

# Lanark News

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## New DNR burning permit system

The WI DNR has changed the burning permit system on a trial basis.

A resident who wishes to burn needs to obtain an free *annual* permit from a fire warden. On each day burning is to occur the resident is required to check the DNR website ([http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/Fire/fire\\_danger/Wis\\_Burn/StateCounties.asp](http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/Fire/fire_danger/Wis_Burn/StateCounties.asp)) or call 1-888-WIS-

BURN for daily burning restrictions. The restrictions are updated daily after 11:00 a.m.

Fire Wardens in the Town of Lanark are Chris Clinton (9388 Clinton Road) and Sarah Lucht (7188 County Road D), or you may obtain your permit from the DNR Ranger Station (301 Cedar Street, Whiting).

## Summer road work

The major road project to be done this summer will be reconstruction of Edminster Road.

The majority of the road will be completely redone and the project includes plans for cutting down the two rises for better visibility. 90' of Evergreen Drive West at the intersection of

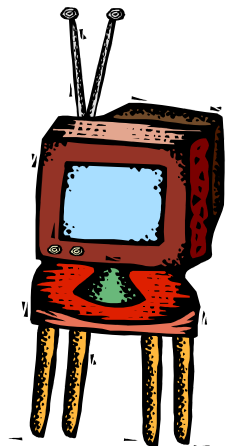
Edminster Road will also be reconstructed.

At press time the work had not yet begun but is expected begin immediately. Please make plans for alternate routes during construction. We expect the work to be completed within one month of the project start.

## Don't throw out your old television!

Your old TV set is *not* going to become obsolete come February 16, 2009 when the country goes to digital signal.

If you are currently using rabbit ears or a rooftop antenna, you will still be able to use your TV but you will need a converter box. Converter boxes are only \$20 with a coupon from [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) (1-800-DTFV-2009) Two free coupons are al-



lowed per household. You will not need a converter box if you have cable TV, a satellite dish, or any other pay TV.

If you must get rid of any TV for any reason, dispose of it responsibly for a small fee using Portage County's Electronic Recycling Program. Contact the Solid Waste Department at 715/345-5969 or Recycling Connections at 715/345-5972.

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

# Elections Coming; Register to Vote

With the September 9 Partisan Primary and November 4 General Elections coming, it's not too early to register to vote. You can register three ways: by mail, in person, or on election day. In all three cases you **MUST** provide your Wisconsin driver's license number if you have been issued one; if you do not have one you can use the last four digits of your social security number.

To register by mail you will need to send a completed application along with proof of residency to the Clerk. Applications are available online at <http://elections.state.wi.us/subcategory.asp?linksubcatid=1637&locid=47> or by calling the Clerk. You may register by mail up until 20 days before an election.

Visit us online @ [www.townoflanark.org](http://www.townoflanark.org) for a calendar of events, meeting notices, dog licensing information, town official contact information, and more!

You may register in person with your WI DL number and proof of residency up until the day before the election. Election-day registrations also require the same information.

Registration prior to election day is strongly encouraged; high voter turnout is expected and early registration will help you get through the line on election day more quickly.

You can check your voter registration status at: <http://vpa.wi.gov/>.



## Amherst Ambulance Report

Sandra Curtis, Emergency Management Director for Portage County, reported the following call volume for the Amherst Ambulance for January through April 2008.

Totals are as follows: Village of Amherst, 32; Town of Amherst, 24, Village of Amherst Junction, 2, Town of Belmont, 4; Town of Lanark, 9; and Town of New Hope, 6.

The Stevens Point Fire Department provided advanced lift support intercept service for the Amherst Ambulance on 19 of the 77 calls.

The patients were transported to the following hospitals: St. Michael's, 43; Riverside, 10; Wild Rose, 1; and St. Joseph's, 1.

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

# Waupaca FD to get new tanker in '09

The Waupaca Fire District recently approved the purchase of a new Pierce 3000 gallon tanker. The new tanker will replace a 1988 truck.

According to Waupaca Fire Department Chief Jeff Olson, "The new tanker will allow our department to haul

water for rural fires more efficiently and safely." The expected delivery date for the new truck is January, 2009.

Chief Olson also reminds residents to check their smoke alarms monthly and to practice an in-home fire drill.

## Dog licenses due

Dog license fees were due March 31, 2008.

If you do not have a current license for your dog, please submit payment now. The fee is \$6.00 for each spayed or neutered dog or \$16.00 if not spayed or neutered. Please enclose a \$5.00 late fee for each dog you own. Mail your license fee, late fee, and a copy of the rabies certificate for each dog, in a self addressed stamped envelope to: Treasurer, Town of Lanark, 5630 Morgan Road Amherst WI 54406.

A list of Lanark residents with unpaid dog licenses will be sent to the Portage County Sheriff's Department and will be subject to a fine of \$150.00 for each unpaid license.

Note: All dogs 5 months of age or older require a license. Any new dog acquired after the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline needs to be licensed immediately.

## Garbage cart vandalism

In the past year the Town has experienced numerous complaints of stolen and damaged garbage carts. To help limit these incidences, please put your cart out no earlier than the evening before pickup and remove it from the roadside as soon as possible after pickup. If you have a long driveway and have difficulty getting your cart from the house to the road, please find a spot along your driveway but away from the roadside to store it during the week.

If you have any information regarding the theft and vandalism of carts, please contact the Portage County Sheriff's office at 715-346-1400.

If you are missing your cart please call Wittenberg Disposal first at 1-888-804-8556. If you don't receive your cart within a reasonable amount of time, then contact the Clerk.

## Notable News

- By ordinance ALL proposed land splits and combinations MUST come before the Plan Commission and the Town Board; contact the Clerk for more information
- REMINDER: It is a state law to keep dogs on your own property or under restraint!
- Bill McKee is our new Lanark representative on the Groundwater Citizen's Advisory Committee
- OAK WILT REMINDER: The WI DNR advises to not cut, prune, or otherwise wound oak trees April through July.
- Scavenging/stealing of recyclable materials placed at the curb for formal collection is a violation of Portage County Ordinance 4.8.6.

\*\*\*REGISTER TO VOTE\*\*\*

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