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Sesquicentennial Celebration

On August 8 – 10, 2014 the Town of Grant celebrated its 150th birthday! Local residents and businesses did an amazing job planning for this special weekend.

There are so many persons to thank, including but not limited to: Dorothy Raasch – historian extraordinaire and co-chair of the event, Diana Luecht, quilt-maker and treasurer, Mark Krohn – parade meister, Tammy Kingery – flea market organizer, Marilyn Christianson – bake-off organizer and T. Grant float designer, Kathi Havitz, Jay Gaba and Bob McDonald – downtown business extravagaza, Jeff Knoll – Wild Horse DJ, Ron Becker, Greg Dahl, Marty Rutz, Dave Feit, parking set-up and organization, Al Henke – mowing, Joy Henke, sign-making and keeping everything moving, Julie Kramer – photography, Kathy Lee, minute taker, compiler/editor of our wonderful business directory, and overall “go-to” person, Jim Yetter – T. Grant float organizer, Dale Winkler, new grader operator (through the parade crowd!), Dave Luecht, “no-parking” sign maker and old grader operator, and Penny VanTassel, parade, parking, gater operator, and always smiling face! Forgive me for those I’ve forgotten to list, but please know your efforts made the weekend memorable for everyone who attended. Thank you all!

Sharon

→ **Budget Hearing** ←

November 25, 7:00 pm

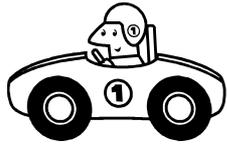
→ **Regular Monthly Board Meetings** ←

2nd Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Transfer Station Hours

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Nov - Mar	11am – 4pm	9am – 4pm
Apr - May	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Jun – Aug	11am – 7pm	9am – 5pm
Sep - Oct	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm

[Newsletter compiled and edited by Sharon Schwab]



Roads, roads, roads...

Lake Road (CTH U – 85th Street South) was reconstructed thanks to a Local Road Improvement – Discretionary (TRID) grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). The TRID grant provided \$127,389.32 to the Town; 50% of the final cost of reconstruction. Sincere thanks are extended to Quest Civil Engineers, LLC who designed and oversaw the road reconstruction, and to Earth Inc. the contractors on the project.

Joint and crack-sealing occurred on the following roads: 100th Street S (Mill – Quarry), 110th Street S (CTH WW – Lake), 85th Street S (CTH WW – South Park), 87th (north of CTH FF), 90th Street S (Quarry – Deer), Mill Road (CTH U – 90th), Oak Street (CTH F - Townline), South Park Road (CTH U – 90th), Tower Road (87th - ~110th), and Washington Street (CTH U – 90th). Slag sealing was applied on 85^h Street (CTH WW – South Park). Chip sealing occurred on 110th Street S (Deer – CTH WW), Deer Road (1,475 linear feet, CTH U – 90th), and Griffith Avenue (520 linear feet, 110th – CTH F). The contractor on all this work was Fahrner Asphalt and Sealing, Inc.

Trees were removed on Pine Street just east of 90th Street and Grant Street (110th – CTH F) by Zblewski Brothers. Then, our town crew rebuilt these sections of roads, followed by application of 3-4” of ¾” gravel provided by Construck Inc.

Semi-annual bridge inspections conducted by Portage County documented the need to replace culverts on Evergreen crossing Ten Mile Creek. Bridges on 95th, 100th and 110th crossing Buena Vista Creek were found to have failing pavement, inadequate guardrails, and loss of wall integrity abutting the culvert pipes. The culvert pipes, however (many installed in the 1960s) are in good shape; retaining their integrity through the years. The other items however need to be corrected for road safety. Tower Road Bridge (87th – 90th), which crosses Ten Mile Creek, experienced failures in the pavement in 2013 and again this year. Inspections by engineers from Portage County, DNR, WisDOT, and private contractors have concluded that replacement will be required. In anticipation of these needs, Portage County Highway Department has set aside \$133,000 in cost share for both the Evergreen and Tower crossings during the 2015 construction season. Reconstruction must occur within a short window next summer because they cross designated Class I trout streams. Watch for more information on these projects.

A couple years ago there was quite a buzz about possible reconstruction of State Highway 54 at the junction with County Road U (80th Street). Well, the buzz is back and local area officials have recently been invited to a series of meetings to discuss their current zoning districts, safety concerns, potential impacts to homes and property, etc. A Public Information Meeting will be held in January or February 2015. For more information contact Tim Hanley, WisDOT Project Manager at 715-421-8050.



Snow from your driveway(s) cannot be plowed across or placed directly onto a town road. Snow left perpendicular to the road can harden, creating an obstruction that may cause injury to persons, vehicles, and Town snow removal equipment. This is a violation of Wisconsin Statutes affecting town roads and can carry a fine of up to \$50 per occurrence. To avoid a fine please refrain from plowing across or placing snow directly onto a town road.

Memo

To: All T. Grant Businesses and Non-profit Organizations

From: Diana Luecht, Treasurer

CC: Sharon Schwab, Chair

Date: November 2014

Re: Use of Transfer Station

This memo is a reminder that the Town of Grant's Transfer Station on Griffith Avenue is for **Residential Use Only**. It has been noted by town employees, board members, and concerned residents that several business/commercial and non-profit organizations have been using this site for their waste. This is not permitted per the Town's Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinances and per Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Administrative Rules.

Your business/organization must obtain the proper recycling and solid waste receptacle(s). If this presents a hardship we kindly ask that you work with your business/organization neighbors to share a receptacle(s). If you already have receptacle(s) present, please disregard this memo; otherwise be advised that your business or non-profit organization may be subject to fines or inspection by DNR staff if you continue to use the Transfer Station after December 31, 2014.



Dog Licenses

Why buy a dog license? According to Wis. State statute 174.05 all dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed. The cost for a license is \$7.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered; otherwise \$17.00. After March 31st there is a \$10.00 late fee. The license is good for one year and expires on December 31. As of January 1st of every year, a new license is required to be purchased. The fees collected defray the cost of the contract that the Town has with the Humane Society of Portage County.

Dogs sometimes stray from home - having a tag helps them find their way back home to you! In the past, calls have been received from residents who were looking for the owners of dogs that had appeared in their yard. All dogs had tags so it was easy to look up the numbers and find their owners.

Please complete the form on the next page and mail with check payable to *Town of Grant* to: Diana Luecht, Treasurer, 8811 90th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

\$\$\$ Tax Payments

The Portage County Treasurer collects all real estate tax payments for the Town of Grant. This includes both your first and second installment payments.

Make your check payable to: Portage County Treasurer. Then mail or deliver your payment(s) to: Portage County Treasurer, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Also, if your address on any tax bill is incorrect, please let the Portage County Treasurer's office know the correct address for all future mailings.



Grant First Responders

The Grant First Responders was formed in January, 1998 with eight members. The current roster has five. If you'd like to join, please contact Jim Yetter at 715-213-2000. And, congratulations to Jim who just celebrated 15 years!



Portage County Historical Society (PCHS) is continually working to gather pictures of homesteads, many of which are now mere memories. Or, perhaps the homestead is still standing, but with an updated look. If your family has pictures of these homesteads and would like to record the history of these and the families that lived in them, the PCHS would like to hear from you!

If your homestead is located in the Town of Grant contact Dorothy Raasch at 715-423-6589 or email mdraasch@solarus.net. She will add your pictures into the history file that she has been working on for our town history. If you have pictures from other areas of Portage County, you may contact Anton Anday 715-630-5383 or email antonmbanday@charter.net or portagecntywhistsoc@gmail.com.



Town of Grant

DOG NOTICE & APPLICATION – 2015

If you own a dog, or have renters that own a dog, I'd like to take this opportunity to share an important message about Dog Licensing (Landlords we rely on you to inform your renters on the dog license requirements!)

State Law 174-05, Portage County Animal Control Ordinance, and Town of Grant Dog Ordinance REQUIRE EVERY DOG OVER THE AGE OF 5 MONTHS TO BE LICENSED. CURRENT LICENSES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014.

FAILURE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE OR HAVE A DOG VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES IS \$169.00 to \$263.50. The Town of Grant works closely with Portage County Humane Society (agency responsible for the enforcement of animal control) to ensue compliance of the laws.

For each dog at your residence being licensed you must provide (either send or bring to me) a copy of the current rabies certificate. If you are sending for a license, you must include the following items or a license will not be mailed:

- 1. Rabies Certificate with dates and Serum Number (if your dog is currently licensed and the shots are still in effect) you do not have to send #1 or #2 because they should already be in my computer.)
2. Proof of dog being neutered or spayed.
3. Fees (see below) [Note: Late fee of \$10.00 per dog for application after April 1, 2015].

Mail to: Diana Luecht Treasurer
8811 90th St. So.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

[Note: if paying in person or with questions, please call ahead at 715-325-3134]

* I allowed for 3 dogs on this form. If you have more please feel free to copy this form

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Table with columns: Dog, #1, #2, #3. Row: Dog(s) Names

Date(s) Vaccinated _____

Expiration Date _____

Manufacture of Vaccine _____

Lot/ S/N of Vaccine _____

Veterinarian Clinic _____

Male Neutered \$7.00 Male \$17.00 Female Spayed \$7.00 Female \$17.00

Late Fee (after April 1st) \$10.00 Total Enclosed \$



Dreier to Host Groundwater Listening Session

Portage County Executive Patty Dreier will host a Groundwater Listening Session on Tuesday December 2nd from 6:30-8:00 pm at Grant Elementary School cafeteria. The listening session will focus on the topics of groundwater quantity and quality. Any interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Inputs about groundwater issues and opportunities will be gathered following a basic groundwater and surface water education presentation that will relate to the unique local water situation in our vicinity. Following a series of listening sessions throughout Portage County, the ideas will be gathered in a published summary report and considered as a foundation for action strategy developed in Portage County's Groundwater Management Plan which is currently under revision.

Free nitrate water testing will be available to those who bring a pint of cold water in a clean container. Test results will be shared privately following the session along with follow-up tests that may be recommended.

For more information contact the Executive's Office at 715-346-1997 or email dreierp@co.portage.wi.us.



Business Directory Available!

The Town of Grant & Greater Kellner Area SESQUICENTENNIAL Business Directory - Eat, Drink & Buy Local is available to anyone who would like one or more! They are available at the Grant Town Hall, 9011 County Road WW and several Kellner businesses.

Maybe you're shopping for the holidays are looking for something special! How about alpaca mittens at a great gift shop? Get a trophy buck this fall and need taxidermy? Does your house need some painting this spring? What about having your dog trained? Are you looking to purchase home-grown potatoes or a Christmas tree? These are just a sampler of some of the wonderful businesses you will find in our Directory. Get yours today!

Type	Conservancy/Residential/Agricultural	Commercial/Industrial
New residence including mobile home (new or old) & commercial/industrial building	\$200.00	\$400.00
Additions: Structural alteration for Primary residence or Commercial/Industrial Building	\$100.00	\$200.00
Establish an address	\$50.00	\$50.00
Moving a previously located residence or commercial/industrial building into the town	\$300.00	\$400.00
Moving residence or commercial/industrial building within the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving accessory building within the town	\$100.00	\$200.00
Moving accessory building into the town	\$200.00	\$400.00
Moving building through the town on town roads	\$30.00	\$30.00
Accessory building or addition under \$1000 or 100 square feet or less	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory building or addition above 100 square feet to 200 square feet	\$30.00	\$60.00
Accessory building or addition above 200 square feet to 2500 square feet	\$50.00	\$100.00
Accessory building or addition above 2500 square feet	\$75.00	\$150.00
Utility Accommodation Policy (UAP)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Outdoor wood burner furnace installation	\$25.00	\$25.00
Razing any building	\$15.00	\$15.00
Signs and Billboards	\$25.00	\$50.00
Public Hearing	\$150.00	\$300.00
Certified Survey Map review and processing	\$20.00	\$20.00
Driveway	\$25.00	\$25.00
Quarrying – Permitted Use	\$50.00	N/A
Quarrying – Conditional Use (does not include public hearing fee)	\$250.00 minimum plus \$50.00/acre greater than 1 acre in size with a maximum amount of \$1,250.00 (Example for 3 acres: \$250 + \$150)	
Decks, Porches, Pools	\$15.00	\$30.00
Telecommunication Tower	\$500 – Class 2, \$3000 – Class 1 and new installation	
Penalties – Failure to purchase a permit prior to construction, moving or demolition shall result in twice the cost of such permits		
Fees are charged by current zoning district or proposed zoning district at the time of construction		

Town of Grant Zoning (building) Fees – Effective July 1, 2014

Town of Grant Ordinances (date of adoption or revision) pertaining to:

1. Driveways (October 9, 2013)
2. Extend Town Officer Terms (April 10, 2012)
3. Split Shift for Election Workers (March 14, 2012)
4. Utility Accommodation *Policy* (February 27, 2012)
5. Outdoor Wood Burners (May 11, 2011)
6. Dogs (August, 11, 2010)
7. Zoning (June 23, 2010)
8. Adoption of Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code (February 10, 2010)
9. Solid Waste (September 9, 2009)
10. Recycling (September 9, 2009)
11. Issuance of Citations for Violations of Town Ordinances (June 6, 2008)
12. Wireless Telecommunication Towers and Antennas (May 14, 2008)
13. Creating Keg Registration (July 12, 2006)
14. Plan Commission (October 11, 2004)
15. Protecting Town Water Supply (July 9, 2002)
16. Master Cable Television Regulation (July 5, 2001)
17. Subdivision and other Division of Land by Owner or Owners (November 2, 1978)
18. Road Construction (September 9, 1997)
19. Building Permits (April 9, 1997)
20. Prohibiting Issuance of Alcohol Beverage Licenses for Nonpayment of Taxes, Assessments and Claims (June 7, 1983)
21. Junk Dealers (May 7, 1966)

→ Want to read or download these ordinances? Check out the Town of Grant website:
townofgrantportageco.com

I would personally like to thank all who attended our Sesquicentennial celebration. I hope that you had as much enjoyment over the weekend as I did.

I would also like to thank all the individuals that purchased my book *“From Where They Came to Where We Are”*. The overwhelming response from the public took my breath away! All proceeds from the book sales were contributed to the **Grant 150 Fund**. Thanks to the Chat-R-Box Café and Bancroft State Bank in Kellner that have graciously been selling the books for the Town.

The Historical Committee asked for community involvement; such as your stories and historical pictures and the response was so great that we were not able to use them all. Now we also have pictures from the Sesquicentennial week-end. Recently the Historical Committee met to discuss ideas for future items to commemorate the 2014 celebration event. Planning will continue in February 2015!

If you are interested in purchasing a book, use the attached form. But hurry - there are only about 30 books left! Thank You, Dorothy Raasch Committee Co-Chairperson

**“From Where They Came To Where We Are” by Dorothy Raasch
Book Order Form**

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Price per book: **\$10** (includes tax) + Shipping and Handling **\$6**

[Note: Two books will fit in one envelope at the rate above. For three or more books please contact Dorothy Raasch at 715-423-6589 to arrange handling & shipping charge]

Number of book(s): ___ 1 book (\$16), _____ 2 books (\$26),
_____ 3 or more - **please call for total**

Total amount enclosed is _____.

Make check payable to **Grant 150 Fund** and mail check or money order to:
Dorothy Raasch, 420 - 100th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Groundwater Listening Session
Tuesday December 2 from 6:30-8:00 PM
Grant Elementary School Cafeteria
8511 County Road WW
LOOK INSIDE FOR DETAILS!

Holiday Pot-Luck (bring a dish to pass) 5:00 PM
Special Town Board Meeting (re: ambulance service) 6:00 PM
Regular Monthly Board Meeting to commence immediately following...
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Grant Town Hall, 9011 County Road WW

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