

LANARK NEWS



Land Use Plan Begins

The time has finally arrived for Lanark to develop a Land Use Plan and update the Town's zoning map with the technical assistance of Portage County Planning & Zoning staff. The first step is to create a vision statement - how do we want the Town of Lanark to look 20 years from now. The Plan itself has components such as Resource Inventory & Analysis, Growth Management, Land Use Goals & Policies, Map, and Plan Implementation. It will have standards that identify high quality farmlands, environmental areas, minimum lot sizes for residential development, anticipate areas for new development, and will apply zoning in a uniform manner.

Let's Picnic! Come and celebrate the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial by getting together with your friends and neighbors.



SATURDAY, JULY 11
NOON TO 4:00 P.M.
TOWN GARAGE

Bring a dish to pass, beverage and table service. If you have any items of historical interest pertaining to the Town, please bring them to share. We will also be recognizing Carrol Winkler and Carl Maves for their many years of service to the Town of Lanark. (The Town Garage is located at the corner of Hwy. 54 and Cty. TT.)

LAND USE PLAN COMMITTEE

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Transportation Issues

New 45 m.p.h. speed limits on Town roads will soon be in effect. To maintain a safe road environment for vehicular traffic as well as bikers and walkers the reduced speed limit will be enforced by the Sheriff's Department once the signs are posted. Along with this Ordinance is the designation that all Town roads will be posted as Class B.

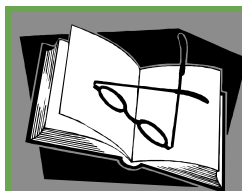
The Town has the responsibility to preserve our investment in roads by protecting them from excess damage caused by trucks carrying heavy loads. Most of the Town roads have not been constructed to adequately handle these loads. The Class B designation essentially limits the gross ve-

hicle weight to 60% of the limits normally authorized. Pavement life could increase by 88%.



Permits for exceeding the Class B limit shall be issued by the Board.

Residents are asked to keep road right-of-ways clear of obstructions. Garbage containers are a hazard for snowplows and mowers when left along the shoulder. Mailboxes should be set back from the pavement edge - the Town will help with placement and shoulder gravel to create room for the mail carrier. Rocks should not be used around mailboxes or dumped in the ditch.



Did you know? The Town of Lanark was created on Nov... 12, 1856. Before 1851, Town 22 (Lanark) was part of Brown County, and in 1851 was made part of Portage County. From 1852 to 1856 it was administered as part of the Town of Amherst and for a short time in 1856 as part of the Town of Belmont. The name Lanark was probably given to the township by the Minto and Swan families who are believed to have originated in Lanark, Scotland. The government survey of the section lines was completed in August 1851 with notes stating that the township contained six families of about 24 persons.

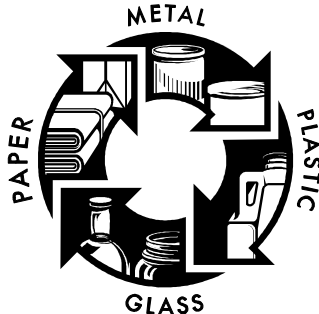


YOUR NEIGHBOR

GERALD DEUMAN is the Town's first full-time employee. Hired in 1994 in an effort to maintain a steady employee as well as meet the growing demands of the Town, Jerry has been an asset. A "jack of all trades", Deuman handles jobs from mechanics and welding to woodworking and roadwork. Being on flex time, he can be seen in the wee hours of the morning clearing roads of snow or on weekends handling recyclables. The Town experienced the absence of Jerry this late winter when he had heart bypass surgery. Of French ancestry, Jerry has lived in Lanark since 1962 working for Madison Silo for 25 years and 5 years with his own business, 3-D Silo Repair. Married to the late Loretta Garms, (daughter of Elmer & Hazel Garms who operated "The Hideout"), he has 5 children. In 1988 Deuman married Mary Swisher and between them they have 11 grandchildren. The Deumans reside at 10283 Hwy. 54.

DOGS AT-LARGE!

Residents are reminded that by State Statute and Portage County Ordinance, all dogs must be under restraint or control at all times. The Town has many bikers and walkers and dogs at-large pose a health hazard. Please keep our community safe! Owners of a dog more than 5 months of age shall also obtain a dog license from the Town Treasurer. Lanark contracts with the Portage County Humane Society so any complaints or reports of stray dogs should be directed to them at 344-6012.



RECYCLING TIMES

Location: Town Garage
 First Wednesday of the month from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 Third Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
 Yard waste and brush is accepted. The Portage County Landfill will accept most non-recyclable waste items. It is located north of Hwy. 10 on Cty. QQ. 592-4663.

T A X P A Y E R \$

What is the Difference Between Assessed Value and Equalized Value?
 The assessed value is the value placed on each parcel of real or personal property

by the local assessor. Assessed values are used to determine how much of the property tax will be charged to each property owner. State law allows each municipality to be within 10 percent of market value.

Because assessors in different taxing districts value property at different percentages of market value, it is necessary for the Department of Revenue to convert the assessed values to a uniform level. These uniform values are called equalized values because all non-agricultural property has been valued on an equal basis, namely 100 percent of market value. These values are used for apportioning county, public school, and vocational school taxes and for distributing property tax relief. The assessed value is important for maintaining equity among individual taxpayers within the municipality while the equalized value maintains equity between municipalities and counties. This year will be the first time use-value assessment is placed upon farmland. Look for Open Book and Board of Review in September.



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