

The Official TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER

Fall 2015

Views From the Town Chair

Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

It is Autumn and the cranes are grouping up for their southern journey. They have done this for about 15 million years. Our existence as a species is only a miniscule part of the Earth's history. The Sandhill Cranes remind us that we have existed for only a small part of their time on Earth. We are the newcomers, but except for the places like the Town of Dunn, the homes where they raise their young are being given over to our proclivity to eliminate the habitat necessary to sustain the wildlife that has preceded our arrival.

it. Maybe you like prairies, the wondrous example of the landscape that preceded our presence.

In addition to the prairies that the Town has established, private landowners have established and maintained over 1,500 acres of prairie. Volunteers help establish and maintain these prairies. Volunteers like Boy Scout troops and Edgewood students are engaged in this work as you read this.

All of our commissioners that are instrumental in setting the direction of the Town are volunteers.



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Cranes in field, taken from Hawkinson Road. Photo Credit: Mark Jung.

It has been the core value of this Town to preserve habitat for both the natural world and our needs as a species. The preservation of farmland and natural landscapes provides the sustenance all species need to survive and prosper. We are unique in Wisconsin, but not in the United States. In New England and the Central Valley of California, land preservation has been in place for decades. We remain the leader in the Midwest thanks to the support of our citizens. Thanks to you, this Town has been able to avoid impacts of rampant and poorly planned development and the resulting higher costs that all of our neighboring municipalities are experiencing.

To maintain the quality of life here, our voters have chosen a different path - one that is working toward an equilibrium of the needs of nature and our own needs as a species. The natural world provides not just pleasure, but sustenance as well. If you fish, you understand. If you are a birder, you more than just get

These volunteers are working together on our various commissions to serve residents, preserve natural resources for our future, and do those things in a financially sustainable way. They work hard to solve the issues facing the Town. Their payment is a piece of pottery once a year. What is unique and great about this Town are all of those volunteers giving their time and keeping their eye on the future.

We hear from our neighboring municipalities that we will fail because we do not have a development plan. But we do have a development plan. It is to protect the landscape and support the people who make the Town what it is. It is to maintain the ability of Bill and Roz Gausman to bring artisanal grass fed cheese to our tables. We have a land use plan that will allow the Oppermann's Highland Spring Farm to prosper. There is in this Town the environment in which the Blue Moon and Parisi CSAs can produce organic foodstuffs for us. That is our development plan. Our

Events You Won't Want to Miss

Tuesday November 17th at 7 PM:

Budget Hearing Followed by Special Town Meeting at the Town Hall.

Thursday, November 19th from 5 PM to 7 PM:

Public Involvement Meeting on the bridge replacement on County Highway AB over the Yahara River with a presentation at 5:30 pm.

Tuesday, January 12th from 4:30 PM to 6 PM:

Potluck Retirement Party for Mary Gross at the Town Hall. More information can be found on page 3.

Monday, February 1 to Friday, February 12, 2016:

Early Voting by absentee for Spring Primary (if any offices require a primary)

Tuesday, February 16, 2016:

Spring Primary (if any offices require a primary)

Monday, March 21 to Friday April 1, 2016:

Early Voting by absentee ballot for Spring Election & Presidential Preference Vote

Tuesday, April 5, 2016:

Spring Election & Presidential Preference Election

citizens have invested in the establishment of land use that is clearly sustainable and stable. The Town of Dunn is a great place to live because our citizens want it to be, and work for it to be. And they deserve it.

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**TOWN OF DUNN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday November 17, 2015, 7:00 PM
Dunn Town Hall; 4156 County Road B**

Special Town Meeting called pursuant to Wis Stats. 60.12(1)(c).

I. Introductions and Announcements

- A. John Herm, Poet Laureate
- B. Public Budget Hearing

II. Business

- A. Approve minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting April 21, 2015.
- B. Consider the purchase of 3 conservation easements through the PDR program.
- C. Presentation of stormwater education information.
- D. Approve the highway expenditures pursuant to Section 82.03(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- E. Approve the 2015 tax levies for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Rural Preservation Fund for 2016 operating budgets

Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager, WCMC; Posted October 23, 2015

Town Meetings are the forums at which major issues and Town policy are decided. The residents of the Town are the decision makers. Every resident of legal voting age present casts a vote. Contact the Town at 838-1081 or townhall@town.dunn.wi.us in advance if you need to request assistance to participate in this meeting due to disability.

Town Contact Information

Town Webpage: www.town.dunn.wi.us
Town Email: townhall@town.dunn.wi.us
On Facebook: Search "Town of Dunn"
On Twitter: @TownofDunn
Phone Number: (608) 838-1081

The Top Stormwater To-Dos

The following list offers simple suggestions as to how you can control stormwater impacts on your own property:

Yard

1. Never dump, wash, or rake anything into the path of a ditch.
2. Sweep spilled fertilizers, grass clippings, and soil off sidewalks and driveways and back onto the lawn. Sweep, don't hose, the driveway.
3. Water wisely: the lawn is usually happy with 1 inch per week, and that includes rainwater!
4. Divert rooftop runoff to a rain barrel or onto the lawn rather than a driveway. Collected water can even be used for watering plants.
5. Reduce the amount of fertilizers and pesticides that you apply to your lawn. You'll save money, too!

Home

6. Never put hazardous household wastes (paint, paint thinner, oven cleaners, etc.) into ditches, indoor drains, or the trash. Call Clean Sweep at (608) 243-0368.
7. If you have a septic system, have it inspected every year, and have it pumped at least every three to five years.

Auto

8. If you change your own motor oil, recycle the used oil. The Town Transfer Site accepts used oil.
9. Wash your vehicle at a designated car wash or on grass - not in the driveway.

Around the Neighborhood

10. Scoop your dog's poop. Then throw it in the trash.
11. Don't feed waterfowl.
12. Call the Town Hall at 838-1081 if you see anything suspicious in ditches or flowing out of culverts.

Polluted stormwater is the result of local land-use policies and our everyday personal actions. However, because our personal choices have such an impact, there are many opportunities for YOU to do something about the problem!

(Produced by RI Stormwater Solutions)

In the 2015 Spring newsletter article, "Historic Dyreson Bridge Restoration Finally Begins", we misstated that the bridge has been closed for two years. It has actually been closed for four years.

Dyreson Road Bridge Opening Delayed

By Meg Nielsen



Construction vehicles and equipment are starting to retreat from their summer work site at the Dyreson Bridge. The restoration project is nearly complete and now awaits one final step before traffic can reclaim the roadway. A dedication and reopening celebration were planned for the end of October, but the engineer managing the project reported an unavoidable delay.

While doing the restoration work, it was determined that the bridge's existing "bearings", or bushings, would need to be replaced – a step that was not part of the original plan. Currently the engineer is waiting for design drawings to be approved, so parts can be custom manufactured. While the parts are not complicated, just metal plates that slide along a Teflon surface, they are unique and an integral structural component that must meet WisDOT standards.

The timeline has now been extended and the bridge reopening is expected to be in February 2016. This latest delay will be a disappointment to those that live near the bridge and to those that rely on the bridge for travel. The Town is also disappointed with this delay and we thank our residents for their patience with this project. In the long run, this restoration project will be worth it, as it will add to the rich history of the river and its people. That beautiful, rustic spot where the Yahara narrows has been important to local inhabitants for more than 10,000 years.

Not far up stream from the bridge, archeological evidence indicates a 10,000-year-old Native American hunting camp. One of the largest paleo-Indian sites known in Wisconsin, the camp was inhabited at a time when the Yahara River didn't exist, but was instead part of a larger body of water known as Glacial Lake Ya-

hara – all the Madison lakes linked into one the size of Lake Winnebago.

Much later people of the mound-building culture also inhabited a village on that site. They may have been the ones to construct the fish weir, a V pointing upstream is still visible just beneath the water on the north side of the bridge. Early white settlers told of seeing Native Americans spear fish at night by torchlight while standing on the rocks of the weir.

Years of low water have also revealed the ruins of a timber and rock dam near the bridge. The dam may have powered a gristmill on one side of the river and a timber mill on the other. The river is narrow there, and in pioneer times, it became known as the best spot to cross the Yahara between the lakes. The first known bridge was built in 1846. In 1898 a steel cable bridge made by J. F. Wagner (contractor), of Milwaukee Bridge & Iron Works was constructed there. The fact that the bridge remained intact earned it a spot on the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

According to Town Chair Ed Minihan, the place where the bridge spans the water has an almost mystical quality. Poets hold readings there. Artists and photographers seek to capture its beauty. But most important for Minihan, restoring the picturesque bridge stands as a symbol of how the Town of Dunn works to preserve water quality and land use within its borders so that generations to come can respect the past and look forward to the future.

Slow the Spread of Emerald Ash Borer

Information acquired from: dnr.wi.gov/topic/foresthalth/emeraldashborer.html

Finding emerald ash borer early and keeping it from spreading are the best things we can do to save the ash trees in Wisconsin's forestlands and urban areas. The emerald ash borer will attack and kill every ash tree in Wisconsin if given the chance. It is crucial that we reduce our risk of emerald ash borer. To do this we can:

- Get firewood within 10 miles of where you will use it. Many parks offer aged or certified firewood for sale to campers at reasonable prices. Firewood is also often available from private sellers just outside the parks.
- Use all your firewood during your camping trip. Don't leave any unused wood behind and don't take it with you to another destination.
- When buying firewood, make

sure you get pieces that are dry and either have no bark or loose bark (a sign that wood is very dry). This will reduce the chance of spreading disease and your fire will start more easily.

- Reduce your need for open fire by cooking over gas or charcoal.
- Follow emerald ash borer quarantine laws. Never take a chance of letting emerald ash borer out of a quarantined area, such as Dane County.
- Maintain the health of yard trees by watering during times of drought. Ash trees are sensitive to drought conditions and require plenty of moisture throughout the growing season. Please note though, that the emerald ash borer infests healthy trees too, not just stressed trees.
- Be on the lookout for this pest! Be familiar with the signs and symptoms ash trees have when

infested by emerald ash borer. Also, know how to identify emerald ash borer and other pests that are look-alikes.



- Report any suspected emerald ash borer infestations (if two or more symptoms or signs are present) to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection by calling the Emerald Ash Borer Hotline at 1-800-462-2803 or submit a report online.

Learn more by visiting datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp.

Thanking Mary Gross for Over 20 Years of Public Service

Celebrating Retirement at Year End



Residents and visitors to the Town Hall have been warmly greeted by the Town's Administrative Assistant and Court Clerk, Mary Gross, for more than 20 years. Mary has a sincere interest in helping others, so over the years, residents have found her to be a good listener, caring, and helpful when they visit the Town Hall. People are often impressed by her efforts to go above and beyond expectations when they work with her and they often request her specifically when the next project comes up. She has become a trusted "go-to person" and will be missed by residents, fellow staff, and the Town Board.

Mary has helped residents with a variety of projects large and small including registering new voters and working at the polls on Election Day; issuing dog licenses to the furry Town residents; reminding drivers to watch their speed when they visit her in her capacity as court clerk; assisting grieving families as they pick

out a cemetery lot; helping with building permits for remodeling, additions and new homes; accepting payments; and answering questions about roadwork, utilities, burning, recycling, and parking. She has also served as the staff liaison to the Parks Commission, where she assists the Commission with making park improvements and setting up the Arbor Day Celebration.

Mary joined the Town in May of 1995 and plans to retire at the end of 2015 to spend more time with her grandchildren and pursue other interests. Mary and her husband have lived in the Town for 40 years and they have three grandchildren. You may still see Mary working at the polls on Election Day or at other Town events throughout the year. Please help us wish Mary well by attending a pot luck on Tuesday, January 12th from 4:30 to 6:00pm at the Town Hall. Sandwiches, cake, and lemonade will be served. Please bring a dish to pass or a treat to share to add to the celebration.

Coyotes in Dunn

There have been reports of coyote sightings in residential neighborhoods in the Town of Dunn. In order to prevent attacks on pets, please keep your pets on leashes when walking and do not leave smaller pets unattended outside. Smaller dog breeds are especially vulnerable to coyote attacks. Also, please keep dog food inside your homes. This will help prevent coyotes from coming onto your property.

Emailed Updates of Town Meetings

Residents may now sign up to receive automatic updates of new meeting agendas through email. If you would like to sign up for this service, please visit:

dunn.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx

Town Hall Hours and Closings

The Town Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8 am - 4 pm
Closed Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27
Closed Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25

Election News

By Cathy Hasslinger

2016 Election Calendar – Voter ID required at all 2016 Elections

- February 16, 2016 - Spring Primary (if any offices require a primary)
- March 21 to April 1 - Early Voting by absentee ballot
- April 5, 2016 - Spring General Election and Presidential Preference vote.
- August 9, 2016 - Fall Partisan Primary (if any offices require a primary)
- October 24 to November 4 - Early Voting by absentee ballot
- November 8, 2016 - Fall General Election including the office of President

Volunteering

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Election Day or as a poll worker, please contact the Town Hall by Dec. 1st for the 2016 Election Cycle.

Registering to Vote

If you have moved or haven't voted since the last presidential election, you may need to re-register. Town residents can register to vote and obtain information by visiting the Town Hall. If you prefer to register online, visit myvote.wi.gov. This official State of Wisconsin website allows you to register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, and see what's on your ballot.

Voter ID

If you already hold a Wisconsin driver license or identification (ID) card, you have what you need to vote. A Wisconsin driver license or ID card is acceptable photo ID for voting. If you would do not have either of these, you may obtain a free ID card for voting purposes from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Please check out their webpage for detailed information: wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx. This process can take some time so please plan accordingly.

Why Vote Early by Absentee Ballot?



Compared to five years ago, voting in person on Election Day takes a few minutes longer for each voter. In the same way a traffic jam develops, small delays in voter lines can add up to long wait times. We are now checking each voter's photo ID, collecting each voter's signature, and our new voting machine, the DS 200, takes much longer to process each ballot. Our capacity for the number of voters per hour is limited by the machine.

Early voting is available in the two calendar weeks (Monday – Friday) before each election. Watch for our sign in front of the Town Hall re-

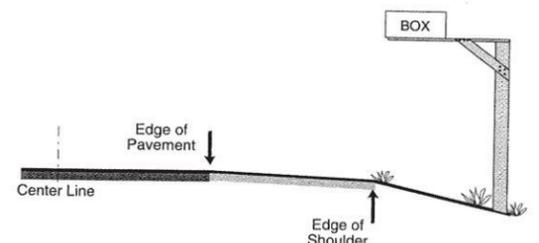
minding you to stop in!

It's easy:

1. Stop by the Town Hall for an absentee ballot application envelope. If you are not registered to vote, we can take care of that first. Show accepted photo identification (now required by law).
2. Mark your ballot in a voting booth.
3. To complete the process, seal the ballot in the envelope, and our staff will witness your signature on the envelope.

Prevent Snow Damage to Your Mailbox

To prevent snow damage to your mailbox, the Town recommends following our adopted guidelines, which conform to the rules and regulations of the US Postal Service. If you are installing a new mailbox, or replacing a support post for your existing mailbox, the guidelines are available at the Town Hall. The guidelines have dimension requirements for installation of your mailbox and support post. Prior to permanent installation, the Town of Dunn, along with the local postmaster, will need to inspect and approve the location.



Also, in Wisconsin, snow removal operations frequently conflict with mailboxes. The Town of Dunn is not responsible for any damage that is caused as a result of plowed snow or the force of snow being discharged by the Town snow removal equipment.

TOWN OF DUNN PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

2016 Budget Highlights

By Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager

There will be a public hearing on the budget and Town electors will take action to set the tax levy on November 17 at 7:00 pm.

The annual budget process reports on actual costs and revenues in a prior year, the current year, and forecasts the upcoming year. Presenting the information of past, current, and projected revenues and expenditures allows residents to see where spending is changing over time. The Town's financial strategy over the past few years has included reducing overall indebtedness and refinancing existing debt at lower rates. The increased road reconstruction expense in 2015 was possible due to several years of planning and reduced spending on road construction.

The 2016 proposed budget provides progress toward the Town's financial targets by spending on road infrastructure, upgrading equipment, and maintaining target fund balance of about \$644,000 in the general fund.

The Proposed Total Tax Levy for 2015

The proposed increase in the Town's total levy is 2.04% for 2015 to fund the 2016 budget. This increase will result in a 1.47% increase in the local assessed value mil-rate from last year. The equalized value mil-rate will decline by 2% as compared to last year.

Levy Detail

The Town's tax levy includes a general fund tax levy, a debt service tax levy, and a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) levy. The general fund levy is proposed to increase by 3.51%. The debt service levy is decreasing by 8.72% for payments on the Town's debt. The PDR levy is calculated at 50 cents per thousand of equalized value. This year, that equates to an increase of 4.09% over the 2014 PDR levy. The mil-rate for the proposed total local levy on all three funds is \$2.77 per thousand of assessed valuation. The equalized mil-rate is \$2.58 or \$258.00 tax for a \$100,000 property value. The local levy amount could change based on decisions made by the electors attending the budget hearing and special Town meeting on November 17, 2015. A more detailed version of the draft budget will be presented at the budget hearing and will be posted on the Town website after the hearing. Visit our website at <http://town.dunn.wi.us>.

2016 Projected Revenues

An increase in total revenue of \$52,603 is projected for 2016 partly due to new revenue from a storm water planning grant of \$32,700 and partly due to increased tax revenue. Revenue from fees and licenses is anticipated to increase only slightly over last year. Shared revenue from the State of Wisconsin only declines slightly for 2016, but the funding for the state recycling grant has been reduced significantly and the Town is projecting a decrease of \$7,479 with current information.

2016 Projected General Fund Expenses

The General Fund expenses cover our Fire and EMS protection, the Town's contract with the Dane County Sheriff for law enforcement services, road maintenance, sealcoating, culverts, plowing, parks, land use planning, and civic contributions for senior and youth services. The 2016 budget includes an increase in planning expenses to cover a comprehensive plan update and storm water planning activity partly funded by a grant. The Town's contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Department will be maintained at 18

GENERAL FUND	2014 Actual Year End	2015 YTD 10/13/2015	2015 Estimated Year End	2015 Adopted Budget	2016 Proposed Budget	Variance 2015 2016
REVENUES						
TOTAL Taxes	1,187,379	1,215,645	1,213,667	1,214,177	1,263,166	48,989
TOTAL Intergov. Rev	315,750	243,787	308,629	375,040	367,989	-7,051
TOTAL Lic./Permits	68,817	78,357	90,139	67,425	71,535	4,110
TOTAL Fines/Penalties	26,465	12,763	21,975	22,000	22,000	0
TOTAL Publ Charges	287,050	292,276	293,013	292,360	298,315	5,955
TOTAL Misc. Revenues	57,488	24,309	24,690	10,000	10,600	600
TOTAL General Fund Revenues	1,942,949	1,867,137	1,952,113	1,981,002	2,033,605	52,603
EXPENDITURES						
TOTAL General Gov.	344,888	318,343	402,188	382,409	435,562	53,153
TOTAL Public Safety	477,333	347,208	475,126	486,406	480,310	-6,097
TOTAL Public Works	713,178	598,450	809,778	830,591	830,800	209
TOTAL Health & Human Svc	50,000	50,153	50,153	51,594	51,653	59
TOTAL Culture Recreation	33,157	35,160	45,164	44,113	29,705	-14,408
TOTAL Conservation & Dev.	36,825	38,612	47,204	46,958	89,075	42,117
TOTAL Transfers	54,982	19,500	122,500	126,200	116,500	-9,700
TOTAL General Fund Exp. & Transfer	1,660,363	1,407,476	1,952,113	1,968,271	2,033,605	65,334
BEGINNING GEN FUND BALANCE	362,112	644,699	644,699	644,699	644,699	0
REVENUES	1,942,949	1,867,137	1,952,113	1,981,002	2,033,605	52,603
EXPENDITURES	1,605,381	1,387,976	1,829,613	1,842,071	1,917,105	75,034
TRANSFERS	54,982	19,500	122,500	126,200	116,500	
ENDING GEN FUND BALANCE	644,699	1,104,360	644,699	657,430	644,699	0
RURAL PRESERVATION FUND (PDR)						
BEGINNING PDR FUND BALANCE	1,412,584	1,465,617	1,465,617	1,465,617	670,118	-795,499
REVENUES	327,683	332,413	332,767	582,867	1,096,263	513,396
EXPENDITURES	274,650	1,107,215	1,128,266	829,005	1,126,936	297,931
ENDING PDR FUND BALANCE	1,465,617	690,815	670,118	1,219,479	639,446	-580,034
BURYING GROUND (BG)						
BEGINNING BG FUND BALANCE	40,116	49,634	49,634	49,634	56,092	6,458
REVENUES	15,387	11,983	12,700	8,100	13,600	5,500
EXPENDITURES	5,869	4,415	6,242	6,242	6,336	94
ENDING BG FUND BALANCE	49,634	57,202	56,092	51,492	63,356	11,864
DEBT SERVICE FUND (DS)						
BEGINNING DS FUND BALANCE	0	34,706	34,706	34,706	1	-34,705
REVENUES	467,248	2,775,164	2,775,164	494,932	344,585	-150,347
EXPENDITURES	432,542	2,698,068	2,809,868	494,933	344,585	-150,348
ENDING DS FUND BALANCE	34,706	111,801	1	34,705	0	-34,705
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (CP)						
CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUE						
Grant Income State TRIP LRIP	0	0	0	0	17,000	17,000
Loan Proceeds - Capital Improvements	261,202	865,697	865,697	1,040,000	0	-1,040,000
Loan Proceeds - Hwy Equip	51,298	176,003	176,003	0	0	0
Transfers in from Gen Fund	38,482	0	120,500	10,000	96,000	86,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. REVENUE	350,982	1,041,699	1,162,200	1,050,000	113,000	-937,000
CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES						
Road Construction Expenditure	297,922	669,916	669,916	700,000	320,000	-380,000
Dyreson Bridge	1,461	72,985	72,985	200,000	127,015	-72,985
Hwy Related Equipment Exp.	51,298	176,003	176,003	150,000	56,300	-93,700
Highway Garage Construction	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. EXPENSE	350,680	918,904	918,904	1,050,000	578,315	-471,685
BEGINNING CP FUND BALANCE	323,408	323,710	323,710	323,710	567,006	243,296
REVENUES	350,982	1,041,699	1,162,200	1,050,000	113,000	-937,000
EXPENDITURES	350,680	918,904	918,904	1,050,000	578,315	-471,685
ENDING CP FUND BALANCE	323,710	446,505	567,006	323,710	101,691	-222,019

VALUATION	2014	2015	2016	% change
ASSESSED VALUATION	641,931,000	645,505,000		
EQUALIZED VALUATION	664,334,700	691,526,200		
TAX LEVY				
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	1,158,158	1,191,684	1,233,462	3.51%
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	206,977	226,584	206,837	-8.72%
PDR TAX LEVY	325,059	332,167	345,763	4.09%
TOTAL LEVY	1,690,194	1,750,435	1,786,062	2.04%
ASSESSED VALUE MIL RATE		2.73	2.77	1.47%
EQUALIZED VALUE MIL RATE		2.63	2.58	-1.98%
GEN FUND UNDESIG. FUND BALANCE	644,699	644,699	644,699	
		estimated	estimated	
Current year assessment ratio	96.63%			
Prior year assessment ratio	99.20%			

2016 Budget Highlights (continued)

hours per week and civic contributions are maintained with a slight increase. Stoughton EMS had been generating enough revenue in its fees for services in previous years to fund its operation without municipal contributions. That is no longer the case, and our 2016 budget plans for a new contribution of \$16,586 for 2016. Final numbers from McFarland Fire and EMS were not available at the time this publication went to press. The budget numbers will be updated to show the 2016 proposed amounts and available prior to the public budget hearing on November 17.

2016 Capital Projects

The 2016 budget provides \$320,000 for road reconstruction, \$127,000 for completion of the Dyreson Bridge restoration, and \$75,000 to replace the old highway garage. No new debt is proposed. The road reconstruction spending is important to keep up with deteriorat-

ing roads and the plans for next year include overlay on Duncan, Geihler, Lynch Circle, and a mile of Town road in Bayview Heights. Highway equipment purchases include \$40,000 to replace the Case Tractor, \$12,000 to replace the Woods mower, and \$4,300 for a new electric pressure washer. The replacement of the old highway garage will include demolition of the old part of the building and construction of a new foundation and building.

Debt Service

The 2016 budget proposes no new borrowing. Designated fund balance amounts will be used to meet the budgeted costs for capital projects. The Town's overall indebtedness at the end of 2015 will be about 2.3 million. This is down from previous levels of almost \$3.2 million in 2009. The debt service levy is lower in 2016 as a reflection of this overall reduction in indebtedness.

2015 Mil-Rate Charts

The chart below shows the local mil-rates for some municipalities in Dane County as reported on the www.wistax.org website. The Town of Dunn's careful planning and long range view in decision making have likely contributed to the Town's consistently low mil-rate when compared to other municipalities with similar services and similar populations. The mil-rates for the cities and villages closest to the Town are also listed for comparison.

2015 Town Mil-Rates Comparison for Towns	Pop. (2014)	* Equalized Mil-Rate	Local Tax/\$100,000
Town of Madison	6,294	6.07	\$607.00
Town of Windsor	6,549	5.12	\$512.00
Town of Blooming Grove	1,816	4.40	\$440.00
Town of Cottage Grove	3,880	4.03	\$403.00
Town of Verona	1,973	3.65	\$365.00
Town of Dunkirk	1,944	2.98	\$298.00
Town of Deerfield	1,588	2.90	\$290.00
Town of Rutland	1,986	2.82	\$282.00
Town of Albion	1,958	2.69	\$269.00
Town of Middleton	6,021	2.64	\$264.00
Town of Sun Prairie	2,324	2.63	\$263.00
Town of Dunn	4,947	2.63	\$263.00
Town of Oregon	3,205	2.41	\$241.00
Town of Blue Mounds	975	2.25	\$225.00
Town of Pleasant Springs	3,175	1.21	\$121.00

2015 Mil-Rate Comparison for Neighboring Cities and Villages	Pop. (2014)	* Equalized Mil-Rate	Local Tax/\$100,000
Village of Brooklyn	949	9.23	\$923.00
Village of Belleville	1,849	8.94	\$894.00
City of Stoughton	12,646	8.54	\$854.00
City of Fitchburg	25,465	7.85	\$785.00
Village of Cambridge	1,351	7.88	\$788.00
Village of Deerfield	2,367	7.43	\$743.00
Village of McFarland	7,876	7.27	\$727.00
Village of Oregon	9,343	5.60	\$560.00
Village of Cottage Grove	6,269	5.57	\$557.00

*Tax Mil rate levied in 2014, collected in 2015. Information is from Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance website at www.wistax.org

Area Senior Centers Serve Town Residents

Seniors in the Town of Dunn will find a surprising variety of low cost or free services and events at area senior centers. While exact services vary from one Center to another, you can expect to find meals, social activities, transportation to medical appointments and shopping, crafts and hobbies, peer support, and outreach.

Outreach Workers are available to assist senior citizens and disabled adults to secure resources which allow them to remain in their own homes. Outreach Workers can assist with finances (Medical Assistance, homestead credit/deferred loan, fuel assistance, Community Options Programs, Social Security and S.S.I.), housing, medical equipment on loan, meal programs, transportation, and adult day care programs.

Senior Centers welcome volunteers and financial support from the community.

McFarland Senior Center
5915 Milwaukee Street,
McFarland, WI 53558
608-838-7117

Stoughton Senior Center
248 W Main St,
Stoughton, WI 53589
608-873-8585

Oregon Senior Center
219 Park Street,
Oregon, WI 53575
608-835-5801

Fitchburg Senior Center
5510 Lacy Road
Fitchburg, WI 53711
608-270-4290

Area Youth Centers Serving Town Residents

Socialize, get help with your homework, or take part in one of the many programs offered at a Youth Center. Adult guided activities are typically available for middle school students during the after school hours from 3 pm to 6 pm. Some programs may be available for non-school days. Residents interested in making a donation to an area youth center may contact the youth center directly, or the Town of Dunn.

McFarland Youth Center
5114 Farwell St., McFarland
608-838-3839

Stoughton Youth Center
567 E. Main St., Stoughton
608-877-9980

Oregon Youth Center
110 N. Oak St., Oregon
608-835-0822

Volunteer Opportunities

McFarland Senior Center Volunteer Drivers

McFarland Senior Outreach Services Department is looking for responsible volunteer drivers for the driver escort program. The drivers take older adults to vital medical appointments in McFarland, Stoughton and Madison. Schedules for driving are flexible, so volunteers can designate which days and times they are willing to drive. Mileage is reimbursed for this program. Interested drivers should contact the Outreach office at 838-7117.

Home Delivered Meals Driver Substitutes

Substitute drivers are needed for the home delivered meal program of McFarland. Meal deliveries are typically between 11:15 am and 12:15 pm, depending on the route (in town and out of town). Substitutes can indicate which days they are most available. Mileage is reimbursed. Call 838-7117 for more information.

Sewing Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for sewing projects that support battered women and other vulnerable citizens. Sewing groups meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays

of the month at the Homestead Apartments at 5910 Anthony Street (across from the Municipal Center). Please call 838-7117 to RSVP or to find out more information.

Oregon Senior Center Volunteer Driver Escorts

Help adults 60 and over who do not have access to personal transportation and respond to requests for medical and medically related needs. Drivers are reimbursed 50 cents/mile and provided with insurance. Please call Gene at 441-7896 for more information or to sign up.

Volunteer Meal Delivery Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver meals. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Susie at 835-5801, between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Shared Table

McFarland's Shared Table Free Community Meals welcome residents from the Town of Dunn. Meals are served every Thursday from 5 to 6:15 pm at McFarland Lutheran Church, 5529 Marsh Rd., McFarland. New volunteer groups are always welcome. Visit sharedtablecommunitymeals.com for more information.

Property Tax Collection News

Property tax bills will be mailed out around December 15th and residents should receive them within a few days of mailing. Extra copies of tax bills can be printed from accessdane.countyofdane.com or may be requested by email. Please remember to endorse the back of any mortgage company checks that are made out to you and the Town before mailing your payment. Return envelopes will be included with your tax bills for your convenience.

Parks Commission

Our Parks Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except December. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We welcomed Kevin Oppermann to our Commission this year. Kevin and his wife have a farm on Lalor Road. We are happy to have him join our Commission.

The Commission is finishing up a park restoration project at Dunn Heritage Park. Weather has been cooperative this year, and the farmer was able to plant soybeans on the southern portion of the property as part of a prairie restoration project. The Town has also received two grants for the park. Included in this grant are more prairie restoration, a new sign, a canoe launch, some clearing of the wooded area, culvert installation, and rip-rapping the shoreline. We hope to finish many of these projects later this fall and we will be planting the prairie this winter. Special thanks to the Madison Audubon Society for all the seed they have provided for the Town and to Fiskar Tools for donating 20 cutting tools to harvest the seeds. We sincerely appreciate both of those generous donations. We are still looking for volunteers to help pull invasive species in the spring, please let Ben Kollenbroich know if you are interested by calling the Town Hall.

Two young men have approached the Parks Commission in reference to earning their Eagle Scout Awards. Carter Kreft attended the August meeting and he will be working with Don Schmidt to collect seed from Don's prairie and help with the drying process and re-planting at Dunn Heritage. He will also help pull invasive species in the spring. The other young man is Andy Mulhearn. He is going to build and install large bat houses for several areas in the Town.

Our annual Arbor Day Celebration was held on Saturday, April 25. Town Chairman, Ed Minihan, presented Phyllis Hasbrouck with the Stewardship Award for her leadership in advocating for responsible planning to protect Lake Waubesa. The Tree Board was also presented the 2015 Tree City USA Award. Our newest Parks Commissioner, Kevin Oppermann, and his wife gave a wonderful presentation on nuances of his pasture-based farm in the Town and how it restores the top soil and earth. Six fruit trees were given away, along with numerous door prizes donated by Tom Shepherd. The Town provided brats and beverages and participants brought a dish to pass.

Land Trust Commission

The Land Trust Commission is happy to report that the Town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program is flourishing. We submitted 6 of the 10 applications for land protection funding through the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Agricultural Land Easement program; our six represented 60% of all applications submitted! Our projects all ranked extremely well and we were awarded all of the federal funding allocated to Wisconsin for 2015. Further, our Wisconsin office requested additional 2015 funding which will allow us to move forward with an ad-

Around the Town



ditional Town of Dunn landowner. We are very pleased to have these federal dollars invested in our community.

An effort in the last year updating our communication process with landowners has been quite successful. We're pleased to be working with more than five landowners dedicated to stewardship to permanently protecting their properties. The power to advance these conservation projects rests with the electors of the Town. Any time the Town of Dunn has the opportunity to work with a Dunn landowner to purchase their development rights, the electors of the Town (anyone eligible to vote in the Town of Dunn) votes to determine whether or not we proceed with a particular property. Please come to the Budget Hearing and Special Town meeting on November 17th (see the agenda on the front page for details) to hear more about three unique properties and consider casting your vote for farmland preservation in the Town of Dunn.

On the Road Again

The Town is just completing a large roadwork project. This year, we were able to pulverize and repave a section of Tower Road. In addition, we added 3 inches of black top to the following roads: Tower, Crescent Drive, Willow Court, North Court, High Street, Ridge Court, Morris Park Road, Camp Leonard Road, Ruth Court, Bible Camp Road, Exchange Street, Elvehjem Road (east and west of Hwy AB), Peterson Road, Fish Camp Road, Alsmo Lane, and Stoney Crest Road. This involved milling all the driveways and shouldering. In the first part of June we sealcoated Hook Island Road, Labrador Road, Sandhill Road, and the Cemetery. We were able to save \$20,000 by doing our own preparation work and shouldering. Our crewmen also replaced several culverts. One on Peterson, one on Stoney Crest, three on Elvehjem and, three on Sandhill Road. We appreciate the patience of our residents while trying to get everything done.

We will be putting our snow equipment on our trucks in mid-November. Please do not park on the roads or on the shoulder when it snows for ease of snow removal. In addition, please do not park trailers or place burn barrels or any other private property in the road

right of way. When snow is anticipated, please put trash bins out in the morning to make snow plowing easier. Also, the state law requires motorists to be 300 feet behind a snowplow or a citation could be issued.

Tree Board

The Tree Board guides the Town's planning, maintenance, and promotion of the Town's trees. Our trees, whether on private property, roadsides, or parks, are considered part of our urban forest. A few of the benefits of healthy urban forest are cleaner air, wildlife habitat, beauty, shade, privacy, scenic views and rural character. Our Tree Board works to ensure that our urban forest grows to include fewer invasive species in the future and that more trees of desirable species are planted now to replace those lost each year. Projects have included an urban forestry plan, tree ordinance, heritage tree program, treatment of trees with oak wilt, emerald ash borer treatment, and planting of acorns from the Town's historic oak trees to cultivate seedlings. Next year we will be treating stately oaks in the old cemetery for oak wilt and ash trees in the Town's parks to protect them from emerald ash borer infestations.

You can help our urban forestry efforts in a number of ways:

1. Please use the Town's transfer site for brush drop off (transfer site information is on page 8).
2. Check out our website at town.dunn.wi.us/, click on Departments, then click on Tree Board.
3. Consider serving on the Tree Board. We currently have an opening on the Tree Board. Show your interest by completing a one page application form at the Town Hall, or by contacting us at 838-1081.

Highway Project Updates

US 51 Corridor Study

The Town of Dunn continues to support Alternative A, the "low build" alternative, which adds safety improvements along the corridor and resurfaces the road. Our Town Board recognizes the safety issues and has continued to push the WI Department of Transportation to make key safety improvements

ahead of the project moving forward.

Due to fiscal constraints, the 4-lane, limited access alternative (Alternative B), is not being advanced at this point. A new alternative, Alternative H, focuses on intersection improvements and would completely reconstruct the road. It would result in more relocations (homes being torn down) and farmland lost for the highway. For these reasons, the Town continues to support the Low Build Alternative.

Beltline Corridor Study

Of greatest concern to Town of Dunn residents, a south reliever corridor focused on County Road B was studied to see if it would alleviate Beltline congestion. Although a southern reliever would carry a significant amount of motorists, it would have little effect on reducing Beltline traffic volumes (only about 3 percent) but have significant impacts and cost. For this reason, it has been eliminated as a potential solution for this study. Other solutions for reducing congestion continue to be evaluated. A series of open house public information meetings in November will detail all the options being considered. To learn more, go to madisonbeltline.dot.wi.gov or visit the Beltline PEL Study Facebook page: [facebook.com/WIMadisonBeltlineStudy](https://www.facebook.com/WIMadisonBeltlineStudy).

Town of Dunn

Receives Grant to

Improve Area Water Quality

The planning department is very pleased to announce that our community has been awarded an Urban Non-point Source grant through the WI Department of Natural Resources. This grant will help our Town do our part to improve water quality in the Yahara watershed. The funding will allow us to better account for the efforts we've already undertaken, as well as evaluate our options for meeting our water quality requirements and goals. In addition, it will provide funding to update our stormwater plan and monitor for illicit discharges. We're delighted to have this opportunity to do a comprehensive evaluation of our stormwater program with the goal of cleaner lakes.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The planning department has been working to prepare for an update to our Comprehensive Plan, which was first adopted in 2006. As we approach its 10 year anniversary, we're celebrating the successes of our land use planning efforts and making updates to make it a more user-friendly guide for the next decade. We have had a number of generous residents agree to donate their time to serve on the committee which will be overseeing the update. The committee will be meeting for the first time in November. We will be looking to our residents for your input to affirm our goals and set new ones moving forward. Please look for a survey along with your tax bill insert. Let us know if you would like to be a part of a focus group or have particular ideas or concerns as we move forward with this effort. Contact Land Use Manager Erica Schmitz at the Town Hall if you would like to get involved.

Oppermann Puts Animals Out to Pasture

by Meg Nielsen

At Highland Spring Farm, being put out to pasture isn't necessarily a bad thing. In fact, farmer and owner Kevin Oppermann, who runs a "pasture based farm", wants to get his cows, pigs and chickens out to pasture as much as possible. Since he began farming his 35-acre farm on Lalor Road, Oppermann has been successfully pioneering this new approach to farming.

Pasture based farming is what might be called a new old practice that, in this case, involves grazing cattle, raising pigs, growing meat chickens and keeping laying hens in a symbiotic, circle-of-life, restorative cycle. The process uses very few chemicals, generates no waste, restores the soil and makes field run-off nonexistent. It's a form of crop rotation, only the "crops" that rotate on a regular schedule of days, weeks and months, are Oppermann's farm animals.

Oppermann's signature stock is his herd of 65 Scottish Highland beef cows, but each year he also raises 10 pigs, 375 meat chickens and between 100 and 150 Heritage breed laying hens.

Oppermann grew up helping with field work and baling hay on his grandparents' farm in Fitchburg. During the summer, he raised and sold sweet corn. When he was in college, he took over the Fitchburg farm and was awarded the Daryl & Audrey Erdman Prize for Entrepreneurship at Luther College for his work in the family sweet corn business, Stone-man's Famous Sweet Corn.

"I always knew I wanted to be a farmer and I've always been interested in agriculture," he said, "I just couldn't figure out how to become a typical farmer."

While getting a degree in Business Management at Luther College, he focused his senior project on small farms and strategies for saving the family farm. Since then he has continued to study restoration agriculture and has made numerous personal contacts with farmers who are returning to this earth-friendly approach.

"Mostly I wanted to know how to keep small farms going," he said. And with a lot of hard work, study and dedication, that is what he's done.

Here's how it works. Every day Oppermann moves his fold of beef cattle to give them as much grass as possible in a lightly fenced space roughly equivalent to one acre. The cattle eat their fill, digest their meal and leave piles of natural fertilizer (cow pies) before moving on.



Kevin Oppermann certainly fills the bill as a farmer outstanding in his field. Shown here among his signature stock of Scottish Highland beef cows, Oppermann is successfully pioneering the practice of pasture based farming in the Town of Dunn. (Photo by Meg Nielsen)

"The Scottish Highlanders are my signature stock. The other animals compliment the cattle by what they do and how they do it," Oppermann said.

Three days later egg-laying hens come through the same area. Their job is pasture sanitation. They scratch through the cow pies, spreading them out for better aeration and easier decomposition, gleaning bits and pieces of nutritious stuff that makes for what Oppermann calls "excellent eggs – eggs with rich, high yellow yolks full of flavor and nutrition."

The meat birds move through the area next. Both bigger and dumber than the laying hens, their job is pasture fertilization. The meat chickens go from hatchlings to table in just eight weeks, enabling Oppermann to raise five flocks of 75 chickens – some 375 birds – every summer. Their 10-foot by 12-foot shelter gets moved daily to allow them to graze an area and fertilize it with their nitrogen-rich manure. In just five to seven days, fresh green grass shoots up in their wake.

And then there are the pigs – usually about 10 of them – that complete the process.

"We call them 'pig-o-raters'," Oppermann said, "because they do such a great job of aerating the soil. Pigs can go where cows can't. We put them on odds and ends in the pasture and around the farm buildings, under some of the fruit and walnut

trees. We also use the pigs for some of our landscaping projects – to clear areas that are overgrown around the farmstead."

During the winter months when cows and laying hens generate manure and bedding inside, the pigs become composters. As part of this process, Oppermann treats them to a layered "lasagna" of corn, wood chips, cow bedding, manure, more corn, old straw and leaves. Because they absolutely cannot resist digging for the buried corn, the pigs root around until the lasagna is thoroughly mixed. Within a month, a young pig will grow from 40 to 70 pounds on this corn-rich diet.

The compost goes back on the fields. There is no manure to spread, no run-off to contaminate the fresh water springs in the nearby Waubesa watershed.

"With this type of rich compost, the soil quickly improves. This is truly a form of restoration agriculture," Oppermann said.

Highland Spring Farm sells eggs, pork, beef and chicken direct to consumers at the Monona Farmers Market. Some of their beef goes to upscale restaurants like L'Etoile and Graze. Burgers made from their beef show up at the Brasserie in Madison. Beef is also marketed in bulk by the side and by the quarter.

"My wife and I were lucky that when we bought the farm in 2012, it was the beginning of the local foods

movement. We have been able to market our beef and chickens locally at prices that are sustainable," Oppermann said.

"The farm is getting to the point where it is almost self-sustaining," said Oppermann, who quit his job at Epic two years ago to farm full time. His wife of seven years is still working at Epic. And, as if to prove that it really is possible to save the family farm, the Oppermanns are expecting their first child in November.

To contact Kevin Oppermann, call 414-659-2676 or email HighlandSpringFarm@gmail.com.

Police Information

The Town of Dunn contracts with the Dane County Sheriff's office to work for the Town for approximately 18 hours per week. We have four deputy sheriffs that alternate shifts. We also have court once a month and our elected judge is Robert Schneider. Most of our ordinances are complaint driven.

Please remember to report a violation immediately when it occurs to the Dane County Sheriff's office by calling the non-emergency number at 255-2345 (in an emergency, dial 911). If the violation happens during office hours, please contact the Town Hall at 838-1081.



RECYCLING GUIDE



Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B, about ¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall
Open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month
8 AM to 4 PM

Also open Wednesdays
from 2 PM to 4:45 PM until November 18th

The Transfer Site accepts:

Leaves and grass clippings - Put any compostable material in the compost pile at the Transfer Site, or compost them yourself at home.

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take stumps, lumber, or wood furniture. **Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps, construction material and many other large items. Call 838-9555 for information.**

Holiday Trees - Pellitteri will not pick up trees left at the curbside. Trees without tinsel, decorations, or stands can be taken to the Town Transfer Site.

Antifreeze - Used antifreeze that is free of oil is accepted.

Motor oil - Used motor oil that is free of other liquids is accepted. You can recycle plastic motor oil containers and oil filters at the transfer site.

Automotive Type & Rechargeable Batteries - Household batteries are not accepted.

Tires - We charge a fee based on our costs for disposal. At the time of this publication, auto tires were \$4 without rims and \$5 for tires with rims. Semi truck tires cost \$7 for disposal and tractor tires cost \$25. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for a small fee.

Appliances - We accept all appliances **EXCEPT FOR** TVs, electronics, water softeners, and dishwashers.

Scrap metal - Scrap iron, steel, copper, and other metals are accepted. We only accept motors after the gas and oil has been drained.

Questions? Call the Town Hall at 838-1081 extension 201

Clean Sweep Wisconsin

Clean Sweep is a Dane County-run place to bring hazardous household materials like TVs, paints, pesticides, and rechargeable batteries.

It is now open year round during the following times:

Tuesday-Friday: 7 am - 2:45 pm

Saturdays: 8 am - 10:45 am

Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays

Located at 7102 US HWY 12

**The next Goodwill Industries
Donation Pick Up is Scheduled:
Saturday, December 5th from 9 AM to 12 PM**
in the Town Hall parking lot.

Goodwill staff will help unload and provide tax receipts.

*The Town will only accept donations
during the scheduled drop-off dates/times.*

Holiday Trash/Recycle Info

In a week that contains a Holiday, garbage & recycling pick up is delayed by one day. Please plan accordingly.

Med Drops

Unwanted and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be dropped off at local police departments. Please call the following places for more information:

McFarland Police Department at 838-3151

Oregon Police Department at 835-3111

Stoughton Police Department at 873-3374

Recycling Information

All recyclables should be placed in your recycling cart

Recyclable Metal & Glass

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)
- Metal pots & pans
- Small metal appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.) – nothing larger than a basketball
- Small metal plumbing fixtures & pipes (faucets, valves, pipes 2”-12” long)
- Tin & steel cans

Non-Recyclable Items

- Brake rotors / drums
- Deli containers - except #1 plastic
- Frozen food or microwave dinner plates
- Glassware & ceramics
- Metal items heavier than 10 pounds
- Mirrors & windows
- Motor oil & gasoline containers
- Plastic film, wrap & Styrofoam
- Misc.: Carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, food, hoses, ropes & shoes

Expanded Paper Recycling

- Cardboard (empty)
- Catalogs, magazines & phone books
- Cereal & cracker boxes (empty)
- Computer & office paper
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Holiday gift wrapping paper (no foils)
- Newspapers
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper milk and juice cartons or boxes
- Pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- Shredded paper (place in clear or transparent plastic bag and tie shut; a full bag should be smaller than a basketball)

Expanded Plastic Recycling

- All plastic bottles (no motor oils or gasoline)
- Plastic containers / cups #1-7, including #1 deli
- Plastic bags (grocery, newspaper, dry cleaning, etc. - no black or brown bags) - place clean, dry bags into a clear or transparent bag and tie shut; a full bag should be smaller than a basketball

Recycling Tips

- Should you choose to bag recyclables you place into the cart, please use clear or transparent bags and leave open – do not tie or seal. Clear bags can be purchased at most grocery and hardware stores.
- Do not flatten or crush plastic or metal items. Do not place smaller items inside larger containers. All items should be loose and empty. Remove all food waste, plastic, Styrofoam & packing peanuts.
- Flatten cardboard boxes and cereal boxes to make room in the recycling cart. Additional recyclables that don't fit in the cart may be put in clear plastic bags and placed next to your recycling cart. Large quantities of cardboard should be flattened and placed in clear plastics bags. Do not tie or bundle.
- Your recycling cart will not be picked up if it contains trash, yard waste or prohibited items.
- Visit www.pellitteri.com or call (608) 257-4285 for more information.

Other Recyclable Items

Appliances: Appliance pick up or drop off is available from Gary's Appliances, 4802 Dutch Mill Rd. Call 221-1150 for more information. Television Recycling is available at Resource Solutions. Call 244-5451 for more information.

Hazardous Materials: Thermostats, paint, pesticides, poisons, solvents, ignitables, aerosols, sealants, fuel, oil and other hazardous materials must not end up in our landfill. Dispose of these items at Clean Sweep located at 7102 US Hwy 12 in Madison (across from Yahara Hills Golf Course). For further information call the recorded information line at 608-243-0368 or visit danecountycleansweep.com. For other possible drop off sites call the Wisconsin DNR at 275-3208.

Computers: Computers contain hazardous materials and should be recycled. Janssen Computers, 6350 Copps Ave, 222-9100 will take equipment for reuse or recycle. Cascade Asset Management accepts any and all computer and computer related equipment from businesses. Household computers are collected at semi-annual drop-offs in April and November. Call 222-4800 for more information.