

# Town of Plover

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# UPDATES

**CHAIRMAN KARCHESKI:** In 2014 **WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS** will bring 80,000 people to our area during this three-day event which will include more than 600 commercial and educational vendors. 1982 was the last time Portage County was chosen to host this significant agricultural event!

The Town of Plover is excited to be a part of **2014 Farm Technology Days** – to be hosted by Ken Feltz Farms and by Blue Top Farms. These farms, located south of County HH and east of County R with additional land being made available by their neighbors Myron Soik and Sons, Inc., and Greg Kizewski and Sons, Inc. will host the largest agricultural show in the State of Wisconsin.

Demonstrations, latest developments in production agriculture, recent research, practical applications, and technological developments will be showcased in this three day event – right here in the Town of Plover!

Sponsors and volunteers will make this event a huge success. Contact Tom Coleman at 715-302-2627 for more information and forms to complete so you can become part of this event.

**ROAD REPORT:** The Town of Plover needs to thank the local farmers who helped keep town roads passable this winter. This was an expensive season to maintain the town's road system, and the 2013 budget felt the impact! In the first quarter of 2013 – the \$8,570 expenditure for fuel used 36.2% of the total 2013 fuel budget, \$11,406 for labor represented 31% of the labor budget and \$20,136 to pay for salt, to keep our streets and roads de-iced, used 73.2% of total salt budget for 2013!

The County R project will reconstruct County R to a four-lane divided highway between County HH and Pinewood Drive. County R will be closed for the duration when this project begins in June and residents in that area will need to seek alternative routes.

**HAPPENINGS:** Brooks Tractor, Inc. (from the Sun Prairie area) will establish a 20,000 sf facility in the town's business district not far from the I39 intersection. Brooks will provide John Deere and Hitachi heavy construction equipment – this includes service, parts and rental equipment as well.

**Best Excavating**, (another town helper during the snowstorms), is already starting their season – digging basements as fast as the frost leaves!

And, another heavy equipment dealership, **Sand County Equipment**, owned by Paul Cieslewicz, is currently renting space from Fahrner's on Pine Tree Avenue.

**G CAM**, of West Bend, is the new owner of the warehousing distribution center complete with cold storage and a rail spur - located in the previous WEL (Basic American Foods) building, and is leasing space to several local industries. G CAM has also opened **DFI**, (Dry Food Ingredient) facility which will provide a marketing source for excess vegetable products.

**Bluebird Park**, with picnic tables, softball diamond and soccer nets, will soon have all the disc golf stations set up again and ready for the season.

At the **Elizabeth Inn** - Shahab Taj of Haazo Management, Inc. became the proud owner in late February. Together with the **Best Western – Plover** which opened a little over a year ago, these two hotels and their conference centers equipped with lovely pool areas, offer travelers, local families and businesses excellent local choices.

**R & J Autosports**, a car dealership, u-haul rental and storage warehouse are new on State Highway 54 W, and on the other side of the road, an additional storage warehouse has been added by **Don Jochman** at his operation, **Green Tree Storage**.

**Allen Supply**, an agricultural chemical distribution center, built over a year ago - is ready to support the agricultural growing season at their facility at the intersection of Isherwood Road and Birch Drive.

New owners of **Muck-a-Moor Kennels**, Troy and Heidi Mansavage, are open for business to offer a safe haven for your pets when you need their support.

Have you noticed the vast improvement at the **Fox Valley Salvage Yard**? Fencing and the new building really look great – and spring is the season for all of us to gather up any scrap metal we have lying around. **Badger Motors** has also been done a great job of fencing – both of these operations represent great improvements for the Town of Plover!

Recently **cellcom towers** have been erected – on **Isherwood Road** and on **Grant Avenue**, and those Town of Plover winds keep spinning our only **wind turbine at the intersection of Birch Drive and Taft Avenue**.

Another season begins at the **Golden Sands Speedway** – on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, this unique track will open for its 46<sup>th</sup> season! Gates open at 4:30PM – Time Trials begin at 6:30PM and the races start at 7:45PM. **See you at the races!**

With our **agricultural neighbors** getting a very late start in the fields, let's remember this is the

season of sharing our roads with their farm equipment as they rush to begin planting.

With spring upon us, the doors are open at Town of Plover businesses such as **Cee-Dee Acres**, **Green Tree (Large Tree) Nursery** and for seedlings, the **Spruce Lane Nursery**.

### **Let's buy local!**

NOTE: This wasn't meant to be an all encompassing list of those businesses located in the Town of Plover actively support our community.

**We are proud of all local entrepreneurs!**

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**SUPERVISOR BENTLEY:** The Town of Plover needs your help to further develop history of the township. To whet the curiosity of those who tour our website. [www.townofplover.com](http://www.townofplover.com), we've used historical notes, made available by Anton Anday, from Malcolm Rosholt's book, "our County, Our Story", and from Michael Riley's article "A History of Plover to 1984" – plus a list of historical notes found in the town safe, historical newspapers and a variety of old family accounts.

Anyone with photos of "years gone by", stories of growth and change in the township throughout the years – mail in or bring in what you might have to the Town Office, or email to [townofplover@townofplover.com](mailto:townofplover@townofplover.com) – with the understanding the Town of Plover reserves the editorial privilege as to what may or may not be used.

Visit our website – [www.townofplover.com](http://www.townofplover.com), click on "Our Community" and then the History tab to browse thru what we've accumulated thus far. We appreciate your help and interest, and look forward to hearing from you!

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**WILLIAM SNIADAJEWSKI:** Again, the Town of Plover needs your help. There are many dead and dying trees along our roads – some are in the Town right-of-way and some are on private property. With the strong winds,

dead trees and branches fall to hinder access for emergency vehicles and others who need to come thru – a really critical concern when the road is the only access or and out of residential areas.

The Town Board is asking everyone, subdivision residents and farmers alike, to take steps to remove the dead and dying trees along the roadway frontage before our Wisconsin winds take them down.

Your efforts will not only save tax dollars for all town taxpayers but will help remove potential safety hazards. If you do not have the means to remove these potentially dangerous trees, call the Town Office at 715-344-7684 so the Town Board can take appropriate action.

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**CLERK’S CORNER:** Our April 2013 election placed David Schaub in a Town Supervisor seat; however, Dave has since declined the seat as Town Supervisor due to a change in his business and personal life. Subsequently the chairman has made an appointment to fill this vacancy.

**Town Board**

Tim Karcheski	Town Chairman
Roger Bentley	Town Supervisor
Joe Firkus	Town Supervisor
Jim Garbe	Town Supervisor
Dusty Check	Town Supervisor
Joan Scheider	Town Clerk/Treas.

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**OUR OLD RECORDS:** For the next few weeks, various records dating from 1854 thru 1984 are available for public viewing in a corner of the Town of Plover Town Hall – anytime between 7:30 and 10:30AM and 12:30 to 4:30PM as well as at town board meetings. This display includes a few old maps, among other items, compliments of Anton Anday, the Portage County Historical Society and Heritage Park in Plover.

These records will be released to the State Historical Society for cataloging after which they will be archived in Portage County.

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**DOG LICENSING – 2013:** After April 1<sup>st</sup>, the late charge of \$5.00 applies to all licenses unless your pet is under 5 months of age. If your dog is spayed or neutered, the license will now cost \$13.00; if male or female, the cost is now \$23 – and **you will need proof of the pet’s most current rabies vaccination.**

Keep in mind – the Portage County Sheriff’s citation to an owner for an unlicensed dog will range between \$169 and \$263.50 – so being able to prove a current rabies vaccination and buying **that license is really a good deal!** The town’s cost for the Portage County Animal Control Contract with the Humane Society is reduced proportionately based on the number of licenses issued.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Open Book    Friday, June 7 - 5 to 7PM**

*This is your opportunity to compare your property with other comparable parcels.*

**Board of        Friday, June 14 – 5 to 7PM  
Review**

*Call the town office for the forms necessary to request a hearing with the Board of Review.*

**TOWN DUMPSTERS:** Abuse of the “honor system” has occurred; from the number of culprits caught on camera, **THIS IS CLEAR.**

Abuse has included dumping of construction materials, tossing multiple television sets into the dumpsters when the signage clearly states otherwise, non-resident dumping and, yes, dumpster diving!

We are trying one more time to maintain dumpster service to avoid discontinuing this privilege by relocating dumpsters to a better camera position – violators have been and will continue to be reported to the sheriff’s office.

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## **YARD MATERIAL BRUSH DROP-OFF**

Recycle leaves, grass and garden debris at home by composting, mulching or grass recycling. Grass clippings are best left on the lawn. However, if you have more yard materials that you can recycle, then you can take excess yard materials, pine needles and cones to the **WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WWTF)**, 4496 Coolidge Avenue. A load should not exceed a pickup truck box in size. **STUMPS, TREE TRUNKS, LOGS OF ANY SIZE, SOD, DIRT, TIMBERS, ROCKS, CONCRETE, BOARDS OR FOREIGN MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. VIOLATORS WILL BE FINED.** The schedule is as follows (excluding holidays):

**Mondays: Noon to 6:00 PM**  
**Thursdays: Noon to 6:00 PM**  
**Saturdays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
(Days and times are subject to change)

### **2013 SCHEDULE**

**Monday, April 29, 2013 THRU Saturday,  
October 26, 2013**  
**And**  
**The first two Saturdays in November:**  
**Saturday – November 2, 2013**  
**Saturday – November 9, 2013**

**BRUSH AND BRANCHES WILL BE  
ACCEPTED DURING THE SAME  
DAYS AND HOURS  
AS YARD MATERIALS DROPOFF**

Town of Plover residents are allowed to drop off **ONE** load of brush, no larger than 10' long, 6' wide, and 4' high per household per date (see above). Residents who drop off brush in excess of the allowed limit will be charged a minimum \$25 tipping fee per load, payable at the time of drop off. A load is considered to be 10' long, 6' wide and 4' high or less.

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## **2013 RECYCLING PICKUP DATES - SET OUT BY 5 AM**

**JANUARY 10**  
**JANUARY 24**

**FEBRUARY 7**  
**FEBRUARY 21**

**MARCH 7**  
**MARCH 21**

**APRIL 4**  
**APRIL 18**

**MAY 2**  
**MAY 16**  
**MAY 31 (FRIDAY)**

**JUNE 13**  
**JUNE 27**

**JULY 11**  
**JULY 25**

**AUGUST 8**  
**AUGUST 22**

**SEPTEMBER 6 (FRIDAY)**  
**SEPTEMBER 19**

**OCTOBER 3**  
**OCTOBER 17**  
**OCTOBER 31**

**NOVEMBER 14**  
**NOVEMBER 29 (FRIDAY)**

**DECEMBER 12**  
**DECEMBER 27 (FRIDAY)**