

Reminders about changes @ the Transfer Station!!!

- There are two roll-away containers for metals. One houses Freon-based appliances: refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners. Residents no longer have to pay to drop off these items. The other container houses all other metals, including microwaves. Again, there is no charge.
- We now charge for fluorescent tubes. Residents are permitted to drop off the first two tubes for free. But after that tubes 4 feet or under cost \$0.50 each and tubes longer than four feet cost \$1.00.
- Additional oils are accepted in our used oil barrel, and recently we added a drum for used oil filters.
- No business waste is accepted for any of the above.

Last year Town of Grant residents recycled four times the per capita collection standard (82.40 pounds) for rural communities. We weighed in at 337.07 pounds per capita - WOW!

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Register: www.co.portage.wi.us
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715-326-1400

Summer 2018

In June the Town hosted an informal meeting for concerned landowners and interested citizens regarding persistent flooding along sections of Buena Vista, Quinnell and Two Mile Creeks. Water specialists from UW-Stevens Point, Portage County and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) provided their perspectives along with those from members of the Portage County Drainage District (PCDD). It's a complicated issue which includes: precipitation, obstructions, silt, and culvert maintenance playing a real or potential role. In 2017 landowners removed some undersized culverts, and a few downed trees were removed by the PCDD. At this writing, the Town has received a WDNR permit to conduct standard maintenance within our right-of-way within Two Mile Creek at Washington Street. Another permit for Buena Vista Creek at 110th Street is pending. Stream gauges have been placed by citizen monitors at two locations, and a proposal to have an engineer take elevation readings within Two Mile is in the works. Following, landowners and citizen volunteers may be interested in traversing the stream to remove potential obstructions to flow. This is an ongoing issue to watch.

Sharon

→ **Regular Monthly Board Meetings** ←
2nd Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Transfer Station Hours

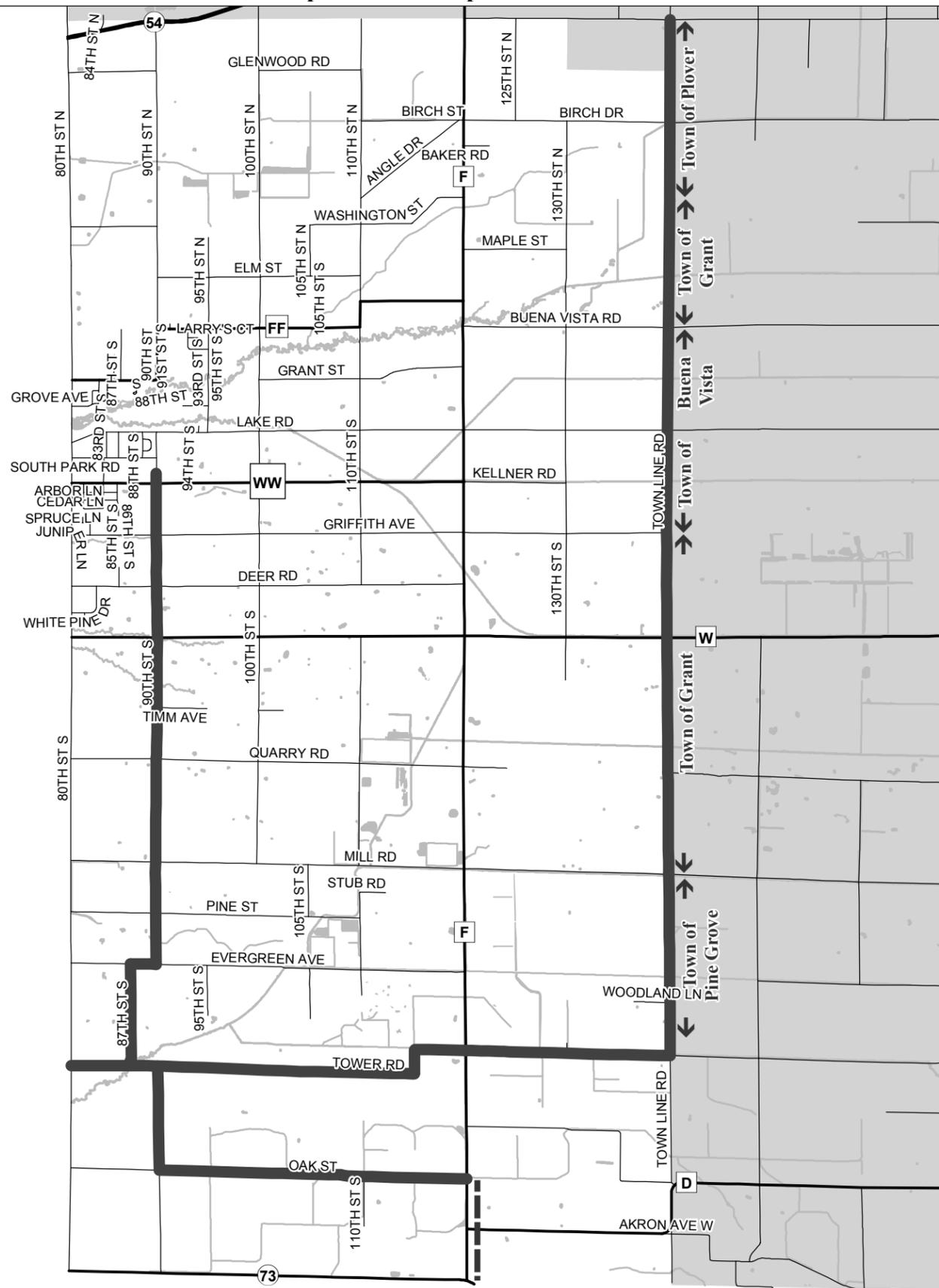
	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Jun – Aug	11am – 7pm	9am – 5pm
Sep - Oct	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Nov - Mar	11am – 4pm	9am – 4pm
Apr - May	11am – 5pm	9am – 5pm

REMINDER: Choose to Reuse- September 15

[Newsletter compiled and edited by Sharon Schwab]

Town of Grant ATV / UTV Routes

Speed Limit 25 mph



Effective: June 27, 2018

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- Existing Routes
- Trail
- Jurisdiction



UPDATE

Case No. 15-CV-176

The appeal filed with the State of Wisconsin – *Town of Grant versus Portage County* was reviewed by an Appellate Court late last year. Sadly, the court did not rule in favor of the Town of Grant to eliminate the errant “County-wide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Levy” for the Portage County Ambulance Service that is not county-wide (both the T. Grant and T. Belmont contract for all or some of their municipality with private providers). As a result, Town of Grant residents must continue to pay this special levy of ~ \$63,000 for the county ambulance service we do not use AND pay United Emergency Medical Response (UEMR) ~\$41,000 per year from our town budget for the ambulance service we do use. Efforts to include our ambulance contract costs within the Portage County’s EMS budget have failed since 2012, even although the cost to cover UEMR amounts to less than \$0.02 per Portage County resident! Please consider contacting T. Grant County Supervisor Charlie Gussel at 715-424-2680 and County Executive Chris Holman at 715-346-1997 to request our ambulance contract’s inclusion in the 2019 county budget.

“The Gift of Gab”: The Life Story of Betty Petrusky

was told to UW-Stevens Point student Natalie Wanasek between the months of October and December 2017, and published in the spring of 2018. If you have a story to tell, let me know and perhaps you can be the next Town of Grant resident to share your life story!



Dogs and Animal Control

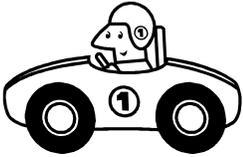
It’s been said that “Dogs are man’s best friend” and companion to many. If your dog should go missing, one of the easiest ways to find it is to have a dog license and tags. Then, if a person finds your dog they can get in contact with those who have this information including: Town of Grant Treasurer, and either Portage County’s Sheriff or Humane Society.

A question you might ask yourself is what happens to the dog license fees? The money that our Town generates helps to financially support the Humane Society that is contracted by Portage County to provide animal control service. In 2017 the cost of this service for the Town of Grant was \$7093. Last year we sold 408 dog licenses for a total of \$3158 and Portage County contributed \$2172 based on the number of licenses we sold. This left us with a balance of \$1763 which we paid from the Town’s general budget. The more dog licenses we sell, the less we all must pay from our budget to support the Humane Society. So, please do your part and buy a dog license to protect your pets!

This year the receipt that you get will look different from past years because the county has upgraded its computer software. When you receive your 2019 tags check all the information on the form to be sure that your personal information and that of your dog(s) has been correctly transferred. Thank you! If you have questions contact Treasurer Diana Luecht at 715-325-3827.

WANTED!

- Qualified snow-plow operators! Contact Clerk Vicky Zimmerman for an application or send a resume’ to same at Town Hall, 9011 CTH WW, Wisconsin Rapids, 54494.



Roads, roads, roads...

By Sharon Schwab

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) offers transportation grants to local municipalities every two years. The Transportation Road Improvement (TRI) fund is provided proportionally to all 72 Wisconsin counties. A local committee, made up of town and village officials (and overseen by the county) decides how to fairly distribute these funds. In Portage County each applying municipality gets a chance to receive grant amounts ranging from \$20,000-45,000 per project every *sixth* year. For example some years ago the Town of Grant received funds to reconstruct 90th Street (Griffith – CTH WW) from this program.

Concurrent with TRI is the TRI Program-Discretionary (D) grants. These are awards typically exceeding \$100,000 per project. They are first prioritized by the local committee, and then sent to Madison to compete against all projects statewide. Since 2008, the T. Grant has received TRID awards for: Deer Road (100-110th) and Lake Road (CTH U – 85th). Quest Engineering provided the designs and project oversight for both. In May the Town learned it was the recipient of not one, but two TRID awards! The first is to reconstruct both 95th and 100th Streets over the Buena Vista Creek. Jewell Engineering will design this project whose total estimated cost is \$315,000. The TRID award may not exceed \$157,088 (the Town must provide the other ½). The second project is to pave Mill Road (100th Street – CTH F). Quest Engineering will design this project whose total estimated cost is \$775,000. The TRID award may not exceed \$386,487. Designs for both projects may be completed in 2018 with the earliest construction dates being spring or summer 2019.

Here are the list of roads which will be joint and crack-sealed this season: 110th Street (Deer – CTH WW); 87th Street cul-du-sac; 88th Street and 90th Street (by new blacktop over culverts); 90th Street (CTH FF – STH 54); 90th Street (CTH W – Griffith; Griffith (80th-90th); and Quarry (80th-90th); and Town Hall parking lot. This project was awarded to Fahrner Asphalt and Paving for a cost of \$12,600. The following roads have received a single-coat of chip-seal over their existing hard-surface: 90th Street (Evergreen – Mill); Birch Drive (130th – Town Line), and Lake Road (110th – CTH F). These projects were awarded to Scott Construction, Inc. for a total of \$59,108. Both surface preparation and micro-surfacing will occur on Lake Road (90th-100th). This project was awarded to Struck and Irwin Paving, Inc. for a total cost of \$36,923.86. Concurrent with the resurfacing of CTH F (CTH WW – STH 54) asphalt approaches will be upgraded or installed on: Deer Road (west side) Griffith Road (east and west), Kellner Road (east), Lake Road (east and west), Grant Street (west), Buena Vista Road (east) and Washington (west). Portage County Highway Department will conduct this work. At this writing the final cost has not been determined but it will be between \$12,500 and \$19,700. A section of Grove Avenue east of CTH U will be reconstructed by Wood County Highway Department for \$13,700 and they will also repair ½ mile of severely damaged chip seal on 100th Street S (Mill-Quarry) for \$19,700.

Pending 2018 projects include but are not limited to: road preparation and base material for Elm Road (90th-100th) which was pulverized several years ago, an asphalt overlay of Ten Mile Creek crossing on Evergreen Avenue where four culverts were replaced two years ago (we are awaiting approval for partial funding for this project from a TRI substitution) and Oak Street (CTH U east ~1300 linear feet).

During the April snowstorm the Town's 18-year old Sterling plow truck was totaled. Insurance paid \$22,875 for it which will be applied to the purchase of a Western Star service truck for \$90,349 from V&H, Inc., with accessories for \$62,512 from Monroe Trucking for a total of \$152,861. A loan will be obtained to pay for this purchase.

Type	Conservancy/Residential/Agricultural	Commercial/Industrial
New Residence including mobile home (new or old), or 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 (OWB)	\$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 Fees – Effective July 1, 2014