

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

**Views From the Town Chair**

*Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair*



This Autumn finds the Town staff and officials as busy as ever - even more so with the national election and several projects. The major flooding over the summer resulted in extensive washouts of our roads and damage to newly paved surfaces. Repair of roads, ditches, and other areas damaged from the flooding continues. Thanks to the effective efforts of Town staff, much of this work is being paid for by FEMA and other sources.

The Dyreson Bridge restoration is close to being approved by the Department of Transportation . Again, thanks to the work of staff and interested citizens, most of the cost is being paid by County, State, and Federal programs. With the current 2% levy caps for local government, funding for important projects becomes far more challenging. Our staff continually seeks out grants to help offset some of our costs.

If you have not seen the Dyreson Bridge, you should take the time to do so. Autumn is a great time to view this unique historic area from one of our Rustic Roads. You will quickly see why the area has attracted artists and his-

torians. The bridge was manufactured by the Milwaukee Bridge and Iron Company in 1898, and most likely erected by local farmers.

The history of this area is extensive and fascinating. Archeologists have determined that there is ample evidence of regular human habitation on the banks of the river near the bridge going back at least 1,200 years. Indeed, recent excavations have revealed evidence of human civilization going back 12,000 years. In the river waters, an ancient fish weir built by Native Americans can be seen when the water level is low. The remnants of a wooden dam built by settlers can also be seen. So this bridge restoration is about much more than the iron and steel of the bridge. It is about the succession of humans being sustained by the water and land of this special piece of the earth through successive cultures. The bridge points to the fact that there have been many before us sustained by this natural community, and that there will be generations after us. It is what our Town's land-use policies are all about.

**The Effects of Flooding on Plants**

*Ben Kollenbroich, Acting Land Use Manager*

This past summer, torrential rainstorms and widespread flooding caused substantial damage to properties in the Town of Dunn. On top of the damage the storms brought to buildings and homes, many woody and herbaceous plants were also killed. In the latest *Wisconsin Urban & Community Forests* newsletter, Dr. Laura Jull, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist from the Department of Horticulture at UW-Madison explains the problems that arise for plants when flooding occurs. The following is a summary of that article.

When flooding occurs, people often wonder how long their plants can tolerate their roots being submerged. Most plants can survive a few days of flooding during the growing season but some plants will be injured or die after a week or more of flooding. This is especially true for sensitive tree and shrub species like Norway and sugar maples, hickories, black locust, tulip-tree, American hop-hornbeam, mulberry, eastern redbud, crabapples, lilacs, and pines. The type of soil that the plant grows in is also important due to drainage patterns. Clay soils do not drain as quickly as sandy soils and will retain flood waters for much longer.

Another question that is raised during floods is "Are there differences in a plant's ability to tolerate flooding?" Very old, stressed, young trees or (continued on page 7)

**TOWN OF DUNN  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
Tuesday November 25, 2008  
at 7:00 PM  
Following the Budget Hearing  
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 to be held on November 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall at 4156 County Road B, McFarland with the following agenda:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual or Special Town Meeting (April 8, 2008).
2. To approve the highway expenditures pursuant to Section 81.01(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
3. To set wages and benefits for elected officials for the next term (April 2009 - April 2011)
4. To consider the purchase of a conservation easement on 20 acres in section 33 (property owned by the Madison Retriever Club)
4. To approve the 2008 tax levies for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Rural Preservation Fund (for 2009 operating budgets).

*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; the message board on the corner of Waubesa Ave. and Third Street; and Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.*

Rosalind Gausman, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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McFarland, WI 53558**

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# Rural Preservation through the Purchase of Development Rights

The Town's PDR program protects land 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.

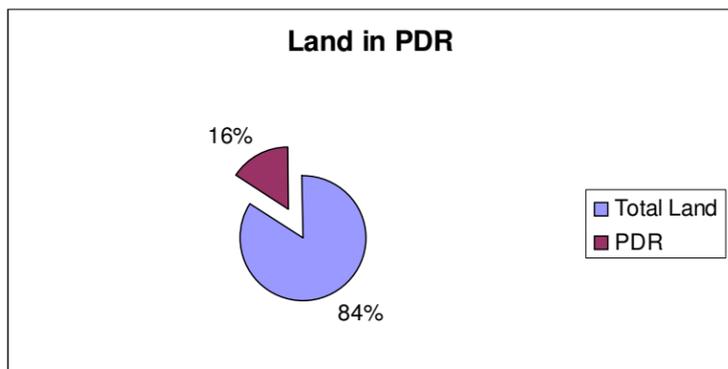
Number of Farms Protected	Total Acres Protected	Price of Development Rights	Total Grants & Donations Received	Percentage of Funding From Grants
23	2,822.5	\$5,942,211	\$3,249,798	54.7%

The sale of development rights is recorded as an easement attached to the property deed. The easement stays with the deed, even if the land is sold or

passed on through inheritance, thereby assuring that development will not occur on the particular property. The landowner is compensated for the value of the development rights, which is the difference between the land's fair market and its agricultural or open space value. The Sinaiko Farm (174 acres along Lake Farm Road, Alma Road and Waucheeta Trail) was the first land protected by this program in 1997. The town now boasts over 2,822 acres of permanently protected land on 23 farms.

ager, Renee Lauber, decided to pursue other endeavors. Renee's efforts and accomplishments during her 10 years with the Town have helped to preserve our rural character and our open spaces. Renee will be missed.

In the Land Use office, the Town welcomes Ben Kollenbroich as Acting Land Use Manager. Ben has been with the Town since 2007 and worked as an intern in Land Use prior to accepting his new assignment. Ben is pursuing grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, US Department of Agriculture, and Dane County to help purchase development rights.



## Changing of the Guard

In August, the Town's Land Use Man-

## Please Don't Burn Leaves

Disposing of fall leaves is an annual activity that raises concerns in Dunn neighborhoods. We suggest composting leaves in your yard or taking them to the Town's transfer site for composting. Transfer site hours and location are listed on page 8.

Please do not place leaves in ditches and culverts. Piles of leaves impede the drainage of water and can cause damage to property due to flooding. According to the Wisconsin DNR website, open burning is NOT an environmentally sound way to dispose of leaves and plant clippings at your home. Leaf smoke can irritate the eyes, nose and throat of healthy adults. But it can be much more harmful to small children, elderly, and people with asthma and other lung or heart diseases. This is because the visible smoke from leaf fires is made up almost entirely of tiny particles that can reach deep into lung tissue and cause symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, chest pain and shortness of breath—symptoms might not occur until several days after exposure to large amounts of leaf smoke.

Besides being an irritant, leaf smoke contains many hazardous chemicals, including carbon monoxide and benzo(a)pyrene. Carbon monoxide binds with hemoglobin in the bloodstream and thus reduces the amount of oxygen in the blood and lungs. So carbon monoxide can be very dangerous for young children with immature lungs, smokers, elderly, and people with chronic heart or lung diseases.

Benzo(a)pyrene is known to cause cancer in animals and is believed to be a major factor in lung cancer. It is found in cigarette smoke and coal tar as well as leaf smoke.

Instead of burning your leaves, you can:

- Compost leaves and plant clippings.** You can reduce the volume of leaves significantly by shredding them before composting.
- Bring leaves and lawn waste to the Town Transfer Site**

## Top Five Ways to Help Dane County Lakes and Streams

(Reprinted and modified from Dane County Webpage)

- 1. Learn more about local waters and join a local watershed or conservation group.** Go to our [Dane County Waters](http://www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/waters.shtml) page ([www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/waters.shtml](http://www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/waters.shtml)) and use the **Watershed Locator** to find out what watershed you live in. Then go to **Watershed Associations, Friends Groups and Other Natural Resource Groups** to locate an active group in your area. There are many groups in Dane County all working to preserve and enhance the natural resources here. Check out their web sites or get in touch with their contact person to find out how you can get involved. If you don't find one where you live, consider starting over!
- 2. Be sure to purchase phosphorus-free fertilizers if you fertilize.** Look for 0 as the middle number. (All fertilizers show three numbers on the label, for example 10-0-5). The middle number represents the amount of phosphorus. So, buy zero. Learn more about phosphorus on the **Phosphorus Control page on the Dane County** website. ([www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/phosphorus.shtml](http://www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/phosphorus.shtml))
- 3. Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street and ditches.** Instead of raking your leaves to the ditch, start a compost pile. Leaves make great fertilizer for vegetable and flower gardens. They can also be tilled right into your garden, or you could use a mulching mower to chop the leaves into little bits for your turf. If you do rake, make sure that leaves stay out of the roadside ditch. Investigate where the nearest storm drain is in relation to your house, then learn which lake or stream receives that stormwater. Read about it in the **You're the Solution to Water pollution** series of brochures. ([www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/waterpollution.shtml](http://www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/waterpollution.shtml))

- 4. Keep water on site and soil in place (so it's out of our waters).** Try building rain gardens, installing rain barrels and directing downspouts to grassy areas (pervious areas) rather than hard surfaces (such as driveways and sidewalks that will deliver stormwater to storm drains and eventually our water resources). Be sure to mulch or plant any bare soil so that rain and snow don't erode it away. Check out the **Rain Garden Information** page. ([www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/raingardens.shtml](http://www.countyofdane.com/commissions/lakes/raingardens.shtml))
- 5. Reduce motorized vehicle use and maintain vehicles in an environmentally friendly way (don't pump oil in storm drains or on the street, for example).** Get your oil changed at a service station. If you change your car's oil yourself, take the used oil to a collection site for recycling. Never let any oil make its way to the storm drain. Make sure your car doesn't leak antifreeze, brake fluid, or windshield wiper fluid. These leaks and drips could be washed into the storm drain from the street or your driveway with the next rainstorm. Make sure you sweep your driveway instead of using the hose to wash debris away. Wash your car on your lawn instead of your driveway, or go to a carwash.

For additional information on stormwater pollution and the effect on Dane County lakes, rivers, and streams, see:

- [www.myfairlakes.com](http://www.myfairlakes.com)
- <http://www.danewaters.com/private/links.aspx>
- <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/>
- <http://www.danewaters.com/articles/whatyoucando.aspx>
- <http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm>

# Reflections Over 33 Years

by Rosalind Gausman

The summer of 1975 when I answered the ad for a job as Relief Director and secretary for the Town of Dunn; I never imagined that it would turn into a full-time job as Clerk Treasurer and span over more than three decades. The previous clerk left without notice so "on-the-job" training amounted to "learn-as-you-go" with the help of wonderful neighboring clerks to answer questions. Mary Curtin was hired to fill the vacancy for the Clerk position and I was hired to provide coverage in the office.

My first term as Clerk was in 1979 with an annual salary of \$5,000. The town hall office hours were Monday thru Friday 8 to 4 as they are today. But that is about the only thing that hasn't changed over the past three decades.

Indoor plumbing was installed two years before I started and the outhouses still stood out back of the town hall. There was a small office upstairs with one four drawer file cabinet, a Remington typewriter, a 9-button manual adding machine, and a dial phone around the corner of the wall of the meeting room. There wasn't even a copy machine. I drove to the Stoughton Store if I needed to make more than the five copies I could do with onion skin and carbon paper.

At least once a month I took checks to the friendly farmhouse kitchen of Art Onsrud for him to sign. He was the Town Treasurer for 33 years until he retired in 1977. Those were the days when we had enough revenue from the state and federal government to operate without a town tax. Then in 1980 a tax levy of \$42,354.00 was approved by the electors at the town budget meeting. With a population of 4,200 it really was a necessary move to bring the town operations into the 20th century.

In 1976 we added the business office on the ground floor and it provided a better entrance than the steep exterior steps up to the meeting room level of the town hall. The elevator was installed in 1996.

Some Highlights:

My first job here was a secretary and General Relief Director. That was back when general relief (welfare) was issued at the local level. I served as the town's General Relief Director for 10 years during which time I created the town's Work Relief Program to assist recipients in establishing a work record and finding them jobs. It was very gratifying work to help people find work instead of just giving them a handout.

I am especially proud of my term served on the Plan Commission 1977-1981 during the creation and adoption of the first Land Use Plan. My husband, Bill, and I started dairy farming during that time, so we really valued the town goals and policies to keep the rural character of the town that makes farming remain sustainable today and in the future. Thank you, Town of Dunn citizens, for your support of agriculture.

The administration of elections has also changed greatly over the years. During my first year on the job as Deputy Clerk, elections were done with paper ballots, and no pre-registration. The population was about 4,000 and the paper ballots were counted by hand. It was not unusual for the results of a national or statewide election to be announced before our ballots were even tallied. In the 1976 presidential election, we used voting machines for the first time. They were those big heavy machines with the lever. They were so heavy we could only put three upstairs in the meeting hall and the

other two in the basement. The lines were much longer than they are now-a-days when we have several poll lists and voting booths to allow more voting at the same time. In 1980 when our population went over 5,000 we started voter registration.

There have been many big projects and issues over my 33 years with the Town of Dunn. The Libby Landfill fight, annexation battles of the 1980s, Dunn Heritage Park acquisition and development, Third Street wetland restoration project, Colladay Point park acquisition, Amundson Boat Landing development, Orvold Park Conservation area, development of the Purchase of Development Rights Program, Exchange Street Bridge replacement, Dyreson Bridge restoration (underway), the storm shelter at Bay View Heights (underway), the codification of our ordinances, acquisition and development of the Dunn Burying Ground, and several storm water and drainage projects. Thank you to the town staff who helped see these projects to completion and to the Town Board members through the

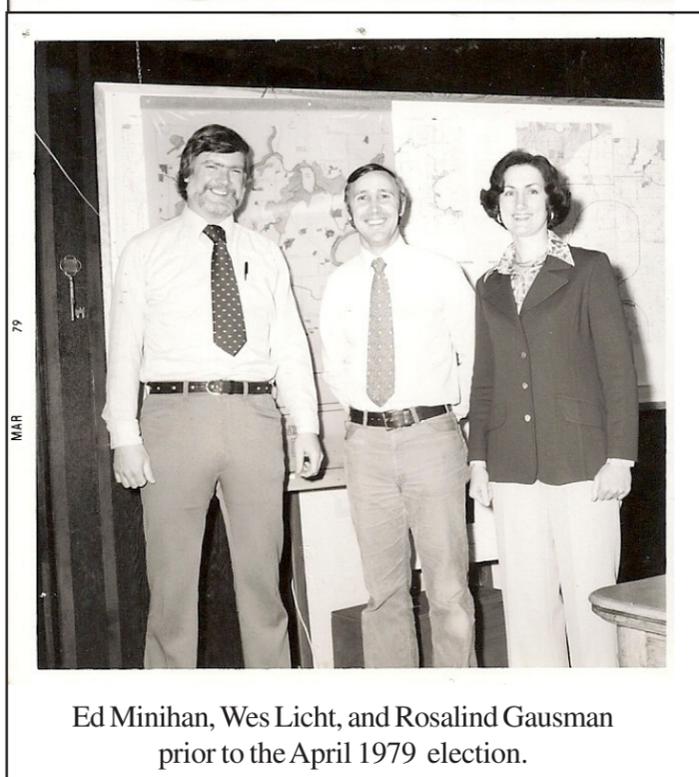
years who made my work environment so pleasant.

What has inspired me most over my 33 years with the Town of Dunn is the number of dedicated residents who serve as unpaid volunteers on the many commissions and committees that help create the policies approved by the Town Board. In some other communities these positions might be paid, but the Town of Dunn has always benefitted from the contributions of talented and caring citizens who donate their time to ensure that the Town of Dunn remains a wonderful place to live for generations to come. These volunteers truly are the example of the Aldo Leopold quote that has hung on my office wall since 1977:

*"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."*

*Thank you, Town of Dunn voters, for giving me the privilege to serve you.*

*Roz*



Ed Minihan, Wes Licht, and Rosalind Gausman prior to the April 1979 election.

**ELECT**  
**Rosalind Gausman**  
Clerk  
Town of Dunn



I reside at 2314 Keenan Road, and have been a Dunn resident since 1973. I presently operate a dairy farm with my husband, Bill, and two children.

**MY EXPERIENCE AND RECORD OF SERVICE:**

- Town of Dunn Clerk, 1979-80
- Town of Dunn Deputy Clerk, 1975-1979
- Town of Dunn Plan Commission Secretary, 1977-1981
- Town of Dunn Relief Director, 1975-1981
- President, Local Welfare Director Association, 1979-80
- Dane County Work Relief Commission, Vice Chairman, 1980
- Member, Wisconsin Clerk's Association, 1980
- Other work experience includes legal, architectural and land appraisal secretarial work.

**VOTE**  
**Tuesday - April 5**  
**Dunn Town Hall 7am - 8pm**

Authorized and paid for by Rosalind Gausman, 2314 Keenan Rd., McFarland, WI 53558

**ELECT**  
**Rosalind Gausman**  
Clerk  
Town of Dunn

Dear Residents of Dunn:  
I truly enjoyed serving you as Town Clerk in 1979 & 1980. I worked for the Town with pride and always kept your best interests first. People who worked with me and saw me in action, have only good things to say about my work for the town. I am honored to pass their remarks on to you . . . . .

*"Roz Gausman has always impressed me with her courteous and competent performance, both as Town Clerk and Relief Director in the Town of Dunn."*  
George Reinke (former Dane County Executive)

*"I wish that I could personally visit all the voters in the Town of Dunn and express to them the terrific job Roz Gausman did representing them as their Town Clerk and Welfare Director."*  
Jack Hebl (former Dane County Clerk)

*"Roz Gausman is outstanding in public relations, secretarial skills, efficiency, innovation and devotion to duty. We must get her back into the Clerk's Office."*  
Ed Minihan, Chairman  
Town of Dunn

*"There is no one better qualified or better suited to serve us as Clerk of the Town of Dunn than Roz Gausman. She's tops!"*  
Wes Licht, Dunn Parks Commission Chairman

I promise you quality, competent work that you can be proud of. I ask for your vote on April 5.  
Thank you.  
*Roz Gausman*

**VOTE** **Tuesday - April 5**  
**Dunn Town Hall 7am - 8pm**



*You are invited*  
**Retirement Open House**  
*in honor of*  
**Rosalind Gausman**  
**33 years of service to the**  
**Town of Dunn**

*Come and reminisce with us on*  
**Thursday December 11, 2008**  
**4 pm - 6 pm**  
*at the Dunn Town Hall*  
**4156 County Road B**

# Year 2009 Budget Highlights

By Rosalind Gausman, Clerk/Treasurer

The 2009 budget includes three fund accounts with a tax levy; the General Fund (town operations), the Debt Service Fund (for funding capital projects or equipment), and the PDR Fund (to operate the Purchase of Development Rights Program). The mill rate for the total levy on all three funds is \$2.18 per thousand of assessed value. The equalized mill rate is \$1.89 or \$189.00 tax for a \$100,000 property value. Due to the timing of the state budget, we do not have the levy limit worksheet with the town's final numbers. The final numbers will be available at the budget hearing, so the levy could change based on decisions made by the citizens attending the budget hearing and special town meeting on November 25, 2008. A more detailed version of the draft budget is available on the town's website - [www.town.dunn.wi.us](http://www.town.dunn.wi.us), at the Town Hall, and will be presented at the budget hearing on November 25, 2008.

## General Fund

**On the revenue side** of the budget, the following lines are worth noting. The general property tax levy is proposed to increase \$30,855 which is a 2.07% increase. The State shared revenue is shown with little or no change because as of this writing the State has not completed the estimates to reflect the final state budget. The State transportation aids went up by \$3,206.

Grant revenue is up slightly because road signing and striping grant is completed and the revenue is expected in 2009. Building permit revenue is expected to decline because the activity in the construction field has slowed down this year. The increase in garbage and recycling income is to offset the increase for the same under a new contract with Waste Management that began in January 2008 which is also included on the expense side of the budget.

**On the expense side** of the budget, the following changes are proposed in 2009: Wage categories were increased by the cost of living (4.2%). The budget for attorney fees has been increased to \$18,000 to anticipate work on the Fitchburg Northeast Neighborhood development proposal. Election expenses will be up because of additional training planned. The increase in town hall expenses will cover increases in utility expenses and re-budgeting for some roof and soffit repairs to the town hall.

In Public Works budget, there is no change in street repair and maintenance. The increase in tools of \$1,200 will partially cover a new power steam washer.

The public safety portion of the budget is one we have little control over and represents the most significant increase in costs for 2009. We contract for fire and emergency services from McFarland and Stoughton; and we are part of the joint fire district in Oregon. The major increase this year is in the McFarland district and it reflects the town paying a larger share of the districts expenses due to Pleasant Springs withdrawing most of its area from the district. The cost to the town is \$35,510 for 2009. Stoughton fire district expense increased by \$28,796 largely due to the new fire station. The Oregon joint district expense was increased by \$14,043. The town will be taking over accounting and payroll functions for the Oregon joint fire district in 2009. Other than a cost of living increase there is no change in our contract with Dane County Sheriff's

VALUATION	2007	2008	2009	% change
ASSESSED VALUATION	633,046,200	635,353,400	Not available	
EQUALIZED VALUATION	731,620,300	735,586,800	Not available	
<b>TAX LEVY</b>				
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	733,708	746,515	777,370	4.13%
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	148,692	246,125	241,441	-1.90%
PDR TAX LEVY	344,711	365,810	367,793	0.54%
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>1,227,111</b>	<b>1,358,450</b>	<b>1,386,604</b>	<b>2.07%</b>
ASSESSED VALUE MIL RATE	1.96	2.15	2.18	1.70%
EQUALIZED VALUE MIL RATE	1.78	1.86	1.89	2%
<b>YEAR END UNDESIG. FUND BALANCE</b>				
	589,736	544,652	345,880	
	estimated	estimated	estimated	
*levy reduced by State Exempt Computer Aid of \$178.00				
Current year assessment ratio	86.37%			
Prior year assessment ratio	86.53%			

# Year 2009 Budget Highlights

(continued)

By Rosalind Gausman, Clerk/Treasurer



Department for the 20 hour per week service they provide. The increase proposed for donations to senior citizen programs and youth centers reflects an increase of roughly 2% to keep pace with the town's levy limit increase.

We have an accrual-based budget. Therefore beginning balances were adjusted to reflect the year the revenue or expense covered, instead of the date of the receipt or check. The ending year balances will be adjusted to reflect the same.

## Capital Projects Fund

Capital projects planned for 2009 include a reduced amount for road reconstruction work and no new purchases of highway related equipment. The largest project is the construction of a storm shelter in Bay View Heights, but it is contingent upon final approval of funding by FEMA. The town's match of this project will include our labor, equipment and some materials to construct an access drive to the building. The capital projects are funded through borrowing which is reflected in the Debt Service Fund and tax levy. The design phase of the Dyreson bridge renovation will be done in 2009 with the town's share of the cost being \$21,429.

## Pet Waste Pickup



2008 Mil Rate Comparison Municipality			x/00
City of Stoughton			
Town of Madison	8,000	6.00	\$600.00
Village of Brooklyn	807	6.49	\$649.00
Village of McFarland	7,336	6.32	\$632.00
Village of Cottage Grove	5,433	5.07	\$507.00
Village of Oregon	8,721	4.63	\$463.00
Town of Blooming Grove	1,734	3.73	\$373.00
Town of Cottage Grove	3,921	3.70	\$370.00
Town of Windsor	5,823	3.33	\$333.00
Town of Deerfield	1,557	2.62	\$262.00
Town of Sun Prairie	2,360	2.48	\$248.00
Town of Oregon	3,349	2.32	\$232.00
Town of Rutland	1,996	1.95	\$195.00
<b>Town of Dunn</b>	<b>5,252</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>\$186.00</b>
Town of Dunkirk	2,018	1.72	\$172.00
Town of Pleasant Springs	3,165	0.99	\$99.00

x Mil rate levied in 2007, collected in 2008

Information is from Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance web site at wistax.org  
 human contact. A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which can cause disease in humans.

Whether in your yard or walking your dog, you can easily do the right thing. Purchase a device made especially for the task or simply use a plastic bag. Then, just place the waste in a garbage can, flush down the toilet or bury it in your yard. Everyone will be happier when you pick up after your pet! Also, who wants to step in it, let alone swim in it! The Town of Dunn has a pet waste pickup ordinance requiring pet waste cleanup (Ordinance 11.6-1-6(e)). **Please do the right and considerate thing and pick up after your pet.**

## Simpson Park Playground Expansion

by Jenny Goodlund

A fund raising effort began late this summer to expand the playground equipment at Simpson Park located in the Waubesa Heights neighborhood (located about 2 miles NW of the town hall). Our goal is to purchase a climbing structure with a double slide. In September, we held a bake sale at the McFarland Family Festival. With the help of about 30 neighbors that provided sweet treats, we were able to raise just over \$600 towards the purchase of the new equipment. Please consider making a donation, big or small, to help fund the new structure and strengthen our community. Donations can be made at the Town Hall. For more information, you may contact Jenny Goodlund (838-8417) or Sara Mischnick (838-6231) or email simpsonpark08@gmail.com.



Pictured above: Jerad, Emma & Gabe, grandchildren of Sonny & Polly Stout, make a \$50 donation and look forward to playing on the new equipment.

### Town Contact Information

Town Webpage: [www.town.dunn.wi.us](http://www.town.dunn.wi.us)  
 Town Email: [townhall@town.dunn.wi.us](mailto:townhall@town.dunn.wi.us)

The Town of Dunn website provides updates on current issues, Town Board, Parks, Plan and Land Trust Commission meeting schedules and agendas. Also find information on the PDR Program, a copy of the town's Comprehensive Plan, transfer site hours, maps and more.

### Caregiving: A Balancing Act

Spend the day meeting people who understand the joys and challenges of caregiving and learn practical ways to care for your loved one - and yourself.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
 Covenant Presbyterian Church  
 326 S. Segoe Road Madison, WI

Call Claire Culbertson at (608) 261-5679 for more information

## AREA YOUTH CENTERS SERVING TOWN RESIDENTS

### Looking for something to do after school?

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 3 pm 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  
**608-838-3839**

**Stoughton Youth Center**  
518 S. Fourth St., Stoughton  
**608-646-0470**

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

**DONATIONS TO THE MCFARLAND YOUTH CENTER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER 501(C)(3)**

## On the Road Again

*Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman*

Roadside mowing is just getting started. This mowing extends further into the right-of-way area to help reduce snow drifting on the roads over the winter. **To facilitate road maintenance, all signs need to be placed outside road right-of-way. Road right-of-way is usually 33 feet from the center of the town road.**

This summer, we resurfaced Waubesa Avenue, Berkan Street, Beale Street, and Noarts Street. The town also seal coated Waubesa Heights, Spartan Hills and Burmeister Woods. Using our excavator, we were able to replace eight culverts that were rusted out this year. The town received money from FEMA for flood damage this spring. We did additional ditching along several roads due to flood damage.

With winter coming, we will be putting on our snow equipment mid-November. Please do not park on the roads or the shoulder when it snows for ease of snow removal. The state law requires motorists to be no closer than 300 feet behind a snowplow or a citation could be issued. Please be courteous to our hard working town crewmen. For snow and ice control we are planning to use a salt/sand mixture to reduce total salt usage, overall winter maintenance costs, and reduce the impact on the environment.

## PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

*by Jim Molloy,*

*Plan Commission Chair*

The Plan Commission continues to process land divisions, re-zonings, site plans and other land use requests. We 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 Ben Kollenbroich at the Town Hall at 608-255-4219, ext. 205.

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.

### 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 east of Hwy AB in Dunn is 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

## Area Senior Centers Welcome Town 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, Ste 1, Stoughton, WI  
53589  
**608-873-8585**

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

## Parks Commission Update

*By Mary Gross*

Things are slowing down for our parks commission. With winter on the horizon, most of the work in our parks is completed for the season with exception of mowing. We celebrated Arbor Day with our potluck. Large trees donated by Toddle Inn were given out. Town resident, Cal DeWitt, was our guest speaker and Don Schmidt was awarded our Stewardship Award for prairie restoration.

Jay Hoel, our parks superintendent, was able to plant about a dozen oak trees at Dunn Heritage Park due to a tree grant the town received.

Residents in the Simpson Park area have been busy raising money for some new park equipment. Donations are welcome and can be sent to the town hall.

Town resident, Sam Richards, is working on his Eagle Scout award and has organized a prairie seed harvesting to take place this fall.

**PLEASE REMEMBER NO SNOWMOBILES IN TOWN PARKS.** Last year there was a problem with snowmobiles running at Spartan Hills.

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. No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed in the parks. This includes dirt bikes and 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 parks. Please 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 fall and winter.

### MedDrop: The Best Place to Get Rid of Medication

Unwanted and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be found in every household in the country and can be hazardous to both humans and the environment. Recent research has shown that flushing medicines down the toilet or putting them in the trash is not the ideal method to dispose of these products. To avoid contaminating the environment and harming others, please bring your unneeded medicine to MedDrop. This is a **free** service for all Wisconsin residents. **Please visit [www.meddropdane.org](http://www.meddropdane.org) for more information and to register for MedDrop email updates.**

## Effects of Flooding on Plants (cont.)

or seedlings are much more susceptible to flood damage than established, healthy trees and shrubs. You can tell if your plants have been affected by flooding if you see yellowing or browning of leaves, leaves curling and pointing downward, wilting leaves, smaller new leaves, and defoliation. Some plants can recover within one growing season but are more susceptible to fungi and insects. Trees with root damage are more prone to fall during strong winds and should be monitored closely or removed.

So what causes plants to die during floods? When excessive moisture enters soil, oxygen levels in the soil decrease, while carbon dioxide, methane, hydrogen and nitrogen gas levels around roots increase, thus causing roots to suffocate and die. Toxic compounds such as ethanol and hydrogen sulfide can also build up in saturated soils. Wet soils also breed fungi, molds, parasites, and other organisms that are harmful to plants.

Another issue with flooding are excess soils and rocks that are deposited following floodwater recession. Excess soil greater than three inches can impede oxygen transport from the atmosphere to the roots and should be removed as soon as the water recedes. Soil erosion is also common with flooding so make sure to cover exposed roots.

So how do you damage to plants in future floods? One way is to avoid planting in areas that drain slowly or consistently flood. You can also plant on raised beds or berms, install swales, waterways, and drain tiles to divert excess water from trees and shrubs. One way to protect the plants you already have is to add loose organic material like composted leaves, pine bark, and peat moss.

If you would like more information on the effects of flooding on plants or would like to view a list of plants that are tolerant to wet soil please visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/UF/resources/vol1no1.pdf>.

## Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association Update

*Jeff Hodgson, WBNA President*

Some look at the glass as half full, and some as half-empty. Some Waubesa Beach residents are wondering, "What's in the water?" High levels of nitrates have been reported by many residents, especially by those whose properties border farm fields. This information, in combination with the high water levels earlier this summer, makes it a good time to have your water tested for nitrates and bacteria. Please contact The Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene at (608) 224-6262.

"Hotcakes on the griddle!" was the phrase in March, as the WBNA hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast. Breakfasters watched as kids scrambled to find treasures in the Holiday Egg Hunt. Thanks to Ed Minihan for stopping by. On to May, when neighborhood volunteers took to the roads for the Spring Clean-Up and Adopt-A-Highway program. A record number of volunteers covered an area extending from Libby Road to Lalor Road. Thanks to all who participated. Ah summer and the WBNA's Neighborhood Picnic! Horseshoes clanging, live music, great food and good cheer. Thanks to all that volunteered and donated so generously to make our largest fundraiser of the year a big success.

What's next? The 6th Annual Packer Chili Cook-Off and Food Drive on November 16th at the Community Center. Great chili recipes to sample, colorful booth decorations, the Packers on the big screen and donating to our local food pantries, all combine to make this a favorite neighborhood event. The number of chili entries is limited, so sign-up today at [www.waubesabeach.org](http://www.waubesabeach.org)

The WBNA has been informing local area residents about important issues through our neighborhood e-mail list. We presently have 139 neighbors and local area residents on our list and it is growing. Our objectives are to be a conduit of information about issues that directly affect our neighborhood, creating a more informed base and encouraging direct participation by attending Town and County meetings. We are happy to report that several neighbors and local area residents who are on the e-mail list have now been regularly attending and voicing their opinions at Town and County committee meetings. If you would like to be included on the WBNA e-mail list, please contact Jeff Hodgson, at [jeffreyhodgson@mac.com](mailto:jeffreyhodgson@mac.com)

Our Picnic Shelter project is in full swing. Town and County building permits have been acquired, neighborhood pledge money has been rolling in and construction is almost ready to begin. The shelter, similar to those at Goodland Park, will provide cover for those using the Community Center grounds for many years to come. A BIG thanks to all who have forwarded their pledge money for this very worthwhile project.

The Waubesa Beach community wishes everyone a happy, healthy Thanksgiving and winter season!

## Outdoor Wood Burning Ordinance

The Town of Dunn is currently considering an Outdoor Wood Burning (OWB) Ordinance. If you are considering buying an OWB, it is highly recommended that you buy a clean wood burner as defined by the EPA. These OWBs will have an orange sticker attached to the device. For further information, please visit the EPA OWB website at: [www.epa.gov/owhh/what\\_epa\\_doing.htm](http://www.epa.gov/owhh/what_epa_doing.htm) or call the Town Hall at 255-4219

## THE TOWN WELCOMES HARDY KRUEGER

Hardy joined the Town's Parks Buildings and Grounds department in April of 2008. Hardy's education in real estate and extensive experience in construction provide knowledge that is helpful in his position with the Town. You will see Hardy in the Town parks planting and watering trees, and mowing or at the Town Hall helping out with various projects. Hardy's most recent project for the Town was the submission of a request for grant funding for urban forestry in the town. We hope the grant is awarded and that the Parks department will be planting many new trees next year!



## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



**SUE RICHARDS AND CAROL SWAIN ACCEPT THE TREE CITY USA AWARD FOR THE TOWN OF DUNN**



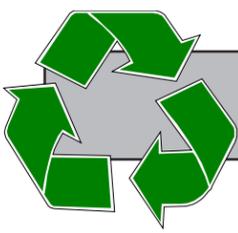
**TREES ARE DISTRIBUTED AT THE ANNUAL ARBOR DAY POTLUCK AT THE DUNN TOWN HALL ON APRIL 26, 2008.**

## 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 at 266-4266.**

**To view the Dane County Zoning Code of Ordinances visit their website at [www.co.dane.wi.us/ord/dcord.htm](http://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.



# RECYCLING GUIDE

The small efforts we make each day to REDUCE, RE-USE, AND RECYCLE benefit our community and our environment for years to come. State law requires residents to recycle. This guide is designed to help you determine what to recycle, where to dispose of unusual items, and who to call if you have a question.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

### Glass Containers

- Jars & Bottles Only
- No Light Bulbs
- No Dishes, Cookware or Glasses
- Rinse Clean
- Clear, Green and Brown Glass Only
- Place Lids and Metal Rings with Other Garbage
- Do Not Have to Remove Labels on Glass

### Plastic Containers

- #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 are all recyclable
- Do Not recycle #2 high density buckets (1 and 5 gallon)
- No Containers Used for Medicine, Oil or Chemicals
- Remove Lids and Place With Other Garbage
- Rinse Clean
- Crush Containers

### Tin Cans

- Food Cans ONLY—No Paint or Chemical Cans
- Aerosol Cans Are Acceptable When Emptied
- Rinse Clean and Remove Label
- Place Lid Inside of Can and Flatten or
- Place Lid in Regular Garbage

### Aluminum Cans

- Cans Only
- No Foil and No Pie Plates
- No Soda Pop or Beverage Tabs
- Drain All Liquids
- Rinse Clean

### Cardboard/Paper Bags

- Only Clean Brown Paper Bags
- Only Corrugated Cardboard,  
(Place Wax-Coated Boxes In Trash)
- No Pizza Boxes or Egg Containers
- Flatten All Boxes, Keep Dry
- Cut Pieces to Less Than 3 Foot Square
- Bundle With String or Place in Paper Grocery Bag

### Newspaper/Magazines/Phone books

- Newsprint (Includes Shiny Inserts)
- Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books
- Place Newsprint in Brown Paper Grocery Bag
- Bundle Magazines With String in 6" Stack
- PAPER TYPES MUST BE KEPT SEPARATE!

## Need Extra Curbside Pick-up?

### Call Waste Management

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. The town does not provide the toters or bill for extra service. The 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 \$4.25 per month and the cost of the 96 gallon toter was \$5.60 per month.

Items that are too big to fit into a 34 gallon receptacle such as mattresses, chairs, couches, washers, dryers, refrigerators, appliances, etc, can be picked up by Waste Management if you call (608) 273-2500 in advance. The cost is \$25.00 per item. These items are scheduled for pick-up once per month. Make sure to call ahead for the schedule. Waste Management can also help you with your remodeling needs or cleanup. Please call (608) 273-2500 on the cost of renting a dumpster.

## The next Goodwill Industries pick up is scheduled: Saturday, December 6th from 9 AM to 12 PM

in the Town Hall parking lot.

Goodwill staff will help unload and provide tax receipts.

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

## Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B,

¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

Open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of every month

8 AM to 4 PM.

### The Transfer Site accepts:

**Scrap Metal - Motor Oil - Yard Waste**

**Brush and Wood - Batteries - Tires**

**Holiday Trees** - Waste Management will not pick up trees left at the curbside. Trees without tinsel, decorations, or stands can be taken to the Town Transfer Site.

**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 lumber.

**Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps, construction material and many other large items. Call 838-9555 for information.**

**Tires** - We charge a fee based on our costs for disposal. At the time of this publication auto tires were \$3 without rims and \$4 for tires with rims. Truck and tractor tires are priced higher based on size. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for a small fee.

### Questions?

Call the Town Hall at 255-4219 extension 201

## Other Recyclable Items

**Appliances, furniture and large items:** Appliance pick up or drop off is available from Gary's Appliances, 2405 Vondron Rd. Call 221-1150 for more information. Larry's Appliance at 419 Rolfsmeyer Road will accept appliances for a fee. Typical fees are \$20 for pick-up of an appliance. Larry's Appliance does not accept televisions. Microwaves are accepted. Call Larry Shimmick for prices and information at 271-8162.

Most large items and appliances can be picked up by Waste Management. You must call ahead. Pick-up is offered once per month and there may be a \$25.00 fee. For more information call (608) 273-2500.

**Remodeling Debris:** Waste Management can provide a dumpster. Please call (608) 273-2500 for pricing. **You may be able to drop off construction materials at Madison Prairie Landfill, 3490 Nelson Rd. Please call ahead 837-9031. Dane County Landfill will also take construction material. Call 838-9555 for information.**

**Fluorescent Light Bulbs:** Recycled through any retailer who sells fluorescent lamps or through Waste Management. Call to arrange pick up 800-236-1028.

**Thermostats:** Due to health problems associated with mercury, old thermostats and thermometers should be recycled through Dane County Clean Sweep, Madison Gas and Electric, First Supply Madison, Gustave A. Larson Co. or Warren Heating and Air Conditioning. For more information call Clean Sweep Coordinator Dave Radisewitz 608-294-5358.

**Hazardous Materials:** Paint, pesticides, poisons, solvents, ignitables, aerosols, sealants, fuel, oil and other hazardous materials must not end up in our landfill. Dispose of these items at Clean Sweep May 1 through October 30. Clean Sweep is located at the Dane County Highway Garage 2302 Fish Hatchery Road Madison. For further information call the recorded information line at 608-294-5366 or visit [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) For other possible drop off sites call the Wisconsin DNR at 275-3208.

**Computers:** Computers contain hazardous materials and should be recycled. Janssen Computers, 3 Marsh Ct., 222-9100 will take equipment for reuse or recycle. Cascade Asset Management accepts any and all computer and computer related equipment from businesses. Household computers are collected at semi-annual drop-offs in April and November. Call 222-4800 for more information. Also, see their web page at <http://www.cascade-assets.com> Visit the Dane County website at [www.countyofdane.com/pubworks/recyc.htm](http://www.countyofdane.com/pubworks/recyc.htm)