

# Lanark News

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## New Fire Number Signs Slated for North Side

Last year the Town replaced all fire number signs on Highway 54 and south; this spring and summer the signs on the north side will be replaced.

The signs are reflective blue and white, can be read from either side, and will be posted perpendicular to the road. First responders, law enforcement, ambulance, and fire department personnel have told us that the new signs will save time (when seconds count) because they are much easier to see than the old style numbers we had

been using.

The cost of the signs will be charged back to each owner of affected properties and will appear on your tax bill for the year in which they are replaced. That cost is not yet finalized but is expected to be less than \$25 including sign, post, and installation.

It is very important that property owners not place any object on or near fire number signs or posts. Posts will be installed according to set guidelines and should not be repositioned.

## Curbside bulky item pickup

Veolia has agreed to provide curbside bulky item pickup for the Town of Lanark. If you have a large item and would like to have it picked up at the curb, please contact Cheryl Leatherman, Town Clerk at [townclerk@townoflanark.org](mailto:townclerk@townoflanark.org) 256-9801 or Jerry Deuman, Employee, at 256-1376 for pricing information and to purchase a sticker. Veolia will pick up these large items on the second Tuesday of the month. You must have already purchased a sticker and be scheduled for pickup to take advantage of this service. Drop-off service remains the same at the Portage County Transfer Facility.



## 2010 Roadwork

In 2010 the Town Board has contracted with Scott Construction to sealcoat the portions of Morgan and Durant Roads which were wedged last year.

We are also soliciting bids for wedging a portion of Oakdale Drive. These projects are scheduled to be complete before the school buses start up again in the fall, and the following year will be sealcoated.

## Plan Commission Regular Meetings Move to Thursdays

The Town of Lanark Plan Commission has changed its regular meeting day and time to the **first THURSDAY of each month at 9:00 a.m.** at the Town Hall. The Plan Commission makes recommendations to the town board regarding land use issues and land splits/combinations.

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

## Sign Posts For Sale

Replacing the old sign posts from Highway 54 and south last year has left the town with a supply of used sign posts. They do not have the ridges like fence posts do, they are smooth. The town is offering them for sale "as is" for \$1 each; contact Cheryl Leatherman , Town Clerk at [town-clerk@townoflanark.org](mailto:town-clerk@townoflanark.org) 256-9801, or Jerry Deuman 256-1376 to arrange to view and/or purchase sign posts.

## 2010 Fall Elections

This fall there will be a Partisan Primary election on September 14 and the General Election including the contest for Governor on November 2, 2010.

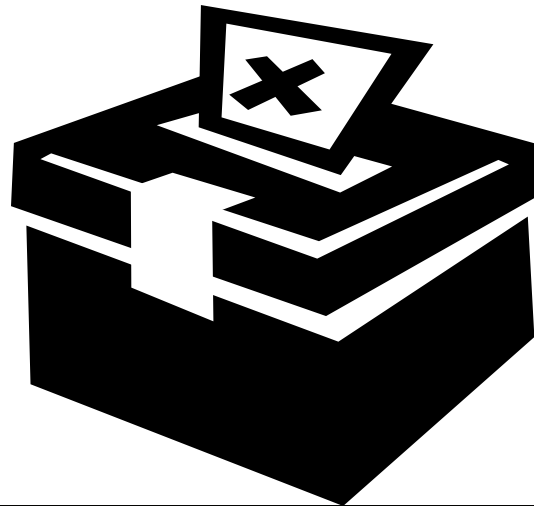
You may register by mail or in person at the clerk's office. Check the Voter Public Access website at [vpa.wi.gov](http://vpa.wi.gov) to see your voter registration status. If you'd like a form to register to vote go to [elections.state.wi.us](http://elections.state.wi.us) and click on Forms and Publications, then All Forms, and find the EB-131. Print it out, complete it, and mail it to the Clerk at 7174 County TT, Amherst WI 54406. You don't need to wait for an election to be around the corner; register now!

## It's That Time of Year: Burning Permits Now Required

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issues burning permits for times when the ground is not completely snow-covered. The permits are free of charge, are issued on an annual basis, and are non-transferable

A residential landowner who wishes to burn and has obtained a permit must check the daily burning restrictions either by going to the DNR website ([dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire](http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire) and clicking on View Burning Permit Restrictions and then selecting your county) or by calling 1-888- WIS-BURN (1-888-947-2876). The restrictions are updated at 11:00 a.m. each day.

Fire wardens in the Town of Lanark are Chris Clinton (9388 Clinton Road) and Sarah Lucht (7188 County Road D), or you may obtain your permit from the a DNR Ranger Stations (301 Cedar Street in Whiting is likely the closest).



## New Town Bulletin Boards

Two of the bulletin boards used for posting notices have been replaced. The board which was by the road in Badger Cemetery is now on the south side of the shed in the cemetery. The Clinton/Spring Creek Road bulletin board is in the same place but in a new home custom-built by employee Jerry Deuman. Hopefully they will withstand the weather better in their new locations.

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**\*\*\*Plan Commission Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. as needed \*\*\***

## A Message From the Portage County Humane Society

So you say that you're neighbor's dog is at your home more than he's at his own? Spring has sprung, and dogs are more apt to be outdoors; as a consequence, they are more likely to run. As a responsible dog owner, I know that even my own dogs have once or twice visited the neighbors without my permission – they can be escape artists when given the opportunity! As a Humane Officer, I also know that there are many irresponsible dog owners, those who don't abide by the law which mandates we keep our dogs under our control at all times. If your neighborhood is experiencing a problem with a dog or dogs running at large, the following are items of which you need to be aware:

Section 4.9.12 of the Portage County Ordinances states that, "No person owning any animal or fowl shall allow the same to run at large within the County. (1) The owner or keeper shall be liable for all damages done by such animal while so at large, although he escapes without fault of such owner or keeper; and the construction of any fence shall not relieve such owner or keeper from liability."

The penalty for breaking this law is as follows:  
 1<sup>st</sup> violation - \$169.00 citation; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation – \$200.50 citation; 3<sup>rd</sup> violation - \$232.00 citation; 4<sup>th</sup> or subsequent violation – \$263.50

The Humane Society of Portage County receives dozens of phone calls each month regarding dogs running at large. Often, the situation is a one-time occurrence; the owner is identified and the dog goes home. All too frequently, however, we receive calls regarding repeat offenders. Your assistance can be invaluable in our efforts to remedy the situation.

If your neighbor's dog has become a problem, call us. We will contact the owner; sometimes a reminder regarding the law and the

penalties that apply are all that it takes to create a more "attentive" owner.

If the situation continues, call us and, if possible, get photos! The best proof that the Humane Society can obtain, short of actually seeing the dog running loose on another's property, is a photograph of the dog in your yard. Take care to make sure that a landmark identifying your property is in the photo.

Remember that working with an inattentive owner is a process. If a warning doesn't work, a citation may, but sometimes it takes more than one to convince the owner that the matter is serious. Always keep in contact with the Humane Society if troubles persist, and we will do our best to bring peace to your neighborhood.

Jennifer L. Blum

Executive Director

Humane Society of Portage County

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*All dogs 5 months of age and older must be licensed; contact the treasurer for more information*

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**We're on the Web!**

**[www.townoflanark.org](http://www.townoflanark.org)**