

The Official **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2010

Views From the Town Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

The cranes are back. We can hear tree frogs calling and flickers pecking nest holes. The lakes are opening and it is the start of recreation on the surface of our beautiful lakes. The wetlands that protect our lakes are teaming with life at this time of year. Luckily we have had a snow melt that has not resulted in flooding. We have basically a clean slate for the lake levels. Management of flooding and lake levels has been a major issue in our town. We experienced record high levels in Lake Waubesa and very low levels in Lake Kegonsa at the same time for weeks at a time. That indicates that there is a major problem.

The challenges we face are many. Municipalities up river continue to build in the Yahara Watershed and Fitchburg has advanced two huge development proposals which promise a continued assault to the Waubesa Lake system. The first development is dubbed the McGaw Park Neighborhood and it encompasses 712 acres. The development plan is significant in that it will impact Swan Creek south of Lacy Road and east of Highway 14. The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) approved development of this environmentally sensitive area with only one vote against this project. I am on CARPC now, and the one vote against this assault was mine. If you know folks in Fitchburg, encourage them to speak out against this sprawling development that will threaten their water quality and ours.

Fitchburg also has the Northeast Neighborhood expansion vote which should be coming up soon. This 922 acre redevelopment, which sits to the south of Nine Springs Creek on the Town's northwest border, has already passed the Fitchburg Plan Commission. We will

Events You Won't Want to Miss

Tuesday April 6th 7AM-8PM:
Spring Election

Tuesday April 13th at 7 PM:
Annual Town Meeting

Saturday May 1st from 4 PM-6 PM:
Arbor Day Celebration featuring guest speakers, awards presentations, and a pot luck dinner!

have to pull out all the stops to halt this expansion. The good news is that there are very active resident fighters against this prime example of sprawl. There is a good chance to stop this travesty with citizen efforts.

The same holds for citizen involvement with the lake level abnormalities we have been experiencing. Both the Waubesa Beach Association and Friends of Lake Kegonsa have been active in getting Dane County and the Department of Natural Resources to take this issue seriously. Our County

Board Representative has taken steps to put the County's feet to the fire in terms of accountability for the Land and Water Resources Department. Neither the Town nor the citizens groups are going to rest until there are viable solutions put in place.

It is astounding that other communities are willing to risk damage to the Yahara system when it certainly is not necessary to their growth. It must be Lake Envy.

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2010 7:00 PM

A G E N D A

- I. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 17, 2009
- II. Announcements and introductions by Chairman Minihan.
 - A. Comments by Chair Minihan
 - B. Donations, if any.
- III. Reports
 - A. Building Inspector Report
 - B. Cemetery Report
 - C. Land Trust Commission
 - D. Mobile Home Commission
 - E. Parks Commission
 - F. Plan Commission
 - G. Police Report
 - H. Tree Board
 - I. Staff report
- IV. Financial Report
 - A. Sanitary Districts - financial reports.
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2009 audit.
- V. New Business
 - A. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
 - B. Authorize purchase of Sutton property located at 3058 Waucheeta Trail. Funding for the purchase is provided by a DNR municipal flood control grant which covers 70% of the acquisition and relocation costs for the property owner.
 - C. In order to meet the requirements of the general storm water permit (and section 216.07(2) of the State Admin. Code), there will be educational material on storm water management.
 - D. Present the Noxious Weed Notice.
 - E. Adjournment

Every resident of legal voting age present can cast a vote at the Annual Town Meeting. This year, take an active role in your government and attend the Annual Meeting. Agendas and announcements for all special meetings are posted at the following locations:

- 1) Bulletin board outside the Dunn Town Hall at 4156 County Road B.
- 2) Message board at the corner of Third Street and Waubesa Avenue in the town of Dunn.
- 3) Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.
- 4) Town's website at: www.town.dunn.wi.us

Cathy Hasslinger, Town Clerk Treasurer

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

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New Phone Number For Dunn

The Town of Dunn has changed its telephone and fax numbers!!!
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (608) 838-1081
FAX NUMBER: (608) 838-1085
WEBSITE: WWW.TOWN.DUNN.WI.US

Don't miss our Arbor Day Celebration

by Mary Gross, Court Clerk

Mark your calendars for the May 1st, 2010 Arbor Day Celebration! This annual event will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. This year, our presenter will be Mark Guthmiller, WDNR Regional Forest Health Specialist. He will also award the Town with its third consecutive Tree City USA designation. Tom Richards will present his Colladay Point Park project for his Eagle Scout award.

We also will be having a pot luck dinner after our presentation and will announce the 2010 Stewardship award recipient. Paper plates, napkins, eating utensils, and beverages will be supplied. Come meet other residents and share in this fun family event. Bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy your community.

In conjunction with our Arbor Celebration this year we will have bags available to residents to use for roadside clean up. We are encouraging residents to clean up their “neck of the woods” May 1st thru May 4th and put the refuse collected at the road on May 5th. If we all work together, we can continue to keep our town “green” by recycling and picking up our roadsides.

- EVENT: Arbor Day Potluck dinner with Guest Speaker Mark Guthmiller
- WHEN: Saturday May 1st, 2010 from 4-6 pm
- WHERE: Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B
- CALL: Mary at 838-1081 ext 201 for more info.

All Town residents are encouraged to attend. Bring a dish to pass, meet neighbors, share a meal, and celebrate Arbor Day!

Plant Dane! Program Makes Native Plants Available at Greatly Reduced Prices

by: Marcia Hartwig, MAMSWaP Storm Water Education Coordinator

Everyone seems to be putting in rain gardens these days. And now, the Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program provides native plants to fill those rain gardens for less than half of retail prices.

Rain gardens are an attractive way to reduce lawn maintenance time and costs; beautify your yard; and help your lakes, rivers and streams all at the same time. Go to www.myfairlakes.com for an online application. Orders may be placed through May 15th, 2010. Plants will be delivered on June 26th.

Now in its 6th year, the Plant Dane! cost-share program provides homeowners, schools and nonprofit organizations with native plants and seeds, along with information on how to establish rain gardens and restore prairies (thanks to a gift from the Graham-Martin Foundation). The Plant Dane! Program has provided tens of thousands of plants, resulting in hundreds acres being planted with native species throughout Dane County. Plan your rain garden today!

2010 Plant Dane! Schedule

May 15	Last day applications and orders with payment will be accepted.
June 26	Plants are delivered to Dane County Land & Water Resources Department, One Fen Oak Court, for pick-up between 8am–9:30am.

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

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

Don't Let Trash Pile Up in the Town of Dunn

by Madeline Weeden (age 12)

The Town of Dunn is a beautiful place, with beautiful gardens and lakes. But to keep the Town of Dunn looking beautiful, we have to keep it clean.

If you look on the side of the road, you may see a few pieces of trash and litter. But one year you see a little trash and the next year you see even more. The more trash there is, the less beautiful land there is, not only in the Town of Dunn, but in the whole world.

So when the garbage truck comes around and misses a few pieces of trash, pick it up and put in in your garbage can for next time. If you ever see any trash in your yard, please pick it up and throw it away.

It will help make your neighborhood cleaner.

There are many ways that you can help with making the Town of Dunn a cleaner and greener place to live. Many times you will see plastic water bottles on the side of the road. To help with that problem, use reusable water bottles instead of plastic water bottles, even for parties just use glass cups. The water will taste better because it does not taste like the plastic bottle. If you have to use plastic bottles, make sure each and every one of them gets recycled.

Try to buy things in bulk instead of buying things with plastic containers. That way, less plastic will go into the landfills, and there is a much better chance that the containers will not end up on the side of our roads.

And if you do use plastic containers, make sure that you reuse them.

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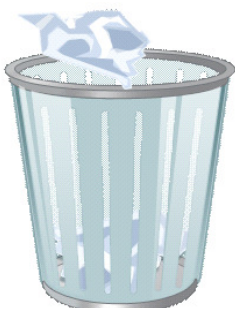
Sheriff's Report

by Deputy Cindy Holmes



The Dane County Sheriff's Office continues to experience numerous calls with respect to residential burglaries, theft from vehicles and business burglaries. Most recently, bar/tavern burglaries have been a significant issue for area law enforcement in Dane County. The Sheriff's Office would ask that every citizen be diligent in maintaining safe and secure practices around their home and workplace, including keeping vehicles and buildings locked and

integrate a plastic bag. So go out and buy a reusable bag, and keep it in your car so when you go to the grocery store you will have it with you. The average price for a reusable bag is only 99 cents. Just think of how many trees you could save by buying one reusable bag!



If you had a 15-year old tree, and made it into paper bags, you would get about 700 of them. A busy grocery store could use all of them in an hour! This means that in one year, one grocery store can go through over 6 million paper bags!

Another great way to help keep our roads clean is to keep a little bag in your car to put your trash in, and then you can pick a day of the week to empty it or replace it. It will keep your car cleaner and the environment cleaner.

When you clean the house remember to recycle the things that can be recycled, like paper, if you recycle paper there will be more and more trees. If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers we could save more than 25,000,000 trees a year! If you want to keep a newspaper because there is an article that you liked in it, just cut out the part that you liked and recycle the rest.

So help the Town of Dunn and the world by using these ideas and tips, and remember "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". Consider pitching in this Arbor Day, pick up a bag from the Town Hall and help clean up our roads.

items of value out of sight. If anyone sees or hears anything out of the ordinary and/or suspicious, please report it immediately by calling 911 or for non-emergencies, 255-2345.

If any community member is interested in a Neighborhood Watch program, please visit <http://www.nnwi.org/> for more information. Deputy Cindy Holmes is the community deputy for the Town of Dunn and can be contacted for more information about Neighborhood Watch or any issues concerning Town Of Dunn residents. Deputy Holmes can be reached at 283-3964.

Healthy Yards . . . Healthy Lakes and Streams

by: Chuck Nahn

What we do in our yards can directly affect our lakes and streams. Before using fertilizer on your lawn or gardens, test your soil. A \$15 soil test will show if your soil is lacking anything so that you don't waste your money on something you don't even need. Instructions and forms from the UW Soil and Plant Analysis Lab are online at <http://uwlabs.soils.wisc.edu/madison/>. Results will tell you exactly what you need for healthy lawn and gardens.

If your test shows you do indeed need fertilizer, be sure to clean up any that lands on your sidewalk, driveway or other hard surfaces. If left on paved areas, it can easily make its way to the nearest lake or stream with the next rainfall. Keeping leaves, grass

clippings and other yard waste, which contain nitrogen and phosphorus, out of the street also help prevent lakes and streams from becoming green and scummy. When these nutrients wash into lakes and streams they can promote nasty algae blooms and excessive weed growth (which can lower oxygen levels in the water) and may release ammonia (toxic to fish).

Healthy yards add to the beauty and value of your home. They can also help our lakes and streams by allowing rainwater to soak into the soil rather than running off to the nearest storm water ditch. So, do your part and keep your lakes and streams healthy by using fertilizers only if and where they are needed.

PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

by Jim Molloy, Plan Commission Chair

The Plan Commission is served by Tim Andrews, Lorraine Gardner, Steve Greb, Dean Hein, Jim Molloy, Bob Uphoff and Vicki Wangerin. In 2009, we upheld the Town's progressive land use plan in all of our decisions and recommendations. We also amended the Town's Comprehensive Plan, strengthened the Town's land use policies and kept the Town at the forefront of intelligent planning. The Plan Commission usually meets at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month and welcomes the public to its open meetings. To be placed on our agenda, please contact Erica Schmitz at the Town Hall at 608-838-1081, extension 205 at least two weeks prior to a meeting.

Occasionally a vacancy occurs on the Commission. If you are interested in serving your Town as an uncompensated member of this Commission, please indicate your interest to Cathy Hasslinger, Town Clerk by calling 838-1081 extension 204.

LAND TRUST COMMISSION UPDATE

by Erica Schmitz, Land Use Manager



Many Town residents are familiar with the how the Town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program works. It's a voluntary program, and any interested landowner can apply. The Land Trust Commission and staff rank the applications received and pursue a PDR transaction on the highest scorers. When an agreement is reached, a conservation easement is recorded on the property's deed, and the landowners receive payment for the value of the easement. But what happens next?

Just as each property is unique, so is each conservation easement. While there is some language common to all conservation easements, each easement is carefully crafted to protect the valuable resources specific to each property, whether those values are agricultural productivity, open space, natural communities, or some combination of the three.

In addition to the conservation easement, a baseline document is created for each easement. The baseline book documents the unique features of the property using photographs. The photographs are taken at documented "photo points" so that the vantage point from which the photo was taken can easily be found again.

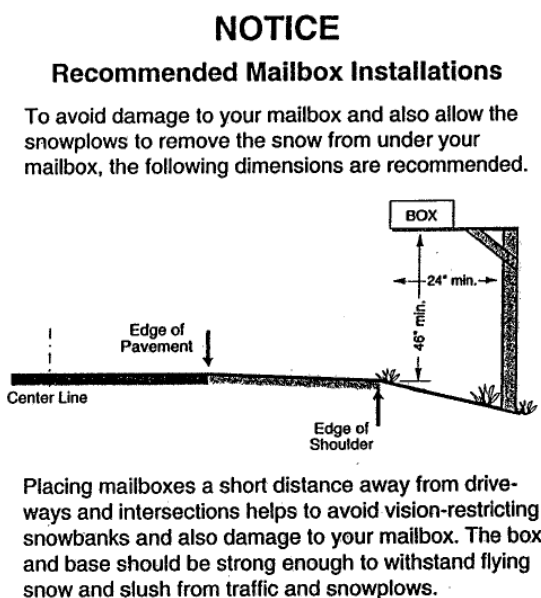
During annual monitoring, staff from the Town as well as our partner, Natural Heritage Land Trust, visit the photo points of each property and compare the current conditions to the baseline conditions recorded at the time the easement was granted. Staff from the Town and NHLT also review the conditions or restrictions imposed by each easement to ensure they are being met, and make an effort to talk with landowners to discuss any changes that might have occurred on the property.

The Town, as well as the other organizations that have contributed time and resources to the PDR program, have made a significant investment in each property protected by a conservation easement. Monitoring is a key means for insuring the investment the Town and our partners have made in purchasing the development rights is being protected as specified in the easement. Monitoring is a favorite task for staff, since we are able to visit the stunning array of protected private properties and sometimes visit with the landowners, whose diligence in maintaining the conservation values of the properties is essential to the PDR program's success.

Prevent Snow Damage to Your Mailbox

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

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



NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

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

Jay Hoel, Weed Commissioner



TOWN OF DUNN’S

Do your Part to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Curbside Recycling

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

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

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

Aluminum - Only aluminum cans are accepted for recycling. Rinsing is encouraged. Don’t include any other kinds of aluminum such as foil or aluminum pie plates in the recycling bin.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Waste Management Curbside Pick-up

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

For additional volume pick up contact Waste Management. For a fee they will provide an extra 64-gallon toter or an extra 96-gallon toter. These toters may be filled in addition to the usual 34 gallon container allowed. Cost is billed directly to the homeowner. At the time of this publication the cost of the 64-gallon toter was \$78.00 per year and the 96-gallon toter was \$84.00 per year.

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



Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B, ¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

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

The Transfer Site accepts:

- Scrap Metal
- Motor Oil
- Yard Waste
- Brush, Limbs, Branches, or Grass
- Batteries
- Tires
- Appliances

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

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

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

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take stumps or any lumber. Dane County’s landfill will take tree stumps.

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.

Questions? Call the Town Hall at 838-1081

DANE COUNTY COMPOST SITES OPEN MID-APRIL

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

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

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

Goodwill Industries Pick up

2010 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:
Saturday, April 10th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, August 7th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, December 11th from 9 AM to 12 PM
in the Town Hall parking lot.

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

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

2010 RECYCLING GUIDE



Home Composting

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

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

Building a Compost Pile

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

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

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

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

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

Maintaining Your Compost Pile

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

Information provided by Dane County at www.co.dane.wi.us

THANK YOU TO ROADSIDE PICKUP VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to the volunteers involved with the adopt-a-highway program. Participants included Waubesa Beach Association, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory, Christ the King Church in McFarland, Sled Shed II, McFarland Lutheran Church, Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association, Inc. and Waubesa Snowbird's snowmobile club. Call Mary at the Town Hall at 838-1081 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.

Recycle Your Old Cell Phone

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

The Stoughton Area Senior Center is participating in a fundraising project sponsored by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and Cellular Recycler that recycles unwanted cell phones and now also laptops, cameras, mp3 players and video game consoles. Your donation helps the environment by keeping harmful chemicals out of our landfills and 90% of all proceeds benefit your local Senior Center.

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

Located at 2302 Fish Hatchery Road

Visit www.danecountycleansweep.com or call the new

Information Hotline at 294-5366

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

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

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

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

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

One Day Only - Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up May 5th

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

Waste Management is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Wednesday, May 5th. On regular garbage pick up days, each residence can put out 34 gallons of trash plus unlimited recycleables for curbside pick up. On May 5th, residents can put out extra garbage at no additional charge. There are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Waste Management at 273-2500 for details.

Spring Roadside Clean-up - As the snow melts and spring winds blow, the litter that accumulated over the winter becomes more visible. This is a great time to tidy up the yard. We encourage everyone to participate in picking up a section of road before May 5th. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out on Wednesday, May 5th when Waste Management provides unlimited garbage pick up.

Compost Bin Sale Saturday May 1, 2010

**Earth Machine home compost bins be available
One Day Only for \$45 tax included at:**



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

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

Volunteer Opportunities

McFarland Senior Center Volunteer Drivers



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

McFarland Senior Center Home Delivered Meals Driver Substitutes

Substitute drivers are needed for the home delivered meal program of McFarland. Meal deliveries are

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

McFarland Senior Center Sewing Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist in sewing projects that support battered women. Sewing groups meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month and meet at the Homestead Apartments at 5910 Anthony Street (across from the Municipal Center). Please call 838-7117 to RSVP or to find out more information.

Oregon Senior Center
2nd Annual Brat Bash Fundraiser
Friday, May 7th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
\$4.00 for brat, chips & a soda
Oregon Area Senior Center
219 Park Street, Oregon
(608) 835-5801
Brats provided by JL Richards

The Town thanks Lorraine Hawkinson for her tireless volunteer efforts on behalf of the Stoughton Senior Center over the years. Lorraine will be retiring as the Town Liaison to the Stoughton Senior Center and we extend to her our very best wishes!

The Town of Dunn is now seeking a Town Resident to serve as Town Liaison to the Stoughton Senior Center and attend monthly meetings. If you are interested in this position, please contact Cathy Hasslinger at 838-1081 ext. 204.

Senior Centers Welcome Dunn Residents

Seniors who have not been in touch with their Senior Center are encouraged to call or visit. A surprising variety of low cost or free services and events are provided. While exact services vary from one Center to another, you can expect to find meals, social activities, transportation to medical appointments and shopping, crafts and hobbies, peer support, and outreach.

Outreach Workers are available to assist senior citizens and disabled adults to secure resources which allow them to remain in their own homes. Outreach Workers can assist with finances (Medical Assistance, homestead credit/deferred loan, fuel assistance, Community Op-

tions Programs, Social Security and S.S.I.), housing, medical equipment on loan, meal programs, transportation, and adult day care programs.

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

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

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

AREA YOUTH CENTERS

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

McFarland Youth Center
5120 Farwell St., McFarland
608-838-4508

Stoughton Youth Center
518 S. Fourth St., Stoughton
608-873-3880

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

Waubesa Beach Banter

By Ryan Erickson, WBNA President

www.waubesabeachassociation.org

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 18th is the date for the annual WBNA Annual Pancake Breakfast and Kids Egg Hunt at the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Community Center! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. The Kids Egg Hunt will kick-off at 10:00 A.M. sharp, and is something everyone enjoys watching. This is a fun family event, so please consider joining us for the festivities.

WEBSITE & OTHER UPDATES

2009 was a year of change for the Waubesa Beach website. With the help of Mad Town Designs the website has been re-vamped and has a new address at: www.waubesabeachassociation.org. The website will become the primary source of communication for the neighborhood as we are attempting to “go green” and reduce paper waste in the future by cutting down on hard copy mailings about upcoming events, newsletters etc. Check the website often to keep up to date with the latest community messages, pictures from the neighborhood, info about your WBNA board members, important documents/links, and a calendar of upcoming events. It is a great place to post services you may need such as babysitters, dog walkers, lawn mowers etc. Submissions for services needed are due at the first of every month to the “website warden” board member and will remain posted on the website until you request removal. You may also advertise your business on the site for a small fee, and if you are interested in doing so contact WBNA President Ryan Erickson for details. The new website allows you to check the availability of renting out the Community Center (CC) for your next special event by clicking the calendar link. It makes for a great place to host wedding/baby showers, have Cub Scout/scrapbooking meetings, practice with your band etc. You must be a current member of the WBNA to rent the CC, so make sure you have your 2010 dues paid! In order to reserve the CC, contact the “community center calendar captain” board member which you can find under the board members link.

2009 EVENTS

The Community Center was a hoppin' place this past year. It was host to many private parties including weddings, baby showers, birthday parties, graduation parties and many scrapbooking hours to document these momentous occasions. The Waubesa Beach Association helped organize many other activities such as the Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt, the Neighborhood Clean-up and of course the Neighborhood Picnic.

This year the grounds were also the place to be for a new event - the Ice Cream Social and Bike Parade. Hats off to Julie Swartzmiller and her daughters for organizing this great event and hand delivering all the invitations. A huge thank you to Nicole Erickson for bringing in the Madison favorite - Babcock Ice Cream for the event. All the neighborhood kids did a GREAT job in decorating their bicycles for their mini bike parade and they had a lot of fun showing them off. It was a perfect summer evening to spend in a perfect neighborhood! Please join us later this year for the 2010 edition.

LAKE WAUBESA ISSUES

Many of you have received emails throughout the year regarding current issues affecting the Dane County Watershed, more specifically Lake Waubesa, and here is a further update on these topics:

In the past year a sub committee headed by Jeff Hodgson was formed from the WBNA termed the Waubesa Watershed Committee. The purpose of the committee was to become educated on current lake issues and communicate with local residents regarding lake topics so that we could work with the Town of Dunn to have a strong voice in the county on the ever changing landscape of the Dane County Lakes. Over the past year the committee met monthly. One of the first orders of business was surveying people around Lake Waubesa to try to figure out what the major concerns are regarding the lake and what they would like to see done. Overwhelmingly, water quality and lake levels were found to be the most important topics. During the past summer, the major issues that the Waubesa Watershed Committee dealt with were water levels and the proposed expansion of the North end railroad trestle. We anticipate continuing challenges in lake levels, water quality, the railroad trestle project, and more recently the Dane County Waterbody Classification Project. Learn more about the Dane County Waterbody Classification Project http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/pdf/lwrld/lakes/Shoreland_Report.pdf.

Dunn’s Beauty

by Allie Taylor, Summer Intern

Town residents are accustomed to breathing fresh country air and looking out over natural and pastoral lands. These sights strike newcomers as a beautiful secret, tucked under Madison’s urban area. Lucky visitors and seasoned locals share a variety of stories about the wildlife residing on this land. Sightings of sand hill cranes and baby foxes are just two examples of the fauna found within the Town’s borders.

Last summer, the Town’s interns mostly reviewed property histories, but also explored Dunn’s beauty. On their first day in mid-June, the Land Use Manager Erica Schmitz took them on a driving tour of the historic sights and park areas. At Sinaiko Park, Mary, Mike and Erica saw a doe and fawn. The fawn showed no signs of fear, “She simply stared at us, and didn’t run until we were within five feet” recalls Mary. The interns took this as a welcoming sign. Mike reflects on

that event saying, “It is surprising and interesting to see the stark differences between Madison’s dense, urban setting and the rural setting of Dunn.”

A few weeks later, several people at the Town Hall saw a den of baby

red foxes on Keenan Road, just off of County Highway B. Red foxes also roam around Sand Hill and Schneider, perhaps because of the proximity to Bad Fish Creek. These animals are exciting to spot, either for pleasure or for hunting.



Two interns, Mary and Allie, bike into Dunn. Riding along the side roads, they enjoy tracking the corn’s growth and finding patches of wildflowers. Early one morning the interns slowed, allowing three sand hill cranes to cross the road ahead of them. These migratory birds are often seen in the Waubesa Wetlands and on residents’ property. Every year, Dunn’s Court Clerk Mary Gross, eagerly awaits the return of the cranes. She said, “This is the coolest part of living in the Town.” Last spring Mary also witnessed a turkey jake strut around her backyard with his plumage in full display.

It is no surprise that Dunn is home to such wildlife. State and national organizations, such as the Natural Heritage Land Trust and the Department of Natural Resources, collaborate with the Town to preserve agricultural land, wetlands and woodlands throughout the Town.



2010 STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Nancy Hagen has been selected for the 2010 Stewardship Award. Mrs. Hagen will be receiving his award at the Arbor Day Celebration.



Town of Dunn Storm Shelter

In November 2009, the Town of Dunn held a Grand Opening for the newly constructed storm shelter in the Bay View Heights Mobile Home Park. As tornado season approaches, please take a moment to read this list of Frequently Asked Questions.

WHEN will the Shelter Doors be Open?

The shelter building doors will normally be locked. The building will be opened when the National Weather Service issues a:

- Severe Thunderstorm Warning
- Tornado Watch
- Tornado Warning
- Other weather-related emergencies. As ordered by Dane County Emergency Management, the Dane County Sheriff’s Department or the Town of Dunn for the purpose of ensuring public safety in any emergency situation. The following severe weather advisories for Dane County

HOW will the Doors be Opened?

There are two important components to the opening of the storm shelter.

1. Bay View Heights Storm Shelter Operations Team
2. 911 Callbox and Keybox

When inclement weather strikes, one or more members of the Bay View Heights Storm Shelter Operations Team will unlock the shelter and residents may go inside. In the event that a resident arrives at the Storm Shelter before the Operations Team, a 911 callbox has been installed on the outside of the storm shelter. The phone inside this box will dial the Dane County 911 Center and a dispatcher will give instructions to residents on how to open up the keybox located near the door. Residents may then open the door with a key.

WHO can use the Shelter?

The shelter is a public building and when open, will be available for use by

anyone seeking refuge from severe weather, including people who are not residents of Bay View Heights.

HOW will Residents Know when the Shelter is Open?

NOAA Weather Radios, radio and television broadcasts, and sirens will be used to disseminate warnings, however, the ultimate responsibility for receiving and acting on severe weather warnings rests with the residents. Town, County, or Bay View Heights management personnel WILL NOT perform door-to-door warnings of the residents.

Residents are encouraged to use the Severe Thunderstorm Watch and Tornado Watch information to anticipate the development of severe weather. In many, but not all cases, these Watches are issued well in advance of the storm. This should allow time for residents to gather essential items and walk to the shelter in an orderly fashion. People should not wait for a Warning to be issued to determine the need to seek shelter.

WHO will assist residents when the Shelter is Open?

An Operations Team of trained residents will respond during shelter openings to provide support. The operations team will unlock the doors, turn on the lights, call 911 to report emergencies and have access to first aid supplies. The Dane County Sherrieff’s office will be notified of every shelter opening and will provide assistance as needed.

HOW will Children be Entertained in the Storm Shelter?

Please bring toys, books and quiet play items for young children. Severe weather can be unsettling and a favorite item may provide comfort. Electronics or games must be used with headphones or the sound must be muted.

WHAT Facilities/Supplies are available in the Storm Shelter?

The Storm Shelter will have restrooms and a drinking fountain and is ADA accessible. Emergency supplies are limited and will not support long-term operations. In the event of storm damage and a need for long-term shelter, other resources will be used. Buses may transport residents to a better equipped facility. Residents are encouraged to bring with them any essential supplies that they may need to assure their comfort and safety.

On the Road Again...

By Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

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

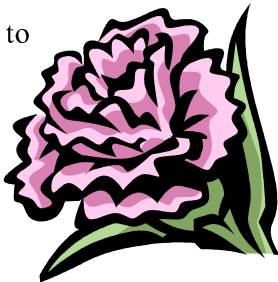
The 2010 roadwork bids are being considered. We will be repaving a portion of Rutland Dunn Townline Road. Seal coating will be done on Mahoney Road, Evans Road, and Stace Road. Double seal coating will be done on Liatris Lane, Stenjem Drive, and the Transfer site driveway. We will try to give the residents some advance notice but it will probably happen in June sometime, depending on their schedule and the weather.

We will be replacing culverts on Lake Kegonsa Road, Rutland Townline Road, Bonner Trail, and Liatris Lane. Just a reminder to residents that road right of way is 33 feet from the center of the road. This area is used by the town for road maintenance, snow removal, and water drainage.

Parks Update 2010

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

The Parks Commission was sorry to accept Nancy Hagen's resignation from the Commission. She has been an important part of our Commission for many years and will be missed. We appreciate the all work she has done for the Town. We are fortunate to be able to welcome Rob Christlieb. Rob and his family live on Dyreson Road in the Town and we are looking forward to working with him.



Spring is always a busy time in the Town. We will be trying to do some prairie burns during the short time slot that nature allows. Please remember to clean up after your pets in our parks. The parks are for everyone in Dunn to enjoy. Kegonsa Manor will be planted with soy beans again this year, and in the fall we hope to begin to plant the prairie. We are working on updating the Town of Dunn Bicentennial Tour brochure that was done in 1976. We would like to use some of that information to make a new Bike Tour brochure.

The Commission also developed a policy for use of Town property. The policy is as follows:

1. The Town may allow planting donations on Town property but must be approved by the Parks Commission before permission is granted.
2. The commission may allow planting donations as long as it does not infringe upon public access to the water.
3. All plantings must be in accordance with the parks master plan.
4. Non removal of private items may result in written notice of 14 days for removal or items will be removed at the owner's expense.
5. The policy may be modified or amended to promote the parks master plan.

Thanks to Jay Hoel, our Parks Superintendent, for re-doing the Dunn Heritage sign, it looks great!!

Remember to mark your calendars for our Arbor Day Celebration May 1st!!!!

Tree Board Update

by Hardy Krueger



Due to federal and state budget cuts, the funds available for the 2010 DNR Urban Forestry Grant have been substantially less than in previous years. Unfortunately, the Town of Dunn was not awarded any matching funds for this year. However, we are continuing to maintain the foundational standards of "Tree City USA" with the continued efforts of our Tree Board, following our Tree Care Ordinance and Strategic Plan, continuing our community Forestry Program, and celebrating our annual Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

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

Town of Dunn Revaluation is in Progress

A computer-assisted revaluation of the Town began in the fall of 2009 and is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2010.

A sample of homes will be inspected during this revaluation period. If your property was purchased or altered in the past three years, an appraiser from Gardiner Appraisal Services will make a personal visit to your property. The appraiser will need to walk through the interior of your home and also view, measure and photograph the exterior. The appraiser will be carrying identification.

All property owners will receive a notice of assessment change by mail when the revaluation of the whole town is finished. The Town will conduct Open Book meetings and a Board of Review for residents to challenge assessed values. Dates for Open Book and Board of Review have not been determined yet. If you have questions you may contact the Town Clerk Treasurer, Cathy Hasslinger at 838-1081 Ext. 204.

Q - Why is the revaluation necessary?

A - Wisconsin law requires municipalities to assess property within 10% of market value within each four-year period. In 2010 our assessment will be below 90% for the fourth year.

Q - How does the assessor go about placing a "fair market value" on my property?

A - Finding the market value of property involves reviewing what similar properties are selling for, what the property would cost today to replace and factors affecting the real estate market. Valuation techniques for commercial properties also include analysis from an investment point of view. The assessors have the legal responsibility to discover and report the changes that are occurring in the market place.

Q - How can my assessment go up when my property hasn't changed?

A - The last revaluation of all of the Town of Dunn properties was completed for 2005. Market changes since 2005 have caused property values to change on almost all properties. All properties, however, do not change in value to exactly the same degree. Many factors influence the value of property, including location, age, size and style.

Q – If my assessment goes up will my property taxes go up?

A - Not necessarily. Our experience in a revaluation is that some properties have increased in value much faster than others. Properties with greater growth in value will see an increase in their tax bill. Property values that grew more slowly will see a reduction in their tax bill.

Weather Class

You are invited to attend the National Weather Service Severe Weather Class to be held April 13, 2010 at the Alliant Energy Center. The Basic Class will be held 130-330 PM and the Advanced Class will be held 630-830 PM. The classes are delivered by the National Weather Service, Sullivan Office, sponsored by Dane County Emergency Management, and hosted by MidWest SSTRC. There will also be a basic spotter class in Deforest, April 7th as noted within the Dane County PSA.

National Weather Service Severe Weather classes are once again right around the corner. These Classes are open to the public and Police, Fire, EMS, First Responders, State - County - City –Village – Township – School personnel are encouraged to attend, as are Business Owners and Managers and are Free of Charge. These Severe Weather Classes do qualify for the vast majority of police and fire personnel. As in the past Information Tables will be in place starting at 1 PM (for the Alliant Center) to better inform the public what those agencies and organizations provide before, during and after a natural disaster and to the communities they serve.

If you are interested in participation of the information tables please make contact at your earliest convenience to Dale Bernstein of MidWest Severe Storm Tracking/Response Center. Live and or tapped media feeds for the Alliant Center event are welcomed and encouraged to better inform the public. Please contact MidWest SSTRC for your media needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this public matter. Any media assistance to the general public is greatly appreciated.