

# YORK TOWN News

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## WEBSITE 2.0

Our new and improved website is up and running, and features many updates that are designed to put information about the Town and its events at your fingertips.

Local resident/computer guru Todd Carlson is the webmaster and he, along with a committee of Gil Helland, Nate Ula, Jill Duerst, Tim Czerwonka, and Dan Truttman, have worked together to develop the new site that features many new amenities, including: regular postings of meeting notices, agendas and minutes for the board and committees; budget and tax roll information; election results and voting info; ordinances, permits, and other resident info; and a very interesting local history section too. There is also an events calendar, and links to Facebook, Twitter, and RSS. More content is being added, and suggestions are always welcome.

You can subscribe to the site and have notices sent to your email when new items are posted, so you'll never be in the dark about what's going on in York. See for yourself at [www.townofyork.org](http://www.townofyork.org)

## OIL FILTER AND ABSORBENT LANDFILL BAN

Effective January 1, 2011 used oil filters and oil absorbents will no longer be allowed to go into landfills. This means that used oil filters from both home and farm do-it-yourselfers can no longer be placed into the normal trash and must be recycled by state law. Businesses and individuals that fail to comply with the law may be charged forfeitures of up to \$50 for a first violation, up to \$200 for a second violation.

Used filters, if properly drained, are being collected at the Town Recycling center, and may also be accepted at salvage yards along with other scrap steel. Regardless of where the filters are disposed of for recycling they need to be properly drained by popping a hole in the top of the filter to remove all the oil. Only absorbents that are biodegradable are being accepted at this time; clay based products such as "Oil-Dri" are not. For more information on this new regulation see the DNR Question and Answer Fact Sheet on Used Oil Filters and Absorbents. You can also check out the DNR website on this topic: [http://dnr.wi.gov/news/mediakits/mk\\_oil\\_filters\\_absorbents.asp](http://dnr.wi.gov/news/mediakits/mk_oil_filters_absorbents.asp).

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DAN REESON

Hello to all in the Town Of York. Time for another newsletter, I'm getting later on this every year. Last year I mentioned that Nathan Ula would be stepping down as Treasurer, it happened on Dec. 2010. Nate, "Thanks for everything."

Ann Carlson has taken on the Treasurer's job and I am confident Ann will do a great job, "Ann thanks for stepping up!"

Our clerk Nancy Anderson is still keeping everything running smoothly, even with all the extra work that is being sent her way, it seems like every month something new is coming from the state, Nancy sure makes my job a lot easier.

Our Patrolman, Wayne Bue, has mentioned retirement once, but I hope he stays for a few more years. Wayne does a really good job and saves York a lot of money, He's always fixing things that most would send out for repairs.

Eric Peterson, our part time Patrolman, mostly snow plowing on north side of town. "Thanks Eric."

Our recycling center is being watched by Karen Hughes. It's a job I wouldn't want, people being told how to throw out trash, most folks are really good about this, but there are those few who need some help once in a while. "Thanks Karen."

Raphael and Dorothy Peterson, Wednesday night recycling supervisors, thank you.

Carly Harris, "Thanks for the clean Town Hall."

To our Plan Commission, Curt Moen, Kelly Hermanson, Heidi Hankley, Sean Shilling, and Don Anderson; and Rural Land Conservation Committee, Brian Bubenzer, Thia Dallmann, Todd Larson, and Eric Peterson; and web site redesign and newsletter, Todd Carlson, Dan Truttman, Jill Duerst, Gil Helland, Tim Czerwonka, and Carrie Czerwonka: "Thanks so very much." (see CHAIRMAN REP., p. 2)

## RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

By NANCY ANDERSON

Citizens of York: You are doing a good job of separating recyclables from ordinary solid waste. And that's great! But now, what do we do with all the e-waste that is beginning to clutter up our homes? Following is an article that I came across from the Department of Natural Resources. At the end, I have listed some of the closest places to take your e-cyclables. There may be fees involved, but it is safe and the correct way to dispose of these unwanted items, plus, we can't accept them at the recycling center. Also, this year, we've included a small flyer with your tax bill, which you may want to keep handy.

### RECYCLE ELECTRONICS INSTEAD OF TRASHING THEM

By BRIDGETTE VALDEZ-KOGLE, DNR

Cell phones, computers, televisions and other electronics are a daily part of most of our lives. But the more electronics we use the more electronic waste we create. Electronic waste is the fastest growing component of waste in the United States. There are millions of pounds of electronic waste in Wisconsin alone.

Until now, Wisconsin households could throw away their outdated or broken electronics. But trashing electronics is not without consequences. Electronics can contain harmful chemicals like mercury, lead, cadmium, and other heavy metals, as well as chemical flame retardants. When disposed of improperly, these pollutants can pose a risk to human and environmental health.

Electronics also contain valuable reusable materials, including steel, gold, silver, copper, and glass. Properly recycling these materials reduces the need for mining new materials.

"Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them," said Ann Coakley, director of DNR's Waste and Materials Management program.

Under a new electronics recycling law, passed in October 2009, Wisconsinites now have the opportunity to recycle their electronics instead of trashing them. The E-Cycle Wisconsin program, created under the law by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provides electronics recycling options in many parts of the state and bans the landfilling of certain electronic devices as of September 1, 2010.

"This is an exciting new opportunity for many of us in Wisconsin to recycle our electronics more easily and cheaply," Coakley said.

All of these devices, along with cell phones, are banned from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators as of September 1, 2010. For more information on the E-Cycle Wisconsin program, including a full list of collection sites, see <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin>. For questions, contact the E-Cycle Wisconsin program at (608) 266-2111 or [DNRWAE-cycling@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRWAE-cycling@wisconsin.gov).

#### E-Cycle Wisconsin registered collection sites

County	Collector	City	Phone
Green	Green County Solid Waste	Brodhead	608-894-8605
Dane	American TV & Appliance	Madison	608-271-1000
Dane	Goodwill Industries	Madison	608-271-0048
Dane	Staples	Madison	608-271-1821
Dane	WM Recycle America, LLC	Madison	888-960-0008

Please do your part! Recycle your e-waste at these locations.

**CHAIRMAN REP. (continued from p. 1)** Also my two partners on the board, Dan Truttmann and Steve Hermanson.

Our budget looks good, the board held with no levy increase for 2011. Roads are in fairly good shape. The board is always working on ways to keep the roads up with the least expense. Today it costs over \$100,000 to repave 1 mile of road, so we will keep seal coating at about one-tenth the cost. This is possible if the road has a good base. The two things that break up the base are too much weight and salt. Salt melts the ice that runs in cracks, which freezes again and heaves the road up. I know the roads are snow packed a lot, so please slow down a little.

## CURRENT STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS RECYCLING

TIM CZERWONKA

The UW Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center held a meeting about agricultural plastic waste issues in Wisconsin in Madison on January 28. Over 30 people from across the state attended either in person or on-line, representing UW Extension offices, county and state government, farmers, manufacturers and entrepreneurs.

Representatives from Green and Columbia counties spoke about their experience with prior collection efforts; the consensus is that farmer participation in collection efforts exceeds expectations. However, finding a recycling market for the collected agricultural plastic remains a problem.

The foremost challenge to recycling is that agricultural plastic is typically more contaminated (wet, dirty) than other recyclable plastic, such as grocery bags, pallet wrap, and marina boat wrap. Specialized machinery for baling and shredding film-type materials are also not available in every locality.

There are several developers of new technologies for converting plastics back to oil which may be less sensitive to the contamination issues. Other groups in the state are researching alternative end-products such as composite plastic 4x4 fenceposts.

Until stable recycling markets are found, landfilling is the only method for disposal. Keep in mind that it is illegal to burn agricultural plastics and the DNR can issue sizeable fines for such activity.

### NEW SALT SHED

2ND SUPERVISOR STEVE HERMANSON

There's been a need for more shed space. In October we decided to build a 30x40' shed to store salt and lime chips. This will allow us to store the grader in the shed where the salt and lime were stored. We started out with estimates as high as \$70,000. We opened up bids for the concrete work and construction of the shed and were able to build for less than half the cost. We also split the construction over a 2-yr period. By doing this we won't need to borrow any money. We hope to complete construction within the next 6-8 weeks, and the landscaping next spring. This building should serve the needs of the town for years to come.

### SNOW PLOWING REMINDER

When plowing out your driveway or having someone plow it for you, take great care so as not to plow the snow across the road and leave ridges. The ridges freeze solid, and when hit by the plow can cause damage to the plow requiring repairs, delay in clearing the roadways, and added expense to all taxpayers of our Town. Let's all aim for a safe and successful winter driving experience.

Town of York Recycling Center hours:  
Saturdays 8 am to 12 pm, year-round  
Wednesdays 5 to 8 pm, June through August