

LANARK NEWS



SNOWPLOW TIME!!!

Snowplow trucks will be out to remove accumulated snow or ice from local roads as expeditiously as is economical and operationally practical. Motorists are expected to modify their driving in accordance with road conditions. **A hindrance to snow removal is residents leaving garbage carts in the road right-of-ways.** All carts should be removed within 24 hours after pickup times. The Town has agreements with neighboring towns for winter road maintenance. **Damrau Road** will be plowed by the Town of Amherst this winter with Lanark taking it the next year and then continue alternating in a new agreement signed this year. Amherst also plows **Floistad Road** and the short segment of **River Road** north of Otto Road. The Town of Buena Vista is responsible for **Wolfe Lake Road** and **Spring Lake Road**. The Town of Farmington snowplows **Pipe Road**. Lanark reciprocates by plowing roads for these towns. Any problems should be directed to those appropriate town officials: Amherst - R. Trzebiatowski 824-3662, Buena Vista - P. Cieslewicz 366-4812, Farmington Hall 258-2779. Residents are also reminded that snow may not be pushed, blown or deposited onto public roadways.



2005 TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE & ISSUANCE OF 2006 DOG LICENSES

Property tax notices usually are available for mailing to property owners between December 15 to the 17th. 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 27 and Tuesday, January 24 with the hours of 9-3.
- 3) Treasurer's home (green house on southside of road), 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 29, 30 & 31 and January 27, 28 & 31.

In addition to the payment of the taxes, the Town suggests payment of the 2006 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.

NOTABLE NEWS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPROVED BY COUNTY

The Town of Lanark Comprehensive Plan is now official after adoption by the County Board. Consisting of 105 pages, the Plan addresses the nine elements as per WI Statutes. The work of the Commissioners is not done as the process continues under the Implementation element to ensure that the Plan will accomplish its intended goals. The next step is to review County regulatory tools and update the Town zoning map. A booklet of approved land splits and the use of the open space design option will also be created for future reference. The Town Plan Commission usually meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Hall.

Town Plan Commissioners:
Pat Wollering 258-9406
Nancy Turyk 824-2283
Gene Peterson 824-2721
Marlene Sannes 824-5673
Ted Marquardt 366-2283
(alternate) Ida Frizzell 824-3780

PLANS FOR BUILDING A NEW TOWN HALL

The Town Board of Lanark is working with architect Jackson Case on building plans for a Hall to be located next to the town garage on County TT. The new hall will have office space, record storage room, storage room, mechanical room, bathrooms and a meeting area. Plans are for a two-zone heating/cooling system with extra insulation and the option to bid with solar energy as the Board looks to the future in needs and energy costs.

The current garage was originally approved by the town taxpayers to be a combination hall/garage with architect plans drawn in 1986. Residents advised the building of a new hall at the annual meeting in 2004 with money budgeted for 2005 construction. As plans progressed and the hurricanes hit, it soon became apparent that building costs would be higher than anticipated. Once plans are approved by the state, bids will be let March 2006 with summer construction.

The plans may be reviewed at the Hall when open for meetings. A maximum building cost of \$270,000 was budgeted with a 7-year loan of \$190,000 secured at \$3.875% interest with the International Bank of Amherst. The old hall site will be surveyed and eventually sold.

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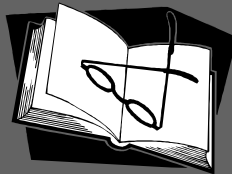


TOWN PICKUP FOR SALE

1986 GMC 6.2 liter diesel with 4-wheel drive. It has 153,487 actual miles of which 55,000 are on a major engine overhaul. The transmission has been rebuilt as well as the exhaust system. It comes with a 7 1/2' western plow. The minimum bid is \$1,000 with bids accepted until January 15 by the Town Clerk. The truck can be viewed at the garage at County TT.

Did you know? The Wisconsin Territory legislature created Portage County in 1836 and as lumbermen moved up river, the county's boundary extended all the way to the Michigan line. Three men were chosen to serve as county commissioners in 1842. After statehood in 1848 the township system was started with the county divided into the towns of Plover, Middletown and Bull Falls. As a town was organized or village/city incorporated, it sent a supervisor to the board.

When Stevens Point was incorporated as a city in 1858, it sent its first county supervisor to the board. As the city grew each new ward created sent its own supervisor. In 1963 the U.S. Supreme Court made its "one-man, one-vote" decision, which required that local districts be redrawn to more equally reflect population. Currently there are 29 districts with 11 of those following City Aldermanic District lines. The Town of Lanark is completely within District 20 as well as Ward One of the Town of Amherst with Lonnie Krogwold as the Supervisor. This position is up for election in 2006.





GARBAGE AND RECYCLING NEWS

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

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.

RECYCLING IS REQUIRED IN WISCONSIN!

Recycling Dates:

December 16

December 31 -Sat. due to holiday

January 13

January 27

February 10

February 24

March 10

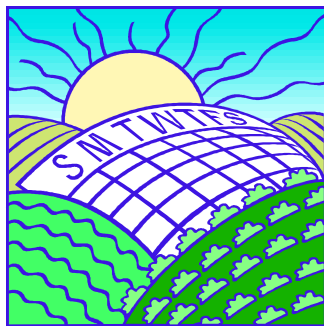
The fee for garbage/recycling collection for 2006 was increased to \$9 per month amounting to \$108 per year instead of \$99 with seasonal rates at \$54. Due to the increased cost of diesel fuel there will be a surcharge added to the cost of collection as well as a 3% increase by Wittenberg Disposal. Therefore, in order to come close to the cost of collection the Town Board raised the fee by \$0.75 per month.

Please do not leave appliances or other large items out for pickup without contacting Wittenberg at 1-888-804-8556 or without proper payment.

COUNTYWIDE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM

As of January 1, the County will form an intergovernmental program for the collection, transportation and safekeeping of domestic animals. The Sheriff Department will manage and supervise the program. A vendor, such as the Humane Society of Portage County, may be contracted for services or the County may opt to run its own program. The Town will still collect dog licenses fees and submit all fees and a list to the County Clerk of dogs owned or kept within the Town. Dog fees for the county program are now set at \$6/\$16 which is the same that Lanark collected. For now, residents should continue to call the Humane Society 344-6012 on animal issues.

Any problems should be documented for proper follow-up: note the date, time, place and any other pertinent facts. Animal bites should be reported immediately!



DATES and ITEMS TO REMEMBER

Town Board Meetings: usually the second Tuesday of the month with agendas posted at the bulletin boards at the Town Hall, Town Garage and Badger Cemetery. The Stevens Point Journal is the official newspaper.

January 31: real-estate taxes due to the Town Treasurer (remember that the second payment in July is paid to the County Treasurer)

February 21: Primary Election

April 4: Election

Construction: most projects require a county zoning permit. New home construction and additions or alterations to any home built after June 1, 1980 will need to apply for a building inspection permit - forms will be given after the zoning permit is issued.

Fire/House Numbers: are issued by the Town of Lanark and it is the owner's responsibility to not move them, keep them intact and easily seen.

Land Splits: are first approved by the Plan Commission and then the Town Board as well as the County Zoning Department. Certified Survey maps must be submitted to the Town for final review and signatures before filed at the Register of Deeds office.

Contact the Town Clerk for fire numbers, to be placed on the agenda for land splits or other matters requiring Board approval.

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ASSESSED VALUE IN LANARK DROPS

The assessed value of property in Lanark dropped to \$95,888,400.00 - 1.64% less than last year. The difference is the new assessment of forest/swamp land in agriculture parcels. Equalized values also fell down 6.31% to \$96,419,200.00 The good news is that the apportionment of taxes changed resulting in a drop in the tax burden. Owners in the Almond-Bancroft School District will see a tax rate of \$16.86, Tomorrow River is \$16.94 and Waupaca is \$16.64. The State placed a limit on the local tax levy which amounted to a maximum increase of only \$5,547.00.





OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

Chairman: Thomas Clinton
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Supervisor: Theodore Marquardt
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Almond, WI 54909
366-2283

Supervisor: Michael Pagel
10408 Otto Rd.
Amherst, WI 54406
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6128 Cty. Rd. A
Amherst, WI 54406
824-5475

Treasurer: Bill Frizzell
10067 Cty. Rd. D
Amherst, WI 54406
824-3780

Assessor: Jeremy Kurtzweil
1501 N. Hume Ave.
Marshfield, WI 54449
486-9019

Portage County:
District 20 Supervisor
Lonnie Krogwold
824-5600

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346-1334
County Treasurer
346-1348

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715-498-6090
Lanark Town Garage
256-1376

Sheriff
346-1400

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