

The Official **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2016
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Views from the Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair



Newly reconstructed Dyreson Bridge. Photo Credit: Mark Jung, Town resident

No surprise with this Winter; the Cranes are back early. Horned Owls have been calling for a few weeks and there are some intermittent Spring bird calls escaping the beaks of the birds visiting the feeders. It is not Spring yet, but the promise of Spring. We know it is coming. Not so much from the meteorologists' projections, but from the behavior of the critters' and plants' changing demeanor. Their attitude has clearly shifted to one of expectation. There will be growth and reproduction and they are anxious for it. This is not giving plants and animals human qualities. Just observe and they will tell you that they know Spring is returning. The birds are easy to read; the calls are changing. Look at willow trees. There is no doubt that they are ready to get started on another year. Mammals are coming out of their dens, holes and hiding places. Even the insects are starting to stir. Bees are

taking cleansing flights and bugs are awakening a bat's appetite, ready to make up for the Winter's dearth. The magic of Spring comes not from the date on the calendar, but from what is happening around us in the natural world.

The people of this Town have been instrumental in preserving the natural world and the contribution of that world which sustains us in mind, body, and spirit. As long as we remain steadfast in our protection, we can stave off the assaults upon our valuable and critical environment. It will not be easy but we are going to prevail. We have ancestry going back 12,000 years. Their spirits reside here and we recognize that fact, unlike most other communities. It is not just the spirits of the Native Americans who started hunted here 1,200 years ago, or those who lived here regularly for 1,200 years. The spirit of European immigrants who built the



Town resident, Rob Christlieb, cuts the bridge's ribbon during the Town's Dyreson Bridge Opening Celebration.

Events

Tuesday April 5th 7AM-8PM: Spring Election & Presidential Preference Vote

Tuesday, April 12th 5PM-6:30PM: Heart Health Education Session (more info on pg 7)

Tuesday April 19th 6:30 PM: Comprehensive Plan Update Open House (6:30), Annual Town Meeting (7:00) & Commissioner Appreciation Event

Monday or Tuesday April 18th or 19th: Old Guys Recycling & Appliance Pickup (call 608-577-7443 to schedule a pickup)

Thursday or Friday April 21st or 22nd: Extra Curbside Pickup (date follows your normal trash pick up day)

Saturday April 30th 4 PM-6 PM: Arbor Day Celebration

Thursday May 5th 3PM-6PM: Open Book (more info on pg 7)

Dyreson Road bridge, and the local farmers who labored to construct it so they could better move the products of their labor to market. That bridge is not just a wrought iron and steel bridge. It is a symbol of how humanity has settled here and prospered due to their commitment to community. The location of the bridge is significant. It is located right where human communities first formed after the retreat of the glaciers. It is where one of the first dams on the Yahara River was built to accommodate mills to grind the wheat produced by immigrant farmers. That area is rich in the history of this piece of the world.

Restoring the bridge has been a twenty-year dream of mine. Roz Gausman, the Town Clerk and later Clerk/Treasurer, and I tried to get a restoration started, but the bridge

was not damaged enough to get funding. When it had deteriorated enough that we imminently would have to close it, we were able to start seeking funds to restore it, or to (continued on page 3)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE OPEN HOUSE
6:30 PM
TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2016

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 PM

- I. Announcements and introductions by Chairman Minihan
- II. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 17, 2015
- III. Reports
 - A. Building Inspector Report
 - B. Land Trust Commission
 - C. Plan Commission
 - D. Parks Commission
 - E. Tree Board Report
 - F. Police Report
 - G. Cemetery Report
 - H. Sanitary District - financial reports
 - I. Treasurer's report - review 2015 audit
- IV. New Business
 - A. Consider approval of conservation easements proposed under the Purchase of Development Rights program.
 - B. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
 - C. Educational material on storm water management as required by permit and section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code.
 - D. Present Noxious Weed Notice.

Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/
 Business Manager, WCMC

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Case Manager here to Serve Town of Dunn Seniors

by Lori Andersen

McFarland Senior Outreach Services has a case manager on staff to assist seniors in the Town of Dunn. What exactly does a case manager do? A case manager is a resource for information related to a variety of topics.

We assist many seniors with obtaining and maintaining financial assistance such as Food Share, Energy Assistance, Medicare including Medicare Prescription Coverage and Medicaid. If the person also has complex or ongoing medical issues we may discuss services such as Care WI or Hospice Services.

For Caregivers, we provide support, education, and respite funding including linking them with private pay caregivers or publicly funded long term care.

Our goal is to keep people in their home if possible, so we work with partner agencies such as Home Health. We may also provide loan closet equipment like wheelchairs and bath benches for short term use. We encourage good nutrition to maintain your health by providing a meal

site for seniors, Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors, bus rides to the grocery store, and connection with the McFarland Food Pantry.

Our case manager partners with law enforcement and medical emergency services to assure the safety and wellbeing of seniors in their home. We hope to put preventative services in place such as when a fall or injury has occurred or there are emotional or behavioral concerns such as depression. Through resources and other programs offered here or elsewhere we try to connect people with the social supports they need and want.

The case manager also has information related to a variety of other resources such as housing, estate planning, emergency preparedness, home safety, abuse, and neglect.

Our contact may be short term or long term depending on the person's needs. If you have a question on whether a case manager can help you in an area of concern please contact Sara Sprang at 838-7117. Inquiries will remain confidential.

Volunteering at Senior Centers

McFarland Senior Center

Volunteer Drivers

McFarland Senior Outreach Services Department is looking for responsible volunteer drivers. The drivers take older adults to vital medical appointments in the area. 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.

Home Meals Driver Substitutes

Substitute drivers are needed for the home delivered meal program of McFarland. Meal deliveries are typically between 11:15 am and 12:15 pm, depending on the route. Substitutes can indicate which days they are most available. Mileage is reimbursed. Call 838-7117 for more information.

Sewing Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for sewing

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

Oregon Senior Center

Volunteer Driver Escorts

Help adults 60 and over with transportation for medical and medically related needs. Drivers are reimbursed 50 cents/mile and provided with insurance. Please call Gene at 441-7896 for more information or to sign up.

Volunteer Meal Delivery Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver meals. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Gene at 441-7896 between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Shared Table Community Meal

Shared Table provides a weekly free and nutritious meal each Thursday evening for those who are food insecure in our area. The meal also serves to provide companionship around the dinner table for elderly and those who enjoy the social event.

Area restaurants, businesses, organizations, youth, and groups of all kinds contribute. This is a really great experience and I hope you will help if you can!

Become part of this wonderful

event by signing up your group to host or to help serve the meal.

Please contact the Shared Table Volunteer and Meal Coordinator, Vicki Holten (vicholten@gmail.com). Vicki will help you or your group pick a date, determine the menu, and answer questions. Volunteers are provided the information and training needed to make this a successful experience for all. Visit the Shared Table website at sharedtablecommunitymeals.com.

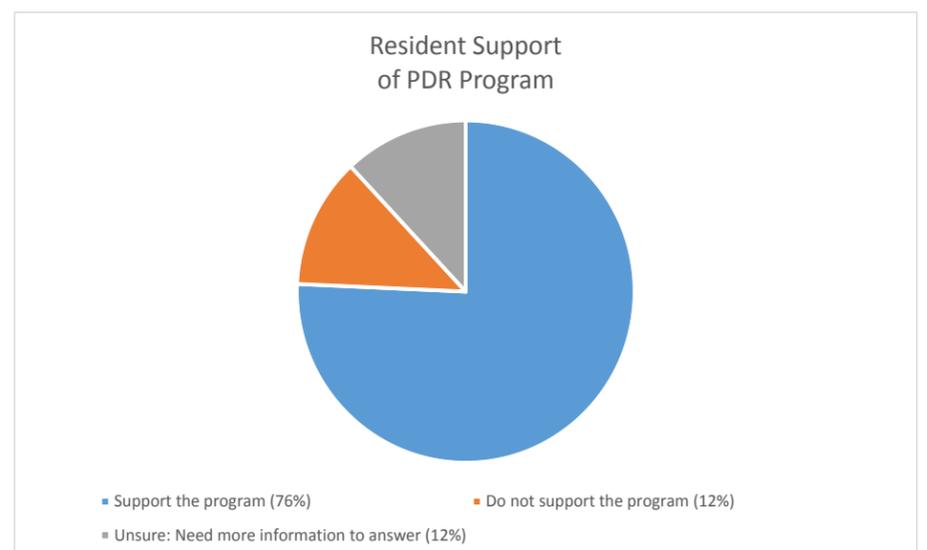
Purchase of Development Rights Program Going Strong Despite Limited Grant Funds

by Erica Schmitz

The Town has been operating a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program since 1997. This program allows the Town of Dunn to purchase development rights from willing landowners to permanently protect agriculture, natural areas, and open space throughout the Town. Properties over 35 acres in Dunn and throughout towns in Dane County have a limited number of land divisions available to them. This means landowners can create a limited number of residential lots on their farm or property. In Dunn, the Purchase of Development Rights program offers to pay landowners to permanently retire those land divisions rather than using them to create new residential lots. This way, landowners can receive income for the value of those lots without having to sell part of their land. A conservation easement is the legal document we use to record the deal.

years, the State of Wisconsin has received only a fraction of prior year ALE funding, due to budget cuts at the federal level. Despite this, the Town was awarded 50% matching grants for 1 property in 2014, 4 properties in 2015, and 1 property in 2016. A major contributing factor to our success is the outstanding quality of farmland in our area. As we look forward to celebrating the 20th anniversary of the PDR program next year, we're very happy to report that together with dedicated landowners and our partners at the Natural Heritage Land Trust, the Town is continuing its success of preserving some of the highest quality farmland and natural areas in our region.

We are very pleased to hear that you, the Dunn community, recognize the many benefits of the PDR program and continue to support it. In our recent Community Survey, over 75% of respondents reported that they



The PDR program is funded in part by a local levy. The Town has always been committed to stretching those Town resident tax dollars as far as possible by seeking out and securing matching grants from all levels of government. Particularly at the State-level, funding for conservation easement programs has dried up. The State programs that have helped fund our PDR projects in past years, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (Department of Natural Resources), and the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) have been under threat in recent years. Thanks to the efforts of groups like Gathering Waters, these programs still exist, although their budgets are extremely limited. We hope that they will be better funded in the future.

Fortunately, a Federal program, the Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) program, remains available as a matching grant source to help fund our PDR program. Over the past two

support the program. A key success of this program is preserving the rural character of our community – which 59% of respondents said was one of the top three land use issues facing the town. Town survey respondents also identified “rural character” and “natural resources” as 2 of the 3 reasons they chose to live in our community. These two important aspects of our Town are similarly identified as significant in the PDR program's mission:

“The mission of the Rural Preservation Program (PDR program) is to protect and enhance the rural character of the Town of Dunn, preserve a land base to support a robust agricultural economy, and promote ecological resilience to provide a sense of certainty about the future and sustain a high quality of life for all members of the community.”

Your ongoing support is crucial to the PDR program's success and we

Blue Moon Community Farm

by Meg Nielsen



Kristen Kordet holding a flat of baby bok choy

will the number and variety of seeds that sprout and put down roots at Blue Moon Community Farm, a certified organic Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm that serves about 175 families on-site during the growing season.

“We grow about 30 different crops and around 200 varieties here every year in order to provide a wide range of produce to our members,” Kordet said.

When cool weather crops are harvested, they make way for plants that need warmer nights and longer periods of daylight. Rotation lends itself to good use on ap-

proximately six acres of the 10-acre farm that are used for crops. And, although they have their favorite crops, part of the adventure of growing vegetables is trying those new varieties.

“Carrots are one of our favorite crops. Carrots grown in loamy soil have such wonderful flavor. We have our favorite kinds, but it’s also fun to plant different varieties. There are so many to try,” Kordet said. They like to use heirloom seeds and focus on getting great taste and flavor when making their selection.

“We don’t have long cool springs here, so right now we’ve been experimenting to see how different varieties of spinach perform. Sometimes we try new seed varieties and report back

to the companies to let them know how the seeds worked,” she added.

Since they use certified organic farming methods, they generally use organic seeds like Seed Savers and High Mowing. Organic seeds are better adapted to organic growing conditions, Kordet explained. They also use organic mulching systems to see what kind works best, how the crops thrive with each type and how good they are at keeping the weeds down.

While Blue Moon’s earliest cool weather crops will become available at their Farmers Market stand at the Westside Community Market in Madison starting in mid-April, regular weekly pick-ups of fresh produce won’t start until early June.

When they do, Kordet’s farmyard fills quickly with families who have purchased either weekly or every-other-week CSA shares. Boxes of colorful produce, newly washed and so fresh it is still wiggling, wait to be chosen. At the peak of harvest, larger quantities of certain crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers, flowers and basil are also available for CSA members to pick themselves.

Blue Moon also raises a few pigs and chickens that are offered for purchase as a compliment to CSA members. Late fall shares featuring end-of-season produce provide another CSA option.

“People love coming out here because they can walk around in a friendly atmosphere, chat with each other at the pick-up site, exchange recipes, see the fields where the crops are grown and feed scraps to the pigs. They get to hang out on a farm, what could be better? Pick-up day comes with its own built-in form of community and we love it,” Kordet said.

That said, life on the farm is not always easy. One of their 30 x 90-foot hoop houses sustained wind

damage recently and will have to be repaired. The success of a farmer’s crops always depends to some degree upon the weather. And the work is demanding.

But like her early spring crops, Kordet seems to have put down roots in the Town of Dunn along with her husband, Scott Taylor, and their son, Cyrus. She became interested in farming after college and worked on farms first in upstate New York and then in Wisconsin where she met Scott. She purchased their current farm in 2008. Scott, an environmental consultant, serves on Dunn’s Land Trust Commission and on its Comprehensive Plan Update Committee.

“This small acreage is just what we needed,” Kordet says of their farm. “It’s conveniently located at about five miles from Stoughton, Oregon, Madison and McFarland. We think it is so wonderful that people can come here to get their food. The food doesn’t have to be transported for miles and miles to get to them. And they don’t have to drive miles and miles to purchase their food. Some people drive one to two hours to find fresh produce at a farmers market,” Kordet said.

“We are lucky to be here. The Town of Dunn seems to attract like-minded people, people who know what it means to live here, people who want to preserve farmland, people who want to know their neighbors and to know where their food is grown and who is growing it,” she added.

“And there is a civic side to most of us [Dunn residents],” she said. “Giving back is still a part of some psyches here in the Town of Dunn.”

Shares for the coming growing season are still available at Blue Moon’s CSA. For more information, visit bluemooncommunityfarm.com.

Views (continued)

(continued from front page) remove it and close the road permanently. It was difficult to find funding to restore a bridge that was over one hundred years old. But a Town resident, Rob Christlieb took on the task. At NO cost to the Town for his expertise and hard work, he found a way to get funding so we could refurbish this icon. His work was brilliant and we were able to get funding sources. There were difficulties in the bidding process because there were few firms who were able to take on such a project. But Cathy Hasslinger, the Clerk/Treasurer who succeeded Roz, kept pushing the project. We were able to find DOT employees who understood the value of this bridge and who were able to find firms who could take on this project at a reasonable cost. The DOT employees who helped on this project were exemplary. I would re-

ally like to thank them by name, but in the present political climate where public employees are denigrated for doing their jobs, praise might do more harm than good. Our Town employees did excellent work, as usual, on many aspects of the restoration also. The bridge is done and it is just magnificent. The DOT and the contractor did great work. I am not a structural engineer, but the Dyerson bridge is better now than when it was newly constructed by the Milwaukee Bridge and Iron Company. It lasted 120 years and will probably last that long again and more. There is no doubt in my mind that my granddaughters’ grandchildren will be able to drive over that span across the Yahara with their kids in the car. Isn’t that why we do what we do for our community, as those before us have done?

The Dyerson Bridge

by Town of Dunn Poet Laureate, John Herm

We come upon this river’s bend,
The quiet current churning,
These banks are strong and gently send
Water on endless journey.

Storms deluge a rising stream
Can birth a swift impasse.
A safer crossing bred this dream

And wrought this span to last.

This low truss Bridge has joined the path
With girder steel design,
Its wooden planks shall let us pass
One carriage at a time.

The Bridge built here... brings neighbors near...
No further need...to ford the stream...



John Herm reading “The Dyerson Bridge” at the Bridge’s Re-opening Ceremony



TOWN OF DUNN'S

Curbside Recycling

Recycling is collected every other week on your normal trash pick-up day. **You do not need to separate recyclables and may place all recyclable material in your blue cart.** For questions about recycling, please contact Pellitteri Waste Systems at 257-4285 or visit www.pellitteri.com.

Expanded Paper Recycling

- Cardboard (empty)
- Catalogs, magazines & phone books
- Cereal & cracker boxes (empty)
- Computer & office paper
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Holiday gift wrapping paper (no foils)
- Newspapers
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper milk and juice cartons or boxes
- Pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- Shredded paper (place in clear or transparent plastic bag and tie shut; a full bag should be smaller than a basketball)

Expanded Plastics Recycling

- All plastic bottles (no motor oils or gasoline)
- Plastic containers/cups #1-7, including #1 deli bags)
- Plastic bags (grocery, newspaper, dry cleaning, etc. - no black or brown bags) - place clean, dry bags into a clear or transparent bag and tie shut; a full bag should be smaller than a basketball

Recyclable Metal & Glass

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)
- Metal pots & pans
- Small metal appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.) - nothing larger than a basketball
- Small metal plumbing fixtures & pipes (faucets, valves, pipes 2" - 12" long)
- Tin & steel cans

Non-Recyclable Items

- Brake rotors/drums
- Deli containers - except #1 plates
- Frozen food or microwave dinner plates
- Glassware & ceramics
- Metal items heavier than 10 pounds
- Mirrors & windows
- Motor oil & gasoline containers
- Plastic film, wrap & Styrofoam
- Misc.: Carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, food, hoses, ropes & shoes

Thank You to Roadside Pickup Volunteers

A big thank you to the volunteers involved with the adopt-a-highway program. Participants included Ackerland LLC, 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 Andrea at the Town Hall at 838-1081 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.

Goodwill Industries Pick up

2015 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:
Saturday, April 16th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, August 6th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, December 3rd 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 deduction information.

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

Compost Sites

Dane County

Dane County **no longer** offers finished compost materials at their yard waste drop off sites. Town of Dunn residents may still bring non-woody yard waste to the Rodefeld Site (hours and location below). All material must be removed from bags prior to dumping. There is no charge for dropping off material. They do not accept brush, dirt, rocks, food waste, Christmas wreaths or garlands (because of the metal wire), or trash of any sort. For more information on the Dane County compost site, call Robert Regan at 266-4139.



Image from straightouttasomewhere.com

RODEFELD SITE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 am – 10:45 am. Located at 7102 Hwy. 12 & 18, one-half mile east of I-90.

Town of Dunn

The Town of Dunn offers compost at its Transfer Site (see opposite page). If you would like to have the Town's loader scoop up compost for you and place it in your car, the fee is \$10. If you would like to scoop up compost yourself, there is no fee. Woodchips are also available at the Town Transfer Site for a fee.

Home Composting

Composting is a great way to keep organic material out of the waste stream. Composting is easy to do if you follow a few simple guidelines.

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

Building a Compost Pile

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

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

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

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

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

Maintaining Your Compost Pile

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

Information provided by Dane County at countyofdane.com

2016 RECYCLING GUIDE



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. The Transfer Site will be open seasonally from April 6 - November 2 for additional hours every Wednesday from 2 pm to 4:45 pm.

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, lumber, or wood furniture. **Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps, construction material and many other large items.** Call 838-9555 for information or go to countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/landfill.aspx.

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

Antifreeze - Used antifreeze that is free of oil is accepted.

Motor oil - Used motor oil that is free of other liquids is accepted. You can recycle plastic motor oil containers and oil filters at the transfer site.

Automotive Type & Rechargeable Batteries - Household batteries are not accepted.

Tires - We charge a fee based on our costs for disposal. At the time of this publication, auto tires were \$4 without rims and \$5 for tires with rims. Semi truck tires cost \$7 for disposal and tractor tires cost \$25. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for a small fee.

Appliances - We accept all appliances **EXCEPT FOR** TVs, electronics, water softeners, and dishwashers. There is no charge for bringing your appliances to the transfer site.

Scrap metal - Scrap iron, steel, copper, and other metals are accepted. We only accept motors after the gas and oil has been drained.

Questions? Call the Town Hall at 838-1081 extension 201

Med Drops

Unwanted and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be dropped off at local police departments. Please call the McFarland Police Department at 838-3151 or the Oregon Police Department at 835-3111 for more details.

DNR E-Cycle Wisconsin Program

Wisconsin households can recycle the following electronics under the DNR's E-Cycle Wisconsin program:

- Computers (desktop, laptop, netbook and tablet computers)
- Desktop printers (including those that scan, fax and/or copy)
- Computer monitors
- E-readers
- Televisions
- DVD players, VCRs and DVRs
- Fax machines
- Mice and keyboards
- Other computer accessories including hard drives, speakers, flash drives and modems.

These electronics can be recycled at various locations across the state. For a full list of collection sites, visit: dnr.wi.gov, search "ecycle". Some collectors may charge fees and may not accept all devices. Contact collectors beforehand to learn about their policies.

Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale Saturday May 7, 2016

The City of Madison and RainReserve (a local company) are hosting a compost bin and rain barrel sale for one day only at the Alliant Energy Center. More information about the sale is available at cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm

Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up

Thursday, April 21st
(for residents with normal Thursday garbage service)

&

Friday, April 22nd
(for residents with normal Friday garbage service)

Planning on cleaning out the garage or basement this spring?

Wondering how to get rid of large items?

Pellitteri is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Thursday, April 21st or Friday, April 22nd (depending upon your normal trash pick-up day). This extra garbage pick-up comes at no additional charge for residents, but there are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers, and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Pellitteri at 257-4285 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 during the Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up Day.

For Free Pickup of Appliance & Large Recyclables on April 18th and 19th, call 608-577-7443

Monday, April 18th (For Homes NORTH of HWY B)

Tuesday, April 19th (For Homes SOUTH of HWY B)

You **MUST** make an appointment with Old Guys Recycling. If you choose to take advantage of both Pellitteri's Extra Curbside Pickup Day and Old Guys Recycling, your pick up will be as follows:

North of HWY B (Normal Friday Service)

Old Guys: Monday

Pellitteri Extra Curbside Pickup: Friday

South of HWY B (Normal Thursday Service)

Old Guys: Tuesday

Pellitteri Extra Curbside Pickup: Thursday

Call Old Guys Recycling at 608-577-7443 or email oldguysrecycling45@gmail.com by Friday, April 15th to schedule pick up for your home. Coordinate a location to leave your recyclables with Old Guys. Town residents can make use of this new resource for recycling unwanted electronics (ex. computers, video games, TVs), household and kitchen appliances (ex. dishwashers, water softeners fridges), lawn equipment (ex. mowers, trimmers, tillers), exercise equipment (ex. weight machines, stair climbers, treadmills), batteries (ex. auto, plane, lithium ion), light fixtures (no light bulbs), and scrap metal (ex. pipes, bed frames, metal shelves). Contact Old Guys Recycling with any questions about what they will pick up.

Clean Sweep Wisconsin

Clean Sweep is a Dane County-run place to bring hazardous household materials like paints, pesticides, and rechargeable batteries. It is now open year round during the following times:

Tuesday-Friday:

7 am - 2:45 pm

Saturdays:

8 am - 10:45 am

Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays

Located at 7102 US HWY 12

Go to danecountycleansweep.com for more information.

Prairie Restoration at Dunn Heritage Park

by Madison Audubon Society. For more information about the Madison Audubon Society, go to madisonaudubon.org or [facebook.com/MadisonAudubon](https://www.facebook.com/MadisonAudubon).

Almost two dozen volunteers enjoyed hand planting 17.9 acres to prairie at Dunn Heritage Park near Lake Waubesa on January 30, 2016.

Some of the volunteers live nearby and will be able to see the results of their work on a frequent basis. It was a beautiful and mild day. The seeds “melted” into the snow in mid-afternoon.

Forty-nine species of grasses and forbs were planted including nine species that were purchased. The rest of the seed was collected at Goose Pond Sanctuary or by a scout troop at Don Schmidt and Carole Becker’s prairie restoration in the Town of Dunn. The Park’s prairie restoration includes wet-mesic and mesic prairie habitat. Monarchs will find an abundance of milkweeds and nectar plants.

The Town of Dunn is also restoring wetland and savanna habitat at Dunn Heritage Park, including land along 300 feet of shoreline on Lake Waubesa. Twelve acres were previously cropped and the prairie restoration will help improve the water quality of the lake. A few years ago the Dunn Park Commis-

sion planted oaks, and some of those are now eight feet high! There is also a kestrel box on the site, thanks to Schmidt.

Schmidt, Town of Dunn resident and Goose Pond Sanctuary volunteer, is helping the Town coordinate the restoration project. Mark Martin, co-manager at Goose Pond Sanctuary, helped secure seed and coordinate the planting. Ben Kollenbroich with the Town of Dunn recently sent MAS a note, stating: “Thanks again for your help with everything, Madison Audubon Society and Goose Pond Sanctuary has been a great asset to the Town and to this project.”



Thank you to the volunteers who hand-seeded Dunn Heritage Park!

Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park Update

by Bud Erickson



Work on the Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park is progressing on schedule. The park is located on the corner of Highway B and Country Club Road on a three acre site donated by Oscar and Shirley Linnerud. Sales, donations, and pledges, which started with a \$350 spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, have now grown to over \$500,000 of the \$800,000 needed to complete the project.

In February, all excavating and necessary backfilling was completed. In early March, the footings were set. Plans for the electrical work and landscaping are nearing completion. In May, Pechmann Monument Company will begin installing the pavers, benches, flag poles and bases, and also the educational pillars. These twelve pillars will display 48 vignettes covering significant military

events dating back to the Civil War. Of particular interest to Stoughton area residents will be the vignettes honoring WWII Congressional Medal of Honor recipient,

Truman Olson; WWII Prisoner of War nurse, Marcia Gates; and Vietnam Prisoner of War veteran, Don Heiliger. On the same pillar will be a vignette on the history and evolution of the famed 32nd Red Arrow Division.

Adorning the large centerpiece will be a bronze eagle with a wing span of six feet. Around the base of the centerpiece will be the names of 162 Stoughton area servicemen who were killed in action. Surrounding the centerpiece, the names of more than 5,200 Stoughton area veterans will be inscribed on several black marble monuments.

Anyone wishing to help can send a tax deductible donation to:

SAVMP, P.O. Box 16
Stoughton, WI 53589

Shaping Our Community’s Future

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to those residents who took the time to fill out our Community Survey. To date, we have a response rate of about 25%. As we’re working on updating our Comprehensive Plan, a plan that guides decision making about our community’s future, it’s crucial that we hear from you, the community members.

The Town of Dunn has been protecting the rural character of the Town for decades. One key way that we do this is through land use planning. Our first Land Use Plan was adopted in 1979. In 2006 we adopted our first Comprehensive Plan, which went beyond land use to plan for transportation, community facilities, and intergovernmental cooperation, among other goals.

Our planning efforts have always focused on preserving the rural character of our community, and we’ve been successful at doing that through careful consideration of rezones and land divisions as well as the success of the Purchase of Development Rights program. Community members have noticed – and would like us to continue to focus on preserving this rural character. 42% of survey respondents listed Rural Character as one of the three top reasons they chose to live in the Town of Dunn. And, when asked about the top land use issues moving facing the Town, 52% of respondents cited Preservation of Rural Character as a top-three issue.

The overarching goals of our Plan include preserving farmland and open space and protecting the Town’s natural resources. Over 90% of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed with these goals, with a significant majority (69%) strongly agreeing. Other goals, including continuing the Town’s ac-

tive land use policies, and providing nature-based recreational opportunities, also received strong support (over 80% agree or strongly agree).

We use these goals as a guidepost for focusing our priorities as staff working to serve our community. Highway expansion and encroachment by neighboring communities, for example, were both significant concerns of survey respondents. Town staff have been very engaged in working with neighboring municipalities on joint planning efforts, and have been deeply involved in protecting the Town from developments at our borders to the best of our ability. We also serve on advisory committees for regional transportation issues that affect our Town and advocate for our residents in limiting highway expansion.

We sincerely appreciate your input and our Comprehensive Plan Update Committee is taking your responses into careful consideration as we update our plan and set priorities for the future.

Missed the survey?

It’s not too late to get involved. There will be a Comprehensive Plan Open House on April 19th at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall, just before the Annual Town Meeting. We’ll have maps and information available and staff on hand to answer questions and take comments. We will also have information available and will be accepting comments at our annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 30th. Our land use staff (Erica Schmitz and Ben Kollenbroich) are always happy to discuss the plan update and take comments as well. You can reach us at the Town Hall at 838-1081 or by email at eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us.

Welcome Andrea



If you have visited the Town Hall recently, you may have been

greeted by a new friendly face! Andrea Ott-Zacharias joined the Town Hall staff in December and serves as our new Administrative Assistant/Court Clerk. A native to Stoughton, some of you may already know her. She is a Stoughton High School graduate and has a Public Relations/Marketing degree from UW Whitewater.

With a strong focus on customer service, she will assist you with a

variety of items. Please contact her with questions regarding building permits, citations and court, dog licenses, bartender and liquor licenses, garbage and recycling questions, and general information regarding the Town of Dunn. She will always do her best to return your phone call or email promptly.

She has had the opportunity to meet some of you already, but looks forward to getting to know you and working with you. Please stop by the front office and introduce yourself the next time you are at the Town Hall.

Andrea lives nearby in the Township of Pleasant Springs. In her free time she enjoys running, photography, attending her children’s sporting events, and time with family and friends.

Vote Early March 21 - April 1

Photo ID Required to Vote

Best time to stop in is between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday



Compared to five years ago, voting in person on Election Day takes a few minutes longer for each voter. In the same way a traffic jam develops, small delays in voter lines can add up to long wait times. We are now checking each voter's photo ID, collecting each voter's signature, and our new voting machine, the DS 200, takes much longer to process each ballot. Our capacity for the number of voters per hour is limited by the machine.

Early voting by absentee ballot is available at the Town Hall during regular business hours in the two weeks (Monday – Friday) be-

fore each election. We will have extra staff to assist you from 1:00pm to 5:00pm so please come by in the afternoon if you can. Watch for our sign in front of the Town Hall reminding you that early voting has begun!

For more information about Voter ID and what IDs are accepted, go to bringit.wisconsin.gov

To view your voter registration status; the next election date and ballot; absentee voting dates; your polling place address; and your current elected officials for local, congressional, and legislative offices, go to myvote.wi.gov.

Spring into a Healthy Heart!

Please join us for an education session, "Heart Health: Know Your Numbers" taught by local nurse Sue Richards (RN, BSN) at the **Town of Dunn Town Hall, April 12th, from 5:00-6:30 PM**. Sue will explain the most important numbers to know for a healthy heart - blood pressure, BMI, and waist circumference - and there will be opportunities after the session to have your blood pressure checked. Each attendee will receive information and a small gift. We hope to see you there!

Town of Dunn Open Book

Open Book for property assessments is Thurs. May 5th from 3pm-6pm. Contact Associated Appraisal Consultants for an appointment at info@apraz.com or 1-800-721-4157. Please contact the assessor directly for questions about your assessed value and any corrections that are needed. Questions and corrections can be done by phone or email if you are not available for an appointment during Open Book hours.

Sheriff's Report

by Deputy Holmes

Town of Dunn Police When to Call

We are fortunate to have several Dane County Deputies patrol the Town of Dunn.

Our deputies are just a phone call away. Always call the police in a 911 emergency situation. However you may use the Dane County non-emergency number at 255-2345 to report suspicious activity while an event is occurring. An example of this would be a suspicious door to door salesperson, or someone unfamiliar wandering around or hanging out in your neighborhood. Take photos if you can.

Recently in Dunn, there were a series of break-ins. In many cases, both the garage and the car doors were not locked, making it easy for someone to wander in and look through cars for money and other valuable items. Remember to shut and lock doors of your home and garage, or car doors if garage is open to deter easy access. Many neighborhoods have ways to communicate with and alert each other of potential dangers. Utilize these applications to keep each other informed.

When calling in a non-emergency

situation, report as many details as you possibly can (type of car, color of car, physical description of the suspect). If you are able to, take a photo of the vehicle or license plate. The more information that is reported, the better. It is with the help of our family and neighbors that crimes can be solved! You can make a difference.

Again, the Non-Emergency Telephone Number is 608-255-2345.

Medications

In an effort to reduce drug related problems, store and account for all prescription drugs. While many people store medications in the bathroom, this is a room that anyone can go into without raising suspicion.

Prescriptions should be secured and locked somewhere other than the medicine cabinet in the bathroom. If a loved one needs help or has questions regarding opiate addiction, view the following website for information and resources: safercommunity.net/parent_addiction_network.php

Cindy Holmes is our Community Deputy and can be reached at 283-3964 or holmes.cindy@danesherriff.com.

Read Ballot Instructions Carefully at the Spring Election

The April ballot is both a Presidential Preference ballot allowing only one vote in only one party and it is also a ballot for several non-partisan offices.

Presidential Preference Vote You may vote in only ONE party's primary. You may vote only ONCE. If you vote more than once, your choices will not be counted!

Special Instructions for Presidential Preference Vote Choose the party in which you will vote. Within the party you have chosen, you have ONE of 3 choices:

1. Vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot in the party you have chosen.
2. Vote for an uninstructed delegation from Wisconsin to the national convention of the party you have chosen.
3. Write in the name of another person to become the presidential candidate of the party you have chosen

General Instructions	Presidential Preference (Cont.)	Judicial
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.) To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ● To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●	Choose a Party Primary Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this ●. Choose only ONE. <input type="radio"/> Republican <input type="radio"/> Democratic	Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> JoAnne F. Kloppenburg <input type="radio"/> Rebecca G. Bradley <input type="radio"/> Write-in:
	Cast Your Vote for President	Court of Appeals Judge District 4 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Brian W. Blanchard
Presidential Preference Vote In the Presidential Preference Vote: You may vote in only ONE party's primary. You may vote only ONCE. If you vote more than once, your choices will not be counted.	Vote ONCE in your chosen party. Republican Party Primary President of the United States Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Marco Rubio <input type="radio"/> Ben Carson <input type="radio"/> Rand Paul <input type="radio"/> Mike Huckabee <input type="radio"/> Jim Gilmore <input type="radio"/> Chris Christie <input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump <input type="radio"/> Rick Santorum <input type="radio"/> Carly Fiorina <input type="radio"/> John R. Kasich <input type="radio"/> Jeb Bush <input type="radio"/> Ted Cruz <input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation <input type="radio"/> Write-in:	<input type="radio"/> Write-in: Circuit Court Judge Branch 3 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Valerie L. Bailey-Rihn <input type="radio"/> Write-in: Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Everett Mitchell <input type="radio"/> Write-in: Circuit Court Judge, Branch 5 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Nicholas J. McNamara <input type="radio"/> Write-in: Circuit Court Judge, Branch 14 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> John D. Hyland <input type="radio"/> Write-in: Circuit Court Judge, Branch 15 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Stephen Ehлке <input type="radio"/> Write-in:
	Democratic Party Primary President of the United States Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Hillary Clinton <input type="radio"/> Martin O'Malley <input type="radio"/> Bernie Sanders <input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation <input type="radio"/> Write-in:	County County Supervisor District 34 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Patrick Miles <input type="radio"/> Write-in:
	End Presidential Preference Vote	<input type="radio"/> Write-in:

**Sample
Not
Official
Ballot**

Parks Update 2016

There have been some exciting updates to share regarding the Town's parks over the last few years. From updating the Town's Parks Plan, to organizing an inaugural Fall Festival, to installing new playground equipment, the Town Parks Commission and Town staff have been hard at work improving the Town's park system.

The most recent project is occurring at Dunn Heritage Park. The Town was recently awarded both a Dane County and a DNR grant to improve and restore this park and the project will be completed by the end of 2016. Some features that have already been completed include:

- **Carry-in Non-motorized Boat Landing:** A canoe/kayak/paddleboard landing with washed stone was installed on the northern pond in order to allow recreationists to access the south end of Lake Waubesa.
- **Invasive Species Eradication and Native Species Replanting:** The wooded area near the lake and the area around the ponds has become overrun with invasive species. The Town has undertaken efforts to control invasives, but a larger scale effort is needed. The Town has, and will continue to eradicate invasive species and replant native species. The new plantings are aimed toward the promotion of wildlife habitat and diversity. In addition, Emerald Ash Borer was discovered at the Park and ash trees have been removed per the Town's EAB Response and Management Plan. Native trees, including oak trees that grew from acorns collected at Town parks, will be planted at Dunn Heritage to replace these removed trees.
- **Rip Rap:** Due to an eroding shoreline, the Town installed rip rap along Lake Waubesa. A portion of the shoreline remains in

an open and more natural state to allow immediate access to Lake Waubesa (no motorized boats allowed). Trees that were removed along the shoreline were reintegrated into the rip rap to create "fish sticks", which provide shelter and feeding areas for fish.

- **Parking Improvements:** A roadside parking/pull-off area was created with gravel in the road right-of-way along the east side of Tower Road.
- **Culvert Bridges:** The two footbridges were too narrow and lightweight to support maintenance equipment that is needed for proper trail maintenance, future inlet dredging, and invasive species control. Culverts were installed at the footbridge locations to allow access for Town equipment.

In the coming year, the following activities will take place at the park:

- **Signage:** The current sign at Dunn Heritage Park is quite worn and in need of replacement. We are fortunate to have a metal artist in the Town who has designed and will produce the sign.
- **Picnic Area:** Two picnic tables will be installed to improve outdoor recreation opportunities. In addition, we will be adding benches for quiet enjoyment of the park and to provide opportunities to rest when walking in the Park.

As a reminder, motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed in Town Parks or on Town property. Please use the designated approved routes. In addition, Town property is not to be used for storage of private property or other private use.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Arbor Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday April 30, 2016!

Annual Arbor Day Potluck

EVENT: Arbor Day Celebration

WHEN: Saturday April 30th, 2016 4-6 pm

WHERE: Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B

Mark your calendars for the April 30th, 2016 Arbor Day Celebration! This annual event will take place from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Joy Zedler will be receiving the Stewardship Award for being a steward of the wetlands. Professor Zedler was chosen for this award for her work in studying wetlands and for her help in the Town of Dunn's detailed input on Fitchburg's proposed Northeast Neighborhood. A speak-



er will also be announced at a future date. Check our website for updates on this.

We will be having a pot luck dinner after the presentation. Brats, hot dogs, plates, napkins, eating utensils, and a beverage will be supplied. Come meet other residents and share in this fun family event. Bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy

your community. Free trees and door prizes!

It's Here...and it's ALIVE!

The 'Green Menace' is upon us and it's not going away. What's this you may ask?



On Saturday, January 30th, 2016 a number of volunteers, Parks Commissioners, Tree Board Members and Town staff were at Dunn-Heritage Park (located on the southeast shore of Lake Waubesa) for a day of prairie seed spreading. While there, two of our Tree Board Members (Tim Andrews and Peter Kaseman-Wold) were asked to look at the trees in the wooded section of the park near the lake and flag any tree that is dead or dying. There were quite a few ash trees in this area and most of these trees had significant woodpecker 'flecking'. As the bark was peeled back on one of these trees, lo and behold the tell-tale signs of emerald ash borer (EAB) galleries were found. On Monday February 1st, we contacted Mark Guthmiller (WDNR-Forest Health Specialist) who confirmed the EAB find. Due to the significant infestation, the ash trees in this area are in the process of being removed. This area of the park is part of an improvement project and will

have trees replanted in this area.

Although this is the only confirmed infestation in the Town, it does not mean that it isn't anywhere else in the Town. Watch for woodpeckers in the winter and in the summer watch for dieback in the canopies of the ash trees. Once an ash tree becomes infested it may take a few years before it is completely dead, but it will die. The Emerald Ash Borer attacks ALL ash trees. This does not mean that there is

nothing that you can do. There are a few treatments out there, however they are not a "one and done" treatment. The most effective treatment is injected pesticides, which require a licensed and certified applicator. The trees must be treated every two years to be effective. To find a local certified arborist visit the Dane County Tree Board website and search under Arborists.

For more information on EAB please visit the following online sources:

DATCP Services EAB Information
emeraldashborer.wi.gov

Dane County Tree Board
treeboard.org

Town of Dunn Tree Board
town.dunn.wi.us, Click on "Departments" and then "Tree Board"

If you suspect that you have an EAB infestation, please contact DATCP at the above web address or 1-800-462-2803.

On the Road Again...

by Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

With 2016 spring around the corner, the freeze/thaw conditions make Lalor Road a challenge. The highway crew will keep the larger chunks of the road picked up and patch the deep holes. Once all of the frost is gone and the ground settles, a more permanent patch will be applied over the top of the road. Other roads in the township with potholes will be repaired on a weekly basis.

Roadwork bids for 2016 are currently being considered. We will be grinding Lake Kegonsa Road starting at US Highway 51 going to Halverson Road. Overlaying will be done on Gieler Drive, Duncan Road, Lynch Circle, Norman Drive, Pike Lane and Charles Lane.

Roads which sealcoat will be applied to include Bryant Drive, Liatris Lane, Skytop Road, Riverholm Road, River Crest Road, Dyreson Road. A double sealcoat will be applied on the newly redone Dyreson Bridge, Roan's Road, Audrey Lane and Recycling Center Drive.

Culvert replacements this year

will be (3) on the west end of Schneider Drive, Townline Road east of Labrador Road and Halverson Road by Sand Hill. Three culverts will also be replaced on Alma Road.

Just a few reminders to residents:

- Road right of way for most roads is 33 feet from the center of the road. This area is used by the Town for road maintenance, snow removal, and water drainage.
- Hopefully our winter is nearing an end, but please remember to not put the garbage totes in the road. It makes plowing very difficult. Shovel a spot for them.
- Road weight limits were put on our roads in early March and will be on for at least a month. The new weight limits are 15 tons per vehicle.

We continue to maintain and repair the roads of Dunn to keep our walkers, bikers and drivers safe!