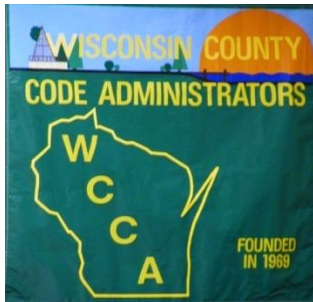


# DECODER



# Official Newsletter of the Wisconsin County Code Administrators

Fall Issue 2010



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## President's Message --Karl Jenrich, Oneida County

It is a beautiful fall day in the Northwood's. The trees are starting to turn color, first weekend of deer bow season and the roar of Harley Davidson motorcycles attending the MDA fall ride in Tomahawk. Oneida County like your county is in the midst of the "fall push" of permits. Building Contractors and Septic Installers are in high gear to get things done prior to deer season and the possibility of frozen ground. I hear for most counties this year is better than last year but still not spectacular. Counties are getting their 2011 budgets ready and it is becoming more of a challenge to meet another year of zero percent increase or some percent decrease.

The WCCA board is still active; we met in Stevens Point on August 27, 2010. We were provided with an update from the Working Lands Initiative Committee. Scott Godfrey and company are still working with DATCP to address WCCA concerns. We were provided with an

update concerning a contract with the WIDNR related to the implementation of NR115. The membership will be updated at the Fall Conference. The executive board also talked with John Reinemann, WCA on issues of interest to both the WCCA and WCA.

Speaking of Fall Conference, Mark Steward has put together an excellent agenda that is worthy of your attendance. There is a little of everything for everybody. Wednesday will feature what could be the last appearance ever of the "Non-Conformists". Thursday night we will be recognizing a plethora of retirees. I think the combined working experience of them all is in the hundreds of years. Friday has continuing education credits for your POWTS licenses.

With the fall conference comes WCCA elections.

I ask you to "step-up to the mantle of responsibility" and seriously consider serving your organization. If you are interested or know of someone that you want nominated contact the Nominating Committee, Dustin Grant, Amy Barrows, Steve Rannenber, Sue Vanden Langenberg or Toivo Kenninnienin. I hope to see you all October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Safe travels.



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## WCCA 2010 FALL CONFERENCE

October 27 – October 29, 2010

**Best Western Bridgewood Resort, Hotel and Conference Center, 1000 Cameron  
Way**

**Neenah, WI 54956**

**Phone: 920-720-8000 or (800)-514-5206**

### Wednesday, October 27, 2010

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| 10:00 a.m.              | WCCA Team Building Exercise at Bridgewood Resort  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.       | Registration (Lunch on your own)  |
| 1:00 – 1:15 p.m.        | Welcome and Announcements   |
| 1:15 – 2:00 p.m.        | Wisconsin Counties Association Legislative update<br>John Reinemann                                     |
| 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.        | Summary update of the Propp vs. Sauk County BOA case<br>Alene Kleczek, Asst. Corp. Counsel, Sauk County |
| <b>3:00 – 3:15 p.m.</b> | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.        | Wind Siting Rules<br>Deborah Erwin, Public Service Commission   |
| 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.        | Executive Board Meeting   |
| 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.        | Sparkling conversation over favorite libations  |
| 6:00 p.m.               | Dinner / Door prizes / Golf Awards<br><b><i>The Nonconformists</i></b> (back by popular demand)         |

### Thursday, October 28, 2010

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|---------------------------|---|
| 6:00 – 8:30 a.m.          | Buffet Breakfast provided by your stay at the Resort  |
| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.          | Past Presidents Breakfast in Breakfast Buffet Room  |
| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.          | NR115 Subcommittee Report on Model Ordinance and Contract with DNR<br>NR115 Subcommittee                        |
| 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.         | Update on Platting and Changes to ch. 236<br>Renee Powers, DOA Plat Review                                      |
| <b>10:00 – 10:15 a.m.</b> | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| 10:15 -11:15 a.m.         | Merging of City and County Departments - Public Health of Madison & Dane Cc<br>Jim Meyerhofer and John Hausbeck |
| 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.        | Antigo Agriculture Enterprise Area  |

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH**

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

DATCP Agency Update and Working Lands Presentation  
Keith Foye, DATCP

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.

Targeting Priority Working Lands and Operations – Equipping Local People with Accurate Tools  
Doug Miskowiak, GIS Center at UWSP

**2:30 – 2:45 p.m.**

**BREAK**

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Waupaca County Successful PACE Projects – Approved by DATCP,  
Mike Koles, UWEX Community Development Educator – Waupaca County

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

POWTS Design Flows and Unintended Consequences  
Richard Otis, PhD, PE, Yahara Software

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

WCCA Business Meeting

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sparkling conversation and Social Hour

6:00 p.m.

Dinner Banquet to include:  
❖ Recognition of retirees  
❖ Introduction of new staff  
❖ Awards  
❖ Raffle!!  
❖ Keynote Speaker – Dan Small

Friday, October 29, 2010

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast provided by your stay at the Resort

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**A. Concurrent Session POWTS (Continuing Education Credits)**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Wisconsin Department of Commerce – POWTS Program updates  
Roman Kaminski

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Soils 101  
Jeff Hammes

**10:00 – 10:15 a.m.**

**BREAK**

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Recirculating Gravel Filter Pretreatment System Presentation  
Rick Apfel

11:00- – 12:00 p.m.

Consistency in POWTS Inspection Techniques –  
Panel Discussion:  
*Brian Cunningham – Sauk*  
*Dale Dimond – Marathon*  
*Chris Olson – Door*  
*CeCe Tesky – Rusk*  
*Tom Onofrey – Marquette*  
*Duane Haakenson – Langlade*  
*Mike Radomski – Waukesha*

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**B. Concurrent Session – Land Use**

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Green Tier and Sustainability Program  
Gregg Breese, DNR
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. *NR 135*  
*Tom Portle, DNR*
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. DNR Update and Introduction of Shoreland Team Leader  
Liesa Lehmann, DNR
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Substantial Damage Reports  
Gary Heinrichs, DNR
- 12:00 p.m. Drawing for 1 free night at the Best Western Bridgewood Resort for those  
attending the last session.
- 12:15 p.m. Conference Adjourns with Sincerest Thanks for Attending! *Safe Travels!!*

## BEST WESTERN BRIDGEWOOD RESORT HOTEL



The Best Western Bridgewood Resort Hotel is the Fox Cities newest and only Resort property. Featuring 95 accommodations with a variety of suites, Bridgewood Golf Course, Aquatic Fun Center, Game Room, Fitness room and Ground Round Grill & Bar. All guests receive a Complimentary full hot breakfast buffet All rooms feature refrigerator, microwave, DVD player, security safe, free hi speed internet access.

# 2010 WCCA FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

October 27-29, 2010  
Best Western Bridgewood Resort Hotel, 1000 Cameron Way, Neenah, WI 54956

Please fill out separate forms for each paying attendee. Make checks payable to WCCA. Mail forms with payment to: **Mary Greenman, Wisconsin County Code Administrators, Vilas County Zoning, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521** Phone: 715.479.3621. Fax 715.479.3752

Registration Deadline: **October 15, 2010**. Extra \$15 fee after October 15, 2010. Registration fees will be refunded if you cancel before October 23, 2010.

**For hotel reservations, please contact Bridgewood Resort by SEPTEMBER 26, 2010 at 920.720.8000. Let them know you are with WCCA. Rooms are \$70 / night single and \$90 / night double occupancy**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE FEES

(Full packages include sessions, materials, meals and breaks)  
(Hot breakfast buffet is included with each hotel stay)

WCCA Member Full Conference Package ..... \$125

Non-Member Full Conference Package (includes membership fee)..... \$165

Full Time Student (meals are not included with this registration)..... FREE

#### Partial Conference Packages (no meals included)

Wednesday Afternoon..... \$35

Thursday Morning ..... \$35

Thursday Afternoon ..... \$35

Friday Morning ..... \$35

#### Meals for spouses, students and partial day attendees

Wednesday Dinner ..... \$23

Thursday Lunch..... \$16

Thursday Dinner..... \$23

**TOTAL (make check payable to WCCA).....**

Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or special needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have any questions about registration, please contact Mary Greenman @ 715.479.3621. Other conference questions can be directed to CeCe Tesky @ 715.532.2181 or Mark Steward @ 608.355.3285.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/BOARD OF APPEALS WORKSHOP

Fall 2010

### [Zoning Workshop for Boards of Adjustment/Appeals](#)

Monday, October 25, 2010, Town of Harrison Town Hall, Menasha, WI, Calumet County

This workshop is presented by the University of Wisconsin-Extension Center for Land Use Education. The workshop is designed for new and continuing zoning board of appeals and adjustment members. Planning and zoning committees, local government staff and other interested persons are also encouraged to attend. The workshop is intended to provide information, especially for new Board of Appeals members, about the decisions made by the zoning board and the procedures and legal standards that apply.

## POWTS and Plumbing 2010-11 Education Classes

See [PDF file of brochure](#) that will be mailed around Sept. 9, 2010, to all plumbing credential holders.

### [Go to online registration.](#)

After Oct. 1, 2010, there will be a link here to **rosters of paid registrants**.

## NEWS

- Beware of **mercury in products sold on the Internet** for private onsite wastewater treatment systems, [PDF file](#)
- **Phase-out of some component manuals** for Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems. [See September, 2010 memo.](#)
- As of September 1, 2010, the **POWTS component manuals** will be accessed via [plumbing products evaluation data](#). Aerobic treatment unit information is still [below on this program page](#).
- August 2010 memo on increasing flexibility for **observation pipe locations in Private Onsite Wastewater Systems** component manuals, [PDF file](#)
- Recent state legislation changed **timelines related to Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems** county POWTS surveys and maintenance programs. See memo of explanation, [PDF file](#). See 2009 Wisconsin Act 392, [PDF file](#).
- A [Statement of Scope](#) (PDF file) has been developed for possible code development projects related to **movable soccer goals** and to **private onsite wastewater treatment systems**.

# DISTRICT REPORTS

East Central District –  
Sue Vanden Langenberg, Door County



In that the EC district only meets between the months of November and March, I have nothing to share. Our next meeting is scheduled for November and will most likely be hosted by Shawano County. I hope to have something to share with everyone by the next Decoder!

NW District  
Steve Rannenberg

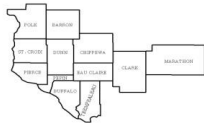
The NW District met September 15, 2010. Our guest speaker is Rhonda Reynolds from the Wisconsin Emergency Management office in Spooner to discuss the role of the ZA in emergency/disaster response. Other topics up for discussion are: NR115 and floodplain mapping projects in the district.



Southern District  
- Dan Everson, Dane County

No Report

West Central  
Report  
Dave Gifford—  
Barron County



Central District  
Dustin Grant,  
Marquette County

No Report



South East District  
--Amy Barrows, Waukesha County



On August 13, 2010, the SE District met at the Waukesha County Administration Center. Amy Barrows announced Jason Fruth as the new Waukesha County Planning and Zoning Manager. Jason was previously a Senior Planner for the Planning and Zoning Division.

We discussed NR 115, including the Model Ordinance and the outstanding grant that WCCA is applying for with the WDNR in order to provide the financing for drafting a new Model Ordinance, which will provide additional guidance. Each County gave a status update on amending their shoreland ordinance. Dodge County is the most motivated with a goal to adopt the changes by January of 2011.

We briefly discussed NR 116, the maintenance of POWTS, and Farmland Preservation. Each County gave a brief update of their status on implementing the new Farmland Preservation rules. We discussed other new laws that recently became effective, such as the comprehensive planning laws, platting laws, and the wetland notification law. We wrapped up the meeting by comparing notes on how to regulate storage units and trailers, POD's, ice shanties, and play structures. We plan on meeting one last time this year before the snow falls.

North East Wisconsin County Code Administrators  
District Rep. Rebecca J. Frisch



The North East District does not meet during the building season, so not much to report in terms of business. It sounds like everyone had a busy summer...enough activity to keep staff hopping, but not over the top like a few years back.

In my travels this summer, my family spent some time in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia and North Carolina where my oldest daughter had a summer job as a counselor at an adventure YMCA camp (yes, you hear the banjo twang from the theme song for the movie Deliverance!). They have an interesting culture in that part of the country. I was thinking they probably don't have much for zoning regulations until I pick up the local newspaper and read the headline

"MEDICAL COTTAGE UNVEILED IN VA.....Dwellings for elderly raise questions about zoning rules, abuse"

A small Virginia company hoping to revolutionize the way Americans care for aging family members has unveiled its first prototype of a portable, high-tech dwelling that would provide temporary shelter for a sick or elderly relative in the family's backyard. N2 Care, showed off its first MedCottage, a 12' X 24' prototype filled with biometric technology that would allow a family and health care providers to monitor the condition of an aging or disabled relative. The cottage contains air-filtration systems, video links, devices that allow the remote monitoring of vital signs and sensors that could detect an occupant's fall.

The article goes on to say that detractors have dubbed the concept "the granny pod" and predicted that it could create conflicts between neighbors who find the dwellings unsightly. The photo provided shows a structure that looks like a park model or park unit and it's plopped into someone's backyard.

I think the interesting part is that the Virginia General Assembly this year passed legislation that supersedes local zoning laws and allows families to install such a dwelling on their property with a doctor's order. Move over ADA, we have granny pods on the way!

See you at the fall conference!

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## 2010 Professional of the Year Nominations

Please don't forget to nominate this years Professional of the Year. Nominations forms are on-line and must be submitted by October 1, 2010 to Dan Miller, Lincoln County.

### Past Professional of the Year



2005 Phil Gaudet



2007 Dan Miller

**Submission of Articles:**  
WCCA Welcomes articles, letters to the editor, articles from the WCCA districts, calendar listings, etc. Please send anything that may be of interest to other zoning administrators in Wisconsin. Articles may be submitted by mail, fax or email. Content of the articles does not necessarily represent the position of WCCA, the WCCA Executive Committee, or the editor.

**Deadlines:**  
Spring Issue March 15  
Summer Issue June 15  
Fall Issue September 15  
Winter Issue December 15

**Dates to Remember:**  
October 27-29, 2010  
Fall Conference – Neenah, WI

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Visit the WCCA webpage for up-to-date news and information between issues of the Decoder Newsletter

[www.wccadm.com](http://www.wccadm.com)

**Don't forget your 2010 Annual Dues**

**NOMINATION FOR THE  
WISCONSIN COUNTY CODE ADMINISTRATORS  
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Wisconsin County Code Administrators, Inc., is seeking nominations for the Professional of the Year Award. Only one award is granted in any given year. There are two different categories of eligible candidates.

**1. Service to the Organization by a Member.** This will include any member who has contributed to achievement of the WCCA's goals either through a significant contribution in any given year or through consistent contributions over a period of years. Examples include District Representatives of long tenure, active committee members/chairs, past presidents, or other past/present members that have made contributions that are important or necessary to the long or short term success of the organization.

**2. Service to the Organization by a Non-member.** This will include any associate, liaison, or public/private sector individual or organization that has provided information, service, guidance or support to the WCCA by fostering improved intergovernmental cooperation and/or improved communication between the WCCA and other public/private sector entities. This too can be either a significant contribution in one year or through consistent contributions over a period of years.

**To the WCCA Executive Board:**

The following individual/organization is placed in nomination for the WCCA Professional of the Year Award for 2010.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

I offer the following information in support of this nomination. (i.e., Past or present offices held, past or present committee involvement, past or present contributions to WCCA activities, etc.) PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE LEGIBLY.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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(Use additional page if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO DAN MILLER OF LINCOLN COUNTY BY OCTOBER 1, 2010.**