



**TOWN OF DUNN PHONE NUMBER AND INFORMATION LIST**

<b>POLICE EMERGENCY</b> (Dane County Sheriff)	266-4920
<b>POLICE NON-EMERGENCY</b>	
Town Police Chief Robert Berry	255-4219
Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm	
Dane County Sheriff	266-4948
All other times	
<b>FIRE</b>	
McFarland Fire District	266-4920
Oregon Fire District	835-3113
Stoughton Fire District	873-7217
Ambulance (EMS) all districts	266-4920
<b>CRISIS INTERVENTION</b>	
Emergency	251-2345
Non-emergency	251-2341
For help with suicide, drug information, alcoholism, domestic problems	
<b>POISON INFORMATION CENTER</b> 24 hours	262-3702
<b>TOWN HALL OFFICE</b>	
Hours Monday through Friday	
Clerk: Rosalind Gausman	
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Deputy Clerk: Jean Anderson	
Secretary: Glada Peters	
Phone 255-4219	
<b>TOWN BOARD</b> meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced	
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	Edmond P. Minihan
<b>SUPERVISOR I</b>	Eleanor White
<b>SUPERVISOR II</b>	Stanley R. Solheim
<b>TREASURER</b>	Dorothy Berkan
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>	Denis Dennis
<b>TOWN OF DUNN GARAGE</b> Jim Manson,	
Highway Foreman	835-5611
<b>TOWN OF DUNN DUMP HOURS</b>	
Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all year	
Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1 to November 1	
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**Public works department update**

by Jim Manson, Highway Foreman

This past season, the road crew did patching and pre-sealcoating preparation on approximately seven miles of town roads -- Schuster Road, Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road from Schuster to Sunrise Road, Sand Hill Road from Schneider Road to Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road, all the streets in Oregon Heights, Keenan Road and the town's portion of the streets in the Bayview Mobile Home Park.

About .7 mile of Tower Road was completely reconstructed this summer and widened to 22 feet. Gravel shoulders were added on this road, and redone on the Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road and all streets in Oregon Heights. Although the repaving of the

remaining part of Tower Road has been postponed, about .3 mile of Crescent Drive will be done next summer. Crescent Drive crosses the marsh, and it has been gradually settling and getting uneven and rough. With its present base, it is prone to heaving year 'round.

I would like to caution residents about driving into the town landfill in the winter. The drive is not salted, since it is gravel and would turn into muck. We do put down some sand but when the weather is very cold, the first person to approach the landfill a little too fast and have to put the brakes on a little too hard takes all the sand off the drive. This leaves nothing for the next person.

**Libby contested hearing is delayed**

If things had gone as planned, the Town's battle to stop the Libby Landfill would have entered the Contested Hearing stage this week. Instead, Hearing Examiner Patrick Currie last week announced a delay in the contested hearing because Madison Landfills Inc.'s engineering firm, RMT Inc., has been unable to gain access to two private wells that are within the minimum distance to the proposed landfill.

Currie said that attorneys representing the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, WARF, who is also fighting the landfill, asked for a delay, because RMT's design specifications do not include well information from a WARF well and from a well owned by Robert Van Daalwyk along Lake Farm Road. WARF's and Van Daalwyk's wells are 650 feet and 900 feet, respectively,

away from the proposed landfill site. DNR regulations require landfills to be at least 1200 feet away from drinking water wells.

"What is going to have to happen is that (RMT) will have to revise their design or they are going to have to gain access to some well information that they currently do not have access to," Currie said.

Currie said that RMT's options are to gain the needed well information or to redesign the landfill to comply with the requirements of the new NR-500 regulations.

Mark Haleen, RMT vice president, would not say what the company intends to do next.

Currie rescheduled the hearing for April 3, 1989 to allow for redesigning or for the information to be obtained.

**Clerk's office is busy at this time of the year**

by Roz Gausman, Town Clerk

Preparation for the presidential election on November 8 includes many tasks such as scheduling and training of election workers, setting up voting machines, handling absentee ballot requests and pre-registration.

There will be 19 election workers at the November 8th election. They begin their day at 7:00 a.m. and remain at the town hall tallying votes for about two hours after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. They work for minimum wage, and all deserve our gratitude for the civic duty they perform.

I am always looking for people interested in serving as an election worker for a two year term, or as an alternate for the big elections. During some of the slow time in

the office this summer, we continued to work on a project I began several years ago. We have been compiling a list of all past town chairmen back to 1848 when the Town of Dunn was created. Going through old town record books and information on file at the State Historical Society, we now have a complete list of the town chairmen.

My final goal for this project is to obtain 8x10 prints of all town chairmen to hang in the town hall, as well as a listing of all other elected officials. This display of our political heritage will give recognition to all of those who have served the town in the past and present. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of the people of whom we still need photographs.

**Knickmeier appointed as new judge**

Attorney Jeffrey Knickmeier, 34, became the Town's new municipal judge in August when the Town Board appointed him to replace former judge Jeffrey Nania, who moved from the area.

Knickmeier practices law as a general practice attorney in Stoughton and has lived in the Town of Dunn since May of this year.

Knickmeier has 10 years of extensive courtroom practice, including experience in municipal court as a township attorney in Vernon County, where he formerly resided.

Knickmeier grew up in Mazomanie and graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School. He received his law degree from Boston University Law School in Boston, Mass. Knickmeier is married and has three daughters.

Of his new position as municipal judge, Knickmeier said it is very important for the sessions to be convenient. So the first thing he did as judge was to reschedule municipal court to a more convenient time -- evening sessions, beginning at 5 p.m., instead of morning sessions.

"Our police department and court are informal and very responsive to the public," Knickmeier said in describing his role as judge, emphasizing that, "we are here to serve."

"We like to help people where we can, and yet enforce the laws. We try to make sure people understand all of their rights," he said about his court sessions.

Knickmeier's present term will end in April 1989.

## Residents can testify at Libby hearing

Dunn residents who wish to testify at the hearing next spring will be allowed to, Hearing Examiner Patrick Currie said, but he emphasized that contested hearings are "not another town meeting" and that it is not an opportunity for residents to stand up and say "I'm for this landfill or against it." Currie said most of the testimony taken will be from the Department of Natural Resources and experts called by each side.

Currie said that the procedure is similar to a court proceeding, and that witnesses are under oath and subject to cross-examination. He recommends that all persons testifying be prepared to answer questions from the attorneys representing the opposite view.

When the contested hearing is held, answers to two major questions will be sought: Is the design

of the landfill adequate? and, Is there a documented need for the landfill? The "need" question is one that is specifically outlined in Wisconsin State Statutes 144.44. The engineering and design specifications fall under Department of Natural Resources Rules NR-500, which were adopted last February.

To help in preparation for testimony, copies of the plans are open for public inspection at all local libraries and the Dunn Town Hall. There is lots of engineering data -- three phonebook-thick volumes, plus the plans. Don't let it scare you, because much of the information is synopsized at various points in the volumes. Information about the "need" for landfills can be found in libraries in the Wisconsin State Statutes books. The NR-500 rules are available from the state Document Sales store, 202 S. Thoron Ave. in Madison.

The hearing, which is scheduled for April 3, 1989, will probably be held in the State Hearing Examiners Offices, 6300 University Ave., Middleton.

## Spartan Hills Park takes shape by Ernie Stetenfeld

Spartan Hills Park has been a long time coming. The three-acre outlot at the east end of Spartan Hills subdivision was set aside when the property was subdivided. Families moving into the neighborhood have long been told that the site would be developed as a park, but until recently it remained an overgrown meadow, offering a beautiful view but no real place to gather.

Over the last year-and-a-half the efforts of Spartan Hills neighbors -- in concert with the Dunn Park Commission -- have seen the neighborhood park site rough graded, fine graded, seeded and fertilized, and it has already started to green-out. A healthy crop of young grass is expected in spring.

The support of the Town Park Commission has been crucial in the development of our neighborhood park. Commission Chairman Wes Licht and the other commissioners have provided ideas, funding and the benefit of their experience. In turn, an informal neighborhood park committee has worked with local contractors, run fund-raisers and organized neighborhood work crews.

The committee has sponsored two events -- a community garage sale and an auction -- which raised about \$600 for the park. More than \$300 of the money has been used to fund the fine grading and the seeding. And crews of neighbors have participated in planting trees (five Summit Ash were donated by Pietsch Landscaping at the Arbor Day planting), picking stones and spreading fertilizer.

Perhaps the most important efforts of the committee have been in working with a senior landscape architecture student, Robert Beaulieu, from the UW-Madison,

who helped create a design concept and a set of plans for the park's development.

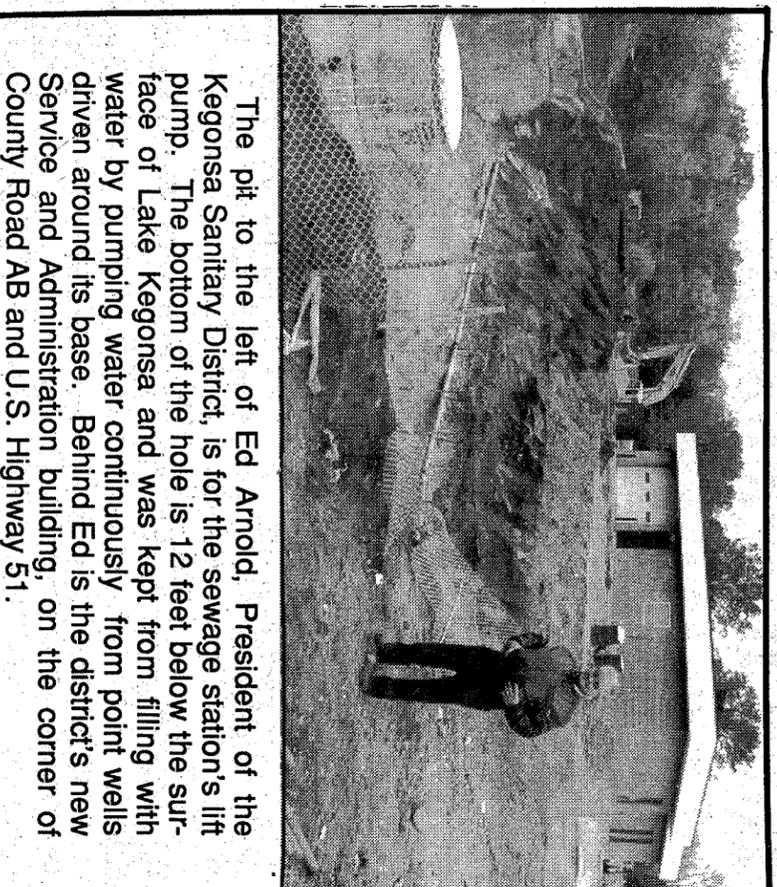
Beaulieu, now a professional landscape architect in Florida, took on the Spartan Hills Park site as his senior project in the fall of 1987. By mid-May of this year, after several meetings with park committee members and the Park Commission, Bob produced a 100-plus-page design proposal with several blueprints to guide the park's development. His hard work on the project also won him an award from the UW-Madison Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

His plans are focused on a Native American theme and call for a tot-lot, field-sports area, pathways, a picnic cove with a teepee-shaped trellis, markers around the park describing Native American games, and even a traditional goose effigy mound. If the mound is ever created, out of respect of the Mound Builder tradition, it will be marked to indicate that it is not an original.

Although the documents Bob produced are not carved-in-stone mandates for the park's development, they provide a vision and a practical guide for the growth of the park into the next decade.

Neighborhood residents are excited about the possibilities for their park. A series of narrow outlots lead from the park site down to Tower Road and a possibility exists that pathways could someday connect with the Town park being considered along Lake Waubesa.

The Spartan Hills park committee would like to thank Joe Franklin of Pietsch Landscaping and local farmer Gary Landerud for their assistance in the fine grading and seeding of our park this fall.



The pit to the left of Ed Arnold, President of the Kegonsa Sanitary District, is for the sewage station's lift pump. The bottom of the hole is 12 feet below the surface of Lake Kegonsa and was kept from filling with water by pumping water continuously from point wells driven around its base. Behind Ed is the district's new Service and Administration building, on the corner of County Road AB and U.S. Highway 51.

## KSD adopts .3 mill rate

The Kegonsa Sanitary District approved a \$503,290 budget, with a tax levy of \$116,698 on the district's landowners on October 28. The mill rate will remain as projected at .3 mills.

No residents of the district except the commissioners, their financial consultant Seegar Swanson and engineering consultant Paul Dreis attended the public hearing, which was held in the Dunn Town Hall.

Swanson, who reviewed the budget line by line for the commissioners, called it "a very realistic budget" considering the district is only beginning operation.

Besides the levy, special assessments and user fees make up \$259,092 and \$125,000 of revenues, with \$2,500 coming in as earned interest to complete the year's projected revenues.

Notable spending areas on the expenditure side include: \$12,000 for commissioner salaries, \$30,000 for legal fees, \$25,000 for engineering and \$17,000 for one district service employee or contracted service.

Engineer Dreis reported that homes north of the Service/Administration building may be able to hook into the system as early as mid/December. The district will notify residents when and how connections are made to the system when it is ready for operation. District residents will have six months to connect.

Dreis also overviewed the construction status of the contractors. Barbarossa and Sons, who are installing the interceptors are 90 percent finished. Super Excavators has between 20 and 30 of the 288 grinder pumps installed. Terra Construction has between 80 and 90 percent of the main collection system installed. Sullivan, the Service/Administration building contractor, is almost 100 percent finished. Westphal, the electrical contractor, has a major portion of the telemetering to complete.

A copy of the district's latest audit, issued in September 1988 by Virchow Krause, is available at the Town Hall for public inspection.

The regular meeting of the commissioners will be held in the Dunn Town Hall on Wednesday, November 2, at 7 p.m. They expect to begin meeting in the Service/Administration building by the end of the month.

District President Ed Arnold tentatively expects to have office hours in the Service/Administration building on Saturday morning and four hours on one weekday. The exact hours and days they will be decided in November. He also said the district's files will be available for inspection during those times.

## Goodland Cable hook-up will be soon

Within six weeks to two months, residents on the west side of Lake Waubesa may be watching cable television in their homes. That is the target date for the end of construction of the Goodland Park Cable TV Company receiving tower on Dorothy Drive, and the beginning of the hook-up phase of the operation. Construction of the tower is expected to begin in two to four weeks.

According to Tom Hansen, attorney for the Goodland Park Cable TV Co., basic cable service is expected to cost \$16.95. Offerings will be similar to those presently carried by Madison's TCI Cablevision of Wisconsin, Inc. Hansen said they expect to provide service for 215 homes on the Goodland Park side of Lake Waubesa. Present plans call for the company to contact eligible residents directly at some time during the construction phase.

# Town Board update

## Actions and issues of the past nine months

### MAJOR DECISIONS

An old state law requiring owners of livestock and their neighbors to share the cost of fencing along their common land boundaries led to a lotline dispute that was recently resolved by the Town Board after more than a year of negotiation.

The town became involved when a resident erected a \$10,200 woven wire fence to contain the pigs his neighbor planned to begin raising. The neighbor refused to pay half the cost, claiming the fence far exceeded what was required.

The Town Board determined that the value of the minimum required fencing was \$2,906, and that the neighbor should pay half this amount toward the cost of the fence.

The Town Board granted C-1 rezoning with deed restrictions to a cabinet shop with four to eight employees in June. Due to a misunderstanding between the owner and the Plan Commission, and acting on the wishes of the Plan Commission, the owner had not applied for a zoning change prior to the 1985 updating of the LUP. Since another town resident had been given the same advice by the Commission, but had filed his application and received a zoning change anyway, the Board felt that the rezoning for the cabinet shop was a question of fairness for all town residents.

In September, the Plan Commission granted another exception to the LUP when they allowed a division of the Art Mahoney property for the purpose of creating a new town park. The Commission reasoned that neither the park itself nor the sale of a portion of the land to an adjacent landowner through a lotline adjustment would create additional building parcels, preserving the intent of the LUP.

In mid-August, the Town of Dunn lost 111 acres, against the wishes of the Town Board and the Plan Commission, through annexation by the Village of McFarland. Annexation laws are written in favor of cities and villages, and towns have no veto power in an annexation issue.

In early October, town residents filled the Town Hall to discuss and vote on land purchases and sales. Residents voted overwhelmingly to purchase a 28 acre parcel to be used as a town park, to sell at appraised value approximately 18 acres of agricultural land adjoining the town landfill, and to purchase one-half to one acre of additional land adjoining the Town Hall.

### ACTIONS

In the past nine months, the Town Board has passed several major resolutions and ordinances:

\* With the town's population exceeding 5,000, the town was required to pass a resolution on

voter registration. Dunn residents are now required to officially register to vote.

\* The Town Board reduced the speed limit on Schneider Drive, from the town line to Sand Hill Road, to 45 mph due to heavy bicycle, pedestrian and horse traffic along that stretch of road.

\* The Waste Disposal Ordinance was amended to provide for a \$2 per tire fee for all tires brought to the town landfill. This was done to cover the town's cost to dispose of the tires at the county landfill.

\* The Boat Traffic Ordinance was amended, at the county's request, making the entire Yahara River in the township, including Mud Lake, a "no wake" zone, and restricting the boat landing at the end of Sleepy Hollow Road to untrailer boats.

\* Following a request by Chief Berry, the Town Board adopted Ordinance 88-3, imposing a \$48 fine for creating unnecessary noise with a motor vehicle.

### IMPROVEMENTS

Recent improvements to the town include the installation of two street lights at the entrances to the Physical Sciences Lab on Schneider Drive, resurfacing of one mile of Tower Road, construction of three-tenths of a mile of Elvehjem Road, insulation and re-roofing of the town garage and the purchase of a new tractor and mower.

### APPOINTMENTS

In March, the Town Board appointed the members of the newly established Recycling Committee. They are: Jim Manson, John Deegan, Bill Offerdahl, Ed Halverson, Glen Keichum, Bob Ziesemer, Dorothy Berkan and Roz Gausman. Their tasks include monitoring of the recycling project, consideration of other recyclable items such as plastics, establishing a compost pile for leaves and grass clippings, and considering the feasibility of keeping the landfill operating after the next two year license.

The new Building Board of Appeals was filled in June. The members and their terms are: Richard Martinson (chair) and John Eagon, 3 years; Don Stenson and Paul Christopher, 2 years; Jim Cullis, 1 year.

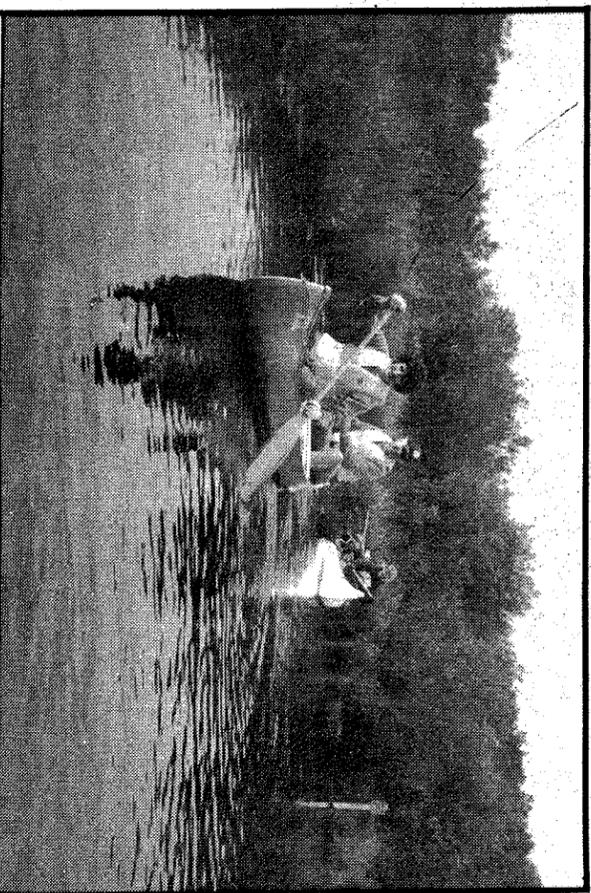
Don Ferber was hired as a limited term employee for the Plan Commission to update land use statistics and maps. The short term goal of this project is to have updated maps to visually help with planning decisions. The long term goal is to eventually have the parcels and maps digitized on a data base, but computerization has been postponed while the county works on its own digitizing project.

Supervisor Eleanor White has been appointed by Dane County Executive Richard Phelps to serve on the county's Economic Summit Committee.

## Group meets to discuss ground water problems

Following the EPA informational meeting of September 29 about the City Disposal Landfill on Sand Hill Road, about ten neighbors concerned with groundwater problems near the site met on October 13 to form a committee. EPA representatives have stated that such a committee, if formed, would be informed of progress at the site, given results of any tests or other findings and would be included in the decision-making process for the site's clean-up.

The committee hopes to meet once a week, on Thursdays at the Town Hall, to plan for and feature speakers on a variety of topics relating to the City Disposal Landfill. On November 10, DNR Groundwater Specialist Mike Schmoller will be the featured speaker at a meeting in the Dunn Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. He will discuss the results of recent well water tests taken in the vicinity of the landfill, as well as answer your questions about water testing in general. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.



The Annual Fall Tour of Dunn was a canoe trip through Lake Waubesa, the Yahara River, Mud Lake and Lake Kegonsa.

## Canoe trippers tour the town

by Sara Rath Coyle

Fourteen intrepid canoeists and a paddler in a kayak enjoyed a beautiful autumn day on the waters and in the wetlands in the Town of Dunn. The event, sponsored by the Town Park Commission, had originally been scheduled for October 1, but due to rain it took place on Saturday, October 8, when morning fog cleared early to reveal a mostly sunny sky and mild temperatures.

Park Commission member Cal DeWitt met with us at Goodland Park prior to our embarkation at 9 a.m. to explain the significance of the area around the Big Spring in the South Waubesa Wetlands. Later, in the wetlands, we were able to observe the numerous springs as we crossed them, and we could identify the purple sulfur bacteria that line the shallow channel.

It seemed like a long stretch across the southern end of Lake Waubesa, but the water was mirror-calm and we worked up an appetite for lunch. Most of us had never been through the locks at McFarland before and it was a strange feeling to be sequestered in that small space while the water level fell several feet until we were eventually released through the gates into the Yahara River. We stopped downstream at the

DNR canoe landing near the Conrad and Ruth Jaeger home for lunch, after which Park Commission Chairman Wes Licht led the group into the woods and up the hill to view the nine Indian mounds preserved there.

It was back in the water, then, for a paddle to Lower Mud Lake, where we discovered that duck hunting season had opened at noon. Several flocks of decoys bobbed on Mud Lake, and hunters in the weeds waited patiently while we slid past.

When we reached the Yahara again, we paused while Wes pointed out the granite boulders of the Indian bridge, not far from the Dyreson bridge, where Winnebago Indians once speared fish by torchlight. After that, it didn't seem to take very long to reach Fish Camp Boat Launch, where we loaded up our canoes to head home at 3 p.m. We may have had the spirit to paddle further, but most of us had muscles that welcomed a rest at that point, and we happily pledged to repeat the adventure -- and bring along our friends, next year. Editors note: Each year the Town of Dunn Park Commission sponsors an outdoor adventure tour of the town, in past years the fall tour has been a bicycle trip, visiting many of the historic homes in Dunn. Any resident who would like to participate should contact Wes Licht.