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Portage County Transfer Facility Now Open

The Portage County Landfill closed May 31, 2007 and the new Solid Waste Transfer Facility at 650 Moore Road opened June 1, 2007. The facility is about 1 mile east of I-39 off County Highway B in the Village of Plover. The hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The Transfer Facility accepts all of the same materials that were accepted at the old landfill **except for brush**. Remember all loads must be covered or enclosed. Uncovered loads will be refused and drivers will be cited.

More information is available at the www.co.portage.wi.us (click on County Departments, Solid Waste Department, Department Brochures or Transfer Facility Information or Fees).

Water Testing Opportunity

Municipalities test their drinking water daily to ensure that it is healthy to drink. Private well owners should have their water tested annually for basic water analyses. This September the Lanark and UWSP will be offering an opportunity for up to 50 landowners in Lanark to test their wells at the same time. In October the results for each sample will be provided at a meeting along with an interpretation of the results on a town level by a County Water Quality Specialist. Questions about individual well results will also be answered.

Homeowners will have several options available for water analysis:

Basic Homeowner Package includes nitrate, bacteria, pH, conductivity, alkalinity, total hardness, and chloride. \$40 per sample.

Metals Package determines if the most common metals (arsenic, calcium, copper, lead, magnesium, manganese, potassium, sodium, sulfate, zinc) are in drinking water from natural sources or plumbing. \$38 per sample.

Triazine scans for atrazine metabolites (an herbicide

commonly used in Wisconsin). \$22 per sample.

Kits will be provided and will be available for pickup at the Town Hall the week of September 17th. The Clerk is in the Hall in the mornings Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 to 11:00. If you can't make those times, just call to make alternate arrangements.

The samples and payment must be dropped off on Sunday, September 23rd at the Hall between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Thank you to Nancy Turyk for arranging this opportunity.



Thank you John Houdek

The Town of Lanark Board would like to give special recognition to resident John Houdek. John submitted a bid to landscape the yard at the new Town Hall and Garage which was accepted.

He spent many hours working meticulously and without assistance to grade, smooth,

and seed the yard with no-mow grass seed (sometimes by hand!). With the lack of rain this season, he then spent much time watering his work to get the seed to germinate and root.

We now have a growing crop of grass which will help

prevent erosion of the soil around the hall and garage.

The Town could have spent many more dollars on the project and still not receive the quality and quantity of work John put in.

Thank you again, John!

Wood Chips Availability

The Town Board has established a policy for town residents who wish to receive a truck load of wood chips. Each load will cost \$25 and a form will need to be completed in order to receive a load.

The policy states that the chips will be provided as available to the resident who has turned in their form and is closest in proximity to the site where roadside brushing is

occurring. This policy was developed in order to help defray the cost of transporting the chips around the township.

The form is available by e-mailing the Clerk at townoflanark@gmail.com or by calling the Town Hall.

Chips can also be picked up at the garage (self-service only) when available.

Town Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

The Plan Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. as needed

Full-Time Ambulance Service Out of Amherst Begins in 2008

Changes in the Portage County Ambulance Service will benefit **all** Town of Lanark residents. A Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance will be placed in the Amherst Fire District on a full-time basis, 24 hours a day/7 days a week. It will be staffed by two basic EMTs.

Dave Allen of the Amherst Fire District said "The level of care will be higher than a basic service. We are applying for Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate Technician level of care. This means that we will

have the ability to initiate IVs for fluid replacement, 50% Dextrose for low blood sugar, Nitro for people with chest pain and Narcan for some medication overdoses. This I feel is a big step for the people we serve."

In a situation where a paramedic is needed an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance will be dispatched from Stevens Point. In the meantime the BLS Unit from Amherst will be on the scene administering first aid and can start transporting the patient to the

hospital. In critical cases the ALS ambulance could meet the BLS on the way to the hospital (a paramedic intercept).

The contract was approved by the Portage County Board in order to provide better ambulance service in rural areas of the county.

The Amherst Fire District is in need of people who are available to act as firefighters and EMS responders during weekdays. For information on requirements or questions call the station at 824-2699 or Thom Bray at 824-5955 (tbray@amherstfd.org).

Notable News

- Please note that any and all land combinations and splits within the Town of Lanark must be reviewed by the Plan Commission and approved by the Town Board. Contact the Clerk to be placed on the agenda.
- The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has determined the Town of Lanark's 2007 equalized value to be \$113,239,200, up 7.5% from 2006.
- The Board will be working on the 2008 Budget with budget hearing coming this fall.
- The Town is beginning to receive information on and will be participating in the 2010 Census.
- Our contract with Dale Bates/Badgerland Home Consultants LLC for inspection services has been renewed.
- The Badger Road reconstruction project has been completed as has the cracksealing project on Badger Drive and the Parkview Subdivision.

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