



# TOWN OF HILES 2009 NEWSLETTER



## LOOKING BACK 2009

- A new 2009 GMC 350 truck was purchased to replace the Ford 350
- Eight (8) new dumpsters were purchased
- The following road improvements were made:  
**Tuttle Road** was brushed back, the intersection of Tuttle & Taylor improved, and the road chip sealed.  
**Hermans Lane** improved by ditching, shaping, lifting and repaved .  
**Atkins Road** had a ½ mile segment of rocks and stumps removed, was reshaped and repaved. There was also about 10 miles of crack sealing done on various roads
- **Comprehensive Planning Commission:** Many meetings were held to develop this plan which is required by the state. The committee members are: Barry McLeane, Karl Tauer, David Roberts, Marilyn Pfeiffer and Larry Berg. A thank you goes to this group of volunteers for their interest in their town.
- **Pine Lake Boat Landing:** The town co-operated with the US Forest Service and the Pine Lake P&R District in improving the boat landing
- **Hiles Millpond** dam emergency plan needs to be updated. The US Forest Service has finished its impact study. The DNR will approve this before we update the plan. The plan will detail emergency actions in the event of a dam failure.

## LOOKING AHEAD 2010

- **The Town Hall** will be in the process of a face lift. The entrance will be changed to meet the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and cold storage for the tables and chairs will be added. We hope to be able to upgrade the heating system too. Work should begin in December with completion slated for February/March 2010.
- **New look for fire number signs.** We will begin to replace all signs with a newer two sided look along with better visibility. Hopefully this will be accomplished by the end of the year.
- **Playground:** The committee has been hard at work and have the following projects planned: Concrete steps from hall to playground, a Pavilion, benches, picnic tables and new equipment. Some of the work will be done by Crandon School Shop class and the Blackwell Job Corps.
- **Roads:** Plans are for improvements on Haymeadow Road and the completion of Fournier Road.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** A public hearing will be held and then the board will adopt it. This plan will become a reference for zoning and the future growth of the town of Hiles. It will be reviewed every five (5) years.

## It's that time of year!!

### TAXES & MORE

**TAXES:** Hours for tax collection this year will be on **Saturdays, from noon to 3 pm** starting on **December 12** through the month of January. Taxes may be paid in full or in two installments. First payment is due by January 31st to the **Hiles Town Treasurer** at the address that appears in the upper left corner of your tax bill. with the second due by July 31st to the **Forest County Treasurer at 200 E. Madison, Crandon WI 54520**. Personal property taxes are due in **full** by January 31st. Any tax payments made after January 31st should be sent the **Forest County Treasurer** at the above address and not the town treasurer. If you would like a receipt please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

## ANNUAL DOG LICENSES AT FIRST OF YEAR

**Fees: Male/Female: \$8.00 Neuter/Spay: \$3.00**

You are reminded that according to Wisconsin Statutes 174.05 every dog over the age of 5 months is required to be licensed. The Town also has a leash ordinance requiring all dogs to be tied or leashed when outdoors. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to be given to the town treasurer before a license can be issued. Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope for return of license and rabies certificate.



Just to let you know that your fire department continues to be busy in providing fire prevention and protection services for our area, and for the past ten years EMR (Emergency Medical Responder services). Yes - the previous First Responder tag has been replaced with the new EMR designation. As you may have gathered, the term 'first responder' now is generally used for all emergency service responders.



The big news is that we have been fortunate to be on the receiving side of three grants this year. First, we were notified early in the year that our FEMA grant application, from the Department of Homeland Security had been approved. This provided us \$48,000 for the purchase of nine SCBA's which are the air packs which protect fire fighters. We had to only come up with only 5% of the total grant. We also received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for \$3,500. This and a recent \$1,000 grant from the Plum Creek Foundation will be used to complement our wildland fire protective gear - including helmets, gloves, boots, and goggles. Several of the calls that we receive in a typical year are brush or forest fires and we appreciate the opportunity to work collectively with the US Forest Service and the DNR to protect our resources.

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