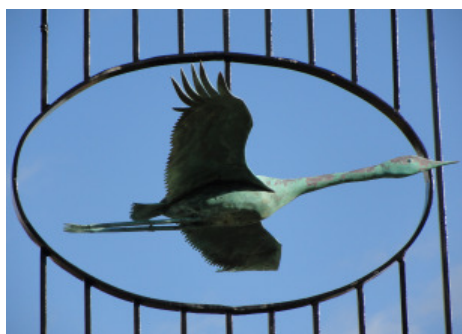


# The Official TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER

Fall 2014

## Views From the Town Chair

Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair



Pictured Above: Crane on Dunn Burying Ground Gate

Gehe la's spirit is here. I hope his spirit is accompanied by one of the cranes from the Town. Maybe he can get an aerial view of all he has accomplished at Deer Park and the surrounding beauty that is the Town of Dunn. He has greatly added to the beauty of our landscape, and touched our hearts and minds. I will miss talking with him, but I will not miss him

Because this newsletter is early, the cranes have not yet left. They seem to be thinking about it, but not yet ready. They will remain a bit longer and here is my perspective on why it is a good thing.

Good and gracious friend Geshe Sopha has left his physical presence behind. In Tibetan belief, he will have a brief respite before returning to the mortal world. In my world, the call of a crane reminds me that

Venerable Geshe L. Sopha founded Deer Park Buddhist Center in the Town of Dunn in 1975. Geshe Sopha was honored by a Town Proclamation in 2012 for his lifelong work bridging cultures and promoting global human values and ethics across the world, his work on the International Committee for the Peace Council focused on ending violence, his 30 years of service teaching at the University of Wisconsin Madison, and his stewardship of natural resources.

because he is here, resident in the wonderful things he has brought to be while he was among us.

What better for a splendid spirit to roam than in the verdant Town of Dunn.

### Events You Won't Want to Miss

**Monday, October 20th to Friday, October 31st from 8 am to 5:30 pm:** Early Voting at Town Hall

**Thursday or Friday October 23rd or 24th**  
Extra Curbside Pickup (date follows your normal trash pick up day)

**Tuesday, November 4th from 7 AM - 8 PM:** General Election & Oregon School District Referendum

**Tuesday, November 11th at 5 PM:** GrapeVine Project Session: The Healthy Aging Brain

**Tuesday, November 18th at 7 PM:**  
Budget Hearing Followed by Special Town Meeting at the Town Hall.

**TOWN OF DUNN  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Tuesday November 18, 2014, 7:00 PM  
Dunn Town Hall; 4156 County Road B**

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DUNN, DANE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting called pursuant to Wis Stats. 60.12(1)(c), by the Town Board of the Town of Dunn, on November 18, 2014 immediately following the budget hearing at 7:00 PM at the Dunn Town Hall at 4156 County Road B, McFarland. The purpose of the meeting is:

I. Minutes - Approve minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting April 15, 2014

II. Introductions and Announcements

III. Business

- Public Budget Hearing.
- Consider the purchase of a conservation easement through the PDR program on 35 acres in sections 32 and 33.
- Approve the highway expenditures pursuant to Section 82.03(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- Set the wages for elected officials for the next term (April 2015 - April 2017).
- Approve the 2014 tax levies for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Rural Preservation Fund for the 2015 operating budgets.

Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager, WCMC; Posted October 1, 2014

*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.*

## Early Absentee Voting will Reduce Lines on Election Day



**Hours for Early Absentee Voting  
October 20 - October 31  
Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM**



**Watch for a sign in front of the Town Hall  
announcing Early Voting!**

Poll workers and Town staff will complete training and prepare the Town Hall in anticipation of a busy Election Day on Tuesday, November 4. Extra staff will be on hand on Election Day and during the two weeks leading up to Election Day when in-person absentee voting or "Early Voting" is available at the Town Hall.

Early voting by absentee ballot is fast and convenient and will help us manage wait times for everyone on Election Day.

- 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).

- Mark ballot in a voting booth.
- Seal ballot in the envelope, our staff will witness your signature on the envelope.

### Why vote early?

Three recent changes have us anticipating longer waiting times at the polls on Election Day:

- Our new voting machine, the DS 200, takes much longer to process each ballot.
- Voters will be required to show photo ID at the polls for the first time since 2012.
- Voters must sign the poll book.

The most significant time delays are related to the new DS 200 voting machine (continued on page 2)

### Town Contact Information

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

**Town of Dunn  
4516 County Road B  
McFarland, WI 53558**

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## Early Voting (continued)

(continued from front page) which takes a digital image of both sides of each ballot. The imaging adds a few seconds, which doesn't sound like much, but it reduces the overall capacity of ballots per hour that can be processed.

**If the capacity of the voting machine is 300 in-person voters per hour and we exceed that volume for several hours, long lines could develop on Election Day. Voters can help by voting early at the Town Hall.**

The State of Wisconsin has only certified one type of voting machine,

so changing machines is not an option at this time. The Town may consider purchasing a second voting machine in the future when more machines have been certified for our use.

Additionally, when Election workers check photo identification they are required to consider expiration dates, compare the photo to the voter and then gather the voter's signature on the poll book, which adds a few seconds. All three recent changes will be implemented at the November 4th Election.

### Town Hall Hours and Closings

- The Town Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8 am - 4 pm
- Early Voting Hours: Mon, Oct 20 to Fri, Oct 31 from 8 am - 5:30 pm
- Election Day: 7 am - 8 pm
- Closed Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28
- Closed Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25
- Closed at Noon Wednesday, December 31
- Closed Thursday, January 1
- Closed Monday, January 19
- Town Hall may close when local schools are canceled to reduce traffic and facilitate snow removal.

## Voter ID Required for November 4th Election

by Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer

Dunn voters without a Wisconsin driver's license should contact the Municipal Clerk's office at the Town Hall as soon as possible at 608-838-1081. Town staff will be happy to provide information about other forms of ID that are accepted or about how to obtain a Wisconsin ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles for voting purposes. Even if you do not have a birth certificate or passport, you may obtain a free Wisconsin ID for voting. If you need an ID, please don't delay.

Most voters will show a Wisconsin driver's license or other accepted ID at the polls in November and vote a regular or absentee ballot. Voters who don't show an accepted ID will vote a provisional ballot and their vote will **not** count in the election night totals. If the provisional voter provides accepted ID by the Friday after the election, the provisional ballot will be included in the final totals for the election.

Dunn voters who are elderly or disabled may consider applying now for a permanent absentee ballot by mail, which does not require photo ID.

More detailed information is available on the Government Accountability Board website at [gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id](http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id)

### What are some forms of ID accepted for voting?

Wisconsin driver license, Wisconsin ID card, Military ID, passport,

receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days), ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin, certain college IDs. IDs are subject to certain requirements for information and expiration dates. Your ID does not have to show your current address to be valid for voting.

### Are there common photo IDs that are not accepted for voting?

NOT ACCEPTED: Out-of-state driver license, Military Veteran Affairs IDs, Government employee IDs, Membership or Organization IDs, Certificates of Citizenship.

### Where can I get my Wisconsin ID?

The Department of Motor Vehicles at two of its locations. More information is available on their website: [dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm](http://dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm).

Madison East service center  
2001 Bartillon Drive  
Madison, WI 53704

Madison West service center  
4802 Sheboygan Avenue  
Madison, WI 53705

A reminder that Winter Rules are in effect at the Town Burying Ground beginning Monday, November 17. Please remove all planters, hooks, decorations, etc. from the Burying Ground by this date.

## Burning Ordinance



Below are answers to some of the more commonly asked questions about burning. For more information, call the Town Hall at 838-1081, or go to our website for the full text of our Burning Ordinance. You may not burn trash in any situation.

- Any fire (excluding grilling and controlled burns), must be at least 15 feet from the property line (excluding right of way) and 30

feet from any buildings.

- Burning in barrels or fire pits is permitted on even-numbered days between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, or 7 PM, whichever is later (excluding campfires).
- Burns outside a barrel or pit must be done when wind speeds are less than 15 mph, your fire department has been notified, you do not burn trash, and it is not a nuisance (Leaves smoulder when burned and create black smoke, which causes a nuisance for neighbors).

Burning or dumping of yard waste is not allowed on public property, road pavement, in road right of ways, or in ditches.

Residents are highly encouraged to take yard waste to the transfer site, as burning can be harmful to one's health, safety, and the environment.

## Spending Referendums

by Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer

Local governments, school districts, counties and vocational school districts have been operating under more restrictive levy limits or revenue caps over the past year and in some cases, experiencing reduced funding from the state. Municipalities and districts must pass a referendum on the ballot at an election to approve a tax levy if they exceed these strict levy limits.

Voters are likely to see more spending referendums presented on Election Day under these tighter levy limits. The referendums may be presented by different taxing jurisdictions with differing tax bases and financing arrangements. This can make it difficult to understand how the spending is paid and how long the financing period will last.

Referendums are likely to be an important tool for voters to direct how tax dollars are spent and they will be an important tool for funding important services, like education and local programs.

In 2012, the Town Board passed a resolution pledging to post information about spending referendums prior to the election in an effort to

ensure that voters have access to specific facts about the costs and are directed to sources of information about the proposal and its benefits.

Our town resolution states in part, that the Town will:

"Provide for every county, vocational district, school district, and town referendum that involves authorizing spending or debt, specific information on the total cost, including financing costs, terms of any debt authorized, equalized value information for the district affected, instructions on where to obtain information on the proposal and its benefits, and total estimated tax amount apportioned from the tax liability on a sample property of \$100,000 equalized value and a sample property of \$250,000 equalized value to fund the total costs of the referendum over the time period affected, in the event that the referendum is passed."

Specific information on spending referendums that appear on the November 4th ballot are posted on the town's website at <http://town.dunn.wi.us/>.

### GrapeVine Project Session: The Healthy Aging Brain

**When:** Tuesday, November 11th at 5:00 pm

**Where:** Dunn Town Hall

**What:** The Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation will hold a project session to discuss dementia diagnosis, prevention, and caring for people with dementia.

**Who Should Attend:** Family members, Caregivers, Professionals in non-healthcare fields whose clients/businesses are impacted by dementia, anyone interested in learning more about dementia and aging.

Space is limited, so register today. To RSVP, contact Nora at 608-251-1675, Ext. 103 or [nmiller@wwhf.org](mailto:nmiller@wwhf.org).



## Help Keep the Lakes Clean: Prevent Illicit Discharge

by Erica Schmitz

In 2007, the Town of Dunn enacted an Illicit Discharge Ordinance, which makes it illegal to discharge pollutants to the storm sewer system or to waters of the state. The Town's Illicit Discharge Ordinance is required by the Clean Water Act. It is designed to help maintain and protect the quality of the water in our streams, lakes, and rivers.

### What does the ordinance prohibit?

Directly discharging an "illicit discharge" (anything that is not composed entirely of storm water) into the storm sewer system or into waters of the state is not allowed. Connecting any structure that carries any liquid other than storm water to the storm sewer or to waters of the state is also prohibited.

### What do I do if I see a problem?

You can report suspected illicit discharges to the Town of Dunn at 838-1081 and to the WDNR Spill Hotline at 1-800-943-0003.

### What is the penalty for a violation?

Violations can result in a fine of \$100 to \$500 and the violator must

also pay the costs of prosecution for each violation, including the Town's attorney fees.

### What can I do to keep our lakes healthy and clean?

1. Keep litter, pet wastes, leaves and debris out of the ditches—these outlets drain directly to lake, streams, rivers, and wetlands.
2. Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
3. Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly.
4. Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease, and antifreeze. Do not hose them into the street where they can eventually reach local streams and lakes.
5. Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
6. Let us know if you see an erosion problem on a construction site.
7. Have your septic system inspected and pumped, at a minimum every three to five years, so that it operates properly.
8. Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.

## Land Trust Commission Update

by Erica Schmitz

The Land Trust Commission is pleased to announce the completion of a big project for us: updating the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program's ranking criteria. When landowners apply to have their development rights purchased and retired through the PDR program, we rank each applicant's property. Ranking factors include things like the size of the property, the quality of the soils, natural features present, and proximity to protected lands. Based on these and other factors in the ranking criteria, a numeric score is calculated for each property. This score helps the Land Trust Commission evaluate which properties best meet the goals of the PDR program.

Last year, the Land Trust Commission adopted the program's first mission statement and updated its goals. Because the ranking criteria is intended to reflect the program goals, updating the criteria was the next step. We also thought that there were some areas where we could be doing a better job of capturing a property's unique features in terms of points. For example, most properties were receiving the highest number of points in the "natural fea-

tures" section, while we know that of course, some properties have natural communities that are larger or more unique than others. We also updated the criteria for "proximity to other protected land". When our PDR program was new, there wasn't nearly as much protected land in the Town. We updated the criteria to award points for being part of a large corridor of protected land as well as based on the percentage of protected land within one mile. The new criteria can be found on our website, on the PDR page.

The Commission believes that this project is an important step for the program as we move into the future. The PDR program has been in place since 1997 and in that time has permanently protected over 3,000 acres of important farmland and natural areas. It's now time to build on that success and position PDR to continue to be successful over the coming years, and this project is an important part of that goal. Please contact Land Use Manager Erica Schmitz at (608) 838-1081 ext. 205 or [eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us](mailto:eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us) with any questions regarding the Purchase of Development Rights Program.

## Saving Lake Waubesa and Its Wetlands



The Waubesa Wetlands after a storm, doing its job of soaking up storm water. It needs our protection; get involved! Photo by Cal DeWitt

The following is a report from Phyllis Hasbrouck, Chair of the West Waubesa Preservation Coalition (WWPC), with the latest updates on the Northeast Neighborhood proposal in Fitchburg. At the time of printing, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) had not made a final decision regarding the Northeast Neighborhood. Please go to WWPC's website at [westwaubesa.org](http://westwaubesa.org) for the latest updates on this development proposal.

On Sept. 11 over 100 people showed up to voice their opposition to Fitchburg's Northeast Neighborhood (NEN), but they didn't get a chance. The agenda of the CARPC meeting was so full that time ran out before the 11 p.m. adjournment.

But 90 people registered against Fitchburg's North Stoner Prairie Neighborhood amendment, and 12 signed up to speak against it, so we know that at least that many registered against the NEN. The NEN hearing was opened at 11:10 p.m., then immediately continued until Oct. 9.

Below is an excerpt of testimony by

Hasbrouck that was planned for the September 11, 2014 CARPC meeting.

"CARPC is supposed to approve Urban Service Area (USA) extensions so that municipalities have enough land to meet their projected population growth for the next 20 years, using the official WI Dept. of Adminis-

tration's population projections as the basis for their calculations.

You'd think that a city would want to use the latest, most up-to-date projections, but in fact Fitchburg used the 2003 population projections, even though the newest, the 2013 projections, became available in Feb. 2014, before Fitchburg submitted its two applications. Deputy Director Mesbah has told me that using the new projections haven't been set as a policy yet. I don't understand why not, but even so, why wouldn't Fitchburg want to use the most accurate projections possible?

Why does it matter which projections they use? [...] the 2003 projections predicted that in 2030 Fitchburg would have 35,386 inhabitants, whereas the newest ones predict 29,620 people. That's 5,766 fewer people, or 16 % lower."

Hasbrouck concludes that fewer people in Fitchburg will lead to less demand for developable land, which can be met without expanding Fitchburg's USA.

## Introducing Mary Lee Liebig

This spring, applicants for the Town's Finance Assistant position completed a series of interviews, tests and exercises to show their skill in accounting and customer service. Mary Liebig was chosen from a group of very well qualified applicants and has been working at the Town

Hall since May. She brings many years of experience in bookkeeping and service to the position. Among other duties, she processes invoices and payments, keeps records, files required forms, handles the recycling grant, registers voters, and works on the statewide voter registration list. In her spare time, she en-



joys gardening, kayaking with her husband, and participating in community benefit runs.

To solve possible confusion of having two staff members named Mary answering phones at the Town Hall, our newest staffer answers to "Mary Lee". We hope this helps resi-

dents know who they are speaking with when they call the Town Hall. We enjoy Mary Lee's positive outlook, her attention to detail, her quick learning of new information, and her willingness to help residents. You may have the opportunity to meet Mary Lee if you stop by to vote early from October 20 to October 31.

TOWN OF DUNN PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

2015 Budget Highlights

By Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager

The Equalized Value Mil-rate Remains Unchanged in 2014

In past years, the newsletter has arrived in mail-boxes in mid-November. This year the newsletter publication is about one month earlier. The change allowed the town to get the word out in advance of the November election that voters will be required to provide photo ID at the polls. The earlier newsletter also puts budget estimates in the hands of town residents earlier and we hope that allows more time for discussion and input. There will be a public hearing on the budget and tax levy on November 18 at 7:00 pm.

The annual budget process reports on actual costs in a prior year, the current year, and forecasts the upcoming year. This format makes it easier to see where spending is changing over time. The Town’s financial strategy over the past few years has included making early debt payments to reduce loans with higher interest rates. Reduced spending on general operations and road construction were used to offset increasing costs for fire and EMS services and other increasing costs.

After a few years of reduced roadwork, the 2015 budget restores some spending for road reconstruction in the capital improvements fund and proposes new debt for that road work. The road reconstruction spending is important to keep up with deteriorating roads and the new debt will take the place of loans that are being retired in 2016. The 2015 proposed budget provides progress toward the Town’s financial targets by increasing spending on road infrastructure, upgrading equipment, and maintaining the target fund balance in the general fund.

The Proposed Tax Levy for 2014

The proposed increase in the Town’s total levy is 2.06% for 2014 to fund the 2015 budget. This increase will result in a 1.8% increase in the local assessed value mil-rate from last year. The equalized value mil-rate will remain unchanged as compared to last year.

The Town’s tax levy includes a general fund tax levy, a debt service tax levy, and a PDR tax levy (to operate the Purchase of Development Rights Program). The general fund levy is proposed to increase by 2.66%. The debt service levy is decreasing by 1.51% 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 2.19% over the 2013 PDR levy. The mil-rate for the proposed total local levy on all three funds is \$2.69 per thousand of assessed valuation. The equalized mil-rate is \$2.60 or \$260.00 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 18, 2014. 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 town.dunn.wi.us.

2015 Projected Revenues

The total tax revenue for the general fund is proposed to increase by \$32,297. Revenue from fees and licenses is anticipated to increase only slightly over last year. Revenue from fines and citations has been trending higher and is anticipated to increase by \$9,400. Shared revenue from the State of Wisconsin will be unchanged for 2015. An increase in total revenue of \$59,320 is projected for 2015.

2015 Projected General Fund Expenses

The 2015 budget maintains civic donations at current levels. The Town’s contract with the Dane Coun-

GENERAL FUND	2013 Actual Year End	2014 YTD 10/24/2013	2014 Estimated Year End	2014 Adopted Budget	2015 Proposed Budget	Variance 2014 2015
REVENUES						
TOTAL Taxes	1,181,011	1,180,835	1,180,836	1,178,422	1,210,719	32,297
TOTAL Intergov. Rev	322,392	179,899	295,478	306,052	307,516	1,464
TOTAL Lic./Permits	67,540	51,947	65,424	65,120	65,295	175
TOTAL Fines/Penalties	34,641	16,659	22,254	17,600	25,000	7,400
TOTAL Publ Charges	285,383	286,724	287,104	288,130	302,149	14,019
TOTAL Misc. Revenues	37,587	42,730	63,090	7,735	11,700	3,965
TOTAL General Fund Revenues	1,928,604	1,758,794	1,914,186	1,863,059	1,922,379	59,320
EXPENDITURES						
TOTAL General Gov.	354,337	223,338	329,987	366,249	369,988	3,739
TOTAL Public Safety	452,993	434,552	486,621	493,514	502,660	9,147
TOTAL Public Works	746,218	526,318	736,171	824,433	827,627	3,194
TOTAL Health & Human Svc	50,000	32,500	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
TOTAL Culture Recreation	32,793	21,885	34,448	35,549	26,951	-8,598
TOTAL Conservation & Dev.	36,708	28,232	38,761	42,083	38,041	-4,042
TOTAL Transfers	613,033	0	150,000	37,000	50,000	13,000
TOTAL General Fund Exp. & Transfer	2,289,340	1,266,824	1,825,988	1,849,317	1,865,268	15,950
BEGINNING GEN FUND BALANCE	722,848	362,112	362,112	496,620	450,311	-46,310
REVENUES	1,928,604	1,758,794	1,914,186	1,863,059	1,922,379	59,320
EXPENDITURES	1,676,307	1,266,824	1,675,988	1,812,317	1,815,268	2,950
TRANSFERS	613,033	0	150,000	37,000	50,000	
ENDING GEN FUND BALANCE	362,112	854,082	450,311	510,362	507,422	-2,940
RURAL PRESERVATION FUND (PDR)						
BEGINNING PDR FUND BALANCE	1,456,050	1,513,230	1,513,230	1,412,816	1,564,619	151,803
REVENUES	325,124	325,571	325,659	825,759	832,867	7,108
EXPENDITURES	267,944	258,769	274,270	1,318,970	1,328,012	9,042
ENDING PDR FUND BALANCE	1,513,230	1,580,032	1,564,619	919,606	1,069,474	149,869
BURYING GROUND (BG)						
BEGINNING BG FUND BALANCE	44,726	38,842	38,842	39,670	46,441	6,771
REVENUES	7,757	12,526	13,755	6,600	8,100	1,500
EXPENDITURES	13,641	4,850	6,156	6,058	6,242	184
ENDING BG FUND BALANCE	38,842	46,518	46,441	40,212	48,299	8,087
DEBT SERVICE FUND (DS)						
BEGINNING DS FUND BALANCE	42,131	0	0	0	435	436
REVENUES	1,034,316	432,977	432,977	467,247	437,925	-29,322
EXPENDITURES	1,076,447	432,542	432,542	467,247	438,360	-28,887
ENDING DS FUND BALANCE	0	435	435	0	0	0
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (CP)						
CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUE						
Grant Income State TRIP LRIP	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loan Proceeds - Capital Improvements	134,346	0	199,219	103,735	630,000	526,265
Loan Proceeds - Hwy Equip	43,325	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers in from Gen Fund	0	0	150,001	178,450	50,000	-128,450
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. REVENUE	177,671	0	349,220	282,185	680,000	397,815
CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES						
Road Construction Expenditure	125,230	297,922	297,922	250,000	340,000	90,000
Dyreson Bridge	9,116	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Hwy Related Equipment Exp.	43,325	51,298	51,298	32,185	140,000	107,815
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. EXPENSE	177,671	349,220	349,220	282,185	680,000	397,815
BEGINNING CP FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUES	177,671	0	349,220	282,185	680,000	397,815
EXPENDITURES	177,671	349,220	349,220	282,185	680,000	397,815
ENDING CP FUND BALANCE	0	-349,220	0	0	0	0

VALUATION	2013	2014	2015	% change
ASSESSED VALUATION	640,387,800	641,931,000	Not available	
EQUALIZED VALUATION	650,118,900	664,334,700	Not available	
TAX LEVY				
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	1,151,124	1,158,158	1,188,986	2.7%
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	188,417	206,977	203,847	-1.5%
PDR TAX LEVY	317,513	325,059	332,167	2.2%
TOTAL LEVY	1,657,054	1,690,194	1,725,000	2.1%
ASSESSED VALUE MIL RATE	2.20	2.64	2.69	1.8%
EQUALIZED VALUE MIL RATE	2.16	2.60	2.60	-0.1%
GEN FUND UNDESIG. FUND BALANCE	362,112	450,311	507,422	
		estimated	estimated	
Current year assessment ratio	96.63%			
Prior year assessment ratio	99.20%			



2015 Budget Highlights (continued)

ty Sheriff’s Department will be maintained at 18 hours per week. Capital purchases at our fire and EMS districts are expected to have the most impact on the 2015 budget, but final numbers were not yet available at the time this publication went to press. The budget numbers will be updated and available prior to the public budget hearing on November 18.

2015 Capital Projects

Capital projects planned for 2015 include road reconstruction for \$340,000 to overlay portions of Bible Camp, Willow, Crescent, Camp Leonard, Ridge, and High Street and reconstruction of about ½ mile of Tower Rd. The Dyreson Bridge historic restoration project is budgeted at \$200,000. Highway equipment purchases include \$140,000 for a new tandem plow truck after trade in of the old truck. The proposed capital improvements will be discussed by the Town Board on October 20, at 7:00 pm and again at the public bud-

get hearing on November 18 at 7:00 pm. The Board will consider whether the new truck purchase for \$140,000 and the reconstruction of a portion of Tower Road for \$90,000 should be delayed another year in order to spread borrowing to the next year.

Debt Service

Over the past few years, the Town has been working to reduce debt by making early payments on debt with higher interest rates. The Town’s overall indebtedness was almost \$3.2 million in 2009. By the end of 2014 overall indebtedness will be reduced by almost one million dollars for a total balance of \$2.3 million. The 2015 budget proposes borrowing \$630,000 if all roadwork and a new truck are included in the final budget. The borrowing would be \$450,000 if the truck and ½ mile of reconstruction work are delayed. While the new loan will increase overall indebtedness, the Town will be making final payments on two loans in 2016 and three loans in 2017.

2014 Mil-Rate Charts

The chart below shows the local mil-rates for some municipalities in Dane County as reported on the [www.wistax.org](http://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.

2014 Town Mil-Rates Comparison for Towns	Pop. (2013)	* Equalized Mil-Rate	Local Tax/\$100,000
Town of Madison	6,294	6.93	\$693.00
Town of Windsor	6,549	5.24	\$524.00
Town of Blooming Grove	1,816	4.32	\$432.00
Town of Cottage Grove	3,880	4.01	\$401.00
Town of Verona	1,973	3.72	\$372.00
Town of Dunkirk	1,944	2.99	\$299.00
Town of Rutland	1,986	2.93	\$293.00
Town of Deerfield	1,588	2.78	\$278.00
Town of Middleton	6,021	2.78	\$278.00
Town of Albion	1,958	2.75	\$275.00
Town of Sun Prairie	2,324	2.64	\$264.00
Town of Dunn	4,947	2.60	\$260.00
Town of Oregon	3,205	2.41	\$241.00
Town of Blue Mounds	975	2.08	\$208.00
Town of Pleasant Springs	3,175	1.25	\$125.00

2014 Mil-Rate Comparison for Neighboring Cities and Villages	Pop. (2013)	* Equalized Mil-Rate	Local Tax/\$100,000
Village of Belleville	1,849	8.69	\$869.00
Village of Brooklyn	949	8.54	\$854.00
City of Stoughton	12,646	8.47	\$847.00
City of Fitchburg	25,465	7.87	\$787.00
Village of Cambridge	1,351	7.82	\$782.00
Village of McFarland	7,876	7.47	\$747.00
Village of Deerfield	2,367	6.45	\$645.00
Village of Oregon	9,343	5.79	\$579.00
Village of Cottage Grove	6,269	4.48	\$448.00

\*Tax Mil rate levied in 2013, collected in 2014.  
Information is from Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance website at [www.wistax.org](http://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 pm at McFarland Lutheran Church, 5529 Marsh Rd., McFarland. New volunteer groups are always welcome. Visit [sharedtablecommunitymeals.com](http://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](http://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.

Move To  
Amend Resolution

On August 18, 2014, the Town Board passed a resolution in support of an amendment to the US Constitution stating that only human beings, not corporations or organizations are endowed with constitutional rights, and that money is not free speech. This resolution was passed in order to reflect the results of a similarly worded referendum that was approved by 71% of Town residents in 2011. The Town Board has encouraged our state and federal representatives to pass such an amendment to the US Constitution. An excerpt of the resolution appears below:

Whereas: Millions of people, and Local, County, and State governments across the nation are joining with the Move to Amend Campaign and passing resolutions supporting an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to: (1) eliminate the extension of Constitutional rights originally reserved for human beings to corporate entities, and (2) abolish the doctrine that political contributions and expenditures are equivalent to free speech rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dunn Town Board seeks to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand in support of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

- 1. Only human beings -- not corporations, unions, non-profit organizations, or similar associations -- are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.
- 3. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

How (and Why) You May  
Want to Provide Your Contact  
Information to the Town

Gone are the days when we can pick up the White Pages and make a call to a Town resident. People are finding new ways to connect, communicate, and learn about community events. At the Town, there are a few instances when having an email address or phone number for a Town resident would speed up important communications. When our staff has a question or needs more information on an absentee ballot, tax payment, license application, or a land use issue in your neighborhood, it can be challenging to reach a resident quickly. We do our best to contact residents if there are any obstacles to processing their payments or requests, but often regular mail is our fastest option. If you choose to provide your email address or phone number to the Town, it will not be sold or shared. Here are some ways you can share your contact infor-

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mation with the Town, if you choose:

- 1. When you receive your property tax bill in December, provide your email address and phone number on the enclosed form and return it with your tax payment.
- 2. Send an email to [townhall@town.dunn.wi.us](mailto:townhall@town.dunn.wi.us) that includes your name, address and phone number.
- 3. If you stop by the Town Hall between October 20th and 31st to vote early by absentee ballot, we will offer to update your voter registration form with your contact information.

Police

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.

Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meets at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month and welcomes the public to our open meetings. Our agendas can be found on the Town Hall message board and on our web page. To be placed on our agenda, please contact Erica Schmitz, our Land Use Manager, at the Town Hall at 608-838-1081, ext. 205.

The Plan Commission continues to review land divisions, rezones, site plans and other land use requests under the guidance of our Comprehensive Plan.

Road Crew

This year we pulverized and repaved Larsen Road, Meadow View Road, Zuercher Court, View Road, Nora Lane, and a portion of Lalor Road. We saved \$20,000 by doing our own preparation work and shouldering. Our crewmen also replaced several culverts

on Schneider Road, Sandhill Road, Nora Lane, and View Road. We appreciate the patience of our residents while we attempted to complete road repairs between a tornado and heavy rain storms.

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. The state law states motorist need to be 300 feet behind a snowplow or a citation could be issued.

New Stop Signs/Speed Limit

Traveling around the Town, you may notice two new stop signs and a new lower speed limit on a portion of Barber Drive. These changes were recommended for improved safety.

Traffic on Mahoney Road is now required to stop at the intersection with Tower Road. This intersection had been a 2-way stop and is now a 4-way stop. The new stop sign has warning flags on Mahoney Road to alert drivers to the change. A new stop sign has also been placed on Willow Pass at the west intersection with White Oak Trail. The Town will also be evaluating whether to add a new stop sign on Keenan Road at the corner of Lookout Trail at the October 20 Town Board meeting.

Drivers will also notice that the speed limit on Barber Drive has been reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph between Halverson Road and Lake Kegonsa Road. This change makes the speed limit uniform along the entire length of Barber Drive.

Emergency Volunteer  
Applications

In the event of an emergency, like a damaging tornado, extreme cold or heat, drought or flood, volunteers become an important part of restoring neighborhoods and responding to the emergency needs. Volunteers have provided countless hours of labor cleaning up debris, gathering and delivering donated items, completing paperwork, and documenting damages during past emergencies. In an effort to be prepared and proactive, the Town is currently creating a list of emergency volunteers, which could be activated if the need arises in the future. We are looking for individuals or groups that are willing and able to respond quickly to an emergency and have the ability to help with physical

work, paperwork, communications, and gathering and delivering needed items, including those with specialized skills or equipment. Applications are available on the town's website at: [www.town.dunn.wi.us](http://www.town.dunn.wi.us) under the "Forms" link.

Parks Commission

Our Parks Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except for the month of December. The Commission is looking for someone to fill a vacancy left by Susan Richards. She has served for 18 years and has been a valued member of our team. We truly thank her for her service. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Mary Gross at the Town Hall.

The Commission has been working to restore the prairie at Dunn Heritage Park. Weather has been cooperative this year and the park's farmer was able to plant soybeans as part of this project. We are still looking for volunteers to help pull invasive species in the Spring; please let Mary know if you are interested.

We have been updating our Parks Plan with the help of the Town's Land Use Manager, Erica Schmitz. We have also applied for a DNR grant to coincide with the PARC grant we have already been awarded in order to improve Dunn Heritage Park. Hopefully we will hear soon if we received this grant.

Tom Shepherd was the recipient of the Stewardship Award at the annual Arbor Day Celebration this Spring. He was recognized for his community service as a volunteer on two Dunn commissions and also for donating not only his time, but also doors prizes at our Arbor Day Celebration.

Automatic 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:

<https://dunn.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx>

McFarland  
Chocolate Fest

McFarland's annual Chocolate Fest will be held on Sat Nov. 8, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Madison Curling Club at 4802 Marsh Road. The event features all the delicious chocolate you can eat, a complimentary glass of champagne, live music, and a silent auction. Wine will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at McFarland State Bank and Associated Bank of McFarland. The Chocolate Fest is sponsored by the McFarland Historical Society. All proceeds benefit the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the historic Larson House Museum. To find out more about the Chocolate Fest or how to visit the Larson House Museum, visit [mcfarlandhistorical.org](http://mcfarlandhistorical.org).



# Uphoff Family Raises Respect for Land

by Meg Nielsen (reprinted with permission from the McFarland Thistle)

Things have changed quite a bit in the generations since Bob Uphoff's great-grandfather herded pigs from the family farm in the Town of Dunn to the Village of McFarland. But, members of the Uphoff family have been taking pigs to market in one way or another for generations, a tradition that continues to the present day. As a result, you can eat a ham sandwich made from their pork at Cooper's Tavern on the Capital Square in Madison, but you might also find a specialty cut from their pigs in places as far away as Japan.

And, while some things – like modes of transportation, the number of hogs raised per year and how they are processed – have changed, others remain the same. For instance, Bob Uphoff, who established the Uphoff Ham and Bacon Farm with his father in the 1970s, now works the farm with his sons, Chris and Brian, in what has become a multi-generational legacy of land stewardship.

"You want to pass along enough of a business so it can be profitable for the next generation. You look at the resources around you and you utilize them the best you can. Farmers depend on the land so they want to be good stewards," Uphoff said. Implied in those statements is Uphoff's deep respect for the farmland that has sustained his family since they settled in the Dunn in 1866.

In addition to farming their own 340 acres, the Uphoffs rent and farm an additional 500 acres. They are, however, best known for raising 100 percent certified Berkshire hogs – lots of them – several thousand every year. Each piglet, born at just 3.5 pounds, will weigh in at 280 pounds about 190 days later. Each pig that leaves the farm "takes with it" 13.5 bushels of corn, 140 pounds of soybean meal, 130 pounds of vitamins and minerals, and lots of water.

Raising hogs is more complicated than you might think. There is a prescribed feeding schedule that changes every few weeks. Protein is important in the first few months, but not as vital later on during the finishing process. Each pig is numbered through a series of coded notches in its ear. And on hot days, fans drone constantly in the cool dark barns because pigs don't sweat and need to be kept cool. Several times a year pigs are shipped off the farm to meet the year-around demand for pork.

"What consumers want really drives our operation. If consumers want pork year around, producers provide it," Uphoff said.

"We've been in the swine industry a long time. We survived the 1998 hog cycle disaster by switching to the specialty market of raising Berkshire hogs. We didn't think our location lent itself to putting in a large commodity operation, so we went to specialty markets instead. Because of the way it's processed, our meat

can end up anywhere from Madison to Singapore," Uphoff said. Some of their meat is also sold locally to Nesvig's where it is processed and sold to restaurants around the state.

They now sell all parts of the pig and continue to retain control right down through the processing of the entire carcass – up to 95 percent of production – in order to remain com-

several years as one of six farmers invited to participate in the Yahara Pride Group, a Clean Lakes Alliance effort to keep farm-related nutrients out of Madison area waterways.

"We talk to the farmers and try to find out what works and what doesn't work in regard to keeping water on the fields instead of in the lakes. Runoff is normal. Even a woodlot gener-



Above: Bob Uphoff of Uphoff Ham and Bacon Farm sends thousands of Berkshire hogs, grown from piglets like the one he's holding, to market every year from his farm in rural Town of Dunn. Uphoff earned the national American Farmland Trust award for sustainable agriculture a few years back and continues to encourage good farming practices in Dunn and surrounding townships. (Photo by Meg Nielsen)

petitive in the specialty markets. Because the Japanese highly prize Berkshire hogs, for instance, the Uphoffs order more of the preferred Japanese cuts. Ownership of the hogs is transferred only after slaughter is complete.

Like farmers from time immemorial, the Uphoffs grow some of the grain they feed their animals and then put manure back on the fields as fertilizer. But, there is an acid in raw soybeans pigs can't digest. So soybeans are sold and soybean meal, which they can digest, must be purchased.

And, there is never enough manure to fertilize all the fields, so fertilizer, too, becomes part of a farmer's expense. Fertilizer is expensive and contains nutrients like phosphorous and nitrogen – nutrients a farmer would rather have on his land than running off into nearby lakes and waterways.

Uphoff has been helping to tackle the problem of runoff for the past

ates runoff containing phosphorous. But it's important to minimize runoff from farm fields," Uphoff said.

One of the best ways to do that is with "no till" cultivation practices. With "no till", farmers leave stalks and foliage on the land after harvest. That holds moisture, prevents runoff and returns nutrients to the soil.

"Yahara Pride hopes to encourage everyone who farms to take responsibility for what goes on with their land," Uphoff said, noting that there are a lot of good stewards of the land in the Town of Dunn.

Not surprisingly, Uphoff supports Dunn's land use policies and has placed 135 acres of their 340-acre farm in Dunn's Rural Preservation Program. He has been a member of the Dunn Planning Commission since the 1980s and has served on the Land Trust Commission as well.

"Some families, like ours and the Gausmans and the Gustrowskys and the Schneiders, have been here a long

time and are very good farming operations," Uphoff said. "Other farmers are relatively new by comparison. But what is unique about the Town of Dunn farmers is that so many of them are trying to be good stewards of the land. They recognize the importance of preservation. And, even when they finally have to quit farming, many of them are still connected to the land and want to see it taken care of for future generations."

## Urban Forest

[This article is adapted from an August 2006 article, "A Green Workforce", in the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. (The full article can be found at: [dnr.wi.gov/wnrmag/html/supps/2006/aug06/green.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/wnrmag/html/supps/2006/aug06/green.htm))]

Trees are important working components of community infrastructure, just like streets, sewers, utilities, public buildings, and recreational facilities. The major difference between infrastructure and trees is that trees increase value over time. A healthy urban tree canopy also functions as "green infrastructure", reducing the need and expense to manage air quality and waste. Trees need care to survive, but the longer they live, the more benefits they provide. Trees are utilities that pay us back for this care by (just to name a few):

- Air pollution reduction
- Runoff reduction
- Providing wildlife habitat

As with Dutch Elm Disease in the 1970's, our urban forest is currently under siege from many invasives and diseases including Oak Wilt, Gypsy Moth and most notably the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), which attacks all ash trees and causes ash mortality. As of September 2014, nearly half of Wisconsin's counties, including Dane County, are under quarantine. Please help us keep our urban forest as healthy as possible by following state and local rules, regulations, and ordinances regarding pruning and the movement of trees, brush and firewood. We highly encourage our residents to utilize the Town of Dunn Transfer Site for brush drop off.

Local ordinances and Transfer Site location and hours of operation can be found on the Town's website: [www.town.dunn.wi.us](http://www.town.dunn.wi.us). State rules and regulations can be found on the WI DNR website at: [www.dnr.wi.gov/topics/invasives](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/topics/invasives).

If you are interested in the Town of Dunn Urban Forestry Program please feel free to contact Hardy Krueger or Jay Hoel at the Town Hall.

**Auf Wiedersehen**  
by Unkown Author



Swans come late; sandhills  
Signal spring; seasons cycle  
Friends, too, must migrate



# RECYCLING GUIDE



## Town of Dunn Transfer Site

¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

Open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of every month  
8 AM to 4 PM.

### 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 \$3 without rims and \$4 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**

**The next Goodwill Industries  
Donation Pick Up is Scheduled:  
Saturday, December 6th 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.*

## Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up

**Thursday, October 23rd  
(for residents with normal Thursday garbage service)  
&**

**Friday, October 24th  
(for residents with normal Friday garbage service)**

**Planning on cleaning out the garage or basement this spring?**

**Wondering how to get rid of large items?**

Pellitteri is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Thursday, October 23rd or Friday, October 24th (depending upon your normal trash pick-up day). This extra garbage pick-up comes at no additional charge for residents, but there are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Pellitteri at 257-4285 for details.

### **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 McFarland Police Department at 838-3151 or the Oregon Police Department at 835-3111 for more details.

## 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](http://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](http://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.