



VILLAGE OF PLOVER

COMMUNITY NEWS

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- *Running for reelection

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Wastewater Treatment Facility leaf/brush drop off site opens for the season Thursday, April 2, 2009, 12:00 noon
- Curbside Brush Pickup begins 7:00a.m., April 6, 2009 (Subject to change due to weather conditions)
- Curbside Yard Materials Pickup begins 7:00a.m., April 13, 2009 (Subject to change due to weather conditions)
- Worzella Pines opens for the season Friday, April 24, 2009
- PCBC's "Business On the Green" Golf Outing, Monday, June 1, 2009, 344-1940
- Greater Plover Open Golf Outing, Monday, June 15, 2009
- Portage County Rendezvous and Threads of History, July 18, AND July 19, 2009



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Spring/Summer 2009



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.....

After several months of positive meetings and hard work by Village of Plover and Whiting officials, I am pleased to announce that a Metro Fire Department Agreement has been enacted that will improve firefighting capabilities in our communities. Metro Fire Department operations officially began on August 27, 2008.

While the budgets for both departments remain separate, both fire departments now respond automatically to fires in the other municipality's jurisdiction. This groundbreaking agreement enhances each community's ability to fight fires, provide adequate equipment to fight those fires, and improve safety for the firefighters. In addition, the Agreement ensures that the equipment closest to the fire arrives first (i.e. the Whiting Department can respond sooner to emergencies in the Crossroads Commons development), and provides joint training and fire investigation opportunities. Both Departments anticipate long term costs savings because they will not need to replace certain pieces of equipment due to the Agreement.

I would especially like to thank Fire Chief Dan Kontos and Tim Kluck, along with the Village of Whiting Board, for their vision in forming the Metro Fire Department. The Metro Fire Department has responded to several fires in both communities since the inception of this Agreement. Both Departments have demonstrated that the Agreement is working extremely well and that the improved response saves lives and property, and improves safety on the fireground.

This effort has also led to discussions between the City of Stevens Point and the Village of Plover regarding improving fire service between our two communities. We will keep you posted as new information in this area develops.

As always, calls or visits are welcome at the Municipal Center to either myself, Board members, or staff. Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions/concerns or if you need additional information.

Dan Schlutter

BRUSH & YARD MATERIAL PICKUP SCHEDULED

The Village offers one spring and one fall curbside brush/yard materials pickup each year.

- ◆ Spring Curbside brush pickup will begin Monday, April 6th
- ◆ Spring Curbside yard materials pickup will begin Monday, April 13th

Above pickup dates are subject to change due to weather conditions!

Crews will begin picking up at 7:00 a.m. and will make only one pass through the Village. Crews **WILL NOT** go back and pick up any brush/yard materials placed at the

curbside after 7:00 a.m. of the dates listed above.

On occupied corner lots, set out brush/yard materials on one side of the lot only. Apartment complexes and businesses will be served at the business entrance.

If you have questions on pickup, please call 345-5257.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility on Coolidge Avenue opens for the season Thursday, April 2nd, 12:00 noon. Residents may dispose of excess brush/yard materials during the following days and hours:

WWTF HOURS:

- ◆ Monday and Thursday 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday 9:00am to 3:00 pm
- ◆ Sign-in and proof of residency mandatory.
- ◆ Brush-only one pile per day no larger than 10' long, 6' wide, 4' high per parcel.
- NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ◆ Stumps, tree trunks, logs of any size, sod, dirt, timbers, rocks, concrete, boards or foreign material will not be accepted.

Worzella Pines opens for the season Friday, April 24th.

For upcoming events consider booking Worzella Pines. The shelter house has a large activity area that is available for rent beginning April 24th through October 18th. Information on Worzella Pines shelter house can be obtained by calling Bonnie at the Clerk's office, 345-5250, Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. Fees include a \$100 security deposit, due at the time of booking, which will be returned when the keys are turned back in at the Clerk's office. A non-refundable fee of \$100 plus tax for the use of the facility is due prior to the event.

COMPOST BIN & PAIL SALE

WHEN:

- ◆ Saturday, May 2, 1:00-5:00pm Portage County Transfer Facility in the Plover Industrial Park (off Hwy B & Apache).
- ◆ Saturday, May 16, 8:00-11:00am Portage County Master Gardener Plant Sale, Rettler Bldg., 3317 Business Park Drive (Portage County Business Park) off I39 & Cty HH.

PRICES:

- ◆ Home Composter Bins—\$43
- ◆ Kitchen Katcher Pails—\$25

Questions, please call Portage County Solid Waste & Recycling Information Line 345-5972.

REMINDER ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PLOVER!

As of March 31st of each year, or upon reaching 5 months of age, all dogs must be licensed and must have an active certificate of proof of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian. Licenses issued from April 1 on will include an additional \$5.00 late fee.

Licenses are available for purchase at the Village Office, Plover Municipal Center, 2400 Post Road, Plover, from 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. A current copy of the dog's rabies vaccination certificate from the veterinarian must be provided for the issuance of all licenses. Licenses may also be purchased by mailing a check for the applicable license fee, along with the current rabies vaccination certificate, to the Village of Plover, ATTN: Pet Licensing, PO Box 37, Plover, WI 54467. The rabies vaccination certificate contains all the information needed for issuance of the license and will be returned to you by mail along with the license receipt and tag. Dog license fees within the Village of Plover are:

- ◆ Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$ 8.00
- ◆ Un-neutered Male/Un-spayed Female \$18.00

If a dog is caught running at large without a license and valid rabies vaccination, the fines involved would total **\$321.60.**

Debbie Sniadajewski, Treasurer

FLUORESCENT/COMPUTER EVENT—MAY 6th

Area businesses are encouraged to do their part and recycle fluorescent lamps, computers and electronics (for a fee) from 9:00am to 2:30pm on May 6th at the Portage County Highway Garage, 800 Plover Road (Hwy B) in Plover. The Portage County Solid Waste Department Transfer Facility has a year-round recycling program for computers, electronics and fluorescents for different fees than the one day event. For more information on the event and fees call Portage County's Solid Waste recycling information line, Recycling Connections at 345-5972.

PATRIOTIC BAND CONCERTS SLATED FOR '09

The Grenadiers will again hold three concerts in 2009. The concert dates are June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th.

All concerts begin at 7:00pm

The concerts will be held behind the Municipal Center at 2400 Post Road and are free of charge. Please bring a lawn chair and come and enjoy the festivities!

SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ **Trivia 40**, WWSP-90FM, Starts Friday, April 17th 6pm and concludes Sunday, April 19th midnight. Info. call 346-3755 or website www.wwsp90fm.org
- ◆ **Rotary Club of Greater Portage County Kite Festival**, Sunday, April 26th, 11:00am-4:00pm, Portage County Business Park (across from Boldt Construction)
- ◆ **Portage County Cultural Festival**, SPASH, Saturday, May 2nd, 10am-5pm. Questions call 341-1525
- ◆ **10th Annual Holly Shoppe Plant Sale**, Lincoln Center, Saturday, May 2nd, 8am-5pm, parking lot north side of Lincoln Center. Questions call 346-1401
- ◆ **PCBC's "Business On the Green" Golf Outing**, Stevens Point Country Club/SentryWorld Golf Courses, Monday, June 1st, 9:30am Shotgun Start. Questions call 344-1940
- ◆ **Greater Plover Open Golf Outing**, Stevens Point Country Club, Monday, June 15th. For additional information call Kathy at 344-4052
- ◆ **Renewable Energy Living Fair**, Midwest Renewable Energy Association, Deer Road, Custer, Friday/Saturday, June 19 & 20 9am-7pm Sunday, June 21, 9am-5pm. Questions call 592-6595
- ◆ **Plover Rendezvous and Threads of History**, Heritage Park, corner of Willow & Washington, Plover, Saturday, July 18, 10am-5pm and Sunday, July 19, 10am-4pm
- ◆ **Brews Brats and Bands**, St. Point Brewer, Friday, August 14, 7:00pm Vic Ferrari & Saturday, 8:00pm Bad Medicine, Bon Jovi Tribute **FREE Admission**
- ◆ **Civil War Encampment**, Pfiffner Pioneer Park, Stevens Point, Saturday, August 29, 10am-dusk and Sunday, August 30, 10am-4pm

ADMINISTRATOR VIEWPOINT

DAN MAHONEY

While the economic news on a National and State level has not been encouraging these last few months, Plover and the Stevens Point Urban Area appear to be weathering the downturn better than expected. While there have been sporadic layoffs at some Village businesses and Basic American Foods will be closing later on this year, there are developments that will help offset some of those losses. For example, the Travel Guard Project in the Portage County Business Park will protect existing jobs in the area, and will add a significant number of new jobs as well. Across the Street in the Crossroads Commons Project, work has begun on a small retail/office center that includes Aspen Dental (next to Hudsons), a sub shop and 1-2 additional tenant spaces. The footings have been poured for the retail center that will be located on the corner of Hoover and Highway HH (The Windsor) and construction will continue on this project in the coming months. In addition, the Village is working with two businesses that are looking to expand (one of which would result in the creation of 50-100 new jobs) and we continue to work with a new business that is looking to build in Plover.

In other news, we wanted to bring Village residents up-to-date on the troubled Centre Lakes Project. Kennedy Funding, Inc. took control of the former Tree Acres/H2O property in mid March. While the foreclosure is extremely unfortunate, it allows Kennedy Funding to actively market the property in the upcoming months. There continues to be significant interest in developing this property, including redeveloping the golf course (most likely 18 holes), constructing single and multiple family developments, and creating commercial developments. Initially, the Village completed approximately

\$8 million of sewer, water and street improvements that were to be covered by the Tax Increment District (TID). Because development did not occur as proposed, the Village Board removed these costs from the TID and placed special assessments on benefitting properties. As such, none of these costs will be placed on the Village's tax levy. The owners of the benefitting property, or the developers who buy that property, will be responsible for payment of the assessments. The other remaining expenditure that the Village intends to recover is the \$1 million Developer Incentive Payment. This payment was initially made after the developer provided receipts for project costs that exceeded \$1 million. To date, the Village has recovered approximately \$250,000 as a result of the increase in land values only. Even in the event that no additional development occurs, the remainder will be recovered through existing TIF increments in less than 5 years. In addition, because a Developer's Agreement was completed and recorded against the property, the Village retains control over how the property develops and includes the ability to require repayment of the remaining \$750,000. The Village Board fully intends to recover the outstanding portion of the Developers Incentive Payment, and will set this as the first priority as we work with the new owner.

For additional news, please access the Village's website at www.ploverwi.gov. Our staff does a great job of keeping the site up-to-date. The website will also give periodic updates on new Village projects and matters of interest to our Village residents and property owners. I hope you all have a great spring and summer!

CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Seconds Count In An Emergency

Portage County has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System — an ultra high-speed telephone communications service for emergency notifications. The system allows Portage County to telephone all or targeted areas of the County in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action. It delivers a recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number.

The System will only be used for Emergency Purposes!

Examples of times when the CodeRED system could be utilized: Severe weather (tornado warning,

drinking water contamination, utility outage, evacuation notice and route, missing persons, fires or floods, bomb threat, hostage situation, chemical spill or gas leak, and other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety).

How to get started:

Log into Portage County's website: www.co.portage.wi.us

- Select Departments
Select Emg Mgt E-911
Select CodeRED box
Select Enroll in the CodeRED Program today
Complete form and submit

RIVERFRONT RENDEZVOUS
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, JULY 3-5
Pfiffner/Pioneer Park, Stevens Point
FREE Admission and Entertainment
FIREWORKS Sunday, July 5th at dusk

NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE PARK DURING THE FESTIVAL



VILLAGE STAFF		
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MEETING DATES

- ◆ Village Board-1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
- ◆ Plan Commission—Monday preceding the 1st & 3rd Wednesday Board meeting of each month
- ◆ Police & Fire Commission—3rd Tuesday of each month
- ◆ Balance of Committees/Commissions meet as necessary

WATER CONSERVATION

What is water conservation? By definition water conservation is the preservation and careful management of water resources. As the Village of Plover has grown in recent years, it has become more important that residents look at the way they use water on a daily basis. Conserving water in a household can be done in three basic ways:

- ◆ Economize
- ◆ Repair leaks
- ◆ Install water saving devices

The kitchen, bathroom, laundry, and outdoors are important places residents can look at evaluating how they use water and how they can conserve.

Do you realize that the majority of the water you use in your home is used outdoors? You can save a lot by picking the right plants, mulching, adding water retaining organic matter to the soil, installing windbreaks and fences to slow winds and reduce evapotranspiration and water smartly.

To learn more about water conservation in the household pick up pamphlets entitled "Water Conservation—Ways to be Water Wise" or "Wise Water Use Outdoors" at the Village Municipal Building, or visit the websites www.wateruseitwisely.com, www.waterconserve.info or www.h2ouse.org.

REFUSE/RECYCLING UPDATES

Refuse and recycling collection dates within the Village are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. No pickups will be made on the following legal holidays:

- ◆ New Years Day
- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Independence Day
- ◆ Labor Day
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ Christmas Day

If the holiday falls on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday your refuse and recycling for that week will run one day late. The weeks of Memorial Day and Labor Day will create a one day late for pickup of garbage and recycling in 2009.

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