

The Official **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2009

## Views From the Town Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, *Dunn Town Chair*

As the spring newsletter is winging its way to you, so have the Sandhill cranes been winging their way back to our Town. The return of the Sandhill cranes is always a hopeful sign of spring. Of course, spring brings not only the return of the Sandhill cranes, but also the return of seasonal severe weather. As we know all too well, the Town is no stranger to severe weather.

While there's not much we can do to prevent severe weather from impacting the Town, we do have the means to mitigate potential catastrophes. The Town of Dunn is committed to keeping our residents safe. Residents of Bayview Mobile Home Park are most especially vulnerable to severe weather. The Mobile Home Park has been narrowly missed by two tornadoes in the last two decades. Recognizing the need for a storm shelter for that population, we set to work.

After much hard work and many setbacks, we have received a FEMA grant that will allow us to construct a storm shelter to protect residents, should severe weather strike. This shelter will protect over 500 people from loss of life and injury during severe

**Events You Won't  
Want to Miss**

**Tuesday April 7th 7AM-8PM:**  
Spring Election

**Tuesday April 14th at 7 PM:**  
Annual Town Meeting

**Saturday April 25th at 4 PM-6 PM:**  
Arbor Day Celebration featuring guest speakers, awards presentations, and a pot luck dinner!

weather events. It is the single-most effective way to offer protection to our most vulnerable residents. We plan to break ground this summer for completion later this year. Look for updates on the progress of the shelter in our fall newsletter.

I would like to once again thank our staff for bringing us through another difficult winter. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and effective staff. Enjoy the spring (whenever it finally arrives).

**TOWN OF DUNN  
ANNUAL MEETING**  
TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2009 7:00  
PM

**A G E N D A**

- I. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 28, 2008**
  - II. Announcements and introductions by Chairman Minihan.**
    - A. Donations, if any.
  - III. Reports**
    - A. Building Inspector Report
    - B. Cemetery Report
    - C. Land Trust Commission
    - D. Mobile Home Commission
    - E. Parks Commission
    - F. Plan Commission
    - G. Police Report
    - H. Tree Board
  - IV. Financial Report**
    - A. Sanitary Districts - financial reports.
    - B. Treasurer's report - review 2008 audit.
  - V. New Business**
    - A. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
    - B. In order to meet the requirements of the general storm water permit (and section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code), there will be educational material on storm water management.
    - C. Present the Noxious Weed Notice.
    - D. Adjournment
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- Every resident of legal voting age present can cast a vote at the Annual Town Meeting. This year, take an active role in your government and attend the Annual Meeting. Agendas and announcements for all special meetings are posted at the following locations:
- 1) Bulletin board outside the Dunn Town Hall at 4156 County Road B.
  - 2) Message board at the corner of Third Street and Waubesa Avenue in the town of Dunn.
  - 3) Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.
  - 4) Town's website at: [www.town.dunn.wi.us](http://www.town.dunn.wi.us)
- Cathy Hasslinger, Town Clerk Treasurer*

## Tornado Shelter to be Built in Bayview Heights Neighborhood



*Above map depicts the routes of the two most recent tornadoes.*

While Bayview Mobile Home Park has not been directly hit by a major storm in the past decade, there have been two near misses. The August 18, 2005 tornado completely destroyed homes within a half-mile of the park, and the 1992 tornado passed within about 3 miles of the park. Severe weather is an annual reality in Wisconsin. (please see **Tornado Shelter** on pg. 2)

**Town of Dunn**  
**4156 County Road B**  
**McFarland, WI 53558**

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Madison, WI  
Permit No. 1027

## Don't miss our Arbor Day Celebration

By Mary Gross, Court Clerk

Mark your calendars for the April 25th, 2009 Arbor Day Celebration! This annual event will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. This year our presenter will be Patrick Ready, recipient of the 2007 Audubon Society Award. He will present a power point presentation on Dane County birds and back yard habitat. Sam Richards will also present his cemetery project for his Eagle Scout award.

We also will be having a pot luck dinner after our presentation and will announce the 2009 Stewardship award recipient. Paper plates, napkins, eating utensils and beverages will be supplied. Come meet other residents and share in this fun family event. Bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy your community.

- EVENT:** Arbor Day Potluck dinner with Guest Speaker Patrick Ready
- WHEN:** Saturday April 25th, 2009 from 4-6 pm
- WHERE:** Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B
- WHO:** All Town residents are encouraged to attend. Bring a dish to pass, meet neighbors, share a meal, and celebrate Arbor Day!

Call Mary at 255-4219 ext 201 for more info.

## Burying Ground Plant Identification Eagle Project

By Sam Richards

In an effort to identify several varieties of the remnant prairie plants, Life Scout Sam Richards, is creating a sign for the Town of Dunn Burying Ground. Early records mention shooting stars, pussy toes and trillium blooming in this early prairie cemetery. The original section of the burying ground which was purchased in 1852 (the Northwest corner), has been under scrutiny as of late for the Town's "no mow" policy. This practice has been instituted out of respect for those buried there, with the original landscape in mind.

The effort to return the burying ground to its original appearance (pre-lawn mower days) has enabled the diminishing wildflowers to flourish. Mowing after the seed heads have formed, in early fall, has aided in the propagation of these vanishing beauties.

This year, in addition to following its "no mow" practice, the town will also be moving the flag pole (Boy Scout Mike Walters' Eagle project of 1998) to the newer addition of the burying ground.

Richards has researched the property records, interviewed town residents and photographed the delicate plant life. In working with the townsfolk, he has learned much about the Town's history. And as a steward of the town, he is pleased to play a role in the preservation of this history.

Please join him in celebrating the dedication of this sign at this year's Arbor Day Celebration, April 25th at the Dunn Town Hall.

## Tornado Shelter

(cont. from page 1) Statistics from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center for the period from 1985-2002 show that 49% of the tornado fatalities in the United States are suffered by those who remain within or attempt to flee mobile homes. A FEMA document entitled "Are You Ready" warns people in a vehicle, trailer, or mobile home to "get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes." Unfortunately, residents of Bayview Mobile Home Park are isolated in a rural area and do not have access to nearby shelter.

A major weather event could result in loss of life, personal injury, homelessness, and property damage if the Mobile Home Park was affected. With an estimated 577 residents, the park represents 11% of the population of the Town of Dunn. The potential effects to this population would be devastating for the entire community and is preventable with adequate shelter.

FEMA announced this March that the Town had been awarded the requested grant funds to construct a storm shelter, which will be located in the Bayview Mobile Home Park where it is most easily accessible to residents. The shelter will be 3,360 sq. ft and is designed to withstand winds up to 250 mph. The project is set to be completed by November 2009.

## The Town Considers Change to its Burning Ordinance

The Town Board is considering a change to its burning ordinance to require permits and provide set-back, chimney, and burning material regulations for outdoor wood burning furnaces. The current burning ordinance and the proposed change are posted on the town's website at [www.town.dunn.wi.us](http://www.town.dunn.wi.us) and are available at the Town Hall.

The following is an excerpt from Wisconsin Department of Health Services website:

### What is an Outdoor Wood Boiler?

An outdoor wood boiler (OWB) is any furnace, stove, or boiler designed to burn wood to heat a residence. The basic design of the OWB encourages a slow, cooler fire, to maximize the amount of heat transferred from the fire to the water. Slow, cooler fires, however, burn inefficiently and create more smoke and creosote than higher temperature fires. The most efficient wood-burning furnaces burn at very high temperatures, include a heat store of several hundred gallons of water, and have refractory tunnels where high-temperature secondary combustion can take place. These units are typically installed inside the home, have very low emissions, and have a stack height of 20-30 feet. Outdoor models often are missing these important features.

### Smoke associated with OWBs

At the relatively low temperatures at which OWBs are designed to burn wood, the stoves can produce thick smoke and creosote. This smoke can contain unhealthy levels of toxic air pollutants and known carcinogens, including significant amounts of particulate matter (PM) of various polycyclic aromatic compounds (PAHs).

### Hazards associated with burning garbage or inappropriate materials

Burning particleboard, treated, stained, painted, wet or freshly cut wood can release very toxic chemicals. These materials should never be burned in OWBs. Trash burning is especially harmful because it releases chemicals that are persistent in the environment, polluting our air, food, lakes and streams. Burning plastic and treated wood also releases heavy metals and toxic chemicals such as dioxins. Exposure to dioxins can cause skin problems, reproductive or developmental problems, and may even increase the risk of cancer.

### Existing Public Health Laws and Ordinances

Several communities in Wisconsin have taken the step of creating ordinances that ban or regulate the use of OWBs. The adoption of local ordinances regulating outdoor wood stoves is currently the best way to address the issue proactively.

### For More Information

Contact the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health, PO Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659, (608) 266-1120.



Last December, the Town of Dunn held a retirement party for Clerk/Treasurer, Rosalind Gausman, honoring her for her 33 years of service to the Town. Pictured above is Mrs. Gausman with Town Chair, Ed Minihan, presenting her with a proclamation from Governor Jim Doyle and a collage featuring scenery from the Town of Dunn.

## LAND TRUST COMMISSION UPDATE

by Beth Hastings, Land Trust Chair

In the past year, the Land Trust Commission focused on its long term planning, worked on a couple of Development Rights purchases, said goodbye to one Land Use Manager, and welcomed another.

The Commissioners were proud to be a part of the work on an easement on the land owned by the Madison Retriever Club on the southern shore of Hook Lake. By placing a conservation easement on this lovely property, we have added to the preserved area around this unique lake. The deal was completed in mid-March.

During the interim period between the departure of Renee Lauber and the coming of our new Land Use Manager, Erica Schmitz, the Land Trust Commission had excellent support from acting Land Use Manager, Ben Kollenbroich. Ben, in turn, had expert advice and help in PDR negotiations from our friends at the Natural Heritage Land Trust, Jim Welsh and Kate Wipperman.

In January, the Land Trust Commission began working with the new Land Use Manager, Erica Schmitz. Erica has already helped us complete our long term planning process and has begun a review of all our PDR applications.

By the time this newsletter is published, Town of Dunn landowners should have received letters from the Land Trust Commission inviting them to consider applying to the PDR program, or if they already have applied, to confirm their interest in the program. The letter also mentions the new federal tax incentives for donating development rights.

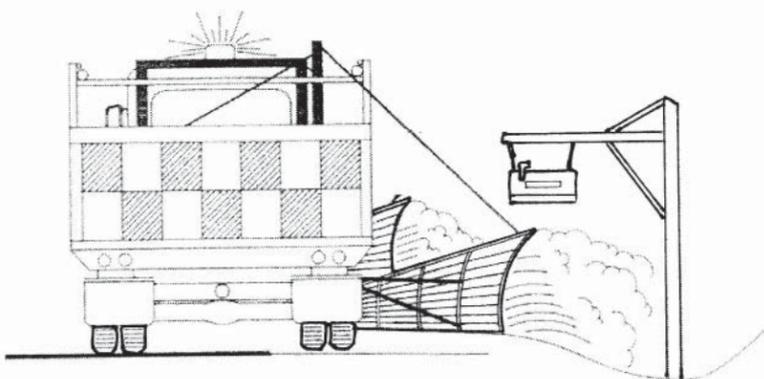
The Town of Dunn Purchase of Development Rights program is now 12 years old! We have preserved over 2,800 acres of farmland thus far and are looking forward to continuing to protect agriculture and open space in our town.

### NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0407 that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Town of Dunn which the person owns occupies or controls before the plants bloom. Noxious weeds include: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge and Field Bindweed (creeping Jenny).

Jay Hoel, Weed Commissioner

## Prevent Snow Damage to Your Mailbox



In Wisconsin snow removal operations frequently conflict with mailboxes. Mailbox installations that have been successful in reducing the number of mailboxes damaged or demolished by snow removal feature a 24 to 36 inch "arm" at a 46 inch height. This allows the snow plow to remove snow closer to the mailbox and maintain a greater distance from the post.

Mailbox installations do require regular maintenance and must withstand the weight of wet snow being pushed on them by a snow plow. After several years of freezing and thawing, mailboxes may need to be re-installed. The Town does not pay for or replace mailboxes that collapse due to snow removal efforts.

## PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

by Jim Molloy, Plan Commission Chair

The Plan Commission is served by Tim Andrews, Lorraine Gardner, Steve Greb, Dean Hein, Jim Molloy, Bob Uphoff and Vicki Wangerin. In 2008, we upheld the Town's progressive land use plan in all of our decisions and recommendations. We also amended the Town's Comprehensive Plan, strengthened the Town's land use policies and kept the Town at the forefront of intelligent planning. The Plan Commission usually meets at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month and welcomes the public to its open meetings. To be placed on our agenda, please contact Erica Schmitz at the Town Hall at 608-255-4219, extension 205 at least two weeks prior to a meeting.

Occasionally a vacancy occurs on the Commission. If you are interested in serving your Town as an uncompensated member of this Commission, please indicate your interest to Cathy Hasslinger, Town Clerk by calling 255-4219 extension 204.



Pictured above: Erica Schmitz (left) and Cathy Hasslinger (right)

### Introducing Erica Schmitz, Land Use Manager/ Assistant Business Manager

The Town welcomes Erica Schmitz as the new Land Use Manager. Erica's educational background and experience in land conservation will be valuable in her work to preserve the town's rural character. Erica has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies from Luther College and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from UW-Madison. In her capacity as Land Use Manager/Assistant Business Manager, Erica will be managing the Town's Purchase of Development Rights program and assisting residents with zoning and related requests as well as participating in regional issues that affect the Town. Erica is also supporting both the Plan Commission and Land Trust Commission. Erica's current projects include applying for stormwater and wetland restoration grants, helping to prepare an Emergency Management Plan, and working to update the Town's Land Division Ordinance. Erica is enjoying getting to know the Town and its residents.

### Introducing Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/ Business Manager

The Town Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Cathy Hasslinger as the new Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager. Cathy has gained valuable experience serving the residents of the town since 2001 as the Deputy Clerk Treasurer/Office Manager. Cathy is a graduate of Concordia University in Milwaukee and has a master's degree in management from Cardinal Stritch University. She is currently in her third year at the University of Green Bay Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute, which is a 4 year certification program. Cathy serves at the direction of the Town Board and is responsible for various functions of town government including financial management and reporting, election administration and notices, licenses and permits, tax settlements, administration of grants and projects, maintenance of town records, execution of town plans, approval of certified survey maps, and serving as the clerk for the Town Board and Board of Review.



# TOWN OF DUNN'S

## Do your Part to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

### Curbside Recycling

Dunn residents have several ways to recycle material. Common recyclables such as household plastics, glass, aluminum, aerosol and tin cans, cardboard and newspaper are picked up by Waste Management in the weekly trash and recycling pickups each Wednesday.

Because wet paper products may not be recycled, withhold cardboard, newspaper and other paper recyclables for later pick-up if it is raining on Wednesday morning, or if the forecast indicates rain is likely.

**Plastics** - Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 plastics are now recyclable! Rinse and remove caps and rings; labels can remain. Flatten as much as possible. Bottles that have contained motor oil, medicine or chemicals cannot be accepted for recycling. All #2 plastic one and five gallon buckets can not be recycled.

**Aluminum** - Only aluminum cans are accepted for recycling.

Rinsing is encouraged. Don't include any other kinds of aluminum such as foil or aluminum pie plates in the recycling bin.

**Tin Cans** - Food cans only - no paint or chemical cans. Rinse, remove labels, and flatten. Please put sharp lids in the trash.

**Aerosol Cans** - can be recycled! Make sure they are empty and remove plastic nozzles.

**Glass** - Jars and bottles are accepted for recycling. Always rinse and remove the lid. Labels can remain on the container. Light bulbs, dishes, drinking glasses, mirrors and window glass can be recycled elsewhere or disposed of as trash.

**Newspaper** - Newsprint must be dry and bundled. Shiny inserts are acceptable. Place in brown paper bags. Do not mix with other types of paper!

**Magazines** - Magazines and catalogs must be in bundles and tied with string in 6 inch stacks. Do not mix with other types of paper!

**Mixed Paper** - Junk Mail, Office Paper, Soft drink/Beer cartons can be recycled. Place in brown paper bag. Do not mix with newspapers or magazines!

**Cardboard** - Corrugated cardboard can be recycled. Flatten boxes and keep dry. Cut pieces into less than 3 foot squares and bundle with string or place in a grocery bag. Pizza boxes, egg containers and wax-coated boxes can not be recycled.

### Waste Management Curbside Pick-up

Each household is allowed one 34-gallon container for solid waste and an unlimited volume of recyclables. The charge is included on your tax bill each year.

For additional volume pick up contact Waste Management. For a fee they will provide an extra 64-gallon toter or an extra 96-gallon toter. These toters may be filled in addition to the usual 34 gallon container allowed. Cost is billed directly to the homeowner. At the time of this publication the cost of the 64-gallon toter was \$66.00 per year and the 96-gallon toter was \$84.00 per year.

Items that are too big to fit into a 34-gallon receptacle such as mattresses, chairs, couches, etc., can be arranged to be picked up by calling (608) 273-2500 at a cost of \$25.00 per item. These items are picked up on Fridays. Appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc. can also be scheduled for pickup at the cost of \$25.00 per item by calling (608) 273-2500. These items are picked up on the 4th Friday of every month. Waste Management can also help you with your remodeling needs or clean-up. Please call (608) 273-2500 on the cost of renting a dumpster.



### Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B, 1/4 mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

Open all year on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of every month from 8 AM to 4 PM. The transfer site will be open seasonally from April 8 - October for additional hours every Wednesday from 2 PM - 4:45 PM.

The Transfer Site accepts:

- Scrap Metal
- Motor Oil
- Yard Waste
- Brush and Wood
- Batteries
- Tires

**Transfer Site Recycling Scrap metal** - Scrap iron, steel, copper, and other metals are accepted. We don't accept compressors or motors.

**Motor oil** - Used motor oil that is free of other liquids such as antifreeze is accepted. Either reuse your used motor oil container or dispose of it in the trash. Don't leave oil containers near the used oil tank.

**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 or painted lumber. Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps.

**Tires** - We charge \$3 for auto tires \$4 for tires with rims. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for about 85 cents each.

**Questions? Call the Town Hall at 255-4219**

### DANE COUNTY COMPOST SITES OPEN MID-APRIL

Yard wastes are banned from disposal at all landfills in the State of Wisconsin. Dane County will open its three yard waste compost sites in mid-April. All sites are available for people to bring non-woody yard waste to be composted. The Verona site will have finished compost available for pick up. Unscreened compost is free for the general public. Screened compost is available at the Westport location only.

**VERONA SITE HOURS:** Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Located adjacent to the old landfill at Badger Prairie Park (Take USH 18-151 toward Verona. Exit Business District and turn right to Badger Prairie Health Care Center/Badger Prairie Park parking lot. Turn right at compost sign and follow gravel road to site).

The compost sites accept only non-woody plant material. They do not accept brush, Christmas wreaths or garlands (because of the metal wire), or trash of any sort (such as pieces of fences, plastic bags, Styrofoam, plastic lawn edging, or similar material). For more information on the Dane County compost sites, call Robert Regan at 266-4139.

### Goodwill Industries Pick up

2009 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM**

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM**

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM**

in the Town Hall parking lot.

Goodwill will provide the staff to help unload, give receipts and provide tax information.

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

# 2009 RECYCLING GUIDE



## Home Composting

*Composting is a great way to keep organic material out of the waste stream. It saves tax dollars and provides you with a valuable soil additive. Composting is easy to do if you follow a few simple guidelines.*

1. Use a bin. A simple wire enclosure will do. A bin keeps your pile neat and helps retain heat and moisture, two key elements of the compost process.
2. The key to a good working compost pile is a balance of green materials, such as grass clippings or food waste that is high in nitrogen and brown material, such as leaves that are high in carbon. A good rule of thumb is to maintain a 50-50 ratio by weight of green and brown material.
3. If you are going to compost kitchen waste, bury the material 6-12 inches below the surface. This keeps flies away from your pile. Compost only vegetable and fruit waste. Do not compost meat, fats, gravy or pet waste.
4. Don't forget moisture. A compost pile should be damp so be sure to add water to dry material as you build your pile. Don't over water. Materials should be as damp as a wrung out sponge.

### Building a Compost Pile

**First layer:** 3"-4" of chopped brush or other coarse material on top of the soil surface allows air circulation around the base of the heap.

**Second layer:** 3"-6" of green material, grass clippings, or food waste.

**Third layer:** 4"-8" of "brown" material, such as leaves. Add water as needed.

**Fourth layer:** 1" of soil serves as an inoculate by adding microorganisms to the pile.

**Fifth layer:** Repeat steps 2-4 until the bin is almost full. Top off the heap with a layer of leaves or straw and scoop out a "basin" at the top to catch rainwater.

### Maintaining Your Compost Pile

A properly made compost pile will reach temperatures of 140-160 degrees F in four or five days. At this time you'll notice the pile "settling," a good sign that your pile is composting properly. After 4 or 5 weeks, turn the pile, putting material from the outside of the pile into the center of the new pile. Add water if necessary. You shouldn't need to turn your heap a second time. Your compost should be ready in 3 to 4 months.

*Information provided by Dane County at [www.co.dane.wi.us](http://www.co.dane.wi.us)*

## THANK YOU TO ROADSIDE PICKUP VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to the volunteers involved with the adopt-a-highway program. Participants included Waubesa Beach Association, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory, Christ the King Church in McFarland, Sled Shed II, McFarland Lutheran Church, Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association, Inc. and Waubesa Snowbird's snowmobile club. Call Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.

## Recycle Your Old Cell Phone

**Protect the environment and raise funds for the Senior Center  
Convenient drop off at Stoughton Senior Center and Radio Shack**

Cell phones contain harmful materials like lead and cadmium that are released as phones break down in landfills. These materials can cause cancer, and developmental disorders when released in small quantities. Your old cell phone may be worth up to \$30 and the proceeds can benefit a neighborhood Senior Center. The memory of each cell phone is destroyed when recycled.

## Protect Our

## Groundwater - Dispose of paints, pesticides, fuel & more at Dane County's Clean Sweep Site

Located at 2302 Fish Hatchery Road

Visit [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) or call the new

Information Hotline at 294-5366

Clean Sweep Hours: May 1 through October 31 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 7:30 AM to 2:00PM

There are plenty of household hazardous materials like paints, pesticides, and solvents that can't be disposed of in the trash, and could harm groundwater or the environment if not disposed of properly. The proper place to take these substances is Dane County Clean Sweep located behind the Dane County Highway Garage, north of the Beltline on Fish Hatchery Rd.

This service is free of charge to all county residents, but is limited to households only. For disposal of hazardous waste generated in small business, please call cleansweep for instructions.

Computer Recycling is available at Janssen Computers.  
Call 222-9100 for more information.

Television Recycling is available at Resource Solutions.  
Call 244-5451 for more information.

## One Day Only - Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up April 22nd

**Planning on cleaning out the garage or basement this spring?  
Wondering how to get rid of large items?**

Waste Management is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Wednesday, April 22nd. On regular garbage pick up days, each residence can put out 34 gallons of trash plus unlimited recycleables for curbside pick up. On April 22nd, residents can put out extra garbage at no additional charge. There are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Waste Management at 273-2500 for details.

Spring Roadside Clean-up - As the snow melts and spring winds blow, the litter that accumulated over the winter becomes more visible. This is a great time to tidy up the yard. We encourage everyone to participate in picking up a section of road before April 22nd. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out on Wednesday April 22nd when Waste Management provides unlimited garbage pick up.

## Compost Bin Sale Saturday May 9, 2009

**Earth Machine home compost bins be available  
One Day Only for \$40 tax included at:**



Madison: Alliant Energy Center 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Only while supplies last (there is no limit, purchase as many bins as you need). This is a one day only sale. It will be held rain or shine. Cash or checks only (checks should be made payable to Norseman Plastics). The Earth Machine bin is made of black or green recycled plastic. It has a locking lid on the top and a door at the bottom for removing finished compost. The bin is easy to assemble and the unassembled bin will fit in the back seat or truck on most automobiles. Compost turners are also for sale for \$15 along with kitchen scrap pails for \$7. More information on the sale is available at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/HomeCompostBinSale.cfm>.

# 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.

McFarland Senior Center  
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 - 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.

McFarland Senior Center  
Sewing Volunteers  
Volunteers are needed to assist in sewing projects that support battered women. Sewing groups meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month and meet 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  
The Oregon Senior Center is looking for substitute drivers for its home delivered meal programs in Oregon. If you have any other skill or talent you would like to share with the residents, please contact Alison at 608-835-5801 for more information.

# Simpson Park Playground Expansion Update

by: Jenny Goodlund

With Spring on its way, we are thinking about the playground expansion again. Simpson Park is located in the Waubesa Heights neighborhood, 2 miles northwest of the Town Hall. We had a successful fall fundraising campaign. Between our bake sale at the McFarland Family Fest, a donation jar at the November election, contributions from individuals, and the annual park allowance from the town, we have reached our 2008 goal. We are excited to order a play system and plan the installation.



A wonderful opportunity has presented itself! The equipment supplier we are working with is having a SALE! There are several playground systems within about \$300 of our current budget. These sale systems are 33% off regular pricing and would allow us to stretch our dollars and acquire a larger system than we had originally hoped for.

Please consider making a donation, big or small, to help fund the new structure and strengthen our community. Donations can be made at the Town Hall. For more information, you may contact Jenny Goodlund (838-8417) or Sara Mischnick (838-6231) or email simpsonpark08@gmail.com.

## Free Tax Help !

Qualified Volunteers will work with you to fill out and file your 2008 State and Federal Tax Returns

- When:** Thursdays, 12:00 noon -5:00 p.m.  
Walk-in Service Only. No appointments necessary.
- Where:** Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site  
Second Floor of the Stoughton Police Department  
321 S Fourth Street, Stoughton WI 53589
- Who:** Low-income, elderly and/or disabled people, individuals and couples using the simplified state and federal forms.
- Questions:** Call the Stoughton Senior Center at (608) 873-8585

## On the Road Again...

By Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

Due to the cold and snowy weather residents will find numerous pot holes this spring as the road thaws. In addition to the pot holes there are many large dips at culverts caused by road swelling from the freezing water in the soil. Around the culverts gravel is placed during installation which does not retain the water and therefore does not expand like the soil on either side of it. They should smooth out as the frost leaves the ground.

going back to the small stones. We will try to give the residents some advance notice but it will probably happen in June sometime depending on their schedule and the weather.

We will be replacing culverts in various areas of the town. Culverts on Halverson Road, two on Lake Kegonsa Road, and two on Waucheeta Trail.

Just a reminder to residents that road right of way is 33 feet from the center of the road. This area is used by the town for road maintenance, snow removal, and water drainage. It is also important to prevent shaded areas from holding moisture deteriorating blacktop surface. It is sometimes necessary to remove whole trees instead of just trimming. In addition, remember our parking ordinance states that there is parking on road sides but all the tires have to be completely off the road. Especially during snow removal.

The 2009 roadwork bids are out, we will be repaving Waucheeta Trail, Mc Connell Street and Gannon Street. Seal coating will be done on Brooklyn Drive, S. Brooklyn Drive, Lynch Circle, Giehler Road, Duncan Road, Aalseth Lane, Bjoin Drive, Rutland Dunn Townline Road, and Lake View Terrace, Woodland Terrace. We used a product last year called slag which was not as excessive and smaller when finished. The residents did not like this product so we are

## Senior Centers Welcome Dunn Residents

Seniors who have not been in touch with their Senior Center are encouraged to call or visit. A surprising variety of low cost or free services and events are provided. 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.

- 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**

## AREA YOUTH CENTERS

Youths are encouraged to call or visit our local youth centers. Adult supervision and activities are typically available for middle school students during the after school hours from 3pm to 6 pm. Some programs may be available for non-school days. Contact the youth centers directly for more information:

- McFarland Youth Center**  
5120 Farwell St., McFarland  
**608-838-4508**
- Stoughton Youth Center**  
518 S. Fourth St., Stoughton  
**608-873-3880**
- Oregon Youth Center**  
110 N. Oak St., Oregon  
**608-835-0822**

## New Stop Signs!!!



Following a recommendation by the Dane County Sheriff's Office, two new stop signs will soon be installed on Tower Road. The first will be located at the intersection of Tower Road and Willow Court. The second will be located at the intersection of Tower Road and Morris Park Road. These new stop signs will decrease speeding violations and allow pedestrians and bikers to move more safely in this area.

## Parks Update

As the snow melts and the temperatures rise, it is time to get outside and start enjoying the town parks again.

Congratulations to Simpson Park (Waubesa Heights) park for raising money for new playground equipment. They were able to raise enough money for the matching funds available from the town. They are still working on raising more money. Thank you for everyone who donated time and money.

Kegonsa Manor is still in the early stages of prairie construction. Last years planting of soy beans did not do well do to a very wet spring. We will re-plant the section and then next winter we will spread the seeds that Eagle Scout, Sam Richards and a group of young people harvested from Dunn Heritage. We are storing the seed waiting to plant it.

It is greatly appreciated when residents take care of the parks they use. However, we have three major problem areas in Town Parks:

- 1) The first problem occurs at Spartan Hills. There have been problems with motorized vehicles in this park. There are to be no motorized vehicles of any kind in any parks. This means no dirt bikes and no snowmobiles.
- 2) Pet waste is a problem in several parks. Please clean up after your pet. If you are going to take your dog in the park, you must keep your dog on a leash and clean up its waste! If this problem does not improve, we will have to consider a "no dogs in the park" rule so that people can walk and kids can play in these areas. This dog-waste problem also exists at Amundson boat landing.
- 3) Remember Town Parks require you to carryout your own litter. The Town does not provide trash removal at parks. There have been significant problems with litter at Amundson, Spartan Hills, and Rock Elm. Let's keep our parks clean for all to enjoy.

If you are interested in helping to beautify the roadsides in Dunn, the town would like to encourage people to sign up for the Adopt a Highway program. If you don't like to see the roadsides littered with trash, get a group of friends together and sign up to clean up! The town provides garbage bags and orange vests for participants. Come to the town hall for more information, or call 608-255-4219 ext. 201.

Thank you for taking an interest in our parks and other related issues. I hope everyone gets a chance to get out and enjoy the town parks this spring and summer.

### 2009 STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Ray Potempa has been selected for the 2009 Stewardship Award. He has been selected for his volunteer work with FOLKS, lake levels and other lake related issues. Mr. Potempa will be receiving his award at the Arbor Day Celebration.



The 22nd Annual Take a Stake in the Lakes volunteer cleanup of the Yahara Lakes and other area waters will be held on June 13th and June 20th, 2009. Call Rhea Stangel-Maier, Parks Volunteer Coordinator now at 608-224-3601 or stangel-maier@co.dane.wi.us to reserve your group's favorite park, stream or stretch of shoreline, or to find out how you can help protect our beautiful lakes.

Over the years, thousands of volunteers have removed hundreds of tons of waste from Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, Kegonsa and Wingra. During Take a Stake in the Lakes clean up events, groups, individuals and families adopt a beach or shoreline, collect litter and rake aquatic debris from the shoreline and shallow waters. Some adopt boat launches while others paddle their canoes or kayaks to pick up trash. Many groups then have a picnic in the park they've just cleaned up. Garbage bags, t-shirts and door prizes are provided.

Volunteers can also mark storm drains in their neighborhoods using either stencil kits and spray paint or colorful disks that are glued to the curb. The message reminds folks to keep waste, leaves and grass clippings out of the gutters, which drain directly to our lakes and streams.

Lake Kegonsa will be the focus on Saturday, June 13th, 9 a.m.- noon.

## Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program for Rain Garden Projects in Dane County

Thinking about installing a rain garden? Consider taking advantage of the Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program, open to schools, non-profit organizations (homeowner, lake or neighborhood associations, faith centers, garden clubs, etc.), municipalities and individual residents in Dane County, Wisconsin.

The Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program provides native plants at the greatly reduced price of \$1.80 each—about half the normal retail price. For choice of plants, order forms with payment are due at the February workshop. Orders/payments received after the workshop will be filled on a first-come, first-served, as available basis. Orders received after the last working day in May cannot be filled. Plants are delivered in June. Preference will be given to orders/payments received at the workshop in February.

Not sure if you can do a rain garden? Come to the workshop and make your decision then and there! Go to <http://www.myfairlakes.com/applicationForm.aspx> to apply.

### 2009 Plant Dane! Schedule

**February 28** Rain Garden Workshop. Applicants that submit their applications prior to February 27 will be sent confirmation and an order form that is due at the February workshop. Order form with payment due to GMF at or before the workshop for choice of plants.

**May 31** Last day applications and orders with payment will be accepted. Orders received after the February workshop are subject to availability. Applications/orders received after May 31 will be considered for the following year.

**June 27** Plants are delivered to Dane County Land & Water Resources Department, One Fen Oak Court, for pick-up between 8a-10a.

Learn about rain gardens and other ways you can help protect and improve our lakes and streams at [www.myfairlakes.com](http://www.myfairlakes.com). For more information, contact Marcia Hartwig, Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership Education Coordinator by phone at (608) 224-3746, or by email at [hartwig@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:hartwig@co.dane.wi.us).

The Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program is possible through a gift from the Graham-Martin Foundation, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to the preservation and restoration of natural ecosystems and the promotion of environmental education.

Lake Waubesa will be the focus on Saturday, June 20th, 9 a.m.- noon.

Dane County Public Works barges will pickup aquatic trash and debris from Lake Kegonsa shoreline residents' piers beginning on Monday, June 15 and on Lake Waubesa starting on Monday, June 22. Barges make ONE pass around the lake starting at 6 a.m. Aquatic debris must be on shoreline residents' piers by 6 a.m. even though they may not get to everyone's pier that day.

To participate or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact Rhea Stangel-Maier at 608-224-3601 or [stangel-maier@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:stangel-maier@co.dane.wi.us). Volunteers may also come to the information centers, where stencil kits and garbage bags will be available.

Sponsored by the Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission, Take a Stake in the Lakes Clean Ups are part of Take a Stake in the Lakes Days, which celebrate and promotes public awareness of the Yahara Lakes and other water resources in Dane County. The event is held in cooperation with Dane County Parks, Dane County Public Works and Dane County/UW Extension, and is sponsored by many local businesses and organizations. More information on Take a Stake in the Lakes Days is available at [www.takeastakeinthelakes.com](http://www.takeastakeinthelakes.com)

## Waubesa Beach Banter

By Ryan Erickson, WBNA President [www.waubesabeach.org](http://www.waubesabeach.org)

Greetings from the Beach! The ice has just broken up on Lake Waubesa, the birds are starting to sing, and the WBNA is off to a good start to Spring 2009. Here are a few events to look forward to this coming Spring.

### ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 19th is the date for the annual WBNA Annual Pancake Breakfast and Kids Egg Hunt at the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Community Center! For only \$5 and only \$2 for kids 12 and under, you get all-you-can-eat pancakes, plus an order of sausages, fruit, juice and coffee! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. The Kids Egg Hunt will kick-off at 10:00 A.M. sharp, and is something everyone enjoys watching. This is a fun family event, so please consider joining us for the festivities. Part of the proceeds from last year's and this year's Pancake Breakfast, along with other fundraisers and of course dozens of donations will be going towards the construction of a permanent outdoor picnic shelter for the Community Center. Our goal was to have the shelter completed for the 2008 Summer Picnic, but last summer's heavy rains made the ground at the Community Center too soft to safely operate heavy equipment. The shelter will be built behind the Community Center, strategically located near the back patio and bandstand. The shelter will enhance the versatility of the Community Center, making it an even nicer place for WBNA events and private parties.

### WBNA BOARD UPDATE

The WBNA is proud to announce our new Board for 2009: President - Ryan Erickson, Vice President - Dan Enz, Secretary - Joanna Hutchins and Treasurer - Doug Strander. Our Board Directors are: Mary Lou Martino, Sue Brown, Jen Dailey, Bruce Lindsay and Janel Bazan. Another opportunity to be a part of the Association was also announced at our annual meeting and involves the formation of committees that will serve to assist each individual event the WBNA puts on every year. This is a great opportunity to get involved without the normal year or two year commitment. Our major events include the annual WBNA breakfast, the Summer Picnic, the Chili Cook-off, and neighborhood clean ups (the next one takes place May 3rd).

### WBNA WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 2009, a new committee was established to help understand all lake issues. Their focus is on environmental issues, such as lake levels and water quality, and then engaging all those concerned with these issues in an impactful way. This committee will be working with other similar groups in the Yahara Chain of Lakes and will keep everyone up to date on all issues affecting both Lake Waubesa and the surrounding watershed. Additionally, they will attend local meetings and presentations related to the subject, and communicate and compose letters/e-mails related to the subject to local, county and/or state representatives when appropriate. They will be a great asset and advocate for lake issues affecting all of us.

The Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association hopes that everyone has a safe and happy Spring season.

Dane County Cultural Affairs Posters are available at the Town Hall. Suggested donation \$1.00 each.



### **Tree Board Update**

*Sue Richards, Tree Board Chair*

The Town of Dunn has been awarded a DNR Urban Forestry Grant for 2009. This grant will help The Town of Dunn Tree Board continue to make strides in the promotion and management of our urban forest. Our tree ordinance is in place and we continue to review the objectives for the urban forestry plan and will be working to achieve these goals.

We are continuing to maintain the four foundational standards of "Tree City USA" by maintaining a Tree Board, following a Tree Care Ordinance, developing a community Forestry Program, and celebrating an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation. Members of the Tree Board will be available at this year's Arbor Day Celebration to answer your arboreal questions and provide you with educational materials. We invite you to attend this event on Saturday, April 25th at 4 PM at the Town Hall. Patrick Ready, recipient of the 2007 Audubon Society Award will present a power point presentation on Dane County birds and back yard habitat and Sam Richards will present his cemetery project for his Eagle Scout award.

The Town of Dunn Tree Board is served by Sue Richards (Chair), Peter Kaseman-Wold, Tim Andrews, and Jay Hoel. The Tree Board currently has one vacancy. If you are interested in this position, please pick up an application form at the Town Hall located at 4156 County Road B.

## Town of Dunn Burying Ground

The Town of Dunn Burying Ground was established in 1852, although the land had been used as a burial ground by the Beebe family before they sold it to the Town. In the late 19th century, the Burying Ground became the final resting place for several Civil War Veterans and by 1890, the half-acre cemetery was deemed full and no further burials were permitted.



Nearly a century later, the Town acted to restore the Burying Ground, conduct a historical study of the individuals buried there, and develop guidelines for its continued preservation and maintenance. Work was completed by a cemetery task force that included Marion Berman, Jackie Jeardeau, Loraine Hawkinson, Margaret Lalor, Lottie Halvorson, Ann Taylor, Pam Crapp and was Chaired by Jo Reynolds. The Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society and Sand Hill Veterans Association contributed to the restoration of the grave markers and grounds. Despite setbacks, including an act of vandalism on Halloween of 1985, restoration work on the burying ground continued. In 1986, a flagpole was erected by a local Boy Scout as part of his Eagle Scout Project and the re-dedication of the Town of Dunn Burying Ground along with the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Plaque took place the following Memorial Day.

The Madison Landmarks Commission and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission honored the Town of Dunn in 1990 with an award recognizing the Town's restoration of the historic Burying Ground.

Throughout its history, the burying ground has been left largely in its natural state. Early records mention the large oak trees and lilac bushes that still exist today. Pink roses along the eastern fence line, mock orange and wildflowers including shooting stars, pussy toes, and trillium complete the picture of an early prairie cemetery. In this original state, field stones and wooden crosses marked many of the gravesites, along with the surviving marble headstones.

Please visit the Town of Dunn Burying Ground and enjoy the beauty and peace of this restored site. If you look closely, you may find the mock orange, shooting star, pussy toe, and trillium blossoms that adorned the Burying Ground when the Beebe family began burying their loved ones here. In order to maintain the historical beauty of the Burying Ground, the Town mows selectively, only twice per year. This allows the native prairie wildflowers to flourish as they did throughout the early history of the Burying Ground. Please take pleasure in the tranquility of the Burying Ground much as it appeared nearly two centuries ago.

### **All-Hazard Warning Radios (Weather Radios) Will be Available at the Town Hall**

The Town of Dunn will partner with Dane County Emergency Management to distribute all-hazards warning radios (a/k/a weather radio) to the public.

About the radio: The radio proposed is the Radio Shack model 12-262 Desktop Weather Radio with the following features:

- Programmable – Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) allows the user to program the radio to alert for only the desired location and warning types.
- Battery backup – the radio will still work if power is lost.
- Visual display of warning information
- Relay to activate external devices like a bed shaker or strobe light for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Includes a jack for an external antenna if needed to improve reception
- Alerts by voice announcement or tone.

**This radio retails for \$60 but it is available through this program at \$25 plus tax.**

**We will be limited to sell no more than two radios per household.**  
We expect to have radios available at the Town Hall by April 1, 2009.

### **Do You Need a Permit?**

If you are: altering an existing building, constructing a new building, doing major repairs, adding a solar collector, adding a bay or bow window, cleaning out drainage ditches or ponds, doing any brush or tree cutting, filling or grading in a floodzone, wetland or shoreland area, you probably do need a zoning permit. For information call: **Dane County Zoning 266-4266.**

**To view the Dane County Zoning Code of Ordinances visit their website at [www.co.dane.wi.us/ord/dcord.htm](http://www.co.dane.wi.us/ord/dcord.htm)**

In addition to a Dane County Zoning permit you may also need a Town of Dunn building permit to remodel, replace siding or windows, build, repair, or add to your home, deck or other structures. For information, call Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 ex 201.