

VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE SPRING 2006 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings From The Village President

Something new, which was started this year, is for the Village Board to hold quarterly listening sessions. The first listening session held on January 31st had a very good turnout. This was a chance for residents to discuss any items of concern they had about the Village. The next listening session is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 26th** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome and refreshments are provided. There will be displays of upcoming roadwork projects at the intersections of County Highway N and Commerce Parkway, County Highway BB and Southing Grange / West Oak. Displays will also be available on the Fireman's Park expansion and future Library.

There will be a short presentation on the area south of the railroad tracks. Commonly referred to as 'Olde Towne', this part of the Village is planned for more streetscape and to increase the number of businesses located there. After a short presentation at 6:05 p.m. and a time for questions on the presentation, you can view the other items on display and make comments on them or other items of concern to you. The Village Board hopes residents in this area will be able to attend, although everyone is welcome.

Most of you may have heard the Village and Town of Cottage Grove are creating our own EMS district. (The district originally was comprised of the Town of Deerfield, the Town of Cottage Grove, the Village of Deerfield and the Village of Cottage Grove). The Town and Village of Deerfield will continue offering EMS services to their residents with a smaller district.

The new Cottage Grove EMS District will start by offering an advanced life support service level, a level just below full paramedic service. We will then work towards becoming a full Paramedic service over the next two years. This level of care will greatly increase the emergency health services we are able to provide our residents. Also, the response time will improve since the EMS District service area will decrease by one half. During our planning to create our own EMS district, we were confident this could be accomplished without creating a tax burden to the Town or Village of Cottage Grove homeowners.

While writing this I do not know the outcome of the Monona Grove School District Middle School referendum. I hope it proves to be a positive outcome.

I hope the lines move well and no one has to wait too long to vote. Village staff and the Village Board went to great lengths to take steps to have the voting go as smoothly as possible for the Spring Election. If there are delays due to the volume of people voting, the Village Board will be looking at creating two voting places for future elections.

I hope you have a good spring and don't forget about the Fireman's Festival. The dates this year are Thursday, June 15th, thru Sunday, June 18th. (It is always held on Fathers Day weekend).

Ken Dahl, Village President

Village Website – www.village.cottage-grove.wi.us
Chamber Website – www.cottagegrovechamber.com
Cottage Grove Online Website – www.cottagegroveonline.com



Village Elected Officials

Ken Dahl, President 839-4213
 Architectural Review Committee
 Emergency Government – Ex Officio
 Joint Town of Sun Prairie Planning Committee
 Landfill Committee
 Law Enforcement Committee
 Personnel Committee - Ex Officio
 Plan Commission
 Public Works Committee

Katie Giese, Trustee 345-3401
 Ad Hoc Ordinance Review Committee
 Board of Review
 Law Enforcement Committee
 Peer Court Steering Committee
 Personnel Committee

Jack Henrich, Trustee 839-1317
 Ad Hoc Ordinance Review Committee
 Emergency Government
 Extra Territorial Zoning
 Law Enforcement Committee

Kevin Hoey, Trustee 839-3025
 Ad Hoc Joint School Planning Committee
 Emergency Medical Services Committee
 Jt. Fire Department Committee
 Utility Commission

Patricia Krall, Trustee 839-8084
 Ad Hoc Ordinance Review Committee
 Environmental, Natural Area & Tree Board
 Jt. Fire Department Committee
 Plan Commission

Randy Margenau, Trustee 628-1401
 Ad Hoc Joint School Planning Committee
 Jt. Fire Department Committee
 Landfill Committee
 Parks & Recreation Committee
 Peer Court Steering Committee

Diane Wiedenbeck, Trustee 839-8588
 Board of Review
 Jt. Planning Committee
 Library Board
 Personnel Committee

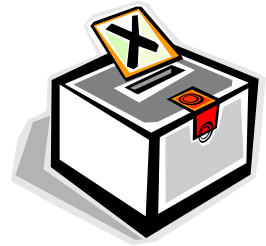
**Village Offices will be closed:
 Friday, April 14, 2006 -
 Spring Holiday**

**Monday, May 29, 2006 -
 Memorial Day.**

Spring Election Candidates

Cottage Grove residents will vote for three Village Trustees at the Spring Election, Tuesday, April 4, 2006. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are located at Village Hall, 221 E. Cottage Grove Rd.

There are three Trustee seats open with Pat Macksey, Larry Schoenemann and incumbents Randy Margenau and Diane Wiedenbeck on the ballot. Current Trustee Kathleen Giese is not seeking re-election.



NEW SENIOR SERVICES

The Cottage Grove Triad, an organization sponsored by the Dane County Sheriff Department, Cottage Grove Police Department, and RSVP of Dane County is asking for your help with a survey which is being mailed to you to coincide with this newsletter. Please fill the survey out and return it to Village Hall, 221 E. Cottage Grove Rd. receive the survey by April 10, or know someone in the area who is not able to return their survey, please give Diane Wiedenbeck, Cottage Grove Triad Chairperson, a call at 839-8588. The Cottage Grove Triad Committee would like to thank you, in advance, for providing this information to better serve area residents.



Beginning May 1, 2006, Dane County will be providing transportation services for senior citizens and disabled residents of Cottage Grove and Deerfield. Trips include Wednesdays to the Piggly Wiggly grocery store in Cottage Grove at a cost of \$2.00 for round trip for those who can afford it. There will also be 2 trips a month for “fun” activities such as East Towne Mall, Movie Theatre or programs at the Colonial Club in Sun Prairie. The cost of these trips will be \$3.00 round trip. For more information please check out the Village’s web site or cable channel 12. After April 15, 2006 you may call Norah Cashin, Dane Country Transportation Manager, at 242-6486, or Diane Wiedenbeck at 839-8588.

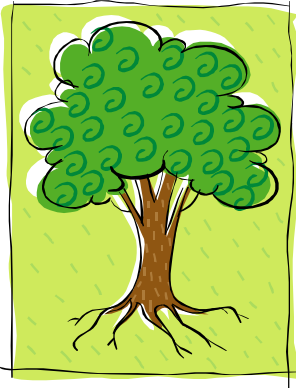
Community Calendar

**Day Light Savings Time
 April 2, 2006**

**Village Wide Hydrant Flushing
 April 3 - 14, 2006**

**Spring Election
 April 4, 2006**

**Fireman’s Festival - Fireman’s Park
 June 15 - 18, 2006**



CONSTRUCTION DAMAGE TO VILLAGE TREES

Are you planning to build, remodel or add an addition to your home or adding a new deck, patio or pool? If you are, you may have spoken with a builder or a landscaping company. After completing the correct permit from Village Hall you may want to call the Village's Forrester, James Rothman, at 839-5813. Many people may not consider this, but your project may have a severe impact on

your trees. Unless the damage is extreme, the tree may not die immediately but decline over several years. Construction damage may not be associated with the loss of the tree when it really is the reason. Damage is any type of injury/wound to the roots, stem or branches of the tree and may include soil compaction in the root zone, smothering roots by excessive soil, exposing roots, changing the grade of soil and exposure to sun and/or light. These can occur during any building activities around the trees. To avoid or reduce the impact of damage you need to plan ahead. Consult with a certified arborist in the planning stage of your project. This will save you time and money and could prevent construction damage. The arborist can make recommendations to prepare the trees for construction activities and protect/preserve the soil for future tree planting. It is also a good idea to receive inspection of the site with long term maintenance needs outlined (watering, fertilization, mulching, pest control and pruning). Trees will not recover from construction damage in one or two years so it is important to try and prevent damage early on in your project.



RECREATION REPORT SPRING 2006

Introduction: My name is Brandon Derus and I started as Recreation Coordinator for the Village of Cottage Grove on January 9, 2006. It has been an interesting adjustment period to say the least. My

brief background: In September 2005, I finished my internship at the Southwest YMCA in Greenfield (suburb of Milwaukee) and began working for the City of Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department shortly after. In December 2005, I walked in graduation ceremonies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, leaving with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Fitness Management and a minor in Business Administration. I live in Madison with three roommates and am learning how passionate this area is about their Badgers. Although I am a Kentucky Wildcats fan, it is amazing to see how serious everyone takes university sports and events around here.

Up-To-Date News: Currently, I have wrapped up the 2006 Spring/Summer Brochure. They were distributed to students after spring break. If you have not received one, there are a variety of places to pick one up. Stop by area banks, Piggly Wiggly, Village Hall, and other local businesses to get your copy. Don't miss out.

There are a variety of programs to choose from in the new brochure. The offerings include: baseball, softball, dance, tennis, Pilates, soccer, golf lessons at The Oaks (seniors, ladies, and men), karate, community events, sports camps, day camps and more. There are also a bunch of new programs and a few surprises. We have many of the same instructors as last year, as well as some new ones in upstart programs. Make sure you pick up your copy of the new brochure ASAP. Please sign-up EARLY for programs as some deadlines come fairly quick in late March and early April.

Basketball is the main program currently off and running. Rookies (1st and 2nd grade) have 12 co-ed teams of almost 100 children playing on Monday nights at Taylor Prairie School. Tuesday night's Senior Boys and Girls (5th and 6th grade) have four teams in each division, with 8 to 10 boys and 6 to 7 girls playing per squad. Junior Boys and Girls (3rd and 4th grade) play Saturday mornings. Juniors and Seniors both play at Cottage Grove School. There are six Boys teams totaling 42 players and four Girls teams totaling 35 players. That brings the total number of participants in our community playing basketball to approximately 240 children. These participation numbers will definitely continue to rise as the community keeps growing.

Reminders: Village Hall will be **open** on Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm for registration of programs. **Please bring a check or exact change only.** At this time, debit and credit cards cannot be accepted. There is also an Easter Egg Hunt scheduled on Saturday, April 8 at Northlawn Park. Two thru five year olds will go from 10:00 am until 10:25 am and six thru eight year olds will go from 10:40 am until 11:00 am. Cost is FREE! Pre-registration by April 5 is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED and APPRECIATED, but not required! This will help us determine how many children will be participating in the fun.

Thank You: I would like to thank the many volunteer coaches who spent time and effort instructing, teaching, and improving our youth during the 2006 basketball season. Please check out the Spring/Summer Brochure to find a complete list of basketball coaches in our community who took time out of their busy schedules to coach and teach the youth of the community.

Area Businesses: There still is time to sponsor summer baseball and softball teams. Stop in at Village Hall during normal business hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm) to pick up a sponsorship form or get one via email at recdept@village.cottage-grove.wi.us.

The direct line to Recreation Coordinator, Brandon Derus, is 839-8968. You may call Brandon with any comments, concerns, or questions regarding anything recreation-related.





HELP WANTED

The Cottage Grove Recreation Department has a variety of opportunities available for summer 2006 employment

- WIAA certified softball/baseball umpires
- Uncertified umpires for softball/baseball
- Youth activity leaders
- Enrichment class instructors
- Evening event supervisor
- Volunteer coaches

Please check our website or call 839-8968 for information. Applications may be picked up at Village Hall, 221 E. Cottage Grove Road.

Team sponsorships are still available. If your business is interested in sponsoring a youth baseball or softball team, please contact Brandon Derus at 839-8968.

The Recreation Department is compiling a Cottage Grove email list to inform residents of new programs, special events, reminders, etc. If you are interested in receiving these updates, please contact Brandon at recdept@village.cottage-grove.wi.us. Include your email address. Your email address will **ONLY** be used to inform you of events that will be offered through the Recreation Department.



COTTAGE GROVE LIBRARY UPDATE

Plans for the Cottage Grove Community Library are moving forward. While negotiations for the site of the new library are still in progress, the Library Board has approved a Program Statement written by the Interim Library Director, the Architect and other committee members. A copy of the Program Statement is available at Village Hall and Town Hall for any interested community member to examine.

A Public Library Building Program Statement is:

- The first and basic tool with which to build a public library. It is a written description of the different kinds of building space in which the best possible public library services can be produced for a particular community.
- An authoritative statement by the librarian, Library Board and local municipal government that the productivity of the library building will be designed at a cost-effective level.
- A set of clear instructions to the architect, engineer, and design team for construction of an efficient, esthetic building with potential for accommodating more and better library services as the community grows.
- A description of how library space can best be utilized to meet the needs of the users.

Inside the Program Statement you will find the recommended square footage for each area of the library, the collection size for all book and non-print collections, and the total size and estimated cost of the library project. In addition, there are descriptions of the computer lab, the magazine and newspaper quiet reading area, and the local history and genealogy rooms. The Program Statement also contains descriptions of an audio-visual area with listening stations, a teen area, a large children's area with adjoining story hour room, a conference room, and small study rooms. Other items described are the large Community Room and kitchenette that will be available for library programs as well as rental for meetings, parties and other community gatherings. After looking closely at the needs of our community, we have tried to design the best library possible to serve our users for many years to come.

If fundraising efforts are successful, the Cottage Grove Community Library should open by 2008. Meanwhile, the BookMobile will continue to visit Cottage Grove on Wednesdays from 4:30-8:00 p.m. in the Marketplace Shopping Center parking lot.

Village residents interested in making a charitable contribution to the Cottage Grove Community Library's Capital Campaign should contact Diane Wiedenbeck at 839-8588 or wiedenbeckd@tds.net.



DEER-GROVE EMS

Deer-Grove EMS responded to 703 calls in 2005, an increase of 8.5% over 2004. There were 156 responses in the Town of Cottage Grove and 292 responses into the Village of Cottage Grove. There were 61 responses in the Town of Deerfield and 157 responses in the Village of Deerfield. We responded to 17 calls in the Town of Pleasant Springs and 20 mutual aid calls outside of the District.

Deer-Grove EMS is an Intermediate (Advanced) level provider. Currently, the department employs four career EMT-Paramedics and one part-time Accounts Manager. The department operates one of only two Firefighter/Paramedic Internship Programs in Dane County in concert with the Cottage Grove Fire Department. Currently, the two departments have three live-in student interns who have completed certifications in Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials – Technician. One has recently completed the EMT-Paramedic Program through the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics. Another will complete paramedic training in May through MATC. The third will begin paramedic training in the fall. The department currently has three volunteers completing paramedic training through MATC. The department has more than 40 volunteer members who play an integral part in the combined success of the department's ability to provide emergency care to patients and respond in a timely manner.

The department logged a total of 31,700 hours of combined staffing in 2005. There were 23,515 hours logged on the primary ALS unit stationed in Cottage Grove. There were 8,185 hours logged on the unit staffed primarily in Deerfield. This results in the second highest staffing totals for ambulances in the Deer-Grove EMS District ever and the highest call volume in the department's 28 year history.

Volunteer and Internship opportunities are available at all levels. If interested, please contact the Deer-Grove Business Office at 608.839.5658 or visit www.deergroveems.org for more information.

Submitted by Jess M. Robinson, EMS Chief

CITIZENS NEEDED

The Village of Cottage Grove has openings for citizen members on the following board, commission and committee:

- * Public Relations—Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at Village Hall
- * Utility Commission—Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30p.m.at the Public Works Facility
- * Zoning Board of Appeals—Meets when needed.

If you are interested in serving as a citizen member, please send a letter of interest to:

Ken Dahl, Village President
Village of Cottage Grove
221 E. Cottage Grove Road
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

For more information please call Kim Manley, Village Administrator at 839-4704.



GARAGE SALE GUIDELINES

The following guidelines must be followed when having a garage sale within Village limits.

- * Display shall be limited to a maximum of 12 days per calendar year.
- * Display shall not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular circulation, including vehicular sight distances.
- * Signage shall comply with the requirements for temporary signs in Article VII of the Village Municipal Code.
- * Adequate parking shall be provided.
- * If subject property is located adjacent to a residential area, sales & display activities shall be limited to daylight hours.
- * Only 2 garage sales per residence are allowed per year.

NEW BUSINESSES IN COTTAGE GROVE

- * Angelus Retirement Community
- * Arby's Restaurant
- * Best Cleaners
- * Dollar General
- * Fired Up Pottery
- * From Hair to Eternity Salon
- * H&R Block
- * Movie Magic - Under new ownership
- * Shell Convenience Store



STREET MAINTENANCE

The following streets are scheduled for crack filling and seal coating this spring or summer. This list is *tentative and may change*. Bass St., Chillion St., East Oak St., East Reynolds St., North Windsor Ave., Ollie St., Sunset Dr., West (old) Reynolds St., School Rd., and Willow Run St. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Hessling, Director of Public Works, at 839-5813.



Just a Reminder.....

Park reservations are now being accepted at Village Hall, 221 E. Cottage Grove Road. The cost for renting a park is:
Village Residents: \$50.00
Non-Village Residents: \$75.00
Security Deposit: \$100.00
Alcohol Permit: \$20.00

You may download the reservation form off the village's web site. The village does not reserve parks over the phone, you must come in to the office and pay the fees. If you have any questions, please call 839-4704 for more information and availability.

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing will be April 3 to April 14 between the hours of 7:00a.m. - 3:30p.m. If your water is discolored, let it run until it clears. Check your washing machine before doing any laundry to avoid discoloration. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 839-5813.

VILLAGE COMPOST SITE

Location: 225 Bonnie Road from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. **For collection of COMPOST ONLY – NO WOODY MATERIALS.**

Please note: No brush, garbage, limbs or trees are accepted.

The site will be open the following Saturdays:

April 8 & 22

May 6 & 20

June 3 & 17

July 1, 15 & 29



COMPOST BIN SALE

There will be a sale on Saturday, May 6th, 2006 at the Dane County Alliant Center. The cost will be \$33 per bin. Only cash or check will be accepted for payment. For the times and other locations of the sale, please check the Wisconsin State Journal, Capital Times or the Dane County web site at: www.co.dane.wi.us.

SEWER GAS SMELL?

Occasionally a homeowner will notice a bad smell coming from the vicinity of plumbing fixtures in the home. This may be caused by a “dry trap” and can be very dangerous. If a fixture such as a shower or bathtub drain has not been used in a long time, the trap may dry out and allow sewer gas to come back into the home. Other drains to consider are the drains in the basement floor or a seldom used laundry tub. The solution is to run water into the fixture and allow the trap to again fill up with water. Unused drains should be inspected monthly. If this does not solve the problem, call a licensed plumber for an inspection and possible repair.



2006 BRUSH PICK UP SCHEDULE

The Village will be picking up brush the following weeks:

April 17

August 7

October 23

Please remember these few tips:

- ◆ Tie brush in bundles of approximately 12 inches in diameter and 4 feet long.
- ◆ Larger limbs should **not exceed** 6 inches in diameter
- ◆ Should not be more than 6 feet in length.
- ◆ No bags, boxes or trash containers full of brush.
- ◆ Cut ends should be pointed toward the curb.
- ◆ Please have your brush out at your curb by 6:00 a.m. the Monday morning of pick-up week. **With the growth of the village, your brush may not be collected on that exact day but you should have it ready.**

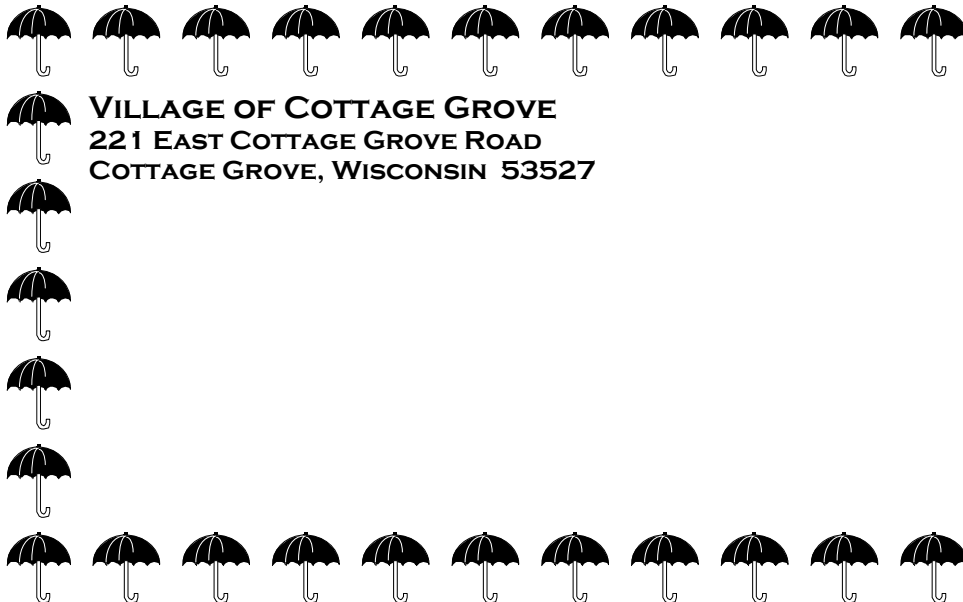
GRASS CLIPPINGS



With Spring just new here, the Public Works Departments would like to remind everyone **not** to put your grass clippings on/near sidewalks or in the roadway. The Village does not pick up clippings during brush pick up but you may bring them to the compost drop off site located at the Public Works Facility, 225 Bonnie Rd. The Dane County Composting Site (Rodefald site 838-9555) located on Hwy 12/18 across from the Yahara Golf Course is also open for disposal of clippings. Their hours are: Monday - Friday 7:00a.m. - 2:45p.m. Saturday 8:00a.m. - 10:45p.m.

DISPOSAL OF BRUSH

The Madison brush site, located at 121 E. Olin Street, near the Dane County Coliseum accepts brush from all Dane County Residents for a fee. For more information please call 266-4911.



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