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Annual Town Meeting April 19th, 2022, 7 PM

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting called pursuant to Wis. Stats. 60.12(1)(c), by the Town Board of the Town of Dunn, on April 19th, 2022 at 7:00 PM. To view meeting details and the agenda, please visit dunn.civicweb.net.

Trees and Treats April 30th, 2022, 4 PM to 6 PM

The Parks Commission will be hosting “Trees and Treats” at the Town Hall property (or in the large garage if the weather doesn’t cooperate)! Brats, chips, and dessert will be provided by the Town. We will also hand out small, bare-root oak trees. Feel free to stay and chat with your neighbors at a picnic table or take a tree and a brat to go!

Spring 2022 Extra Trash Pick-Up Days Thursday Schedule: June 16th Friday Schedule: June 17th

****New for 2022:** Whether your normal collection day is Thursday or Friday, all extra pick-up items must be at the curbside by THURSDAY 6:00 AM (6/16/22) ******

Town of Dunn Food Cart Night July 27th, 2022, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Food AND nature! Join Groundswell Conservancy and hosts Carole and Don Schmidt and Custom Metals for an evening on the land. Purchase your food and then find a spot to settle in to enjoy the picturesque setting with friends and neighbors. Entry to this event is free. Food and beverages are available for purchase. This event will be held at 4544 Dons Rd, Madison WI.



Views From the Chair

By Steve Greb, Town Chair

Like clockwork, the sandhill cranes arrived here at Hook Lake on March 1st. It was nice to see this hopeful sign of spring. It seemed like a particularly long winter to me this year even though I generally embrace winter with skiing, snowshoeing, and making a warm fire in the woodstove.

It has been a pleasure to serve as town chair over my short tenure so far. I want to recognize town staff for their amazing work this past year and adapting to the changing work conditions and keeping this town running smoothly.

Our community has had to work through some complex issues (town revaluation, short-term rentals, bike path) and I have been most impressed with the respect and tenor town residents have demonstrated during some of these extended evening zoom calls. It is heartening to see residents engaged and care about their town’s future.

We have also continued to engage with our surrounding neighbors, the City of Stoughton and Villages of



Crane photos by Kevin Cronk

McFarland and Oregon. As they continue to grow, it is important we are proactive and keep communication lines open to express our concerns about impacts on our town.

My confidence in our land use plan is solid as it builds resilience for our future. This past year, I listened to a mayor from a small town in Louisiana being interviewed about the devastation from Hurricane Ida. He was asked how they are getting through it, and he answered, “We’re a resilient community,” then paused and added “But you know what, we’re getting tired of being resilient, we’d just like some normal for a change.” I think we all would like a little normal for a change. But I do not know what normal looks like these days with COVID, the hostile invasion of Ukraine, economic concerns, climate change, and rapid growth around us. The town’s commitment to long-range planning has carried us through significant challenges in the past, like floods, tornados, annexation attempts, and proposals for things like a mega-highway, landfill, high powered utility poles, or a high-volume cold mix plant. We overcame these challenges together and by doing so, have protected the town’s rural character and restored normalcy after damage from storms. We will continue to keep our sights on the long-range vision for the town. Like the sandhill cranes, the spring brings me renewed optimism for a resilient future and just as the cranes enjoy making the Town of Dunn their home, we also enjoy living here and strive to protect it.



**249,800
ACRES**

of agriculture
land was developed
or compromised
from 2001-2016 in
Wisconsin

Photo from farmland.org

New Funding Available for PDR Program

In January, 2022, the Wisconsin Farmland Protection Partnership Project was awarded a \$7 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to permanently protect farmland through conservation easements. The Town of Dunn is a part of this partnership and can use grant funding to purchase development rights through the Town's PDR program. The money from this current grant cycle is available for the next 5 years. If you are interested in enrolling your farm into the PDR program, please contact Ben Kollenbroich at (608) 838-1081, ext. 205 or bkollenbroich@town.dunn.wi.us. More information about the Town's PDR program can be found by visiting www.townofdunnwi.gov and searching "PDR".

How the Town's Purchase of Development Rights Program Works for You

By Ben Kollenbroich, Planning and Land Conservation Director

The Town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program foremost protects working lands to assure the future availability of land for farming and to support the local agricultural economy. Through PDR, "development rights" (potential residential development on a property) are purchased by the Town and are permanently eliminated through a conservation easement agreement.

Many non-farming residents choose to live here because they value the Town's rural character, which the PDR program undoubtedly helps preserve. But the PDR program is also beneficial in less obvious ways. By preserving land, Town operational costs are low because it costs less to provide public services to farmland and open space as compared to residential properties.

While it is true residential development generates more tax revenue as compared to farmland or open space, it also costs more to provide public services such as police, fire protection, and public works to residential areas. In fact, providing services to residential land uses consistently costs more than the tax revenue generated by residential properties. This holds true both locally and nationwide.

A cost of community services study (COCS) was conducted for the Town of Dunn in both 1994 and 1999. Those studies showed that in our community, for each dollar of revenue generated by residential properties, \$1.02-\$1.06 was spent to provide services to residential

properties. Whereas, only \$0.15-\$0.18 was spent to provide services to agricultural properties.

The Farmland Information Center collected data from all such studies conducted across the U.S. The study reports, "In nearly every community studied, farmland has generated a fiscal surplus to help offset the shortfall created by residential demand for public services. This is true even when the land is assessed at its current, agricultural use." Thus, when farmland is lost to residential development, some of that financial surplus is lost and replaced by an increased demand for public services. By preserving farmland and open space, the PDR program helps keep the demand for costly public services in check.

The PDR program is funded with a tax of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of equalized value on properties and even when including this Rural Preservation Fund tax, Dunn's equalized value mil-rate is consistently one of the lowest for Dane County towns of our size. This shows that the Town has made an effort on several fronts to keep costs in check. See the 2021 mil-rate comparison chart. The Town's PDR program has been extremely successful in achieving the primary goal of protecting farmland and open space with having protected over 3,800 acres to date. It's also good to know farmland preservation has the additional benefit of helping to keep public service costs low.

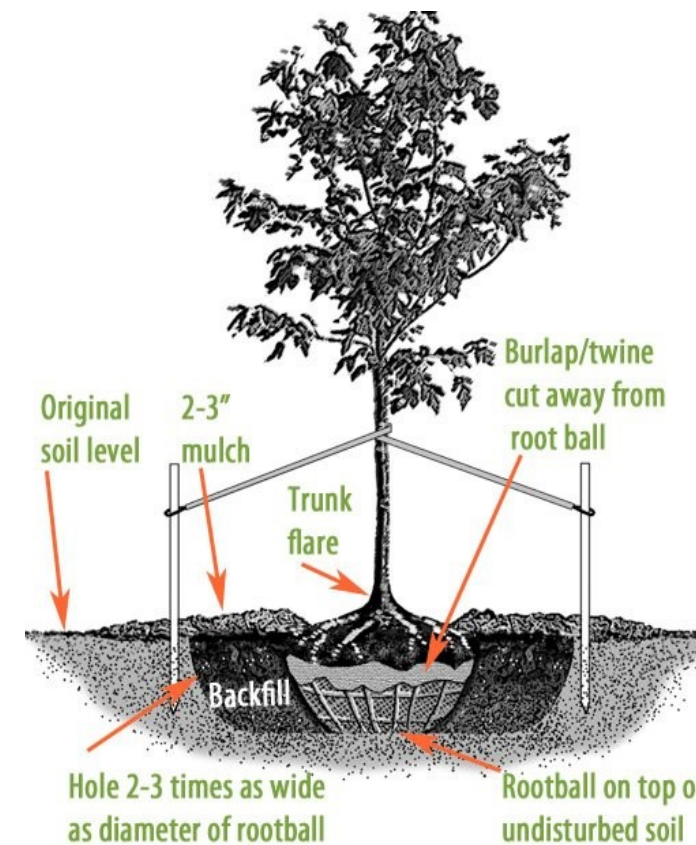
Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

By Hardy Krueger – Town of Dunn Urban Forestry

Spring is here which means you may be planning this year's gardening plans. If your plans include tree planting, here's some factors to consider.

The tree's purpose: Decide how you would like the tree to function. Are you planting this tree as a screen from the neighbors, as an accent by your front door, for shade, or for greening your surroundings? Are you interested in aesthetics such as fall color and or spring flowers? Do you want to provide food and shelter for birds and other wildlife?

The tree's size, form, and planting location: Trees grow and flourish best when planted in the right place. Take a tree's location and future growth into account when planting. Know the tree's mature canopy size and form as well as the size of the root zone (2 to 3 times the width of the canopy). How much space is there for the tree to grow?



Trees that encroach onto other's property will have a likelihood to be heavily pruned and sometimes to the point that the tree becomes mis-shaped and weakened. A good example is when the wrong tree is planted too close to powerlines and is trimmed away from them. Don't place a tree where this may be a possibility or a liability.

Critique your site. Don't force what you want in the wrong place as it will likely lead to issues later on. Look up, down, and all around. Are there structures, paved areas, property lines, road right-of-ways, utilities above ground and below ground, and are there other trees/plantings that should be avoided?

Maintaining your tree: Now that you have invested in purchasing and planting a tree, do not "kill" your tree by not maintaining it properly. Few residential trees die of "old age." Most die due to improper care and mechanical damage. Here are some tips to help your tree flourish for decades:

- Properly plant and prune your tree. <https://www.treesaregood.org/treeowner> for online resources regarding proper planting and pruning techniques.
- Remove any banding and after one year remove any staking to prevent girdling.
- Don't ignore insect or disease damage. Consider hiring a certified arborist to help combat diseases.
- Avoid mechanical damage by mulching around the tree. Mulch should be only 2-3 inches in depth. Do not mulch directly around the trunk of the tree, leave a 3 – 6 inch gap between the mulch and the tree to prevent root rot, and small animal and insect damage.
- Be careful to limit herbicide use around the root area.

Do your due diligence at the start, the right tree in the right place maintained properly to make sure the tree you love today will provide you an asset for years to come!

Photo from www.gardeners.com

2022 Parks Update

By Ben Kollenbroich, Planning and Land Conservation Director

In 2021, the Town Parks Commission continued its dedication to improving public open spaces. Invasive species removal and prairie restoration work continued at Dunn Heritage Park. The Town would like to thank the volunteers who assisted in the prescribed burn of the prairie and with the spreading of seed last year. The Town also received a Dane County grant to help restore flood damaged areas in Dunn Heritage Park. The park will continue to be improved over the next few years. Improvements include select boardwalk installations, pond dredging, and tree plantings. All of these activities should help make the park more accessible, improve the ponds’ fish spawning habitat, and improve runoff capture from surrounding properties.

Late last year, Town staff began a prairie restoration project at Simpson Park by removing invasive plants and spreading native seeds. This project includes the creation of a 1-acre prairie, walking trails in the north half of the park, and tree plantings. The Town received grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Dane County Environmental Council to help fund this project which is expected to take 1-2 years to complete.

Lastly, a few reminders:

Please clean up after and keep your pets leashed on Town Parks. The Town has received numerous complaints of dogs running loose and pet waste not being clean up. Many of our parks are conservancy lands that are home to prairie plants and birds. Unleased dogs also interfere with walkers and have gone on private properties.

Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and ATVs, are not allowed in Town Parks or on Town property. Please only use designated and approved routes.

Town property is not to be used for storage of private property or other private use.

As we’ve learned in the past few years, the outdoors are vital to our well-being, so be sure to get out and enjoy our Town parks!



Pictures of the volunteer crew who helped spread prairie seeds at Simpson Park. Seeding in the winter is the easiest way to plant new native seed as it mimics nature - seeds drop in the fall and germinate in the spring. Photos by Madeline Weeden.

Native Prairie Prescribed Burning

Conditions and weather permitting, spring prescribed prairie burns are proposed to occur at Town parks including Dunn Heritage, Colladay Point, Sinaiko, Kegonsa Manor, and the old section of the Town Burying Ground. Prescribed burning helps maintain healthy prairie ecosystems by stimulating native plant growth and controlling woody vegetation and invasive species. Not only is it one of the most efficient management tools, it’s also the most cost effective!

2021 Mil-Rate Comparison Chart

| 2021 Mil-Rate Comparison for Cities & Villages | Populations (2020 Estimates) | Estimated Equalized Mil-Rate | Local Tax/ \$100,000 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| City of Fitchburg | 30,391 | \$ 8.25 | \$825.00 |
| City of Stoughton | 12,954 | \$ 7.93 | \$793.00 |
| Village of Brooklyn | 1,007* | \$ 11.34 | \$1,134.00 |
| Village of Belleville | 1,949* | \$ 10.59 | \$1,059.00 |
| Village of Cambridge | 1,484* | \$ 10.10 | \$1,010.00 |
| Village of Cottage Grove | 6,716 | \$ 6.52 | \$652.00 |
| Village of McFarland | 8,952 | \$ 6.31 | \$631.00 |
| Village of Deerfield | 2,489 | \$ 6.17 | \$617.00 |
| Village of Oregon | 10,270 | \$ 5.69 | \$569.00 |

**Population Dane County Portions. Information from the Department of Administration.*

| 2021 Mil-Rate Comparison for Towns | Populations (2020 Estimates) | Estimated Equalized Mil-Rate | Local Tax/ \$100,000 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Town of Dunkirk | 1,910 | \$ 4.34 | \$434.00 |
| Town of Madison | 6,228 | \$ 4.15 | \$415.00 |
| Town of Rutland | 2,012 | \$ 4.11 | \$411.00 |
| Town of Verona | 1,993 | \$ 3.36 | \$336.00 |
| Town of Cottage Grove | 3,889 | \$ 3.31 | \$331.00 |
| Town of Sun Prairie | 2,383 | \$ 3.29 | \$329.00 |
| Town of Albion | 1,997 | \$ 3.08 | \$308.00 |
| Town of Deerfield | 1,634 | \$ 2.96 | \$296.00 |
| Town of Blooming Grove | 1,616 | \$ 2.49 | \$249.00 |
| Town of Middleton | 6,614 | \$ 2.24 | \$224.00 |
| Town of Oregon | 3,240 | \$ 2.19 | \$219.00 |
| Town of Dunn | 4,852 | \$ 2.00 | \$200.00 |
| Town of Pleasant Springs | 3,203 | \$ 1.96 | \$196.00 |

Dane County Continuous Cover Program Accepting Applications

Dane County’s Continuous Cover Program provides funding to assist landowners convert and maintain continuous vegetative cover on agricultural lands. Maintaining continuous cover helps to increase water infiltration, reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, build soil health, enhance wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, and diversify production practices.



Example of continuous cover plantings. Photo from Dane County Land and Water Resources Department.

There are three options through the continuous cover program:

Perennial cool-season grass mix: non-native cool season grasses that may be harvested for hay

Native prairie mix: native prairie forbs and grasses for wildlife habitat, pollinators, and restoration

Grazing mix: forage plants for grazing animals

The cover is maintained through mowing, burning, and reseeding during the 15-year contract period. Land currently planted in perennial cover may be eligible for the program in order to maintain existing cover. Landowners work with Dane County staff to develop the best strategy and plan for their unique needs.

More information about the program and eligibility requirements can be found by visiting lwr.dane.gov/what-we-do/agriculture/agricultural-conservation-programs/ccp, or by calling the Dane County Land Conservation Division at (608) 224-3730, or by emailing landcon@countyofdane.com.

Salt Savers Program Ends May 31st

Many water softeners in the Town of Dunn are outdated or not set to run at peak efficiency. This means more salt than is required to soften our water is entering our water. For residents connected to the sanitary sewer, salt that goes into water softeners ends up at the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) wastewater treatment plant, which is not equipped to remove salt from water. Eventually, the salt ends up in our watersheds which can threaten freshwater wildlife.

The goal of the Salt Savers pilot program is to reduce chloride, a component of salt, from entering our fresh water resources by improving water softener efficiency. To encourage residents to participate in the program, the MMSD funds discounts on services and equipment reduce salt input into the sewer system. Residents can receive a free assessment of their water softener by a trained professional enrolled in the Salt Savers program. If a water softener is deemed too old or inefficient by the technician, softener replacements are eligible for a \$200.00 discount at the time of service.



If you are interested in having your water softener evaluated, visit www.madsewer.org/pollution-prevention/chloride/for-residents/find-a-trained-softener-professional/ to find a service technician trained specifically for this pilot program. Waste less salt, protect freshwater – be a Salt Saver!

Hurry, this program is set to end on May 31st, 2022!

Is Your Well, Well?

When your property is on a well, you are your own water utility manager! Clean drinking water is essential to health.

It is recommended that private well owners test annually. Testing is recommended sooner if there has been flooding in the area or if any changes in taste, odor, or appearance of the water are noticed.

Contact Madison and Dane County Public Health at (608) 243-0357 or visit www.publichealthmdc.com/ and search “Well Testing” for more information. Public Health staff will be able to help discuss the types of tests you need based on your situation and their cost.

Receive a \$10 Gift Card For Self Screening Your Water Softener

For a limited time, eligible residents can get a \$10 gift card to several McFarland businesses for screening their water softener with an online screening tool. To complete the self screen tool, visit madsewer.org/pollution-prevention/chloride/for-residents/water-softener-efficiency/ or scan the QR photo below.

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District is providing these gift cards to encourage residents to assess their home water softener and find opportunities to reduce salt use. By taking the screen, you’ll also find out if you qualify for a discounted water softener optimization or replacement as part of the Salt Savers pilot program.



Lake Waubesa Conservation Association – How is it different?

With so many lake organizations and conservation groups, it can be challenging to understand what each group does. The following groups often share information and work together in various ways to achieve common goals. Each organization has a distinct mission.

- **The Clean Lakes Alliance (CLA):** Focuses on water quality, specifically phosphorus reduction in the Yahara watershed.
- **The Yahara Lakes Association (YLA):** Represents lakeshore property owners and advocates for the vitality of the chain of Yahara lakes.
- **The Friends of Lake Kegonsa (FOLKS):** Focuses on protecting, maintaining, and enhancing environmental and recreational values of Lake Kegonsa and its surroundings.
- **The Lake Waubesa Conservation Association (LWCA):** Our mission is specific: to Preserve, Protect, and Enhance the Lake Waubesa Ecosystem for all. If your concern is for the well-being of Lake Waubesa, take a closer look at who we are and what we do:

LWCA formed in 1989 by concerned individuals in response to the proposed ‘Libby Landfill’ project. LWCA became highly involved in raising public awareness of the potential negative environmental impacts from a landfill on the shores of Lake Waubesa. The organization also helped raise substantial funds for the legal battle to block the landfill. In 1994, the State of Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled to stop the landfill. And, today, the Capitol Springs/Centennial state park resides on the site. This was the first significant accomplishment of LWCA and its initial partners.

What has LWCA accomplished recently?

- Initiated the ‘Earth Day’ clean-up of more than 15 miles of roadside trash along lakeside roads.
- Partnered with Dane County to organize the ‘Take a Stake’ in the Lake: Lower Yahara River Trail April, 2021 Clean-Up along the bike/walking bridge at the north end of Lake Waubesa.
- Partnered with several organizations, including Dunn, to established the ‘Swan Creek’ water quality monitoring station for the Lake Waubesa watershed.

- Conducted ‘Secchi Dip’ readings in various lake locations to measure water quality and create a baseline dataset for comparing future water quality changes.
- Arranged and sponsored four weeks of lake weed and debris removal from piers on Lake Waubesa.
- Removed leaves and debris from five wetland sites around Lake Waubesa.
- Partnered with YLA and FOLKS on a letter to federal legislators regarding the need to clean up PFAS chemicals at Truax Field and to stop seepage into Starkweather Creek.
- Sponsored the Goodland Park leaf collection site and partnered with Dunn to expand collection sites.

These activities, and others, are accomplished by working with Dane County, local municipalities, organizations, and businesses. We can initiate multiple projects and produce great results with this collaborative approach. Join us in ‘Advancing the Well-Being of Lake Waubesa and its Watershed’! For more info, visit www.waubesa.org. We greatly appreciate our growing membership, donations, volunteers, partners, and sponsors. THANK YOU!



Photo from Lake Waubesa Conservation Association Facebook page.

Successful Fire Department Training Burn

In January the McFarland Fire & Rescue Department, which serves a portion of the Town, hosted an important training burn that provided critical training experiences for firefighters from Oregon Area Fire and EMS, Stoughton, Town of Madison, Monona, and Cottage Grove. An old farmhouse located at the corner of Mahoney Road and Tower Road was selected as a site for more than 15 different training exercises that involved many aspects of rescue and management of a burning house. This provided opportunities for various fire departments to use their equipment and get hands-on experience with mock rescue missions during a house fire. The training provides the most realistic training possible and extremely valuable to all the firefighters.



Yard Waste Wanted at the Town Transfer Site

It is time for spring yard work and clean up of various yard waste. The Town Transfer Site will take your yard waste and produce compost that enriches the soil. This practice makes the most of grass clippings, leaf matter, and



vegetation. Many property owners mulch their leaves and grass clippings into their own lawns and gardens, but in some situations this is just not feasible. If you have more yard

waste than you can use, please bring it to the Town Transfer Site during normal operating hours: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8 am to 3:45 pm and every Wednesday, April through the end of November from 2 pm to 4:45 pm. The Transfer Site is closed on holidays and observance days. Located at 4030 County Road B, ¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall. Open to town residents only.

No Leaf Burning, Please!

The Town of Dunn prohibits the burning of leaves and yard waste. Burning of firewood or dried tree limbs is permitted. However, burning of leaves, grass clippings, or other wet materials tend to smolder and create nuisance fires for neighbors. Nuisance fires are a violation of the town's burning ordinance. Smoldering fires may cause a hardship for neighbors with asthma or other breathing concerns.

Burning is also a source of air pollution and ashes from burned leaves are a source of highly concentrated phosphorus. Stormwater runoff can carry the ashes and the phosphorus into lakes and streams. Disposing of ashes from a fire before it rains helps to minimize this impact.

Don't burn on the lakeshore, where stormwater will carry the ashes directly into the lake with the highly concentrated phosphorus. Some people choose to use ashes in their garden. We can prevent most of the pollution by following these simple water friendly practices.

Ordinance for ATV/UTV Use on Town Roads

By Jeff Hodgson, Town Supervisor

Neighbors in the Waubesa Beach neighborhood have expressed an interest in being able to drive all-terrain (ATV/UTVs) on town roads legally. This idea has been brought to the Town Board a few times in recent years. ATVs are becoming more common for fishing and getting around in various areas of the State of Wisconsin. The Town has been exploring options with the State Department of Natural Resources and working on development of an ordinance that would allow operation of these vehicles on town roads with some limitations. The goal of the ordinance would be to provide regulation that reduces any nuisance or impacts on the neighborhood and encourages the safe operation of ATVs on town roads. This concept will be further developed at future Town Board meetings. To view meeting details and agendas or sign up for meeting alerts, please visit dunn.civicweb.net.



Gardening? Avoid Selecting Invasive Plants

Article adapted from Wisconsin DNR Forestry News

Many gardeners are anxiously waiting to start spring planting. This means it's a great time to plan your garden AND brush up on what not to plant to avoid invasive species. Wisconsin prohibits the sale of 145 plants that are considered invasive. Not every plant vendor is aware of this rule, especially if they operate online or in a different state with different regulations. This is why it is always a good idea to check your plant selections before purchasing as these plant species can continue to be sold at nurseries, garden centers, and as seeds in wildflower mixes. When planning or purchasing your garden plans, visit dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/species.asp to check if your selects are listed on the Wisconsin DNR's invasive list. We can all do our part to protect Wisconsin's forests and natural areas by purchasing non-invasive plants and removing invasives from our properties!

Crime Prevention Tips

Make sure all vehicles, houses, patio doors, and garages are secured at all times. Most victims of theft have not locked up, allowing easier access.

Burglars can enter your house if your vehicle is left unlocked with the garage door opener or keys inside. It is best to keep your vehicle locked in a garage, if one is available. Do not leave purses, laptops, jewelry, guns, or other valuables in your vehicle.

Keeping an inventory of property (including serial numbers and photos of property) is helpful for reporting if you become a victim of a crime.

If you are on vacation, ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence. Arrange for someone to mow the lawn, gather your mail, newspapers, etc. It's also a good idea to contact the Dane County Sheriff's Office and have them conduct a vacation check on your house while you're away. In general, keep your bushes/shrubs trimmed and lighting sufficient enough to illuminate all sides of your house.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office would like any suspicious activity, noises, people, or vehicles in your neighborhood to be reported as soon as you see them. Vehicle description, license plate numbers, location, and direction of travel can be extremely helpful in locating and preventing further criminal activity in your neighborhood.

TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CALL:

9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES

**(608) 255-2345 FOR
NON-EMERGENCIES**



On the Road Again...

Article by Todd Klahn, Highway Superintendent

Now that spring weather is here, the Town of Dunn Highway Department will beginning fixing potholes on town roads. Temporary patch will be applied until permanent patch can be applied. Thank you for your patience during this process.

The Town of Dunn is working with the Town of Rutland and the City of Stoughton to reconstruct Rutland Dunn Townline Road starting at Oregon and going to US Highway 51. Town of Dunn staff have worked hard on receiving grant funding from Dane County and the State. The Town has qualified for funding but do not know the matching financial amount at this time. Construction plans include putting four to six inches of gravel on the blacktop a week prior to having a mill come and grind the old asphalt. The old asphalt and new gravel will be ground together to establish a better base. The road will then be watered, graded, and rolled in preparation for new asphalt. The road will be closed during this process, which may take up to three weeks. Please use alternative routes during

construction and know that even though it seems like it’s taking a while, the road will be nice and smooth once complete!

Roads scheduled for sealcoating in 2022 include:

Alice-Pauline Drive, Burning Tree Circle, Burning Tree Road, Bryant Drive, Dunwood Way, Evans Road, Jordan Drive, Hawkinson Road, Lally Road, Mahoney Road, Princess Court, Rolling Wood Court, Stace Road, Vic Anderson Road, Wilnor Drive and Woolever Court.

There are also plans to replace three culverts on Schneider Drive this year.

Road Right-of-Way: The road right of way is typically 33 feet from the center of the road. Please keep this area clear from any obstacles for the purpose of roadside mowing and maintenance.

Trash and Recycling Bin Placement: Please place your garbage and recycling bins completely on the shoulder of the road so that no part of the bins are on the road, as this can be a safety concern.

Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Proposed Construction on County Highway AB



The Dane County Department of Highway and Transportation is developing plans for a project located on County Highway (CTH) AB, from US Highway 51 to CTH MN. The project length is approximately 3.5 miles and is anticipated to start in the fall of 2022. CTH AB will be closed to traffic during this project but homeowners will have access to their properties.

From US 51 to Fish Camp Road, this project will consist of milling 2-inches of existing pavement and paving back 2-inches of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA). In addition, the paved surface is proposed to be widened from 22-feet to 30-feet. The roadway is proposed to have narrower driving lanes by reducing the width from 2 11-foot lanes to 2 10-foot driving lanes with double white edgelines. When lanes are narrow, drivers tend to drive with more caution which can help reduce the average speed of

motorists. The double white edgelines are intended to provide a buffer between pedestrians/bicyclists and traffic. From Fish Camp Road to CTH MN, the project will consist of paving a 2-inch HMA overlay. In addition, the paved surface is proposed to be widened from 22-feet to 30-feet. Ditch grading will need to be completed to accommodate the road widening. The roadway through this section is proposed to consist of 11-foot driving lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders. The edgelines through this section are proposed to be the standard single white edgeline. Cross and driveway culverts will be reviewed to determine if they need to be moved to accommodate the grading.

This project is being overseen by Dane County Department of Highway and Transportation. Questions or comments should be directed to: Jeremy Rach, P.E, Highway Engineer, (608) 283-1416 or Rach.Jeremy@countyofdane.com.

