

The
Official TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER Fall 2002

LET'S STOP THE RIBBON OF CONCRETE

Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

Once again, the quality of life we have in the Town of Dunn is being assailed. It seems that the easy answer to the beltline congestion is to put a highway through the Town. As I write this, the Town of Dunn is the only entity that has notified its citizens about the very important public meeting on the 12th of November. We have a wonderful place in which to live, and a very stable community. This means, of course, that other folks want to use our open space and natural resources for their own purposes. Many of you may recall the fact that

our community stopped a major landfill from being built next to our Town. Despite a great deal of pressure, we have a land use plan that preserves the beauty and stability of our community- a land use plan put in place by popular referendum. Our strength is the untiring efforts of our citizens to protect what we have here. It is the only way any community can determine its own destiny. I have no doubt that we will be able to halt this latest

Continued on page 2

WISDOT SAYS BELTLINE BY-PASS NOT A GOOD IDEA, BUT STILL A POSSIBILITY

By Cathy Hasslinger

The State Department of Transportation presented the results of their study of a South Beltline Reliever Highway through the Town of Dunn to officials from Dunn and area municipalities at the Town Hall on October 30. The DOT will give a public presentation of the study results and accept public comments on November 12 at Savannah Oaks Middle School, 5890 Lacy Road, Fitchburg at 6:30 PM.

Jeff Gust, DOT project manager for the study, explained that "at this time, it does not appear this will be a viable study alternative," but that it is still a possibility. Gust warned that even though the DOT was not recommending this alternative as at the best solution to the South Beltline and Verona Road congestion, overwhelming support from

others without opposition could still push this project forward. "I implore you to attend the meeting on November 12," Gust encouraged the group of about 75. The proposed four lane divided highway would bisect the Town of Dunn along Highway B with interchanges only at Highway 14 and Highway 51. There would be no other accesses to the highway within the town.

Town of Dunn residents should take note that there is significant pressure on the DOT to put this highway through the Town of Dunn. According to Gust, the DOT spent about \$40,000 to study the Beltline Reliever because people kept bringing it up at hearings on traffic solutions for the Beltline-Verona Road interchange. Verona area resident Bill McCarthy, said

TOWN OF DUNN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Tuesday November 19, 2002 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 Tuesday, November 19, 2002. This meeting will follow the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2003 town budget, which begins at 7:00 PM at the Dunn Town Hall. This meeting is called pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(c) of Wis. Statutes by the Town Board for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the last special town meeting (April 9, 2002)
2. To approve the total year 2003 highway expenditures pursuant to Sec. 81.01(3) of Wis. Statutes.
3. To set wages for elected officials for 2003-2004.
4. To adopt the 2002 tax levies in the General Fund, Rural Preservation Fund and Debt Service Fund to be paid in 2003 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes.

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. Agendas and announcements for all special meetings are posted at the following locations: the bulletin board outside the Town Hall, 4156 County Road B; Christy's Landing, 2952 Waubesa Ave.; and Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.

Rosalind Gausman, Town Clerk/Treasurer

he supports the idea of a southern bypass highway to relieve traffic congestion, but would suggest a slightly different route. There may be others who support the idea in hopes of cashing in on development opportunities along the new highway. Make no mistake, interested parties with political influ-

ence could make a revised version of this proposal a reality creating a nightmare for Town of Dunn residents. Public input counts. Your presence at the public meeting on November 12th will be instrumental in defeating this proposal and any future versions.

Town of Dunn
4516 County Road B
McFarland, WI 53558

PRSRPT STD
U.S. Postage Paid
Madison, WI
Permit No. 1027

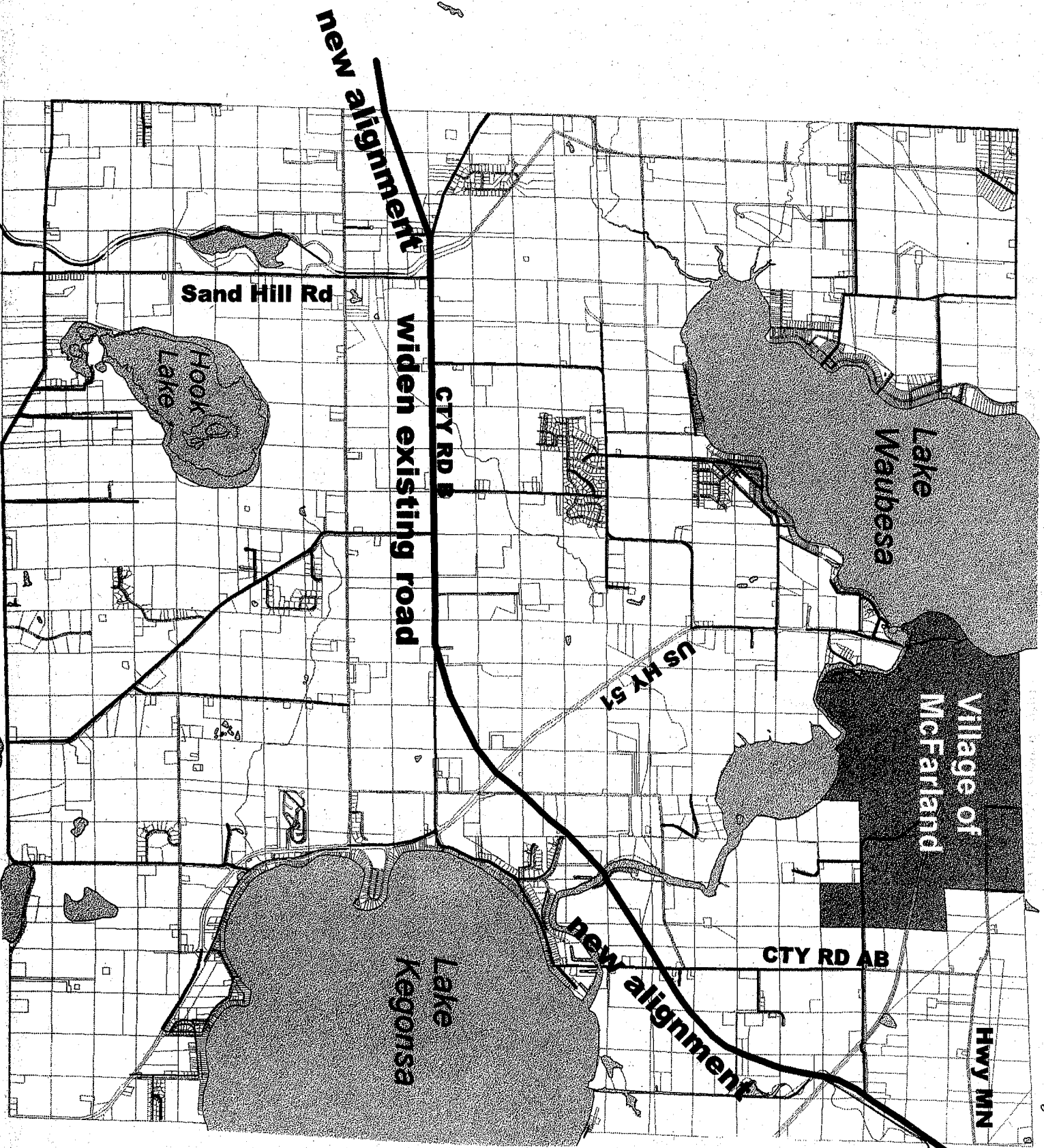
POSTMASTER: TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL.
PLEASE DELIVER NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8, 2002

RIBBON OF CONCRETE CONTINUED

Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

attempt to use our open space for things that will radically change the nature of our community. The reasons are these:

- We are an active, participatory community. I am certain that we will have a large number of people at the meeting on the 12th. Make sure to register in opposition to the proposed road. This does indeed make a difference.
- The Town of Dunn Land Use Plan sets forth our priorities for the use of the open space in the Town. That plan has been instrumental in turning back other assaults on our community, including annexation.
- Our Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program has permanently protected farmland and open space along the proposed route. The fact that the Town has already stated a "public interest" in that land means it will be very difficult if not impossible to condemn this property for other uses-even by the DOT. The Town has partnered on these PDR deals with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Dane County Parks, Wisconsin DNR and the Natural Heritage Land Trust. This means these entities also have a previously stated public interest in these lands.
- The active and articulate members of our Plan Commission, Land Trust Commission, Parks Commission, and the Town elected officials will simply not abide this misguided proposal.

PROPOSED SOUTH BELTLINE RELIEVER

Results of the DOT study of the South Beltline Reliever will be presented to the public on

Tuesday November 12th
at 6:30 PM at
Savannah Oaks Middle School
5890 Lacy Road, Fitchburg

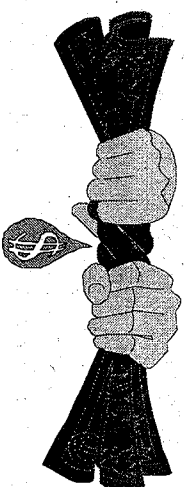
Hear about the 3 alternatives studied and the costs and impacts of each.

This does not mean that we can relax and assume it will not happen. Note that first and foremost of the reasons this will not happen is that out citizens will make their objections known. You are the reason we have in this Town what most people regard as highly desirable. As long as you care enough to be involved, we can keep this community a great place in which to live.

See you all on the 12th of November.

2003 Budget Highlights

By Rosalind Gausman, Clerk/Treasurer



The big push by the Governor to reduce State Shared Taxes to municipalities via the Budget Reform Bill has been delayed. The town will receive the full amount of state shared tax revenue in 2002 and will receive a 1% increase in the year 2003. After 2003, the future of State Shared Revenue is unknown. But I am sure there will be some impact on towns as the state works to offset the 1.1 billion-dollar deficit.

The 2003 budget includes three fund accounts with a tax levy; the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, and the PDR Fund. The mill rate for the total levy on all three funds is \$2.86 per thousand of assessed valuation. The equalized mill rate is \$2.19 or \$219.00 tax for a \$100,000 property value. The equalized mill rate is the same as last year. There has been no increase in the equalized mill rate for the past three years.

On the revenue side of the budget sheet, the following lines are worth noting. Under the General Fund - General Property Tax is proposed to increase \$46,154 to offset proposed increases in operating expenditures. Road Aids from the state represents a 3.6% increase. The recycling grant money is reducing every year because it is a pot of money proportionately shared with an increased number of applicants. The county bridge aid is a matching fund program for replacing existing culverts. Under miscellaneous public charges in 2002 is reimbursement of costs to vacate roads. The property owners who benefit from road vacations pay for the cost. Interest revenue came in below the budgeted amount as a result of the severe drop in interest rates. The sale/rental of highway equipment generated close to \$25,000 in

2002. We sold the 1991 International tractor/loader for \$13,750. and we shared the purchase of the new excavator with the Town of Oregon. Their annual share of the cost is \$10,792. Miscellaneous income reflects a \$2,000 donation from a property owner toward the expense of a new cattle pass on Keenan Road.

On the expense side of the budget sheet, the following changes are proposed in 2003: Wage categories were increased 2%. Benefit costs are up do to an increase in health insurance premiums. Office supplies and expenses are proposed to decrease by \$1,000 in 2003. Election expenses will be slightly higher in 2003 because the town pays for a share of the ballot cost for the local election in April. Office equipment costs will reduce in 2003 because we will only replace one computer and upgrade a few monitors.

The public safety portion of the budget is one we have little control over. We contract for fire and emergency services from McFarland, Oregon and Stoughton and those costs are projected to go up a minimum of \$9,000. Our share of new equipment for the Stoughton Fire Department is still undecided. In 2002 we budgeted \$7,000 toward a shared speed board but it was removed from the budget because of the uncertain state revenue.

Street repair and maintenance is lower to allow for increased road reconstruction listed in the capital improvement budget. Roads planned for resurfacing in 2003 include Tower Road, Willow Court, Crescent Drive, Dyreson Road, and Schuster Road. Bridge and culvert expense will come in under budget in 2002, resulting from a decision to close Keenan

Road for a longer period and allow for a poured-in-place culvert instead of purchasing a cast concrete tube. Snow and ice control cost should be down in 2003 because the town will start using a sand and salt mixture instead of all salt. This will save on salt use and expense and be more environmentally friendly, but it will result in dirtier roads.

The rural number sign project is nearly complete. Therefore the sign expense will reduce to the regular cost of replacing faded signs. Part of the southeast corner of the town is left to complete in 2002. The signs are purchased and if the weather permits, they will be installed this year.

The curbside garbage and recycling service was re-bid this year. Waste Management will continue to provide these services to the town with a .50 per month

per unit increase over last year.

There are no significant changes proposed for donations to the senior citizen programs and youth centers. Park expenses are also similar to last year.

Plan Commission wages and benefits are down to reflect the reduction to a 50% position of Land Use Coordinator.

The Meadowview drainage improvement project is included as a capital outlay of \$30,000. The town public works department will do much of the construction work. Easements will also need to be purchased. This year the town is changing from cash basis budget to modified accrual. Therefore beginning balances were adjusted to reflect the year the revenue or expense was incurred, instead of the date of the receipt or check. The ending year balances will be adjusted to reflect the same.

BE AWARE OF THE AG USE PENALTY LAW

by Rosalind Gausman, Clerk
Treasurer

In 1996, the Wisconsin Legislature provided for the assessment of agricultural land based on its "use" rather than its "market" value (Statute 70.32(2r)). The goal is to keep land in agriculture use by reducing the tax burden. A penalty was created for converting agricultural land to another use.

What is the effective date of the ag use-value penalty? Property assessed as ag use-value for January 1, 2000, and changed out of ag use after that point in time (change effective with 2001 assessment) is subject to a tax penalty for the prior two years (1999 and 2000).

What is the penalty amount?

The penalty is equal to the difference between the property taxes that would have been levied on the land if the land had been assessed at full market value, and the property taxes levied on the land for the last 2 years that the land has been valued under the ag use-value.

A person who owns land that has been valued under s. 70.32(2r) and who sells the land, shall notify the buyer of the land, that the land has been valued under ag use-value and is subject to a penalty.



The law also requires the taxation district in which the land is located to administer the penalty. The town does not have an option of administering the penalty. Penalty statements will be mailed out in November. The town is also required to distribute the amount of the tax to the other taxing districts in proportion to their taxes levied. This is an unfunded state mandate that will cost the town more than we receive in our share of the penalty.

In 2003 there will be changes in this law that ties the % of penalty to the number of acres removed from ag use, allows some exceptions and deferrals, is administered by the county treasurer and the distribution of the penalty amount is shared 50% by the county and town. The new penalty law is under state statute 74.485 and can be found on line at www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/Statutes.

Town Email and WebPage Addresses

Webpage: www.town.dunn.wi.us

Email: townhall.town.dunn.wi.us

The Town of Dunn website provides updates on the proposed South Beltline Reliever highway project as well as current Town Board, Parks, Plan and Land Trust Commission meeting schedules and agendas. There is also information on the Pursue of Development Rights Program, a copy of the town's Land Use Plan, transfer site hours, maps and lots more.

Town Awarded \$851,850 Grant for PDR Program

By Beth Hastings, Land Trust Commission Chair

The town of Dunn has received a \$851,850 cost sharing grant from the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The money will be used over the next two years to purchase agricultural easements on prime farmland in the town as part of the town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program.

The grant is being awarded to the town of Dunn as part of the USDA's Farmland Protection Program. This program, created in the 1996 Farm Bill, helps relieve some of the development and financial pressure farmers are

under, according to Pat Leavenworth, State Conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in Wisconsin.

"The USDA's Farmland Protection Program has been very supportive of our program in the past. I want to thank them for continuing to make money available to local governments," says town Chairman, Ed Minihan. To date the town has protected 13 farms (over 1,893 acres). "We currently have a waiting list of 29 landowners interested in selling their development rights. This grant will help us move ahead and continue to make a difference in the town of Dunn," says Renée Lauber, the town's Land Use Coordinator.

NRCS received over \$1.6 million for Farmland Protection in 2002. These funds will be used to help keep 1,620 acres on 13 farms permanently in agricul-

Over nine years ago, a group of Dunn residents got together to discuss ways to permanently protect the town's open space and farmland. Their efforts resulted in the town's creation of a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program in 1996 which now boasts over 1,800 acres of permanently protected farmland and open space.

This land protection has been accomplished by buying "development rights" from willing landowners. Often compared with mineral rights, development rights are a landowner's rights to develop his or her property. Like mineral rights, development rights can be separated from the land itself. When the town purchases development rights to a piece of property, it buys the right to develop that land. The landowner retains all other rights and responsibilities associated with being a landowner.

ture. The Town of Dunn, as well

as Dane, Jefferson, Columbia and Pierce Counties were successful in obtaining these funds.

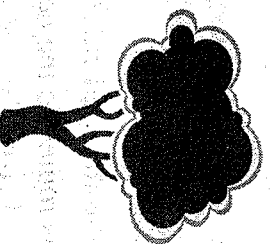
Parks and Grounds News

Jody Smieja, Public Works Assistant

The year 2002 has seen the addition of a new parcel of property added to the parks department. Dane County Parks, the Town of Dunn, as well as the Orvold/Woodland neighborhood all contributed money for this property. The conservancy land is located along the Yahara River between Mud Lake and Lake Kegonsa. With all the natural beauty the park has, it still has one drawback. The park is inundated with poison ivy. Park visitors should remember "leaves of three, let it be". Poison ivy control measures will be an ongoing project. There will also be a maintained walking trail through the park. Along the trail you will see some new trees planted just this fall!

Dunn Heritage Park has seen wonderful improvements this year thanks to the Eagle Scout Chris DuCharme. Chris organized a group to improve the gravel trail through Dunn Heritage and up to the woods. He also created a nice mulched trail through the woods and to the lake at Dunn Heritage. A special thanks you to Chris. Another special thanks to Tom Shepherd for the beautiful duck houses he built for Dunn Heritage.

Rock Elm Park has also seen some improvement this year. The Town of Dunn Parks Department spent time this last summer



installing landscaping ties and pea gravel base around the playground equipment. This was a great improvement from the mossy mulch that used to be there. *A special reminder: Make sure to pick up your garbage before you leave the park.

Sinaiko is the nature trail park located on the corner of Lake Farm Road and Alma Road. Recently we have had a problem of a vehicle driving up through the park and into the farm fields behind the park. If anyone has any information about this please call the Town Hall at 255-4219 ext. 1. If you are the person doing this, please consider how your childish behavior negatively affects the people who use this park and the farmer whose fields you are destroying.

This year the town took the time to take advantage of a wonderful seed source that we have. In the old part of the Town of Dunn Burying Ground there are rare flowers called "shooting star" that are growing underneath the oak trees. The town has taken some of the seeds from these so they can be planted in other town parks in

the future. *Attention: It is unlawful to take or dig up flowers from a cemetery. Especially rare flowers! Do not take grass and look, but do not touch.

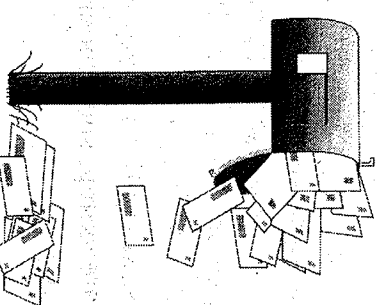
Thanks to everyone for their good job with the parking down at Amundson Boat landing. Everyone seems to be obeying the posted signs. Pick up your garbage before you leave the boat landing.

A note to all dog owners: Clean up after your dogs. Whether you are walking them in the parks or along the road, do not just leave their waste behind. It is unpleasant for other people.

In case anybody was wondering, we have not forgotten about rural numbers. To all you people waiting with breathless anticipation for your rural number... we are coming!

I want to also encourage people to sign up to Adopt a Highway in the Town of Dunn. This program has been growing and doing quite well. Thank you to the groups that are already involved in the program.

Providing we get some snow this year, snowmobilers stay on the designated trails. Stay out of the town parks unless a trail is specifically marked out through the park (example: Dunn Heritage Park). In this case, make sure to stay on the trail.



Stop Junk Mail before it becomes trash

Send your name and address, or any variation that junk mailers have of your name and address, and a request to be dropped from mail lists to: Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preferences Service, PO Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008.

Reduce Telemarketing Calls with Wisconsin's No Call List

Wisconsin's new no call list will restrict some telemarketing calls.

Sign up for the no call list at the no call website

<http://nocall.wisconsin.gov> or call toll free 866-966-2255

Law Enforcement

Mary Gross, Court Clerk



The town contracts with the Dane County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. The deputies serving the town most of the time are Thomas Stokes, Jeffrey Thiel, Krista Ewers-Hayes. In addition to our contracted services, the Dane County Sheriff's Department is now assigning officers to each town in Dane County. This should provide better

services as the deputies get to know the town staff and residents. Deputies James Hodges and Eric Stacey are assigned to Dunn.

Parks Commission Report

Susan Priebe, Parks Commission Chair, (h) 838-8110



By the time you read this newsletter, we may have had one "measurable" snowfall. Remember to visit one of the town parks during those times when you are skiing, snowshoeing or walking.

This past August, the Parks Commission hosted another Parade of Prairies in which we showcased six local prairies (four of these were residential sites located in our town). If you are doing a prairie restoration and would like to be part of the next Parade of Prairies

In addition to traffic stops, our deputies are very busy enforcing some of our other ordinances. For example:

- Dogs are not allowed to run at large.
- Vehicles or private property are not allowed to be parked in road right-of-way for more than 48 hours.
- Unlicensed vehicles are not allowed to be stored within public view for a period longer than 14 days unless it is in a properly zoned business district.
- It is unlawful for any person to store or permit the storage of junk or waste in a place open to the public view for period longer than 14 days.
- Open burning of construction material or garbage or any other trash or materials that are not readily combustible is prohibited.

All these ordinances are complaint driven.

If an incident occurs that you think is unlawful, please contact the town (255-4219 ex 1) or the Dane County Sheriff's office (266-9122 or 255-2345) during the incident or as soon as possible after the incident occurs.

scheduled for the summer of 2004, please call Mary at the town office 255-4219 x 1.

As part of our maintenance of the prairies in our parks, we try to burn them annually to keep the undesirable species at bay. If you are interested in volunteering to help with these burns, please call the town hall 255-4219 x1.

Have you thought of planting a rain garden in your yard? What is a rain garden? It's a planned planting of native species that will help

remediate storm water runoff. Normally, most yards are landscaped to draw water away from the house to the road culvert where it is routed to the nearest wetland or body of water. Often times, this water has chemicals or other pollutants, which decrease the health of these waterways. Rather than taking the water away, these gardens provide a way to return some of the runoff back into the aquifers that feed our water wells. Watch for more information in the spring newsletter about rain gardens.

instead of using pre-cast tubes for a saving of \$6,000. The cattle pass will eliminate a traffic hazard.

We still have a few more ditches to clean out before the snow flies and we will be putting on our snow equipment mid-November.

Please do not park on the roads or on the shoulder when it snows for ease of snow removal. When snowplows are on the road motorists need to stay at least 300 feet behind the truck for safety reasons or a citation could be issued. Let's keep our highway crew and motorists safe.

Roadside mowing is three quarters finished for this year. The fall mowing is two passes wide to the edge of the road right-of-way to make room for snow and to help reduce snow drifting on the roads. We are ready for winter with a full shed of salt.

We resurfaced Dyreson Road from Hwy 51 to the bridge, Rivercrest Road and Riverholm Road. Schneider Road from Sand Hill to Hawkinson Road and Halvorson Road were seal coated. We were able to water, roll and shape the gravel ourselves saving the town roughly \$15,000. That -savings allowed us to also resurface Dyreson Road between Hwy 51 and Hwy B. Our new excavator got a lot of use with the re-

placement of six culverts that were rusted out. We were able to recoup material costs and operating costs. The town's only expense was the labor. To save additional money we looking into the shared purchase of a broom attachment for the skid steer with the town of Oregon and saving costs by sharing other equipment with other town. Late last winter we purchased a Bobcat skid steer and trailer. We have used it extensively for grooming ditches around new culverts. It has also been a valuable piece of equipment for use in maintenance of our parks.

We have been working on a cattle pass on Keenan Road. We opted to have the concrete poured

Town of Dunn Burning Ordinance



What you can burn

- The burning of garbage or any other trash or materials not readily combustible is prohibited as required by Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 429.04

Fire Placement

- Burning should be done in a burn barrel, fire pit, or on a platform. You must notify the fire department of your planned burn if you will not be using a burn container.

- Burning must be at least 15 feet within your property line (excluding road right-of-way).

- Burning must be at least 30 feet away from any building fence, structure or other combustible material.

Time and Wind Conditions

- Burning is allowed **ONLY** on even numbered days between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset or 7:00 PM which ever is later.

- Burning is only allowed when wind velocity does not exceed 15 miles per hour as recorded by the U.S. Weather Service, Madison, Wisconsin. (With the exception of registered prairie fires.)

- Burning is allowed when wind direction will not carry smoke or soot into any adjoining building or to laundry hanging outside, and when it would not be a source of annoyance by reason of smoke, fumes or odors to persons or property on or near the premises.

- No fire shall be allowed to smolder for such time as to become a nuisance.

PROPOSED 2003 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	PROPOSED	VARIANCE
	ACTUAL	YTD 10/28/02	ESTIMATED YEAR END	ADOPTED BUDGET	BUDGET	2003 BUDGET	2003 BUDGET 2002 YR END
REVENUES							
1 Gen Property Taxes	510,524	510,546	510,546	510,546	510,546	556,700	46,154
2 Omitted Prop. Taxes	2,159	466	466	-	-	-	-466
3 Taxes - Mobile Home	27,487	20,800	24,400	28,000	28,000	28,000	3,600
4 Taxes - Forest	252	158	158	252	252	-	-158
5 Taxes - Woodland	-	0	-	-	-	500	-719
6 Int/Per. Del. Taxes	911	1,219	1,219	-	-	-	-
7 TOTAL Tax Revenue	541,333	533,190	536,789	538,798	538,798	585,200	48,411
8 Special Assessments	787	921	787	787	787	-	-787
9 TOTAL Sp. Assessments	787	921	787	787	787	-	-787
10 Fed. Aid in lieu of tax	648	73	73	645	645	73	0
11 Federal Emergency Management	645	-	-	-	-	-	0
12 Shared Taxes - State	149,140	22,595	150,631	150,631	150,631	152,138	1,507
13 Fire Dept. Dues	10,464	11,450	11,450	10,000	10,000	11,000	-450
14 Other State Shared Taxes	73	104	104	100	100	100	-4
15 Road Aids - State	109,959	113,619	113,619	113,619	113,619	117,968	4,349
16 Recycling Grant	44,914	35,860	44,000	45,000	45,000	39,000	-5,000
17 State Payment-mun svcs	2,567	3,145	3,145	2,400	2,400	3,391	246
18 State Aid in lieu of tax	5,877	5,286	5,286	4,000	4,000	5,300	14
19 State Pymt - Mang Forest	23	0	20	29	29	-	-20
20 County Aid - Bridges	10,857	13,633	13,633	11,000	11,000	14,229	596
21 TOTAL Intergov. Revenue	340,977	205,764	341,961	337,424	337,424	343,199	1,238
22 License - liquor	5,256	5,571	5,571	5,100	5,100	5,600	29
23 License - Operator	1,200	1,885	1,885	1,000	1,000	1,600	-285
24 License - Cable TV fran	21,032	12,079	15,000	19,000	19,000	22,600	7,600
25 License - Cigarette	40	40	40	40	40	40	0
26 License - Coin machine	160	215	215	150	150	215	0
27 License - Mobile Him	25	120	120	100	100	100	-20
28 License - Mobile Him Park	675	600	600	600	600	600	0
29 License - Dog	2,902	504	1,792	1,500	1,500	1,500	-292
30 Permits - Building	21,018	23,878	24,000	20,000	20,000	21,000	-3,000
31 Permits - Driveway	1,870	2,320	2,320	1,200	1,200	2,100	-220
32 Permits - Land Div. Fee	113	239	239	70	70	850	611
33 TOTAL Lic./Permits	54,291	47,451	51,782	48,760	48,760	56,205	4,423
34 Court Penalties & Costs	22,091	15,216	17,000	20,000	20,000	13,000	-4,000
35 Dog Lic. Late Penalty	100	100	100	75	75	100	0
36 TOTAL Fines/Penalties	22,191	15,316	17,100	20,075	20,075	13,100	-4,000
37 Public Chrgs - Misc. inc.	139	15,065	20,665	100	100	100	-20,565
38 Public Chrgs - RE Verif	5,620	5,780	5,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	-2,900
39 Curbside garbage charges	133,983	130,504	139,600	139,600	139,600	138,075	-1,525
40 Solid Waste Disposal Chg	473	182	140	-	-	100	-40
41 Recycling charges	61,138	59,594	63,666	63,666	63,666	79,157	15,491
42 TOTAL Public Charges	201,354	211,125	229,971	206,366	206,366	220,432	-9,539
43 Interest - General Fund	66,714	15,090	17,000	45,000	45,000	18,000	1,000
44 Interest - Spec. Assmts	255	0	134	500	500	-	-134
45 Rent - Town Hall	95	0	-	-	-	-	0
46 Sale/Rental - Highway Equip.	11,502	24,732	24,732	4,000	4,000	13,792	-10,940
47 Sale - Recycling goods	24	54	54	30	30	30	-24
48 Donations - General Fund	338	0	-	-	-	-	0
49 Donations - General Fund	5,000	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-2,000
50 Refund-Prior Yr Expense	4,200	0	-	-	-	-	0
51 Misc. Inc.	5,855	332	332	100	100	100	-232
52 TOTAL Misc. Revenues	93,984	42,208	44,252	49,630	49,630	31,922	-12,330
53 Proceeds from Capital Lease	143,531	-	-	-	-	-	0
54 TOTAL Transfers	143,531	-	-	-	-	-	0
55 TOTAL GEN FUND REVENUE	1,398,449	1,055,974	1,222,642	1,201,840	1,201,840	1,250,058	27,415
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES							
56 Town Board Salaries	9,000	7,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
57 Town Board Benefits	689	638	765	765	765	765	0
58 Town Board Expenses	2,366	984	2,425	2,631	2,631	2,850	425
59 Judicial Salary	2,000	1,800	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0
60 Judicial Benefits	153	153	184	184	184	184	0
61 Judicial Expenses	902	865	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	0
62 Court Clerk Wages	6,347	4,611	5,880	5,880	5,880	5,994	114
63 Court Clerk Benefits	2,770	1,975	2,575	2,575	2,575	2,728	153
64 Attorney Fees	19,465	6,132	8,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	10,000
65 Clerk/Treas. Salary	36,654	29,815	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	0
66 Clerk/Treas. Benefits	14,542	12,115	15,587	15,587	15,587	16,248	661
67 Office Supplies & Exp.	25,413	9,064	25,000	28,000	28,000	24,000	-1,000
68 Dues & Publications-General	369	177	220	450	450	350	130
69 Office Mileage/Exp.	1,685	743	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100	100
70 Office Educ. & Training	783	454	500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000
71 Legal Publications	448	506	750	1,000	1,000	900	150
72 Newsletter	1,320	574	1,500	1,900	1,900	1,500	0
73 Misc and Contingency Expense	2,267	390	700	1,500	1,500	23,946	23,246
74 Property & Wrks Comp.	19,350	27,691	27,691	20,000	20,000	23,000	-4,691
75 Administrative - Wages	86,487	53,798	70,056	70,056	70,056	72,582	2,526
76 Administrative - Benefits	27,534	18,580	24,300	24,300	24,300	26,361	2,061
77 Election Workers	1,021	1,771	3,100	2,491	2,491	3,200	100
78 Election Expense	1,247	1,086	1,200	1,725	1,725	1,400	200
79 Independent Accounting	8,414	8,734	10,000	11,000	11,000	10,000	0
80 Assessor Contract	9,776	4,850	10,300	10,300	10,300	12,100	1,800
81 Assessor Expenses	650	1,175	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,250	-250
82 Town Hall Expenses	7,622	6,831	9,000	13,000	13,000	9,610	610
83 Office Equipment	10,978	335	6,335	9,300	9,300	2,000	-4,335
84 Tax Changebacks	-	553	553	-	-	-	-553
85 Other Insurance	255	40	40	350	350	380	340
86 TOTAL General Gov. Expense	300,506	203,943	280,611	296,944	296,944	314,399	33,788

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES Continued	2001 ACTUAL
87 Public Safety Contract	45,847
88 Public Safety Admin wages	3,028
89 Public Safety Adm Benefits	1,321
90 Fire Protection - MCF	90,060
91 EMS-Fire Oregon It. Dist	94,546
92 Fire Protection - Sto	40,038
93 EMS - McFarland	36,994
94 EMS - Stoughton	678
95 Bldg. Inspector wages	8,800
96 Bldg. Inspector Benefits	673
97 Other Public Safety	60
98 Building Insp. Expenses	1,882
99 TOTAL Public Safety Expense	323,926
100 Public Works Wages	97,869
101 Public Works Benefits	32,459
102 Engineering	10,642
103 Education & Training PW	275
104 Garage Expenses	14,071
105 Tools & Equipment	3,680
106 Gas & Oil	7,769
107 Equipment Repair & Mntce	7,265
108 Street Repairs & Mntce	100,000
109 Snow and Ice Control	15,486
110 Bridges & Culverts	7,361
111 Highway Signs	12,333
112 Tree & Brush Control	3,661
113 Road Vacations	-
114 Street Lighting	7,275
115 Curbside Garbage	127,171
116 Transfer Site wages	5,456
117 Transfer Site Benefits	521
118 Transfer Site Expenses	218
119 Solid Waste Disposal	1,729
120 Recycling Expenses (Curbside)	61,679
121 Newsletter Recycle Insert	368
122 TOTAL Public Works Expense	517,293
123 Senior Citizens - MCF	7,000
124 Senior Citizens - Ore	26,774
125 Senior Citizens - Sto	17,300
126 Other Civic Donations	9,000
127 Total Health and Human Services	60,074
128 Parks Expenses	8,625
129 Gas & Oil - Parks	350
130 Parks Admin. Wages	919
131 Parks Admin. Benefits	558
132 Parks/Bldg/Grnds Wages	29,818
133 Parks/Bldg/Grnds Benefits	12,300
134 TOTAL Culture Recreation	52,571
135 Plan Comm. Admin. Wages	16,747
136 Plan Comm. Admin. Benefits	4,262
137 Plan Com. Exp	10,473
138 TOTAL Conservation & Dev.	31,481
139 Highway Equipment Leases	143,531
140 Drainage Project	-
141 TOTAL Capital Outlay	143,531
142 Principal on Capital Lease	30,928
143 Interest	5,462
144 TOTAL Lease Expense	36,391
145 Transfer Out-Highway Equipment	2,867
146 Transfer Out-Park Funds	4,000
147 TOTAL Other Financing	6,867
148 TOTAL Gen. Fund Expense	1,472,640
149 BEGINNING FUND BAL.	480,887
150 REVENUES	1,398,449
151 EXPENDITURES	1,472,640
152 ENDING FUND BAL.	406,696

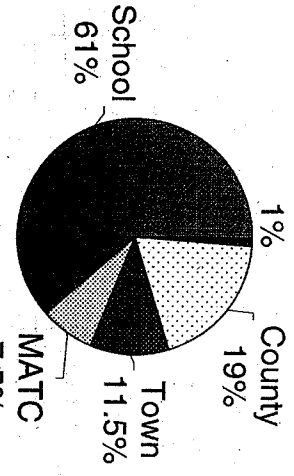
2001 Mill Rate Comparison Municipality	Pop.	Eq. Mill Rate
Village of McFarland	6,540	8.0
City of Stoughton	12,433	7.6
Vil. - Cottage Grove	4,152	6.8
Village of Oregon	7,556	6.4
Town of Windsor	5,386	4.1
Tw - Cottage Grove	3,837	4.1
Town of Oregon	3,172	2.2
Town of Rutland	1,895	2.3
Town of Dunn	5,284	2.2
Tw - Pleasant Springs	3,068	1.2

Information is from Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance
web site at wistax.org

2002 ESTIMATED YEAR END	2002 ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED 2003 BUDGET	VARIANCE 2003 BUDGET 2002 YR END
37,000	47,183	54,000	17,000
15,600	15,600	14,986	-614
6,580	6,580	6,819	239
84,020	82,561	84,895	875
99,636	96,201	99,017	-619
48,116	50,721	52,000	3,884
37,468	39,106	40,191	2,723
2,833	315	5,000	2,167
11,000	13,600	12,000	1,000
1,000	1,040	905	-95
247	7,220	300	53
2,500	2,500	2,000	-500
346,000	362,627	372,113	26,113
123,175	125,265	129,096	5,921
47,057	47,960	51,487	4,430
800	2,000	2,000	1,200
400	700	500	100
9,000	10,000	8,000	-1,000
4,000	4,000	3,700	-300
9,000	9,300	8,700	-300
11,000	11,000	8,500	-2,500
50,000	60,700	49,350	-650
20,000	26,000	18,000	-2,000
26,000	26,000	22,150	-3,850
10,000	13,000	6,000	-4,000
3,000	3,300	5,000	2,000
6,810	7,300	-	-6,810
7,300	7,300	7,500	200
133,472	153,000	138,075	4,603
8,097	6,838	9,504	1,407
850	1,054	996	146
400	10,325	6,250	5,850
2,200	2,100	2,500	300
67,335	69,000	79,157	11,822
450	450	500	50
540,345	589,292	556,965	16,620
7,000	7,000	7,000	0
22,196	22,196	23,090	894
18,000	18,000	18,200	200
8,500	9,500	8,500	0
55,696	56,696	56,790	1,094
2,300	3,300	4,000	1,700
350	350	600	250
2,301	2,301	1,499	-802
800	1,021	682	-118
24,222	24,222	23,260	-962
7,478	7,478	8,390	912
37,451	38,672	38,431	980
11,000	19,106	11,601	401
4,500	7,165	4,876	376
2,000	8,158	7,733	5,733
17,500	34,429	24,211	6,711
-	-	-	0
-	-	-	0
35,810	30,912	32,552	-3,258
581	5,479	3,838	3,257
36,391	36,391	36,390	-1
-	-	-	0
6,000	6,000	4,000	-2,000
6,000	6,000	4,000	-2,000
1,319,994	1,421,051	1,403,299	83,305
406,696	406,696	309,344	-97,352
1,222,642	1,201,840	1,250,058	27,415
1,319,994	1,421,051	1,403,299	83,305
309,344	187,485	156,103	-153,241

	2001 ACTUAL	2002 YTD 10/28/02	2002 ESTIMATED YEAR END	2002 ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED 2003 BUDGET	VARIANCE 2003 BUDGET 2002 YR END
RURAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM PDR FUND						
REVENUES						
153 PDR Fund Taxes	192,047	207,410	207,410	207,410	224,463	17,053
154 Grant Revenue	885,811	109,284	160,000	424,264	500,000	340,000
155 Interest Income	103,604	46,677	40,226	50,000	25,000	-15,226
156 Donations	1,025	1,000	500	500	-	-500
157 TOTAL PDR Revenues	1,182,487	364,371	408,136	682,174	749,463	341,327
EXPENSES						
158 PDR Admin. Wages	16,765	8,495	11,000	19,106	11,601	601
159 PDR Admin. Benefits	4,063	3,601	4,500	7,165	4,876	376
160 Easement Purchases	1,464,150	458,934	560,000	1,084,996	1,252,551	692,551
161 Easement Endowments	8,548	4,358	6,500	14,650	16,626	10,126
162 Operating Expenses	19,639	9,177	9,200	8,158	22,499	13,299
163 Transfer to Debt Service	122,353	145,918	145,918	145,918	154,448	8,530
164 TOTAL PDR Expenses	1,635,518	630,482	737,118	1,134,075	1,462,601	725,483
165 BEGINNING FUND BAL.	2,210,950		1,757,919	1,757,919	1,428,937	-328,982
166 REVENUES	1,182,487		408,136	682,174	749,463	341,327
167 EXPENDITURES	1,635,518		737,118	1,134,075	1,462,601	725,483
168 ENDING FUND BAL.	1,757,919		1,428,937	1,306,018	715,799	-713,138
CEMETERY FUND						
CEMETERY REVENUES						
169 Lot Sales	4,500	1,800	1,800	450	900	-900
170 Interest Earned	662	292	300	300	300	0
171 TOTAL Cemetery Revenues	5,162	2,092	2,100	750	1,200	-900
CEMETERY EXPENSES						
172 Cemetery Wages	1,217	2,192	2,475	2,475	2,061	-414
173 Cemetery benefits	554	674	970	778	500	-192
174 Cemetery Expenses	456	143	200	500	500	300
175 TOTAL Cemetery Expenses	2,227	3,009	3,645	3,945	3,339	-306
176 BEGINNING FUND BAL.	15,061		17,996	17,996	16,451	-1,545
177 REVENUES	5,162	2,227	2,100	750	1,200	-900
178 EXPENDITURES	2,227	3,009	3,645	3,945	3,339	-306
179 ENDING FUND BAL.	17,996		16,451	14,801	14,312	-2,139
DEBT SERVICE FUND						
REVENUE						
180 Taxes-Debt Service Fund	123,025	191,673	191,673	191,673	201,779	10,106
181 PECA FUND-State Payments	15,638	-	-	-	-	0
182 Long Term Debt Revenue	2,440,000	-	-	-	-	0
183 Interest Income	6,889	532	600	4,100	300	-300
184 Transfer from PDR	122,353	145,918	145,918	145,918	154,448	8,530
185 TOTAL-Debt Svc Revenues	2,707,905	338,123	338,191	341,691	356,527	18,336
EXPENDITURE						
186 Principal Payment	2,517,471	178,035	244,090	244,090	207,637	-36,453
187 Interest Payment	169,728	144,634	161,462	161,462	146,347	-15,115
189 Debt Issuance Expense	26,658	-	-	-	-	0
190 TOTAL-Debt Svc Expenses	2,713,857	322,669	405,552	405,552	353,984	-51,568
191 BEGINNING FUND BAL.	70,771		64,818	64,818	(2,543)	0
192 REVENUES	2,707,905		338,191	341,691	356,527	356,527
193 EXPENDITURES	2,713,857		405,552	405,552	353,984	-3,573
194 ENDING FUND BAL.	64,818		(2,543)	957	(0)	0
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND						
REVENUE						
195 Loan Proceeds - Road Const.	100,620		196,500	149,051	135,820	-13,179
196 Hwy Reconstr - Interest Income	708		-	-	-	0
197 Interest Income	(1)		-	-	-	0
198 Loan Proceeds - Hwy Equip	112,637		25,200	30,000	6,050	-6,950
199 Loan Proceeds - Drainage Proj.	61,250		61,250	61,250	61,250	0
200 Loan Proceeds-laeeger Land	61,250		61,250	61,250	61,250	0
201 Grant Revenue-laeeger Land	4,000		4,000	4,000	4,000	0
202 Loan Proceeds - Town Hall	2,867		2,867	2,867	2,867	0
203 OTI - Highway Equipment	282,081		61,250	257,750	204,251	-53,500
204 TOTAL REVENUE	282,081		61,250	257,750	204,251	-171,870
EXPENDITURES						
205 Road Construction Exp.	100,620	140,679	140,730	149,051	160,600	159,980
206 Tn Hall Improvement Exp.	827	0	-	-	-	0
207 Hwy Related Equip. Exp.	115,504	25,770	25,770	25,200	6,050	-6,150
208 Barber Drive Storm Sewer	14,364	14,364	14,364	30,000	30,000	15,636
209 Drainage Projects	122,500	0	15,636	-	-	-15,636
210 Land Purchase-laeeger	339,451	180,813	196,500	204,251	196,650	-8,601
211 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	339,451	180,813	196,500	204,251	196,650	-42,801
212 BEGINNING FUND BAL.	20,900		(36,470)	(36,470)	24,780	24,780
213 REVENUES	282,081		257,750	204,251	171,870	-110,380
214 EXPENDITURES	339,451		196,500	204,251	196,650	-142,871
215 ENDING FUND BAL.	(36,470)		24,780	(36,470)	(0)	0

Tax Distribution



	2001	2002	2003	% change
ASSESSED VALUATION	337,051,700	339,661,200	343,441,200	
EQUALIZED VALUATION	352,062,000	384,093,500	448,926,100	
2001				
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	501.324	510.546	556.700	
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	93.025	123.025	201.779	
PDR TAX LEVY	176.031	207.410	224.463	
TOTAL LEVY	770.380	840.981	982.942	14.44%
ASSESSED VAL. MIL RATE	2.29	2.48	2.86	13.49%
EQUALIZED VAL. MIL RATE	2.19	2.19	2.19	0.00%
2002				
YEAR END UNDESIG. FUND BAL.	348,037	309,344	156,103	
estimated				
2003				
estimated				

2001 Assessment ratio is .826574362

What's New at the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association

Roxanne K. Gray, Association Secretary

It certainly has been a busy year for the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association (WBNA). The Association held its annual meeting on April 4th at the Waubesa Beach Community Center. The annual report and summary of last year's member surveys was distributed. Election of Officers and Board Directors was held. Election results were President - Jim Gray, Vice President - Tom VandebBrink, Treasurer - Karyn Lord, Secretary - Roxanne Gray, Board Directors - Clint Christenson, Beth Walls, and Jen Dailey. The remaining Board Director positions were elected last year and are two-year terms and are held by Bob Noeske and Brady Lessner.

The Community Center has continued to undergo improvements this past year. A new furnace and air conditioner was installed along with a new roof. New tables and chairs were purchased and a television and VCR were donated for use at the Center. Future improvements include installing a drop ceiling for noise reduction and construction of a slab at the back to prevent water from entering the back door. In recent months the Community Center has been used quite regularly. Membership to the WBNA entitles you to use the Community Center free of charge. To reserve the Center contact Jim Gray at 222-8391. Thanks to everyone who has provided time, muscle, materials or money to help make the Community Center a better place.

The WBNA holds an event each quarter. A chili dinner along with a food drive was held January 9th. The food collected was donated to the Oregon Food Pantry. On March 10th a very successful pancake breakfast was held. Several runs had to be made to the grocery store to purchase more pancake mix and bacon! A neighbor-

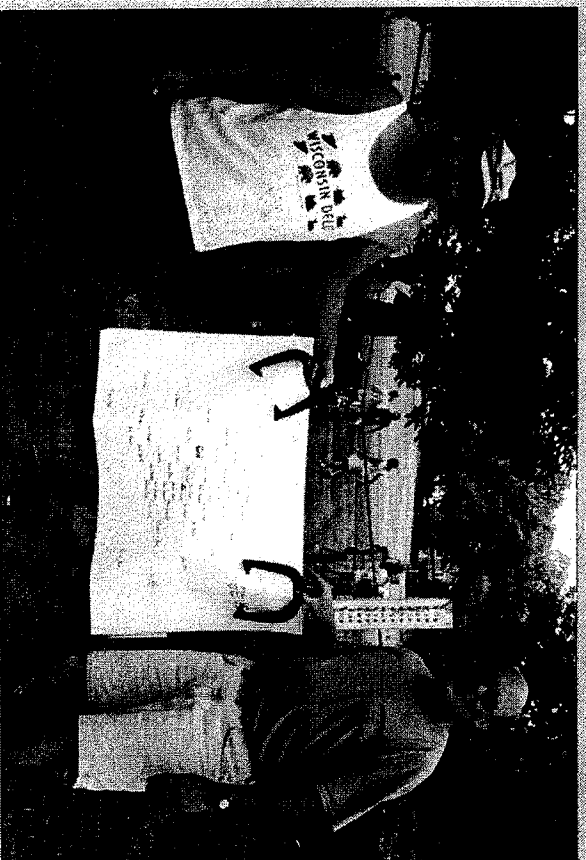
Winterizing our Homes



Denis Dennis, Building Inspector

Residents should check a number of things before winter comes to be safe in our homes.

- All exit doors need to be clear of storage, debris, or furniture.
- Chimneys and fireplaces should be checked to make sure they are not plugged.
- There should be a cleared separate exit from the garage to the outside in case of a power outage and the overhead door can not be opened.
- There should be fresh batteries in the smoke detectors.
- The carbon monoxide alarms should be in working order.



Horseshoe Tournament Winners Russ Brown (L) and Al Lord (R).

hood garage sale was held on August 24th. The biggest event of the year is the Annual WBNA Picnic. This year's picnic was held on August 10th. Blue Bazooka's provided entertainment. Russ Brown and Al Lord won this year's horseshoe tournament. The Oregon Fire Department visited and provided tours for the kids of one of their engines. The raffle was won by the following: 4th prize gas grill - Justin Crossen, 3rd Prize DVD player - Justin Crossen, 2nd prize bike - Al Potter, 1st prize camping set - Marly's Johnson, and the grand prize \$300 cash was won by Sherry Johnson. Congratulations to all the winners! If you couldn't make this year's picnic, we hope that you can attend next year!

The next planned event will be a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with a food drive, which will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, from 5 until 8 p.m. at the Community Center. There will also be a Craft Show on Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend either event. Mark your calendars!

The WBNA is a private, non-profit

organization with membership open to anyone. Annual memberships are due in January of each year and are \$15 per household. Dues help pay for the property taxes, utilities, and improvements at the Community Center located at 4372 Third Street and other activities. The WBNA mission is "to provide a common facility for persons of all ages in the neighborhood to gather for information, education, recreation and amusement as well as to promote the activities for the good of the neighborhood and the community." If you are interested in joining the WBNA, you can contact any Board Member for a membership form or e-mail to:

www.WaubesaBeach@aol.com.

The annual meeting and election of officers is held the first Thursday in April. This year's meeting will be April 3, 2003.

The WBNA Board wants to thank all the members of the Association as well as those that have volunteered their time or resources the past year. Without you there would be no Association.

Do You Need A Permit?

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

Dane County Zoning
266-4266

To view the Dane County Zoning
Code of Ordinances visit their website at
www.co.dane.wi.us/ord/dcord.htm

In addition to a Dane County Zoning permit you may also need a Town of Dunn Building Permit to remodel, replace siding, replace windows, build, repair or add to your home, deck or other structures. For more information, please call:

Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 ex 1.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN OF DUNN

TOWN CHAIR

Edmond P. Minihan
2379 Keenan Road
McFarland, WI 53558
838-6432 (home)

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR I

Stanley Solheim
2380 Lattis Lane
McFarland, WI 53558
835-5818 (home)

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR II

Steve Greb
1714 Labrador Road
Oregon, WI 53575
835-5266 (home)

CLERK/TREASURER

Rosalind Gausman
2314 Keenan Road
McFarland, WI 53558
255-4219 ext. 6 (office)

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Robert H. Schneider
255-4219, ext. 1 (office)

DANE COUNTY

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Kathleen Folk
210 MLK Jr. Blvd
Madison WI 53709
266-4114 (office)

COUNTY SUPERVISOR (DIST 34)

Kevin Kesterson
6115 South Court
McFarland, WI 53558
266-5758 (office)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR

*Term Expires January 2003
Scott McCallum
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702
266-1212 (office)

STATE SENATOR (DISTRICT 27)

*Term Expires January 2003
Jon Erpenbach
8 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708
266-6670 (office)

ASSEMBLY (DISTRICT 48)

*Term Expires January 2003
Mark Miller
112 North, State Capitol
Madison WI 53708
266-5342 (office)

ASSEMBLY (DISTRICT 46)

*Expires January 2003
Tom Hebl
304 West, State Capitol
Madison WI 53708
266-7678 (office)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

US HOUSE

*Term Expires January 2003
Tammy Baldwin
10 E. Doty St., Suite 405
Madison, WI 53703
258-9800 (office)

US SENATE

Russell Feingold
1600 Aspen Commons, Room 100
Middletown, WI 53562
828-1200 (office)
www.feingold.senate.gov

US SENATE

Herbert Kohl
14 West Mifflin St., Suite 207
Madison, WI 53703
264-5338 (office)
www.kohl.senate.gov

SCOUT RENOVATES LOCAL PARK FOR EAGLE PROJECT

Chris Ducharme, 14, has renovated Dunn Heritage Park on Tower Road to earn his Eagle rank in Boy Scouting this summer. Chris is a member of Boy Scout Troop 53 sponsored by the McFarland Lutheran Church.

To earn the rank of Eagle, the highest award given to a Scout, Chris must plan and carry out a community service project of more than 100 hours in addition to earning 21 merit badges, holding leadership positions in his Troop and demonstrating Scout ideals in daily life. Chris chose Dunn Heritage



Chris DuCharme



Boy Scouts and parents working at Dunn Heritage Park

Park for his project because it is close to his home and "my family uses this park all the time and I wanted to help maintain and improve it."

For his project, Chris organized fellow Scouts and parents to cover existing trails with crushed gravel and wood chips and to cut brush. Chris and other Scouts spent 175 hours on the project. Twenty different Scouts and 10 others volunteered their time. The Town of Dunn donated the gravel and wood chips for the project.

The town congratulates Chris on earning his Eagle rank in Scouting. Your efforts have made improvements to Dunn Heritage Park that will be enjoyed by the public for years to come.

Our Lakes . . . Healthy or Not?

By Don Schmidt — Parks Commissioner

Lake weeds and algae - Ecological purpose and life cycles

Aquatic plants and algae are vital for fishery and comprise an essential part of any healthy lake. When plants grow near the surface, they reduce shoreline erosion by dampening the energy of the waves. Overabundance of aquatic plants can interfere with public use of the lakes, such as swimming and fishing navigation. Wisconsin lakes have a history of being thick with aquatic plantlife precluding its population. Lake weeds remain present for months at a time, while free-floating algae blooms occur continuously (even under ice) and last for a few days at a time.

There are two main ways to reduce excessive existing aquatic plants. They are mechanical harvesting and chemical herbicides. The use of mechanical implements to physically remove scores of aquatic weeds and algae from the lakes of Wisconsin has proven to yield little success in the past.

Chemical Herbicide Application

All aquatic herbicides must be registered by the E.P.A. and approved for use by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (D.A.T.C.P.)

The Department of Natural Resources (D.N.R.) reviews and approves applications to apply aquatic herbicides in Wisconsin. It is illegal to use aquatic herbicides without a permit.

D.N.R. staff does not apply chemicals to public waters for private property owners. Aquatic Engineering or the Clean Lake Association coordinates lakeshore property owners who want treatment and compile requests into a single permit.

Proposed treatment of more than 10 acres requires a public meeting if five or more people request such a meeting. A few days before treatment, D.N.R. staff will issue a press release.

Treatment must take place during good weather and D.N.R. staff personally supervise the treatment.

Yellow signs are posted in front of all treated properties at the time of treatment.

Any person can be informed personally of the treatment each year if they sign a written request to the D.N.R.

Even with all environmental controls in place, and notwithstanding the fact that an average of less than 1,000 pounds of chemicals are generally approved by the D.N.R. for use in a year (generally for weed control), chemical weed control continues to be a controversial means of control.

Less than 1% of the total lakes in Wisconsin are chemically treated, yielding "no undesired effects on fisheries" according to a report released by the Yahara Lakes Association.

Limiting Growth of Lake Weeds and Algae (indirect control methods)
Lake weeds and algae grow through the same process of photosynthesis as trees and grass. Elements necessary for photosynthesis are water, carbon dioxide (in the air or dissolved in water), major nutrients such as nitrogen (nitrates, ammonia), phosphorus (phosphates), potassium (potash), trace nutrients, and sunlight. *The elimination of any of these elements will prevent or curb growth. Phosphorus would be the most likely target, as it is usually associated with common grass fertilizers used by residents in proximity of the lake.* Even with comprehensive nutrient controls in place, it could take many years, even decades, for improvement to occur. However, without instituting mechanical or chemical devices, it offers "the best potential" for success according to a report completed by the Yahara Lakes Association. Fertilizers are available that contain no phosphorus such as corn gluten meal (see information below).

Corn Gluten Meal

• What is corn gluten meal? Corn gluten meal is a by-product of the wet milling of corn. Because it is more than 60% protein, it has long been used as an animal feed. It is also 10% nitrogen, a water insoluble form of nitrogen. There is no contact problem for children or animals who may play on the lawn even immediately after it's applied. It doesn't leach or run off. It is slow release so it will not burn. There is no manure so there are no noxious odors.

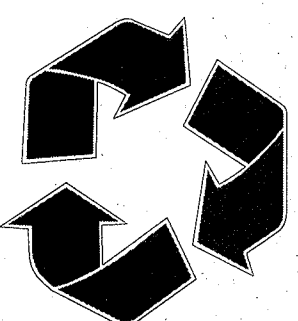
How does it prevent weeds?

While the root seeds will germinate, corn gluten meal inhibits root development so that the weed simply fades away. The number of weeds will decrease from 30% to 45% the first year. During the third year, crabgrass, foxtail, lamb's quarter, purslane and redroot pigweed should be eliminated. It will also prevent new dandelions from developing from dandelion seed, but does not affect the perennials with established root systems. In addition, because corn gluten meal is an excellent fertilizer, it will thicken the turf, crowding out weeds. The best weed preventer is thick, healthy turf.

Corn gluten meal is not effective against weeds that have already emerged. As a pre-emergent weed control for the spring weeds, it should be applied in the spring (before crab grass germinates) at the rate of 50 lbs. per 2500 sq. ft. If the problem is severe, it can be applied again in the fall, after the heat stress of the summer is over, but before the fall weeds sprout (dandelions, etc.). This is usually some time between mid-August and mid-September. Do not use corn gluten meal on turf that has not been established for at least 90 days.

Some information provided in this report was acquired from "The Yahara Lakes - Overview" by Stephen Morton, The Yahara Lakes Association, Ltd. Newsletter, Winter 2002 ed., August 1998.

RECYCLING INFO PAGE



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.

Town of Dunn

Transfer Site

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

Open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8 AM to 4 PM.

The Transfer Site accepts:

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

Transfer Site Recycling

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

Motor oil - Used motor oil that is free of other liquids such as antifreeze is accepted. Either reuse your used motor oil container or

dispose of it in the trash.

Don't leave oil containers near the used oil tank.

Leaves and grass clippings - Put any compostable material in the compost pile at the

Transfer Site, or compost them yourself at home.

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take

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

Tires - We charge \$3 for auto tires \$4 for tires with rims.

Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for about 85 cents each.

Questions? Call the Town Hall at 255-4219

A Note From Waste Management

Waste Management would like to thank you for choosing us in continuing to be your supplier in bringing quality environmental services to your community.

Currently your community is allotted one thirty four-gallon container for solid waste and an unlimited volume of recyclables. This will not change in 2003.

Waste Management has provided two additional levels of service for residents that generate larger amounts of solid waste. Starting in 2003, residents who generate up to 64 gallons of solid waste can do so at a cost of \$3.75 per month and will be provided with a 64-gallon toter. If you generate up to 96 gallons of solid waste, the cost will be \$5.20 per month and you will be provided with a 96-gallon toter. This cost is in addition to your base contract costs and will be billed directly to the homeowner. The toters are in lieu of stickers that were affixed to your mailbox that identified you as having extra service.

Items that are too big to fit into a 32 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 not picked up the same day as your normal service. Your service customer representative will determine this at the time of your order. 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. Waste Management can also help you with your remodeling needs or cleanup. Please call (608) 273-2500 on the cost of renting a dumpster.

Again, it is a pleasure to be a partner with the Town of Dunn. Do not hesitate to call a customer service representative with any question that you may have.

Cleaning House for the Holidays ?

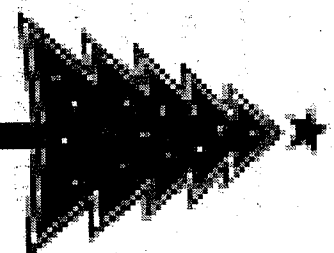
The next Goodwill Industries pick up is scheduled for: **Saturday, December 7th from 9 AM to 12 PM** in the Town Hall parking lot.

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.

Holiday Tree Disposal

Waste Management will not pick up trees left at the curbside. Naked trees — trees without tinsel, decorations, or stands — can be taken to the town Transfer Center on County Road B for disposal. The Transfer Center is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 AM to 4 PM. There is no disposal charge.



Are Towns Inefficient?

www.wisctowns.com

Towns are sometimes cited as archaic and inefficient service providers. Yet the fact is that towns are extremely responsive to the needs and expectations of their constituents, in part because towns hold annual meetings where residents themselves discuss budget priorities and vote their own municipal (local) property tax levies. Town residents help keep expenses low by generally demanding a relatively low level of local government services. Towns also rely heavily on volunteerism, privatization of key services (such as property assessment) and inter-governmental cooperation to keep expenses down. As a result, towns have very low per capita expenditures.

If our goal is to reduce overall local government costs, are towns the type of local government (if any) that should be pared back?

- Towns are Wisconsin's local government efficiency experts.
- On a per capita basis, towns spend 29 cents for each \$1 spent by villages and 25 cents for each \$1 of city expenditures.
- The bulk of local government spending (86%) is concentrated in city and county budgets.
- Towns should continue to look for ways to consolidate services with other local governments, but economies of scale can be achieved through functional consolidation, where two or more governments agree to share a service, facility, piece of equipment or function, rather than outright elimination of governments that have a proven efficiency track record.

Type of Government	1998 Population	Total Gen. Expenditures (millions)	Per Capita Expenditures
Towns	1,597,446	\$623.2	\$385
Villages	656,651	872.6	1,315
Cities	2,980,253	4,549.8	1,520
Counties	5,234,350	5,033.0	954

¹Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau, "Information Paper #16: County and Municipal Finances"

Do Town Taxpayers Pay a Fair Share of Property Taxes?

www.wisctowns.com

One criticism frequently lodged against Wisconsin towns is that they take unfair advantage of their city neighbors by not paying an equal share of the property tax burden. This charge is often coupled with the claim that towns benefit from (but fail to pay for) a disproportionate share of county services. Are town residents really fiscal "parasites" who fail to carry their share of the local tax burden? Tax collection data compiled and published by a state agency offers a clear answer:

- Although towns represent only 30.5% of Wisconsin's total population, they pay 31.4% of net property taxes; whereas cities, which account for 56.9% of the state's population, pay only 54.1% of net property taxes.
- This is in spite of the fact that own-use (local) levies are \$366 per capita (\$1.1 billion) in cities versus \$164 per capita (\$266 million) in towns.

- The explanation for this anomaly is that towns pay a very disproportionate share of county and K-12 school district levies due to the way tax burdens are apportioned under state law (it also reflects the fact that 95% of the land in Wisconsin is in towns).
- Of the \$1.3 billion levied by counties, towns pay \$540 million or \$334 per capita; cities pay \$603.4 million or only \$200 per capita.
- Put another way, towns pay \$1.67 in county property tax levies for each \$1 paid by their city cousins, which should help offset any (real or perceived) service consumption disparities.
- The town share of K-12 school levies is \$1.082 billion or \$669 per capita, versus \$1.417 billion or \$469 per capita in cities.

It is also worth noting that cities benefit from shared revenue payments of over \$220 per capita, compared to less than \$50 per capita for towns – which represents an indirect tax subsidy by town residents that is often overlooked.

2001 Property Tax Payments by Towns & Cities¹

2000 Population	Net Taxes ² (Millions)	Net Taxes ² Per Capita	Local Taxes Per Capita	County Taxes Per Capita	School Taxes Per Capita
Towns 1,618,157	1,925.6	\$1,190	\$164	\$334	\$669
Cities 3,022,486	3,320.8	\$1,099	\$366	\$200	\$469

¹Source: WI Department of Revenue, "Town, Village and City Taxes Levied in 2000 – Collected in 2001"

²Net of State Property Tax Credits (\$169 million in towns and \$232 million in cities)