

# LANARK NEWS



## RECYCLING PROGRAM 2005 NEWS

Attached to this issue is the latest brochure on recycling information. Please read carefully and retain for future reference.

New items: 1) Labels may be left on cans; 2) Books (hard & soft cover) are accepted; and 3) Phonebook covers do not need to be removed. Please remember **not** to place recyclables in plastic bags for pickup.

Are you tossing recyclables in your garbage? Only those recyclables soiled with food or animal wastes can be placed in the trash. The Solid Waste Department will be issuing warning letters and citations up to \$2000 for residents who continually fail to comply with the law.

### RECYCLING IS REQUIRED IN WISCONSIN!

Recycling Dates:

December 31

January 14

January 28

February 11

February 25

March 11

March 25

April 8

The fee for garbage/recycling collection for 2005 was increased by \$0.25 per month amounting to \$99 per year instead of \$96. Iron is one item that should be recycled and not placed in the trash which increases the landfill fees.



## 2004 TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE & ISSUANCE OF 2005 DOG LICENSES

Property tax notices usually are available for mailing to property owners between December 15 to the 18th. Payment of tax bills may be accomplished by one of three methods:

- 1) Postal service. If one uses this method and wishes an official receipt, a self-addressed stamped envelope should be included with the tax payment.
  - 2) International Bank of Amherst tax collection dates are Tuesday, December 28 and Tuesday, January 25 with the hours of 9-12 and 1-3.
  - 3) Treasurer's home, 10067 Cty. Rd. D - 1 mile east of the junction of Cty. A & D. Hours of collection are 8 am to 5 pm on December 27, 30 & 31 and January 27, 29 & 31.
- In addition to the payment of the taxes, the Town suggests payment of the 2005 dog licenses with the same visit. Payment can be made by adding the license fee to the check that is used to pay the property tax. There are numerous advantages in purchasing the dog licenses at this time. The responsibility of purchasing the license is finished for the year. Important fact as each year some dog owners need to be reminded to obtain their license. A dog license should be worn by the dog as each year calls are received from owners whose dog has gotten loose. A dog tag on the collar easily identifies the owner of the dog. Payments for dog tags through the mail should include a self-addressed stamped envelope for an immediate turnaround of the tags. The fees for dog licenses are \$16 a dog for male or female dogs that are not neutered or spayed. The fee for a neutered or spayed dog is \$6 per dog. If a taxpayer has a question or concern about the procedures for tax payments, please call me at 824-3780. Thank you, Bill Frizzell, Treasurer.

# NOTABLE NEWS

## LAND USE PLAN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2005 7:00 PM TOWN HALL

The Town of Lanark Plan Commission has been working diligently on comprehensive planning. Part of the process is a review of the Town's current Land Use Map and re-categorizing land using new criteria. The map on the following page is "a work in progress" to complete this process and your input is needed.

Locate your property on the map, read the mapping criteria and determine if you agree with your designated future land use category. **Remember this is a plan for the future (next 10-20 years) and is not a zoning map!** (Zoning determines the acres needed for parcels.)

### Residential Mapping Criteria

The term "residential" is intended to identify existing concentrations of lots, which are distinguished by platting or nonagricultural zoning, where it is the original intent to maintain a residential/neighborhood character and where nonresidential uses would be incompatible.

Land Use Categories:

**Rural Residential:** New lots are to be equal to, or greater than 2 acres per residence. Lands in this category may include concentrations of developed and undeveloped lots that are smaller than 2 acres. Existing uses are allowed until future residential development takes place.

### Commercial Mapping Criteria

Areas of existing, developed commercial land uses. It is difficult for most rural communities to determine an appropriate location for the growth of commercial activity. Most of the businesses that develop are home or farm based and do not have the option of relocating. Proposal for new commercial development should be considered only on a case-by-case basis, based upon the goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plan. Approval for such



use may require a change to the land use map.

Land Use Categories:

**Commercial:** Includes uses as allowed in Commercial zoning districts.

### Agricultural Mapping Criteria

Lands recommended predominantly for the continuation of agricultural pursuits, the protection of productive agricultural lands, and the retention of the rural nature of the community.

Land Use Categories:

**L-1 Enterprise Agriculture:** Includes lands that can support a full range of intensive agricultural uses, including large dairies, large confined livestock feeding operations, and concentrations of irrigated vegetable crop production. This area has conditions that are best suited to agricultural pursuits and residential development would be discouraged to avoid potential land use conflict.

**L-2 Intermediate Agriculture:** Is intended to preserve and enhance land for agriculture uses. Large confined livestock operations should be limited to ensure compatible land use and minimize conflicts with adjacent uses. This category's uses and regulations are designed to encourage agricultural uses in areas where soil and other conditions are best suited to these agricultural pursuits, and control residential development to avoid potential conflict with agriculture uses.

**L-3 Limited Agriculture/Mixed Use:** Is intended to provide for the continuation of low intensity agricultural uses, recommend against new and expanding livestock operations, provide for careful siting of single family residences, and support other uses that maintain the rural characteristics of the area. Urban and suburban development would be discouraged in areas that are suited to agricultural uses and that are not well served by public facilities and services.

### Natural Areas Mapping Criteria

Lands recommended to remain in their natural state or for non-intensive uses such as recreation, wildlife habitat, or forest management. These lands are environmentally sensitive and include wetlands, steep slopes, large tracts of unbroken forests and other natural features deemed important by the local community. Limited residential development could occur in a manner that does not negatively impact the ecological or aesthetic value of areas designated for preservation in their natural state.

Land Use Categories:

**NA - Protected:** Lands to remain in their natural state or for non-intensive, non-developed uses such as passive recreation, wildlife habitat, ground and/or surface water protection and forest management. Development of these lands is not recommended. These lands include riparian buffers along streams and water bodies, FEMA 100 yr. Floodplain, DNR regulated wetlands within 300 feet of navigable lakes and waterways.

**NA - Limited Development:** Identifies lands that are environmentally important to the community; however limited residential development (no more than one residence per 10 acres) could occur without negatively impacting the ecological value of the area.

### Institutional Land Mapping Criteria

Lands where public facilities exist or are to be located. Facilities include, but are not limited to: government services and institutions, educational, religious, cemeteries, medical and health care, military, power plants, solid waste disposal sites, and sewage treatment plants.

Land Use Categories: **Institutional**

This is a condensed version of the criteria for this newsletter. For more explanation and viewing of the larger map, please come to the informational meeting or contact one of the Town Plan Commissioners.

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## A LETTER FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Animal Control Division of the Humane Society of Portage County would like to clarify a few concerns for the citizens of Lanark. First, when a stray animal is called into the shelter the caller is asked if the animal has been contained or if it is running loose. If the animal is loose we ask if it is possible for the animal to be contained if it is friendly enough to be caught and if the caller feels comfortable doing so. We do not encourage anyone to attempt to catch a dangerous animal or place him or herself in a bad situation. The drive from Point to Lanark can take up to 30 minutes or more if we are further out on a call and it is helpful if the animal has been contained to assure our ability to pick the animal up. If it is not possible to contain the animal we will still respond as quickly as pos-

sible and look for the animal in question. We only have one Officer on at a time and multiple calls can come in a day, emergencies are responded to first, strays next and complaints last. When complaints come in about dogs that defecate in someone's yard, chase someone, or run loose, we sometimes advise people to take pictures of the animal in question because the burden of proof will be on the complainant in court. We are more than happy to write a citation if the problem occurs a second time or is a danger to the caller. We attempt to work through the problem at first by talking to the animal owner and looking for solutions, if this does not remedy the problem then a citation will be issued. We do respond to all complaints called into the shelter. Barking complainants are offered a three party petition as an option to providing proof of the noise violation. We do our best to provide the best service possible to all the municipalities that contract with us and are more than willing to discuss any issues a person may have about animal control. We are striving to improve our services and welcome any concerns, complaints or compliments that citizens may have, please contact us at 344-6012 or PO Box 512 Stevens Point,

## TAXPAYER \$ EQUALIZED VALUE IN C LANARK JUMPS O

The Department of Revenue has determined using sales information that the total value of real estate and personal property has increased 15.55% since 2003 to a total of 102,910,700. Agriculture land included in the report only reflects the use value of the land, not the current market value. Lanark lead the county with the highest increase in value with Pine Grove next in line. The report used for apportionment of county levy shows Lanark bearing 0.187% more of the tax burden. One might also conclude that Lanark is a good place to live with 21 new homes in 2003.



## HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP

OCTOBER 22, NOON-7 PM  
HIGHWAY GARAGE

### HWY 54, PLOVER, WI

Portage County will hold a one-day collection of unwanted, unused, damaged, restricted and banned household hazardous waste. The cost is only \$5 for the first 50 pounds, or \$10 if you exceed 50 pounds.

**Precautions:** Line a sturdy box with plastic, leave chemicals in their original containers, make sure all lids are secure, weakened containers may have kitty litter, sawdust or ground corn cobs poured around them for protection, cover exposed containers of dry formulations with plastic and transport in car trunks or in the bed of a pickup truck.

## WHAT IS ACCEPTED AT CLEAN SWEEP?

**Automotive:** degreasers, fuel, brake & transmission fluid, ether, solvents

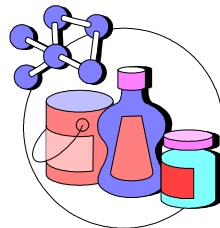
**Lawn & Garden:** Fungicides, Rodenticides, Herbicides, Insecticides

**Household:** Nail polish remover, moth balls, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, dry cleaning fluid, silver polish, spot remover, metal cleaners, floor/furniture polish, mildew cleaner, swimming pool chemicals, oil based paint (no latex)

**Workshop:** Stripper, lacquer, hobby materials, thinners/solvents, lead-based paint, gun cleaning fluid, varnish, turpentine, creosote

**Materials not accepted:** latex paint, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, compressed fuel cylinders, fire extinguishers, freon 11 & 12, biological, infectious or medical wastes, appliances, waste oil, tires, antifreeze

**QUESTIONS:** Call the Portage County Solid Waste Dept. at 345-5970



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