
Village of Cobb

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Village-Wide Garage Sales

This year's village-wide garage sales are set for Friday, June 12th from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. To have your garage sale included in the Village-wide garage sale advertisements, please contact the Village office by June 3rd at 623-2777, via email at

villageofcobb@charter.net, or by contacting Village resident Linda Gard at 623-2789.

New this year - Registration fee of \$5 to have your name and address listed on the advertisements. Ads will be placed in the Chronicle/Ad-Visor, Shopping News, and Richland Shopper, listed on the Village web site plus flyers available at the Village office, Royal Bank, and Cobb Library. Linda Gard and the Village office will have garage sale yard signs available again this year.

New Village Web Site

We are excited to announce that the Village of Cobb now has its own website! The village website address is:

www.villageofcobb.com.

The website lists information for Village Board proceedings, Cobb Library, Corn Roast, summer activities, upcoming events, etc. The website is still under construction and is continually changing. Check it out and have fun while visiting!

Please feel free to contact the Village office with news items and/or other information to add to our web site. We would also like to link community businesses and organizations to our web page.

E-Mail Listing

Business Owners and/or Village

Residents: If you are interested in receiving occasional updates via email, the Village Office is continuously adding to a mass email distribution listing. This form of communication enables wider distribution of public notices, i.e. removing vehicles from streets for sweeping, holiday schedule changes for garbage and recycling pickup, Cobb Public Library programs, upcoming events in the Village, flushing water mains, and any other updates/changes/ notifications. If you are interested in adding your email address to the distribution list, please send your request to the Village Office at

villageofcobb@charter.net. A confirmation reply will be sent.

Spring Election Results

Spring Elections were held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. Village Board positions up for re-election on the ballot included Robert Roelli for Village President and Russell Zingg and Richard Campbell Sr. for Village Trustee positions. Tom Miller chose not to run for re-election. Arnold Fritsch filed papers for the Trustee position vacated by Tom Miller. All other incumbents were running unopposed and successfully retained their positions, along with adding newcomer Arnold Fritsch to fill the third Trustee vacancy. Two-year terms of these positions began April 21st. Thank you to Tom Miller for his years of service to the Village Board. The other Village Board members include Laurie Trevorrow,

Donald Ritchie, and John Wienkes.

Welcome to all new Village residents that have recently moved into the community. For your information, or for those who have not participated in previous elections, **the polls are open every Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.** and are located at the Cobb Community Center, 404 Motel Street. Please remember to exercise your privilege to vote. Sample ballots for each election are posted in all Village posting locations: Village Clerk's Office, Royal Bank, Cobb Post Office, Cobb Food Mart, and the Cobb Public Library. All electors are required to register, prior to voting, according to the Statewide Voter Registration law. Contact the Village Office for more information and to register if you are new to the community or have not previously registered. The next election will be in 2010.

Library Board News

The Cobb Public Library would like to thank the following individuals for their service to the library by serving on the Library Board of Trustees: Jan Miller and Jane Barr. The library sincerely appreciates the time and effort these two ladies have given to the library. The current library board members are: Paul Korb, Laurie Trevorrow, Linda Tucker, Lori Breiwa, Carolyn Laufenberg, Linda Gard, and LaNell Wagner. Library Director Sherry Nagel is busy planning the Summer Library Program schedule. Please see the enclosed flyer for an upcoming event to be held at the Cobb Public Library.

Please remember to take advantage of this great facility. The library hours are:

Monday 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.- 12:30p.m.

2010 Census Count

On April 13, 2009, the Cobb Village Board passed a Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2010 Census Count. It may not seem possible that the 2010 Census is on our doorstep. Accurate and up-to-date census data is important for securing federal dollars and other community development funding sources. According to the Census Bureau, about 1/3 of Iowa County residents did not respond to the 2000 Census. Iowa County and the Village of Cobb needs better response rate for future stability. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

The Census Bureau requires assistance of communities to help build awareness about the census, why it is important, and encourage community members to participate. One very effective way to accomplish this is through Complete Count Committees. A Complete Count Committee is a volunteer committee established to increase awareness about the census and motivate residents in the community to respond. **The Village of Cobb is looking for volunteers to be a part of the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee.** The immediate formulation of a Complete Count Committee will ensure that local residents are kept abreast of the various census operations before the information is nationally circulated. Although the 2010 Census questionnaires will not be delivered to households until mid-March of 2010, the census awareness campaign should start TODAY. Information regarding the census will also be available on the Village web site.

Planning Commission/Smart Growth Grant

The Village of Cobb was approved for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration to assist the community in developing its comprehensive plan, in partnership with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC), to be in compliance with the upcoming Smart Growth Law. The Village Board is currently looking for volunteers to create a Planning Commission which will work in conjunction with the SWWRPC in developing a land use plan and discuss issues involving the future of the Village of Cobb. For additional information and/or expressing interest in serving on the Planning Commission, please contact the Village office at 623-2777 or via email at villageofcobb@charter.net.

Yard Waste

PINE NEEDLES, FLOWERS, PINE CONES, FLOWER BED AND GARDEN CLEANUP, ETC. **Yard waste must be bagged and placed by the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the FIRST and THIRD Thursday of each month. A brush pickup schedule is included in this mailing. Please keep it for future reference!** Please do not **bag garbage (flower pots, paper, etc.) with the yard waste.** A 2-bag limit per household, **per pickup**, will be enforced. Any amount over this will be assessed a fee. During fall leaf collection, bag limits will not apply for leaf pickup. The yard waste is disposed of on the Village compost site. If garbage is found in the yard waste bags, the village employees will leave the bag.

BRUSH: Now also picked up the FIRST AND THIRD Thursday of each month. The maximum length is six feet (6') and the maximum amount to be picked up, without a

fee, is an armload. Please lay the butt ends toward the curb. All small brush must be bagged. This service is for village residents only. No pick up from commercial tree trimmers. **Please contact the Village Office at 623-2777 or Director of Public Works, Mark Flanagan, on his cell phone at 574-3777 to arrange pickup and payment for large amounts of brush. PLEASE PUT ALL BAGS OF YARD WASTE, BRUSH, GARBAGE, AND PILED BRUSH ON THE EDGE OF YOUR YARD – NOT IN THE CURB OR ON THE STREET! Keep Village streets free of debris as it ends up plugging storm sewers and creates an unsightly appearance for the community. LEAVES/GRASS/OTHER LAWN DEBRIS:** May be burned in your garden/yard between October 15th and November 15th ONLY. Burning in the street is **PROHIBITED!**

Recycling and Garbage Collection


Regular garbage and recycling collection will continue on a weekly basis. Remember to have it at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. The Village contracts this service with Town & Country Sanitation in Boscobel. Some residents are expecting regular curbside pickup for large amounts of garbage. If large amounts of garbage are from construction work, remodeling, major household cleanup, moving, etc., the resident is **required to rent a dumpster.** Please make note that the following guidelines will be enforced as outlined in the current contract:

- All items (tires, sofas, chairs, carpeting-cut into 6' lengths, washing machines, dryers, stoves, etc.) will be picked up on a weekly basis, if placed at the curbside. **However, a call must be made to Town & Country Sanitation at 1-800-626-1915 prior to the regular Monday pickup date authorizing the driver to pickup the item(s). Any item will remain on the curb if arrangements were not made in advance with Town &**

Country. The Village Public Works Department will no longer pick up these items.

- Small amounts (one bundle) of construction material, if tied in 3' x 2' bundles, may also be placed at the curbside if able to safely pick up (no exposed nails, etc.). Larger amounts of construction material **require** a dumpster for disposal.
- Paint cans need special preparation – lids need to be removed, mix sand/kitty litter/or something to make paint solid, or let paint cans open to let paint “dry out” before setting at curb.
- Items with Freon or contained Freon at one time (refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, dehumidifiers) microwaves, or computers and monitors will be taken after **a fee is paid** to Town & Country Sanitation. You are required to call Town & Country to arrange pickup of these items. The driver will only pickup items after the fee has been collected by Town & Country.

Village Ordinance requires all residents to use clear/see-through type bags. No black or brown trash bags will be picked up by Town & Country Sanitation. Residents may purchase bags at a place of your choice, or for your convenience, 33-gallon clear bags may be purchased at the village office for .30/bag or 10 for \$2.80 or 15-gallon bags at .10/bag. These are strong, quality garbage bags.

 **Enclosed is a copy of the current recycling guidelines. The more pounds the Village recycles, the more state grant dollars we receive. Please take the time to separate out all of your recyclables from your garbage. Recycling is a Wisconsin State Law!**

Recycling: Glass, aluminum, tin and steel cans and plastics shall be mixed together in a recycling bin. Cardboard, newspapers, office

paper and magazines can be mixed together and placed next to or on top of the recycling bin. All types of paper, junk mail, and office paper that do not contain a grease residue on it or that is waxed are recyclable. *Special note from the recycling driver: The recycling driver will not stop at your residence if the blue/yellow bin is not at the curbside. The bin signifies to the driver that the residence has recyclables to be picked up at the residence.* Wisconsin State Law requires all residents to recycle.

Please be sure to permanently label your recycling bin with your address. Windy days play havoc with recycling bins and this assists neighbors and/or village employees to return “straying” bins to the rightful owner. Residents are required to purchase replacement bins from the Village Office for \$10. If you move or sell your house, recycling bins belong to the residence and must stay at the location. Invoices will be sent to property owners that do not leave the recycling bins behind upon sale of or moving from the property.

Please be aware that the recycling driver will not pick up any recycled item that has not been properly cleaned or prepared (cardboard, newspaper, etc.) If your garbage and recycling items do not comply, the drivers will not pick up the items.

Zoning Permits

Zoning permits are required for all property interior improvements over \$2000 and all exterior improvements, excluding roofing and siding. Zoning permits are issued in the Village Clerk’s office upon completion and approval of a zoning application, along with a drawing of exterior improvements abiding by yard setbacks for each zoning district. Current zoning fees are \$10.00 for the first \$10,000 estimated improvements cost plus \$1.00 per \$1,000 additional costs with a maximum fee of \$30.00. Zoning permit applications are available on the Village website

at www.villageofcobb.com. As required by State of Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, all new one and two-family dwellings are subject to building inspections. The Village contracts these services with Dennis Hampton. If you are considering building a new home and have questions regarding new building inspection fees, please contact Dennis Hampton at (608) 778-7162 cell or (608) 723-4272 at home.

Dog and Cat Licenses

Wisconsin state law requires that all dogs over five (5) months of age be licensed. The Village Code of Ordinances requires that all cats over five (5) months of age be licensed. Dog and cat licenses are available at the Village Clerk’s Office. A current rabies vaccination is required at the time your license is obtained. Fines will be issued to pet owners for unlicensed animals.

According to Village records regarding licenses issued to pet owners last year, there are still several animals not licensed for 2009. **Residents are required to license animals every year.** A \$5.00 late fee is applied for licenses not issued prior to April 1st each year. This does not apply to new animal owners or someone new to the community. If you are new to the community you must license your animal in the Village of Cobb, even if you had previously licensed the animal in another municipality. License fees are as follows:

Male Dog or Cat	\$15.00
Female Dog or Cat	\$15.00
Spayed Female or Neutered Male Dog or Cat	\$10.00

THE VILLAGE OF COBB ORDINANCE REQUIRES A LIMIT OF 2 DOGS PER HOUSEHOLD.

ALL RESIDENTS WITH UNLICENSED ANIMALS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE IOWA COUNTY HUMANE OFFICER FOR FOLLOW UP AND ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS.

A reminder that all dogs must be tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so that no dog is allowed to run at-large within the Village.

Street Parking

A reminder that vehicles are not to be parked on the street for a prolonged period of time (more than 48 hours). If you have a vehicle that is not in use, please find another place to park it. All unlicensed vehicles are considered junk vehicles and are prohibited by Village Ordinance to be located on streets or in residential/business yards. Since the warm weather is upon us and recreational activities such as boating, camping, etc. are gearing up, please remember that it is against Village Ordinance to park campers, trailers, boats, etc. on village streets.

Park Event Courtesy Call Appreciated

Cobb is very fortunate to have beautiful Village Parks. In the summer, there are many family reunions in addition to the regular summer recreation ball games and various events. We are grateful that it is widely used. In order to

insure that there are sufficient tables & shelters and that the restrooms are open, we appreciate being notified about your planned events.

Mowing/Blowing Grass On to Streets

Many people comment on the cleanliness and appearance of the Village of Cobb. Please take pride in our community and refrain from blowing/mowing grass or throwing/dumping sticks onto Village curbs and streets. Grass blown into the streets creates plugged storm sewers and an unsightly appearance.

Excessive amounts of grass blown into the street will be cleaned up by Village employees and fees will be assessed to the property owner.

House Numbers

Prominently displayed house numbers are critical for emergency crews, utility operations and delivery businesses. Please check to see if your house number is posted and easily visible from the street.

Utility Payments

Our utility bills are mailed out every 3 months. If quarterly payments are a problem for you, please contact the Village office to set up a monthly payment plan. Unpaid bills will be subject to disconnection.

Village Board Meetings

The Village Board amended its ordinance regarding Village Board meeting dates. The Board will be changing from meeting the first Wednesday of every month to the **second Monday of every month** at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Office. The public is welcome. If you have an item to discuss before the Village Board, contact the Village Office by 12:00 noon on Thursday, the week prior to the meeting, to be placed on the agenda.

Since there is no Village newspaper, all official notices are posted in four public places: Cobb Post Office, Royal Bank, Cobb Food Mart, and outside the Village Office.

Cobb Corn Roast

Cobb Corn Roast will be held this year August 13th through August 16th. Watch the Village web site for scheduled events.

Consumer Confidence Report

The 2008 Village of Cobb Water Quality Report will be available after July 1st at the Village Office for anyone who is interested in a copy.

Upcoming Programs at the Cobb Public Library

Summer Library Program starts Tuesday, June 16th at 10:15 a.m. This is the first week of summer program for children preschool age through 5th grade. The theme this summer is “Be Creative @ Your Library.” We will start off with a musical performer named Mr. Billy. He plays guitar and has written, recorded and performed many songs for children. The next five Tuesdays after June 16th will also be summer library program days at the Cobb Library. Watch for the full schedule in a few weeks.

Summer Reading Club also starts Tuesday, June 16th This is for any and all ages! Come to the library and get a reading log to record the books you read over the summer, and bring the log

back to show library staff the titles you've read. Your name will be entered in our end-of-the-summer prize drawing around the end of August. We welcome everyone (even adults)!

Summer Library Program for older kids starts Thursday, June 18th at 10:30 a.m. The Cobb Library will also hold 4 programs this summer for older kids beginning with a **Comic Book/Cartooning** program on June 18th. A Wisconsin based cartoonist of The Adventures of Monkey, John Mundt, will come and demonstrate basic figure drawing, the secret language of page layout, and some technical tips. Anyone interested in comic books/cartooning should plan to come to this free program. It is geared to about 3rd grade age and up.

SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST

With spring quickly passing by and summer approaching, now is the time to spruce up your property.

- ✓ Do not rake/mow the clippings into the street. Gravel and piles of leaves place unnecessary wear and tear on the street sweeper. Dried grass clippings in the streets are unattractive.
- ✓ Compost yard rakings. Make arrangements to take them to the Village compost site or bag them and place them at curb site.
- ✓ Pull or spray weeds in sidewalk cracks or curb line routinely.
- ✓ Place unsightly rubbish at the curbside for garbage pickup or dispose of it properly.
- ✓ Call Town and Country Sanitation (1-800-626-1915 for pick up of your larger items like furniture and appliances.
- ✓ Call a junk dealer to pick up unlicensed or non-repairable vehicles.

CELEBRATE EARTHDAY EVERYDAY!

Earth Day was Wednesday, April 22. This Top 10 list of climate change solutions that we can all do right now comes from Earth Day Network.

- **Project Switch: Change your light bulbs!** If every household in the U.S. replaced a burned-out bulb with an energy-efficient qualified compact fluorescent bulb we would save enough energy to light 2.5 million homes for a year. Turn off unneeded lights, dim lights when you can and bring the natural sunlight in your home.
- **Drive you car differently – or drive a different car altogether!** That gas guzzler emits as much CO2 as some homes! Drive less. Every year, Americans as a whole drive more miles that they did the year before. Stop this trend. Get your car tuned up. Just a simple tune-up often improves fuel efficiency. Slow down, don't race you car's engine, and watch your idling. You can save gas by turning off and restarting it again if you expect to idle for more than 30 seconds.
- **Your house – not too hot, not too cold!** By keeping your furnace clean, lubricated and properly adjusted, you can save up to 5% in heating costs. Add 2° to the AC thermostat in the summer, and lower the furnace setting 2° in the winter. Make sure windows and doors are sealed. Avoid using the air conditioner when possible. Ceiling fans use 80% less energy than central air conditioners. In warm weather run the fan blades in a counter-clockwise direction to feel 5° cooler. During the winter set the fan blades to rotate clockwise at a low speed to force warm air from the ceiling down to the living space.
- **Tame the refrigerator monster!** Don't set the thermostat too high. Lowering the temperature even 1° will make a big difference. Turn on your "energy saver" switch near the thermostat. Clean the condenser coil. This one, very simple thing can improve the efficiency of your refrigerator, reducing your annual energy costs.
- **Twist the knobs on your other household appliances!** Turn the hot water heater down to 120° or turn on the "energy conservation" setting. Buy insulation locally and insulate your hot water heater and pipes. Wash a few dishes by hand – over time that will save a few loads in the dishwasher, conserving energy. Don't pre-rinse dishes. Today's detergents are powerful enough to do the job. Wash your clothes in warm or cold water. 90% of the energy used in operating a washing machine goes toward heating the water. Don't over-dry your clothes.
- **Green plants with less water, more trees to provide shade!** Plant trees as wind breaks to save energy, and as shade to lower cooling costs. Choose hardier plants, plant things in groups that need more

water and put in mulch to keep the moisture in. Mow your yard smartly – with sharp blades and only when grass needs cutting.

- **Buy Green Energy, and invest in green energy stocks!** Invest in green stocks and renewable energy companies through socially responsible funds.
- **Go organic!** Eat locally grown food. Eat fruits and vegetables in season – saves transportation costs. Plant your own vegetable garden – or a neighborhood vegetable garden.
- **Buy recycled!** It takes less energy to manufacture a recycled product than a brand new one. Buy recycled products – you’ll help create a market. Aluminum and tin cans, glass containers, and pulp cardboard have a fair amount of recycled content.

Be a minimalist! Buying less things – some of which you don’t need – changes the energy equation across the board. Buy in bulk. Bulk items use less packaging, which translates into less energy. Go through your closet. Donate or recycle what you really don’t need, then make a pledge not to replace everything you just got rid of. Buy quality products that will last longer.

WATER RATES QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE

5/8” meter	\$18.00	3/4” meter	\$18.00	1” meter	\$24.00
		1 1/2 “ meter	\$39.00	2” meter	\$57.00

Plus additional volume charge:

First 25,000 gallons	\$2.65 per 1,000 gallons
Over 25,000 gallons	\$2.15 per 1,000 gallons

SEWER RATES QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE

Plus \$2.88 per 1,000 gallons used

5/8” meter	\$24.95	3/4” meter	\$24.95	1” meter	\$80.00
		1 1/2 “ meter	\$130.00	2” meter	\$196.50