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## Preventing fires in waste

In light of the recent Transfer Facility fire and in an effort to protect county employees and buildings, the Portage County Solid Waste Department encourages residents to follow these guidelines when disposing of waste. Following these guidelines can also protect you, your families and homes as they will help prevent fires in waste while it is still at your home.

*Always* douse cigarette butts with water before placing them in waste containers. Cigarettes, when improperly handled, are significant fire

hazards. *Never* place hot ashes directly in the garbage. One small ember may contain enough heat to start other materials on fire. Take ashes and place in a fireproof container, store outdoors away from combustible materials and add water or let stand for several days before disposal. Or better yet, save the ashes for summer gardening purposes!

Rags containing solvents, varnishes and other chemicals should be treated with great



care. *Never* mix rags soaked with different chemicals, as a reaction may occur and cause combustion. Dry rags as much as possible before placing them in the trash.

*Do not* place full or partially full containers of household hazardous  
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## Dog licenses due April 1

All dogs 5 months of age or older require a license. The fee is \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs, \$16.00 if not spayed or neutered. You **must show proof** of rabies vaccination for a license to be issued.

Please send a copy of your dog's rabies certificate, the appropriate fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Jean Eddy, Treasurer, 5630 Morgan Road, Amherst, WI 54406. Your dog license, tag, and the information sent in will be returned to you in the envelope you provided.

If you prefer to purchase your dog license in person, Jean Eddy will have hours at the Town Hall Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Remember to bring your rabies certificate with you.

A late fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed the owner for each dog not licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The fine for failure to obtain a dog license or failure to have your dog vaccinated against rabies is \$150.00.

\*\*\*Town Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.\*\*\*

## Preventing fires in waste

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materials (i.e.: cleaners, caustics, solvents, oil-based paints, etc) in the garbage. Simple household chemicals, when mixed in a waste load, may cause heat and/or combustion.

Materials like household cleaners, chemicals and fuels are accepted by the Continuous Clean Sweep Program for environmentally safe disposal or recycling. Bringing these materials in requires an appointment; call 346-1931. For more information on fees and what materials are accepted, go online to

[www.co.portage.wi.us](http://www.co.portage.wi.us), click on Departments, then Solid Waste, then Departmental Brochures.

One of the best ways to avoid waste fires is to simply not dispose of easily combustible materials in the first place; there are a variety of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. Check with neighbors to see if they need your cleaners, paint, etc. Search to the Solid Waste Department's free online Exchange Program also accessible through the above website. Marathon County also offers an exchange room that can

be used by area residents at the Marathon County Hazardous Waste Facility.

For more information about this program visit [www.co.marathon.wi.us/departments.asp](http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/departments.asp), then click on either Solid Waste or Public Health.

If you have any questions about how to dispose of or recycle certain materials, feel free to call the Solid Waste Department at 345-5969, or Recycling Connections Corporation at 345-5972.

## Garbage and recycling 2008

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the 2008 Residential Recycling Program brochure which includes dates for recycling pickup. Garbage pickup remains every Friday with recycling every other Friday.

The Town has experienced vandalism and damage to garbage

carts. To minimize the possibility of damage to your cart and keep everyone's cost down, please set out carts no earlier than Thursday night and move them away from the curb as soon as possible after pickup on Friday. Wittenberg has asked that on pickup day carts be set within 4' of the roadway with the lid

opening facing the road. Also keep snowplowing in mind when setting out your cart; wings on a plow can catch a cart if it is too close to the road.

If you experience damage to your cart by vandals, please contact the Portage County Sheriff's Department at 715/346-1400.

## Cemetery plots

Cemetery plots are available at both the Badger Cemetery on Highway D and the Hillside Cemetery on Wolf Lake Road. Each plot is \$400 and includes perpetual care.

Contact the Clerk for more information.

## Help keep roads clear

Section 346.94(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes states "no person may place or cause to be placed upon any highway any substance that is or may be injurious to any vehicle." This includes snow removed by residents from their private driveways across roadways.

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*\*\*\*Plan Commission Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. as needed \*\*\**

# Election News 2008

The State Elections Board has been renamed the Government Accountability Board (GAB).

On February 7, 2008 the GAB announced the availability of the Voter Public Access (VPA) website. Wisconsin voters can look up their polling place and other election-related information on the Internet using a new function of the state's voter registration system. It's now available under "Voter Information" on the Elections Division page at <http://gab.wi.gov>. VPA gives the public a new means of getting information about voter registration, voting history, normal polling place locations, current of-

fice holders, and sample ballots for upcoming elections.

The information provided on Voter Public Access pages comes directly from the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) and is maintained by local clerks. Voters who find any out-of-date information should report it to their municipal clerk.

Instructions for using Voter Public Access are provided on the site. Voters who do not find registration information about themselves in Voter Public Access should contact their municipal clerk to make sure

they are properly registered to vote.

The Town of Lanark is now a self-provider for SVRS and no longer pays Portage County to maintain voter registration records.

## 2008 ELECTIONS:

2/19/08: Spring Primary and Presidential Preference

4/1/08: State Judicial Offices

9/9/08: Partisan Primary Election

11/4/08: General Election

## Notable News

- **VOTE FEBRUARY 19:** The Presidential Preference Primary is Tuesday, February 19th. You may vote for only one candidate from the ballot. Voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- The full-time ambulance service out of Amherst is up and running and serving residents of Lanark.
- **REMINDER:** It is a state law to keep dogs on your own property or under restraint!
- The Town has had several road signs damaged and/or stolen recently; if you have any information regarding these crimes, please contact the Portage County Sheriff at 715/346-1400.
- Those with cell phones on the south side of town may notice improved reception due to the new cellular tower off State Highway 54.
- Free 2007 tax return preparation and counseling for the elderly is available in Stevens Point at the Lincoln Center. Call 715/346-1401 for more information.

## We're on the Web!

The Town of Lanark now has its own website. Visit us at [www.townoflanark.org](http://www.townoflanark.org). It is a work in progress and we plan to add more information as time goes on. You can find meeting notices,

agendas, minutes, newsletters, garbage/recycling information, land use plan links, calendar of events and much more. Also available are links to e-mail addresses for town officials.

\*\*\*Vote February 19th!\*\*\*

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