

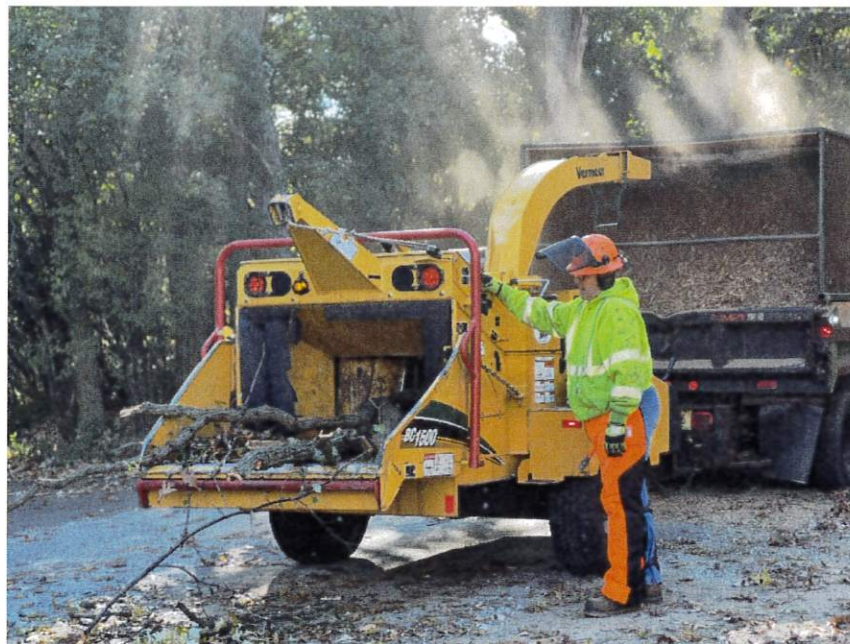
DPW Report October of 2025

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Tree Work:

This month the departments main focus has been removal of overhanging limbs and trees along roadsides. This season the department took a different approach and explored a rental boom truck to accommodate this task. Custom Truck a national truck rental company has supplied us with a 2024 Freightliner Forestry bucket truck. This Truck is capable of reaching heights up to 70 feet giving us the necessary reach to handle taller materials that could not be reach in past seasons and / or needed to be sent out to contractors for removal. Thus far the department has generated approx. 150 yards of woodchips and ten truckloads of logs. Some of the roads that we have focused our attention to is in conjunction with our proposed 2026 road program as well. With opened skylines for our roads, we ensure longer road life and reduce potential damages to newly paved roads by doing these tasks prior to pavement investments. Below is a listing of roads the department has worked on thus far with this rental truck in the month of October.

- Holiday Rd (Proposed 2026 Road Program & TRIS Grant submitted)
- Road GE & Fox Hallow intersection
- Highview Road



Roads & Ditch Work:

Ongoing issues on Old Village Rd as it relates to water drainage was noted by its residents in previous board meetings. The town took measures to review the area and had the road surveyed by SEH to confirm if pitch was indeed running in the right direction. The ditch line was indeed pitched correctly however many years of silt and modified ditches with drain pipe have compromised drainage flow to a slow crawl. As such the department had culverts jetted out in this area and made the necessary restorations to the ditch lines. Water flow has improved but some resident driveway culverts may need to be replaced to maximize flow rates.



Parks:

Pavilions at Sunset Park received some much-needed maintenance in the first week of October by our fulltime staff. Both rentals were repainted top to bottom and also received new LED lighting fixtures as older fluorescent fixtures were starting to fail.

As our rec soccer season has now ended as of October 31st we now move towards final winterizations of the parks. Town Park as its plumbing is a bit older was already winterized back on October 21st. Sunset Park is slated for the first week of November. With that final mowing of sunset park was completed, netting for baseball has been stowed away, and other things such as garbage cans are emptied and put away for the season. Part time staffing will be wrapping up the summer season the first week of November.



Truck & Property Maintenance:

Truck 33 returned from Best Truck in October with all necessary repairs made to the dump Box. DPW staffing repainted all new steel in the bed to prevent further damages. Unit 33 was also outfitted with all plowing equipment in October as well and found a failed front main plow cylinder upon inspection. The cylinder will be taken off and refurbished at a local hydraulic repair shop. Other trucks have received some minor repairs to hydraulic lines but thus far nothing else has been identified on inspections.

As DPW has increased its volume of tree and brush removal in the right a way our woodchips that are generated from this accumulates faster then what our community takes back. In October the department was holding approx. 700 yards of processed chips at sunset park in the rear of the property. As such we have partnered with Bucklins a mulch and landscape supplier in Menasha WI to help recycle our chips in Rothchild WI. Specifically, the Domtar Rothschild Paper Mill. This mill is powered completely by Biomass (wood waste) both from an electricity standpoint and Steam for uses in the papermill. Bucklins is an approved supplier for the mill and can deliver chips to them throughout the year. For a modest pick-up charge of \$2.00 per yard at 100-yard increments we were able to clear out our chips in one week. This practice is a great way to recycle this material and support our states energy needs in our northern communities. I will include a link to the We Energies webpage explaining the plant in its capabilities.

<https://www.we-energies.com/company/rothschild-biomass-cogenerationplant>



We also were able to partner with a local topsoil company (Roberts Topsoil) as our DPW had accumulated over 1000 yards of soils from right a way clean outs, restorations, and stripping of ground for the addition to the sunset parking lot for preparations to the new DPW building. This material was hauled out and loaded at no expense to the town however we did receive a credit for two full truck loads of screened topsoil in the 2026 season with a value of approx. \$600.00 per load. Now with the exception of logs, and larger field stone our waste materials are now cleared out of the property going into 2026.