rare occasion with one of their cows giving birth to triplets – the odds of that happening are about 1 in 700,000! Now, in 2017, after careful planning, these folks are opening a retail store selling cheese and ice cream products made from their very own milk. To top that off, while purchasing fresh dairy products, retail customers will be able

to watch cows being milked in the new robotic milking barn.



**FELTZ'S DAIRY STORE**

Food, Family & Fun

The Town of Plover has two large family-owned dairy farms and would like to thank both farms for all they do for the Town of Plover. Our hats are off to Feltz Family Farms as well as Weller Family Farms!

**TOWN DUMPSTER USAGE:** Over the past years the Town of Plover has provided two dumpsters in the town municipal parking lot to provide a service to residents. One dumpster was to provide the ability to get rid of hard-to-get-rid-of garbage and the second dumpster was provided to get rid of old electronics, scrap metal and small appliances that didn't contain Freon.

This past summer abuse of these dumpsters has cost the town several thousand dollars as well as numerous employee hours to sort garbage out between the two dumpsters. The first abuse is non-town residents or town residents who encourage their non-resident friends to bring their garbage in and, secondly, this involves truck and trailer loads of construction materials, numerous TV monitors, multiple refrigerators and piles of tires –all dropped off at one time as well as harsh chemicals and paints thrown in the dumpsters that then need to be removed.

The town board has considered fencing the area and setting hours for use; however, it was feared some would just throw garbage down next to the fence or toss it over the fence. If this abuse continues, the town will be forced to remove the dumpsters and residents will need to find other means to get rid of their garbage.

If we all work together and curb this abuse, the dumpsters can remain at the town municipal center for many years to come.

Items not accepted: CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - REFRIGERATION ITEMS - TIRES – WINDOWS – PAINTS – CHEMICALS – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – TV AND CRT MONITORS – YARD WASTE.

**CHAIRMAN TIM KARCHESKI**

**HOTEL ROOM TAX:** A change in state law has required all municipalities that collect room tax to review the way they handle these monies. Most of the money has been spent for tourism and development.

The new law requires a third party be used to determine distribution and, to that end, like the City of Stevens Point and the Village of Plover, we have created a Tourism Commission. The commission will be made up of representatives from both of our hotels, two local business owners, and one Town Board member. The Tourism Commission will make sure that money collected in the Town of Plover will be used to promote businesses that are in the Town of Plover.

**TOWN SUPERVISOR JIM ROWE**

**WINTER SNOW REMOVAL:**

Yes, the trucks are ready to plow and now it is time for you, as residents to remember – **NO PARKING ON ANY TOWN ROAD DURING (AND FOR 24 HOURS AFTER) a snow fall.**

The two large snow plows, one grader and one small utility truck plow 70.49 miles of township roads; it takes 12 hours to open all roads initially, and then a second round begins clean-up of the subdivisions. It is the home owner’s responsibility to clear snow from the end of their driveway and in front of their mailboxes. The town is not responsible for damage to underground sprinklers, lawns, shrubs, trees or decorative items placed in the road right-of-way when plowing.

Our Plover prairie knows extreme gale-like conditions during snow storms – with drifting that will cause the 12-hour effort to take 15 to 18 hours. Drivers provide priority service to school bus routes and residents with medical needs. The plows each start their specific route and end up in the middle of the township. If you have or know of a medical condition, please call the town office to be added to the list of known medical needs. Our drivers take pride in providing safe roads; please give the plow operators ample room on the roads. Let’s have a safe winter driving on town roads!

**HIGHWAY SUP’T TIM KARCHESKI**

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**SAVE \$5 - GET YOUR DOG  
LICENSED BEFORE  
APRIL 1!**

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**TO ELECT OR APPOINT?**

- To elect is the decision Town of Plover voters have consistently made at several elections.
- To elect, residents must first have a candidate who is willing to run for the office.
- To date, no candidate has come forward to declare an interest in the seat of Clerk/Treasurer.
- To declare an interest, papers must be picked up in the Town Office, at least 20 nominating signatures must be collected, and papers must be returned to the Town Office by 5PM on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CLERK/TREASURER JOAN SCHEIDER**

**CALL THE TOWN OFFICE AT  
715-344-7684 IF YOU HAVE  
SUGGESTIONS OR ARE  
INTERESTED IN SERVING  
YOUR TOWN.**

**CANDIDATES MAY FILE  
PAPERS NOW FOR THE  
FOLLOWING OFFICES:**

**TOWN CHAIRMAN  
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER  
TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR  
TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR**

**2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The 2005 Boundary Agreement between the Town of Plover and the Village has been extended to 12/31/2020. This retains the original boundaries of areas to which water and sewer could be extended in the future without implications of annexation. Maps specifically outlining these areas are available in the Town Office.

The Tiger Claw Retriever, purchased this year, permits reclaiming of granite and gravel which have migrated into ditches to be reused as road surface. In addition, the ditches can now be reestablished to effectively handle run-off in periods of excessive rain and spring thaws – providing a savings in construction costs of our roads.

The Town is now buying salt and sand in bulk which employees mix together for use on roads. This provides a savings compared to previously needing to purchase the mixed product from other sources.

The refurbishing of the Town Garage has brought significant savings when compared to the utility costs prior to installation of the polyurethane coating and new exterior skin.

**2017 GOALS**

To continue:

- Retriever re-shouldering efforts
- Subdivision street improvements
- Crack-filling by town employees
- In-house road equipment maintenance

To support Tourism Development:

- Sign identification of our township
- Expand ATV/UTV route
- Develop pedestrian/bicycle pathway
- Work with local businesses to promote the Town of Plover

**CURB-SIDE GARBAGE PICKUP EVERY THURSDAY EXCEPT IF FOLLOWING A HOLIDAY**

**2017 RECYCLING PICKUP DATES SET OUT BY 5 AM**

JANUARY 5  
JANUARY 19

FEBRUARY 2  
FEBRUARY 16

MARCH 2  
MARCH 16  
MARCH 30

APRIL 13  
APRIL 27

MAY 11  
MAY 25

JUNE 8  
JUNE 22

JULY 7 (FRIDAY)  
JULY 20

AUGUST 3  
AUGUST 17  
AUGUST 31

SEPTEMBER 14  
SEPTEMBER 28

OCTOBER 12  
OCTOBER 26

NOVEMBER 9  
NOVEMBER 24 (FRIDAY)

DECEMBER 7  
DECEMBER 21

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RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTERS ARE  
AVAILABLE FOR RENT OR PURCHASE  
CONTACT ADVANCED DISPOSAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
1-800-262-3101

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**TOURISM COMMISSION:**

REPRESENTING -

BEST WESTERN HOTEL

ELIZABETH INN

KWIK TRIP

RIDGEWOOD CAMPGROUND

TOWN BOARD



TO ALL 1,731 RESIDENTS -

GOOD HEALTH  
AND

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!