

The Official **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2008

Views From the Town Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

The best thing about writing the Spring newsletter is that the Sandhill cranes have returned by the time I write my part of this newsletter. I have not only heard the announcement of their arrival. I have seen them gracefully winging through the sky of our Town. This is their home as much as it is ours. It enriches all of us to share our home with a species that has been in existence for 12 million years.

We try to take care of the natural flora and fauna in our Town as best we can. Some communities do not share our desire to protect and preserve our environment, our home that we share with the landscape's plants and creatures. It is not enough that we want to preserve our way of life here. It is necessary to engage in confrontation with those who want to destroy what we have protected. There are assaults on our way of life from other communities. You will read about them in other parts of this newsletter. So far, we have been able to defend our Town from these assaults. We will prevail as long as we have the political will. The NBAF victory was due to the hard work and skill of our Town residents and was a major success in protecting our Town and our quality of life. We have a beautiful place in which to live. We will always have to make sure it is not taken over by those who want to make

Events You Won't Want to Miss

Tuesday April 1st 7AM-8PM- Spring Election

Tuesday April 8th at 6:30 PM- You are invited to view a 30 minute DVD presentation about improving Dane County water resources "Dane Waters: A Reflection of Us All" at the Town Hall prior to the Annual Meeting.

Tuesday April 8th at 7 PM- Annual Town Meeting

Saturday April 26th at 4 PM - Arbor Day Celebration featuring guest speakers, awards presentations, and a pot luck dinner!

Saturday July 26th - Parade of Prairies. Watch for more information in the local newspapers.

money for development in our Town. It is crucial that we continue to block those attempts. The reason we have been successful in defending our Town is that we have dedicated volunteers working on various commissions and committees to set our policies and help with preserving our Town. They all deserve our thanks.

Town Road crews and staff could also use our thanks this year. It has been a real Wisconsin winter and our staff has been magnificent. They have put aside their personal interests and families plans and worked through storms and sickness. We are fortunate to have a very small, but very dedicated group of individuals who serve the Town everyday. They have worked above and beyond expectations.

It has been a busy year. But our Town has been stalwart in pursuing our way of life. It is thanks to you, the residents, volunteers, and community members that we can do what we do to protect that quality of life.

Town of Dunn is Proud to be Designated as a Tree City USA

The Town of Dunn Tree Board has been working very hard throughout 2006 and 2007 to obtain the designation of Tree City USA. **Please join us on Saturday April 26 at 4:00 PM during the Arbor Day Celebration for the award ceremony.** Jeff Roe, DNR Urban Forester, will be presenting the flag, plaque, and road signs that will be proudly displayed in the town.

Benefits of becoming a Tree City:

- Planting trees reduces your global footprint. As trees grow, they help stop global warming by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and the soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere.
- Trees provide cooling shade, block cold winter winds, attract birds and wildlife, purify our air, prevent soil erosion, clean our water, and add grace and beauty to our homes and communities.
- Becoming a Tree City requires education to improve current urban forestry practices.
- Tree City signs tell visitors that the community cares about its environment.
- Tree Cities may be preferred over other communities when allocations of grant money are made for trees or forestry programs.
- Tree Cities reach large numbers of people with information about tree care.

Don't miss our Arbor Day Celebration

By Nancy Hagen, Parks Commission Secretary

Event: Arbor Day Celebration Potluck dinner

Speakers: Dr. Cal DeWitt will speak on Global Concerns, Local Actions.
Jeff Roe, DNR Urban Forester, will present the Tree City USA Award
Town of Dunn Parks Commission will present the 2007 Stewardship Award

When: Saturday April 26, 2008 from 4-6 pm

Where: Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B

The pot luck dinner will begin after our presentation. Paper plates, napkins, eating utensils and beverages will be supplied. Come and meet residents of the community and share in this fun family event. Bring your favorite dish to pass.

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 8, 2008
7:00 PM

Note: 6:30 PM Prior to the Annual meeting there will be a showing of the DVD "A Reflection of Us All" as part of an outreach to improve Dane County water resources by reducing storm water impacts.

AGENDA

- I. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 20, 2007
- II. Announcements and introductions by Chairman Minihan.
 - A. Donations, if any.
- III. Reports
 - A. Building Inspector Report
 - B. Cemetery Report
 - C. Land Trust Commission
 - D. Mobile Home Commission
 - E. Parks Commission
 - F. Plan Commission
 - G. Police Report
 - H. Tree Board
- IV. Financial Report
 - A. Sanitary Districts - financial reports.
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2007 audit.
- V. New Business
 - A. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
 - B. In order to meet the requirements of the general storm water permit (and section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code), there will be educational material on storm water management.
 - C. Present the Noxious Weed Notice.
 - D. Adjournment

Rosalind Gausman, Clerk Treasurer

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

Rosalind Gausman, Town Clerk Treasurer

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McFarland, WI 53558**

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Sustainability Project Planned on Dunn's Western Border

by Phyllis Hasbrouck

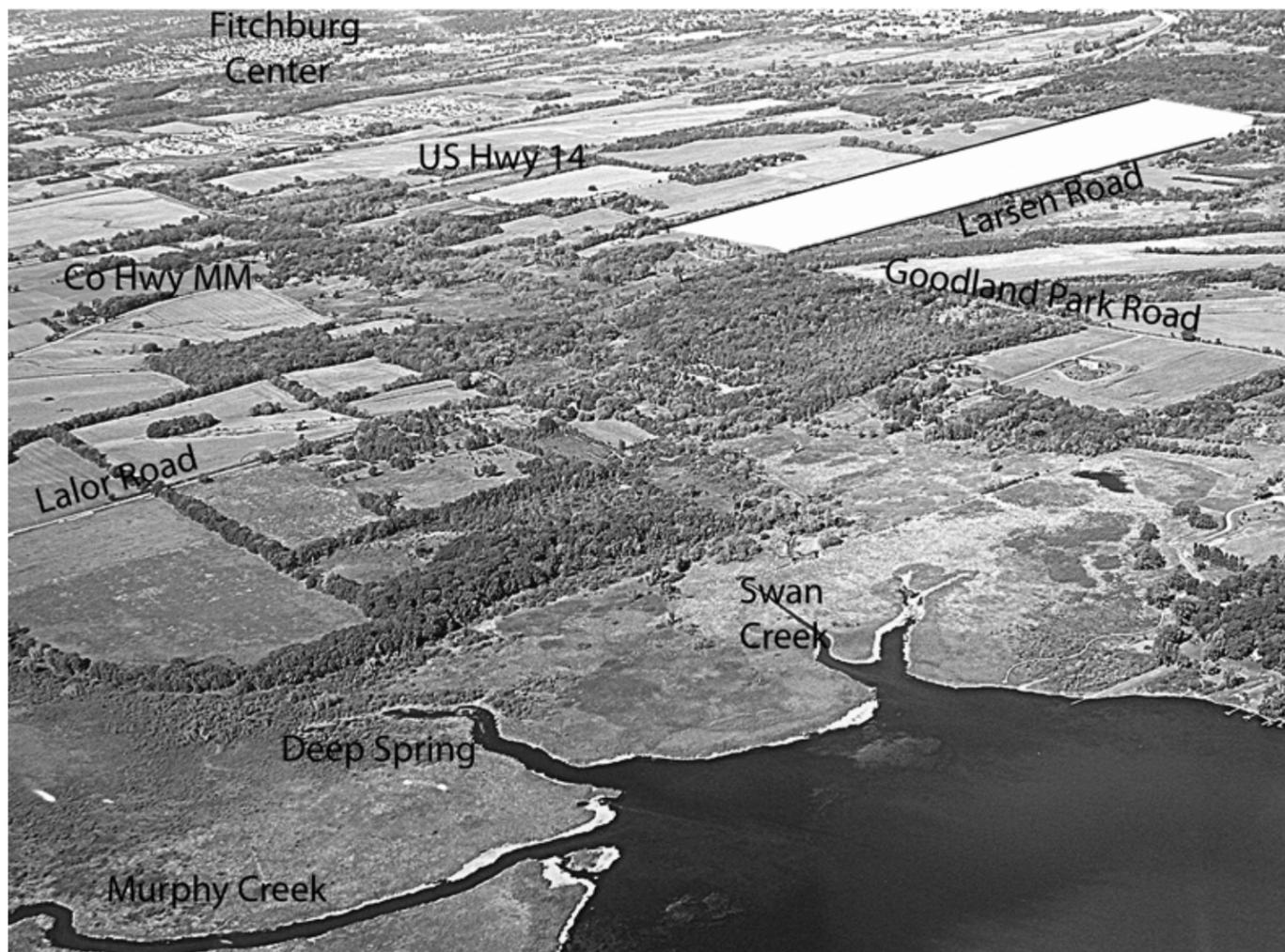
Picture this... You ride your bike past sunflowers and morning glories. On your right you see acres of vibrantly colorful community gardens, where a diverse group of gardeners work their plots and socialize. On your left you peer over the baby hedge being woven together to make a deer-proof fence in years to come, and watch young farmers hoeing the weeds around their tomato plants.

Ahead you catch a glimpse of water, and soon you see a 20-acre wetland, with herons and cranes hunting frogs in the reeds, as a class of fifth graders, binoculars in their hands, watch spellbound from the boardwalk.

Now, the trail winds between fields of vegetables (including cabbages, broccoli, peppers and basil), and a cow pasture. It's almost 5 o'clock, and the cows are lowing softly as they make their way to the barn.

You've arrived! You pedal uphill alongside the wetland and then head for the collection of buildings nestled into the hill above you. You've come a long way from the hostel you stayed in last night, and you're ready for a few homey comforts at the 3-story Bike and Breakfast.

The innkeeper shows you to a bike locker and then you check in. On the way to your room you inspect the laundry room, drying racks, bike repair workshop and library corner with its collection of maps, guides and repair manuals. After a delightful shower, you join the other guests in the dining room, where you sit family



style and eat a hearty dinner of home-cooked, organic food grown mostly on the premises.

After dessert, some of you stroll across the square to the community gathering room, where an Irish band is playing to an audience of bicyclists, resident farmers, and visitors from the surrounding area.

Considering the number of locals present, there ought to be many cars, but instead there are just two large vans whose sides proudly proclaim that they run on waste vegetable oil.

Are you in Germany, Holland, or

Denmark? No! You're in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, just south of the capital city of Madison.

This is the vision of Fitchburg Fields, Inc., a new non-profit started by activists from the West Waubesa Preservation Coalition. Our mission is to form a coalition, raise funds, buy the 250-acre parcel in Fitchburg's Northeast Neighborhood (adjoining Dunn), and create this teaching center for sustainable living. The developer, Phil Sveum, has indicated his willingness to sell the land for the right price.

Elements of the Fitchburg Fields Plan

- School of Organic Agriculture, with CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm using the methods described in *The Omnivore's Dilemma*;
- Incubator plots and mentoring for new farmers;
- Courses for the public in organic gardening, cheese-making, canning and preserving food, keeping chickens, and more;
- Courses for farmers in converting to organics, niche marketing, making a business plan, and more;
- Matching service for new and retiring farmers;
- Community gathering room available to the public for weddings, potlucks, dances, films, etc.
- Crops, pastures and orchards;
- Four Seasons Farmers Market, earth-sheltered and green built;
- Bike and Breakfast Inn, earth-sheltered and green built, with a General Store and restaurant, just .5 miles from the Capital City Trail;
- Community Gardens—existing Hmong garden and a new garden, with bathrooms, tool sheds, play area and picnic tables between;
- Carbon Neutral Eco-Village with 30 small homes and a common building, (earthsheltered);
- Community garage and only 5 community cars;
- Solar, wind and biomass energy;
- Living Machine for wastewater, and greywater systems;
- Public park with restored wetlands and prairie; and
- Bike and Hike path connecting to the Capital City Trail.

Help us create a future that works! To get involved, please contact us at (608) 223-9571,

FITCHBURGFIELDS@GMAIL.COM, OR P.O. Box 259876, MADISON, WI, 53725-9876.

Tax-deductible donations of \$100 or more may be made out to our fiscal sponsor, the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute. Donations of less than \$100 may be made to Fitchburg Fields, and they will be retroactively tax-deductible when and if we receive tax-exempt status.

Election Process FAQ

What is the difference between voting an absentee ballot and voting in person on election day?

Along with meeting all the usual requirements, voters who vote by absentee ballot must follow special rules in completing and signing the certificate on the ballot envelope, and having the certificate witnessed. If any of these rules aren't followed, election officials at the polling place must reject the absentee ballot. These rules replace the safeguards normally present when a voter appears in person at the polling place.

When you vote in person on at the polling place and you make an error marking your ballot, such as an over-vote where you mark too many candidates for a specific office, or a cross-over vote in a party preference election by marking candidates in more than one party, your ballot is rejected while you are still present and you have a chance to correct the problem. When you make a mistake on an absentee ballot, you lose your vote for the office with the error and you are not notified that your ballot was rejected.

How do I apply for an absentee ballot?

If you are not already registered, you will need to register to vote before an absentee ballot can be sent to you.

Request by Mail – You can download the application form (EB-121) from the State Election website or call the clerk's office and request the form be mailed to you. The completed form must be received by the clerk no later than 5:00 PM on the Thursday before the election in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. Note: the completed absentee ballot must be received by the clerk by 8PM on Election day.

In-Person at your Municipal Clerk's Office – This can be done up until 5:00 PM on the day before the election. If you apply for an absentee ballot in your municipal clerk's office, you must vote immediately, seal your ballot in the proper envelope, and return it to a member of the clerk's staff. No ballots may be taken from the clerk's office. This process takes about 20 minutes if there are no lines.

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Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program Year End Summary

Renée Lauber, Land Use Manager

2007 was good year for the Town's PDR Program. We closed on two farms, adding another 160 ½ acres to the protected land in the Town of Dunn.

The town partnered with the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), and the Natural Heritage Land Trust (NHLT) to purchase the development rights on the 67.5 acre Everson farm. The farm is on rustic Dyreson Road adjacent to land owned by Dane County Parks. After the development rights were secured, Dane County bought the farm and hopes to someday extend the Lower Yahara River Bike Path through the property.

The town also partnered with the USDA-NRCS and NHLT on the 93 acre Outhouse property along Schneider Drive and County Road B. The farm is adjacent to several other farms protected through the town's program on County Road B. Altogether, they create a swath of permanently preserved farmland covering 800 acres of land that will always be available for farming.

Since the PDR program started in 1997, the town has protected 23 farms totaling 2,823 acres of land.

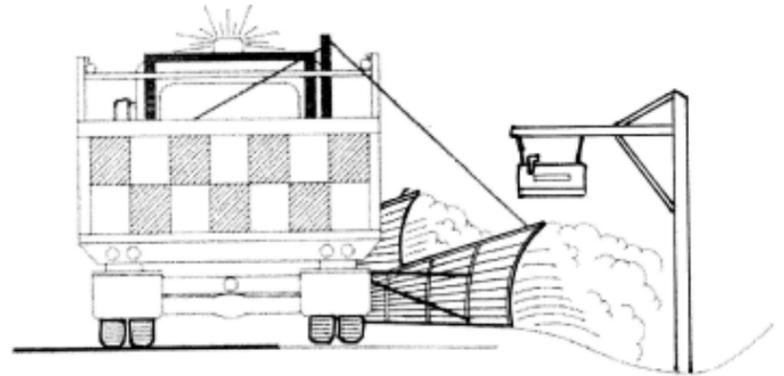
PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

by Jim Molloy, Plan Commission Chair

The Plan Commission continues to process land divisions, re-zonings, driveway permits and other land use requests. We usually meet at 7:00 PM the second Monday of each month and welcome the public to our open meetings. We always post our agenda outside the Town Hall and on our web page. To be placed on our agenda, please contact Renee Lauber at the Town Hall at 608-255-4219, extension 205 at least two weeks prior to a meeting.

The Plan Commission consists of the following seven individuals: Tim Andrews, Loraine Gardner, Steve Greb, Dean Hein, Jim Molloy, Bob Uphoff, and Vicki Wangerin. 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 Roz Gausman, Town Clerk by calling 255-4219 extension 207.

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.

Land Trust Commission

The Land Trust Commission is made up of seven commissioners. At least four must be Town of Dunn residents, while up to three can be non-residents who can bring complementary skills in land conservation, planning, or finance.

Commissioners are:

Beth Hastings, Chair

Tom Shepherd

Ray Antoniewicz

Tracy Wiklund

Nicole Van Helden

Porter Martin

Kurt Krumholz



Ben Kollenbroich is the New Land Use Intern

The Town would like to introduce Ben Kollenbroich, the new Land Use Intern. He has been working in the town since October, assisting with the tornado shelter grant project for the Bayview Heights neighborhood, working on a contaminated property project, land monitoring for conservation easements, Geographic Information Systems projects, and the Purchase of Development Rights Program, all while pursuing a double major in History and Human-Environmental Geography at the UW Madison. Following graduation in May, Ben hopes to begin a career in environmental protection or sustainability.

NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

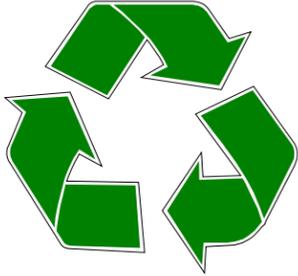
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0407 that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Town of Dunn which the person owns occupies or controls before the plants bloom. Noxious weeds include: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge and Field Bindweed (creeping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

Jay Hoel, Weed Commissioner

Toddle Inn continues donations to the Town



Each year, Town of Dunn business owners Christie and Rollin Darst, of Toddle Inn, have donated trees to the town. The trees have been planted in Town parks and distributed at the Arbor Day Celebration. These living gifts will be enjoyed by Town residents for years to come. In addition, donated wreaths adorn to Town Hall for all to enjoy over the holidays. Many thanks to Toddle Inn.



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 thirty four-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 \$57.00 per year and the cost of the 96 gallon toter was \$72.00 per year (only \$1.40 per week).

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 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.



Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B 1/4 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 and seasonally April 16 - October the transfer site will be open additional hours on Wednesday from 2 PM - 4:45 PM.

The Transfer Site accepts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questions? Call the Town Hall at 255-4219

Recycle Your Old Cell Phone

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

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. 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 old landfill at Badger Prairie Park (Take USH 18-151 one 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 or Styrofoam, plastic lawn edging or similar material. For more information on the Dane County compost sites, Call Al Czecholinski at 266-4139

Goodwill Industries Pick up

2008 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:

Saturday, April 19th from 9 AM to 12 PM

Saturday, August 23rd from 9 AM to 12 PM

Saturday, December 6th 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.

2008 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 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 Ackerland Outdoor Services, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory, Christ the King Church in McFarland, Sled Shed II, McFarland Lutheran Church, Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association, Inc. and Waubesa Snowbird's snowmobile club. Call Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.



Recycle old computers, TV's, and cell phones

Protect our waters from heavy metal contamination

WHAT: Any non-business computer equipment (monitor, printer, computer, laptop, keyboard, mouse, scanner, etc.), televisions, and cellular phones may be dropped off for reuse or recycling. There is a cost to recycle some products. Items with reuse potential will be tested and cleaned (data erased from hard drives) before being donated to local charities. Damaged and obsolete equipment will be recycled. consumer electronics.

WHEN: Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

WHERE: East: 4602 Sycamore Avenue, Madison WI 53704
West: 1501 West Badger Road Madison WI 53713.

COST: \$10.00 per monitor or television.
No charge for other computer equipment.

QUESTIONS: Contact Cascade at 608-267-2626.

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 31 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 7:30 AM to 2:00PM

There are plenty of household hazardous materials like paints, pesticides, and solvents that can't be disposed of in the trash, or 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.

One Day Only - Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up April 23th

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

Waste Management is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Wednesday, April 23rd. On regular garbage pick up days, each residence can put out 34 gallons of trash plus unlimited recycleables for curbside pick up. On April 23rd, residents can put out extra garbage at no additional charge. There are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Waste Management at 273-2500 for details.

Spring Roadside Clean-up - As the snow melts and spring winds blow, the litter that accumulated over the winter becomes more visible. This is a great time to tidy up the yard. We encourage everyone to participate in picking up a section of road before April 23rd. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out on Wednesday April 23rd when Waste Management provides unlimited garbage pick up.

Disposal of Unwanted Appliances

Larry's Appliance at 6816 Woodland Dr. Waunakee
will accept appliances for a small fee.

Typical fees are \$20 for pick-up of an appliance or
\$15-\$20 for an appliance dropped off at their location.

Larry's Appliance does not accept televisions. Microwaves are accepted.
Call Larry Shimmick for prices and information at 271-8162

Compost Bin Sale Saturday May 3, 2008

Earth Machine home compost bins be available
One Day Only for \$39 tax included at:



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

Only while supplies last. This is a one day only sale. It will be held rain or shine. Cash or checks only. 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. "The Earth Machine compost bin has worked very well for the people who purchased the bins last year," Madison Recycling Coordinator George Dreckmann said. "The Earth Machine is the largest selling bin in North America and sells retail for \$75 to \$90." More information on the sale is available at:

<http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/streets/compostingBinSale.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 noon, depending on the route. Substitutes can indicate which days they are most available. Mileage is reimbursed. Call 838-7117 for more information.

Oregon Senior Center

Home Delivered Meals Substitute Drivers

Substitute drivers are needed for the home delivered meal programs in Oregon. Monday - Friday as needed to fill in for about an hour to an hour and a half depending on the route and the weather. Oregon Senior Center 608-835-5801

McFarland Senior Center

Nutrition Site Kitchen Volunteer

Substitute kitchen volunteers on Mondays or Thursdays are wanted for the McFarland senior citizens' meal site. No cooking is required, since meals are provided by a caterer. Volunteers assist staff in packaging home delivered meals, setting up and taking down of the meal site, and serving meals. Normal working hours are 10:30 am - 12:45 pm. Interested persons should contact 838-7117.

Free Tax Help !

Qualified Volunteers will work with you to fill out and file your 2007 State and Federal Tax Returns

When: Thursday April 3 and 10th, 12:00 noon - 5:30 p.m.
Walk-in Service Only. No appointments necessary.

Where: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site
Second Floor of the Stoughton Public Safety Building
321 S Fourth Street, Stoughton WI 53589

Who: Low-income, elderly and/or disabled people, individuals and couples using the simplified state and federal forms.

Questions: Call the Stoughton Senior Center at (608) 873-8585

Senior Centers Welcome Dunn Residents

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

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

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

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

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

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

AREA YOUTH CENTERS

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

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

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

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

Springtime brings more than flowers with those showers

March brings our first taste of spring after the snowiest winter on record. It is a good time to ask ourselves "What happens to all that melting snow and rainwater?" Most of it ends up in our lakes and streams. As it washes across our roof tops, roads, lawns and farmland it is up to us to prevent pollution from salt, fertilizer, manure, leaves, grass clippings, pesticides, oil and other trash. Here are some ways you can help stop the pollution:

- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street and drainage ways.
- Direct rainwater away from paved areas on lawns or gardens where it can soak in.
- Get a soil test before applying fertilizer to your lawn. If you do fertilize, apply according to directions and clean up any spills.
- Clean up pet waste. Bury it or flush it down the toilet.
- Compost your leaves and yard debris.
- Keep your vehicles tuned up and repair leaks.
- Walk or ride a bike whenever you can.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash.
- Prevent soil erosion.
- Install a rain barrel in your down spout. Order them through Sustain Dane web site at www.sustaindane.org
- Get involved. Join local water conservation groups like: Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society at www.kegonsa.org or Lake Waubesa Conservation Association at www.lakewaubesa.org

Dane County Book Mobile

The Book mobile is in Waubesa Heights at the corner of Lookout Trail and Charmany Rd on Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.
Check out a book, browse, and enjoy reading!

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 2008 roadwork bids are out, we will be repaving Waubesa Avenue, Beale, Lakeside and Berkan Street. Seal coating will be done in the Waubesa Heights, Burmeister Woods and Spartan Hills subdivisions.

We will be replacing culverts in various areas of the town. Five culverts one on Schneider Drive west of Hawkinson Road, one on Dyreson Road, Halvorson Road, Goodland Park Drive and Ron's Road.

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. In addition, remember our parking ordinance states that there is parking on road sides but all the tires have to be completely off the paved surface of the road. Especially during snow removal.

FREE SANDBOX SAND

We will have clean sand available for Dunn residents. Bring your own shovel, the sand is available on a serve yourself basis. Call or stop by the Town Hall. 255-4219 ext 201

Slow Down on Town Roads! New Speed Limits

New speed limits have been adopted on Town roads as a result of a study and recommendation by the sheriff's department. Sheriff's Deputies are issuing tickets - warnings are not given.

Alma Road – 25 mph residential area, remainder 45 mph
Elvehjem Road – entire road 45 mph
Goodland Park Rd – 25 mph residential area, remainder 45 mph
Halvorson Road – entire road 45 mph
Hawkinson Road – entire road 45 mph
S. Jordan Drive – 25 mph residential area, remainder 45 mph
Lake Farm Road – entire road 45 mph
Larsen Road – entire road 45 mph
Rutland-Dunn Road – entire road 45 mph
Sand Hill Road – 40 mph residential area, remainder 45 mph
Schneider Drive – entire road 45 mph
Schuster Road – entire road 45 mph

Parks Update

As the snow melts and the temperatures rise, it is time to get outside and start enjoying the town parks once again. Springtime produces many new projects and a general cleanup of the town parks.

An early spring project will consist of mowing firebreaks in specific areas to aid in the safe burning of a couple of town parks. Dunn Heritage and Sinaiko will be burned (weather conditions permitting) as a method of stimulating new prairie growth. Volunteers are always needed to assist in prescribed burns. Please contact Mary at 608-255-4219 ext. 201 if you would like to volunteer.

The Parks Commission has been working with the residents of Kegonsa Manor Park. This is the park that was destroyed by the tornado a few years ago. The commission sent out surveys to the residents in that area to find out what they wanted to see happen with their neighborhood park. The majority wanted more landscaping and some prairie restoration. They wanted to see more mowing, trimming, more shrubs, and flowering plants. No soccer or play ground equipment. The commission drew up a plan in phases and invited the residents to a meeting to vote on it. This spring the first phase of the plan will begin with planting soy beans on a portion of the park. The reason for the planting is to put nitrate into the soil which removes unwanted weeds, then in the fall the beans will be harvested and prairie seeds will be planted by volunteers.

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

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

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

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

Prairie Burn Volunteers Needed

The Parks Commission is looking for volunteers to help with this Spring's controlled prairie burns. Men, women, and young adults are welcomed to attend the burnings for the weekends of April 12th and April 19th depending on the weather at Dunn Heritage and Sinaiko parks. Dress comfortable with old clothes and boots. Old rakes and brooms are invited to come along. Please contact Mary @ the Town of Dunn 255-4219 ext 201 or Don Schmidt 770-4699 for additional information, times, etc. No experience necessary, we will train!

Take a Stake in the Lakes

Dane County's Cleanup Event 2008

The 21st annual Take a Stake in the Lakes volunteer cleanup of the Yahara Lakes will be held on June 14, and June 21, 2008.

Lake Kegonsa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 14 from 9:00-12:00, with the information center at James Madison Park in Madison.

Lake Waubesa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 21 from 9:00-12:00, with the information center at Law Park in Madison.

Over the years, thousands of volunteers have removed hundreds of tons of waste from Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa. During Take a Stake in the Lakes groups, individuals and families adopt a beach or shoreline, collect litter and rake aquatic debris from the shoreline and shallow waters. Some adopt boat launches, and some clean rivers while paddling their canoes or kayaks. Many groups then have a picnic in the park they've just cleaned up. Garbage bags, T-shirts



and door prizes are provided.

Shoreline residents: Dane County Public Works barges will conduct the annual aquatic debris pickup from your piers on Lake Kegonsa on Monday June 16 and on Lake Waubesa on Monday June 23, starting at 6:00 a.m. Note: Aquatic debris must be on shoreline residents pier by the Monday after the perspective lakes clean-up event.

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



Youth volunteer, Quinn Hasslinger, assists with the delivery of items from the Town of Dunn food drive. Deliveries were made to the Stoughton Food Pantry, the Oregon Food Pantry and the McFarland Food Pantry. Over 800 pounds of food items were collected and distributed to those in need.

2008 Parade of Prairies

The town of Dunn Parks Commission will be hosting our 2008 Parade of Prairies on Saturday July 26th, 2008. Several residents have been contacted already and have agreed to participate. If you have a prairie that you would like to have included in our parade please feel free to contact Mary at 255-4219 ex 210. Watch for more information coming in our local newspapers.

**Dane County & City of Madison
Present The Madison Stuff Exchange Website**
<http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com/exchange/>

What is Madison Stuff Exchange?

The Madison Stuff Exchange was developed by Dane County and the City of Madison to reduce the amount of waste going to the Dane County Landfill. The Madison Stuff exchange web site, provides area residents and businesses with a convenient way to exchange, re-use, or sell items they no longer need or want.

You can post listings of items and materials you wish to dispose of or browse for those currently available in your area. Each listing contains a description of the material or item, contact information, and in some cases cost and delivery information. The actual exchange transactions are carried out directly between the interested parties.

Keep in mind, since there is a 3-month limit to the length of time a material listing can be posted, it pays to visit the site often.

Who can use it?

The Madison Stuff Exchange is designed to assist residents of Dane County and the City of Madison sell, give away or exchange items they no longer need or want. To be eligible to post items, you must live or work in Dane County. Anyone, regardless of where you live, may respond to a post. You do not have to live in Dane County. Listings are posted for free.

How does it work?

Making an exchange is quick and easy. Just an email or phone call can get you started. Listings are posted free of charge.

Browse listings

Find desired materials by individual or multiple categories.

Make an exchange

When you find an interesting posting, just enter your name, email address and postal code. You'll be given instant access to contact information. Make contact, come to an agreement and arrange for pickup or delivery.

New items

To receive email notification when new items in your category(s) of interest are posted, please contact the Project Coordinator by email at gdreckmann@cityofmadison.com

Post your own listings

Register with the Project Coordinator to establish a user name and password to protect your listings from unwanted changes.

For more information visit the Madison Stuff Exchange Website at <http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com/exchange/>

Waubesa Beach Banter

By Jeff Hodgson, WBNA President www.waubesabeach.org

Come one, come all on Sunday, March 30th to the WBNA Annual Pancake Breakfast and Kids Egg Hunt at the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Community Center! All-you-can-eat pancakes, plus an order of sausages, fruit, juice and coffee for only \$5 and only \$2 for kids 12 and under! Pancakes will be served from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. The Kids Egg Hunt will kick-off at 10:00 A.M. sharp.

Part of the proceeds of this year's Pancake Breakfast will be going towards the construction of a permanent outdoor picnic shelter for the Community Center. The WBNA has received about half of the pledge donations needed for the shelter and hopes to begin construction early this summer. You can find a pledge form on our web site at www.waubesabeach.org. You can mail your pledge form to the WBNA, or fill one out at the Pancake Breakfast! Become a WBNA member (only \$25) and use the Community Center and the picnic shelter for FREE! The WBNA Community Center is located on Third Street, across from Christy's Landing, or see map at www.waubesabeach.org.

The WBNA is proud to announce 5 new Board members. Vice President - Ryan Erickson, Secretary - Dan Enz and Board Directors - Joanna Hutchins, Sharon Dalhauser and Mary Lou Martino. Welcome aboard!

Special thanks to Ed Minihan and the Town of Dunn team for their recent action on the Popp property (old gas station). The public hearing held on Feb. 13th answered many questions and put a lot of minds at ease. Keep up the great work!

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

Transition in 2009 for the Clerk Treasurer's Office

For almost 30 years town residents called on their elected Clerk Treasurer, Rosalind Gausman, to help them with Town Board business. Over the years she has been instrumental in all of the efforts and improvements that have taken place. From the Land Use Plan, the Libby Landfill fight, annexation attempts, two major tornado recoveries and various restoration projects, Roz was working behind the scenes, moving things along.

When Roz's current elected term expires in April of 2009, she will retire from the position of full-time Clerk Treasurer to pursue other interests and spend more time with her family. Roz's Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Cathy Hasslinger, who has served the Town in that capacity for the past 7 years has been appointed to serve as Clerk Treasurer at the end of Roz's term.

The electors of the Town changed the position of Clerk Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position at the Special Town Meeting on November 20, 2007. The Town Board appointed Cathy Hasslinger on January 21, 2008 to serve at the expiration of Roz's term in April of 2009. The transition in the Clerk's office should appear seamless to the residents of the Town as Roz and Cathy work together to continue to make progress on Town projects.

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

Tree Board Update

Sue Richards, Tree Board Chair

The Town of Dunn Tree Board continues to make strides in the promotion and management of our urban forest. Our tree ordinance has taken shape and we look forward to the dedication of the trees that were planted in Kegonsa Manor last fall. We have and continue to review the objectives for the urban forestry plan and will be working with Fred Clark of Clark Forestry to achieve those objectives.

This year proves to be a very exciting one indeed. The attainment of "Tree City USA" is especially gratifying for our community. The status of Tree City is given only to those communities that have established and meet the four foundational standards:

1. A Tree Board
2. A Tree Care Ordinance
3. A community Forestry Program
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

We are proud to say that the Town of Dunn has meet these standards and is going to be recognized publicly at our upcoming Arbor Day Celebration. We will be on hand to answer your arboreal questions and provide you with educational materials. We invite you to attend Saturday, April 26th at 4 PM at the Town hall. Come, be a part of history in the making!!!!

The Town of Dunn Tree Board: Sue Richards (Chair), Peter Kaseman-Wold, Tim Andrews, Carol Swain, and Jay Hoel. Staff support: Cathy Hasslinger

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

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

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

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

This radio retails for \$69.99 but it is available through this program at \$27.99 plus tax.

We will be limited to sell no more than two radios per household.

We expect to have radios available at the Town Hall by April 21, 2008

Science Research Lab Open House

Sunday May 4, 2008 Noon- 4PM

Synchrotron Radiation Center - 3731 Schneider Dr. Stoughton

Tours last about an hour. See science demonstrations for all ages, Tour the 800 million electron volt, synchrotron light, electron storage ring.

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 or windows, build, repair, or add to your home, deck or other structures. For information, call Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 ex 201.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Please note, the town receives more complaints about junk ordinance violations in the spring.

Town ordinances 11.15 and 16.2 prohibit the accumulation or storage of junk outdoors. Your property should be free of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, equipment in disrepair, dead trees, brush piles, and junk.

Election Process FAQ (continued from page 2)

What forms must a Write-in candidate complete? A person who has formed the intent to be a write-in candidate should file a Campaign Registration Statement (Form EB-1) with the filing officer (11.01(1), 11.05(2g), Wis. Stats). Occasionally voters write in names of cartoon characters or comments like "anybody else" and when that happens, the vote for that office is removed from the write-in tally and recorded as a rejected vote on the Inspectors Statement. Those types of write-ins create extra work for the election workers after a long day of providing a valuable civic duty to us all.

Who determines the layout at the polling place and why does it change from time to time?

The municipal clerk is the election administrator and is responsible for

making the elections run smoothly. The layout of the polling place changes based on what is on the ballot. If the school districts have an office or referendum question, the polling place must be divided by school district. When there is no school issue on the ballot, but there is a vote for Assembly district, then the poll lists (tables) must be set up by Assembly District. We have District 46 and District 48 in the Town of Dunn. If a large turn out is anticipated, we divide the Assembly Districts further alphabetically in order to have more check in tables and make the process go faster. Also, for heavy elections like the Presidential, we use the exit door at the south end of the room. If you have suggestions on ways to improve the process, please contact the town clerk.