

# The Official TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER

Fall 2013

## Views From the Town Chair

Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair



Pictured Above: Don Schmidt holding a model crane. Credit: Meg Nielsen

The cranes are leaving for the Winter. But this year and for a few hundred years, there are three that will remain. Due to the artistic genius of Don Schmidt, those cranes, crafted of metal, will grace our Burying Ground gates, and a third will be the weathervane for the Town Hall.

We continue to lay up the stonework of the gate walls. The first stone laid was from the ice house foundation on Margaret Lalor's farm. These stones are every bit as much a part of our community as the cranes, the plants, the soil, and ourselves. Like the cranes, they were here long before most of the rest of our community. Below is an article by Meg Nielsen, which better describes the process of building the gates.

*The following article is by Meg Nielsen, and first ran in the McFarland Thistle on October 10, 2013:*

Sandhill cranes have graced the skies over southern Wisconsin since time immemorial, a graceful symbol of freedom and beauty. Perhaps that's why the sandhill crane was chosen to adorn the gates that will soon be installed at the Town of Dunn Burying Ground at the corner of CTH B and Sandhill Rd.

The arched gates, made to enhance the entrance to the Burying Ground, are 20 feet high and will be tethered to sturdy field stone pillars

sometime in October. In the center of each gate, suspended inside an elegant oval, sails a life-sized metal sandhill crane, artfully crafted by Don Schmidt, founder of one of Dunn's small businesses, Custom Metals.

"Don is the one who finally made this happen," said Town Chair Ed Minihan. "I came up with the design 20 years ago and the town board recently approved it, but it would never have happened if Don hadn't gotten us going and taken the idea from concept to completion."

Dunn's Burying Ground has been in existence since the mid-1800s. But by 1890 it was full and pronounced closed. Back in the 1970s, the Town, with Cal (continued on page 2)

## How Do You Think Stoughton Area Should Grow?



7,000 new people could move to Stoughton in 25 years!  
How should Stoughton grow?

Stoughton's population is projected to increase by nearly 7,000 residents by 2035. This is your opportunity to weigh in on how future growth should happen. The City of Stoughton and towns of Dunn, Dunkirk, Rutland and Pleasant Springs are jointly working with the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) to explore possible scenarios of future growth through the Future Urban Development Area (FUDA) planning study.

Please take just a few minutes to participate in the survey.

- An online survey is available at: [capitalarearpc.org/Stoughton\\_FUDA\\_Scenario.html](http://capitalarearpc.org/Stoughton_FUDA_Scenario.html)

- Paper copies of the survey are available at the Town Hall

The survey asks 19 questions across 10 topics at display stations and online. The website features a unique interactive survey that highlights the potential impacts of your development selections on the amount of land developed, the cost of new streets, property values, and more.

This is YOUR opportunity to share YOUR opinions about how future growth should occur in Stoughton. Your participation is very important. We want to be sure Town of Dunn voices are heard in this process.

**Please return your survey by Tuesday, November 12th!**

### Dunn is on Facebook & Twitter!

Like us on Facebook by searching for "Town of Dunn" or Follow us on Twitter @TownofDunn to receive updates between newsletters



**TOWN OF DUNN  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
Tuesday November 19, 2013, 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

#### I. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Budget

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting called pursuant to Wis Stats. 60.12(1)(c), by the Town Board of the Town of Dunn, on November 19, 2013 immediately following the budget hearing at 7:00 PM at the Dunn Town Hall at 4156 County Road B, McFarland. The purpose of the meeting is:

#### II. Announcements

#### III. Minutes - Approve minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting April 16, 2013

#### IV. Business

- Approve the highway expenditures pursuant to Section 82.03(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- Approve the 2013 tax levies for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Rural Preservation Fund for the 2014 operating budgets.
- Approve list of items for sale or disposal

Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager, WCMC

Posted October 18, 2013

*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. Contact the Town at 838-1081 or [townhall@town.dunn.wi.us](mailto:townhall@town.dunn.wi.us) in advance if you need to request assistance to participate in this meeting due to disability.*

### Town Contact Information

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Town Email: [townhall@town.dunn.wi.us](mailto:townhall@town.dunn.wi.us)  
New Phone Number: (608) 838-1081

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## Chair's Views (continued)

(continued from the front page) DeWitt as its chair, catalogued every attribute within its borders – from lakes and streams to farms and businesses. It was a way of assessing their community, both human and natural. The Burying Ground was included.

In order to build a lasting community, the 1970s Town Board decided people needed a place to bury friends and relatives. They purchased the acre surrounding the Burying Ground and opened it to new burials, an opportunity embraced by many in the ensuing years.

There is no fence around the Burying Ground. The new gates will be symbolic – there to enhance life's closing ceremony and bring comfort to those who grieve.

"The gates are built to last. In 100 to 200 years they will still be in place. I think they will be a fitting memorial to the people who lived and worked here and to those who chose this as their final resting place," Schmidt said.

Schmidt, who is retired, started his metal fabricating business in Dunn in 1980. His son-in-law and daughter now own and operate Custom Metals off Lake Farm Rd. where they employ between five and eight metal workers. Three full-scale metal buffalos – made because he likes prairies and buffalo, Schmidt said – mark the entrance on Don's Road.

Although the Town of Dunn purchased the materials, Schmidt has donated all of his work on the gates. Fabrication and painting of the gates



Above: Hanging gates with stonework under construction

would have been hugely expensive if all the labor had not been donated or done by volunteers, such as Minihan himself. Much of the cost of the gates will come from the construction of the stone pillars to which they will be hinged. Appropriately, all of the stones used in the pillars were gleaned from local farm fields. Minihan estimates the worth of the gates to be around \$60,000. The actual cost will be around \$2,000.

The gates are made of American steel and crafted in a traditional Old World blacksmith style. The two sides of the gate, which form an arch when closed, stretch upward and give the appearance of lightness – perhaps even flight.

Using a sketch drawn by Minihan, Schmidt designed the two cranes and made full-sized mock-ups. The wings of one crane are poised at the start of a down stroke – the turn of the wing, as it is sometimes called. The other displays a wing stroke that is

farther down in the descending cycle.

Choosing a metal from which to make the cranes was difficult, Schmidt said, and they have not decided whether or not to polish the birds. The mock-up cranes built from aluminum may later be mounted on top of the Dunn Town Hall as weather vanes, Minihan said.

Schmidt has had plenty of experience fabricating metal during his 30-plus years in the business. Some of his past projects include the restoration of the State Capitol in Madison – a project for which he received a NOMA Award – and replicating original light fixtures in the Lewis Sullivan-designed Ganz Hall at Roosevelt University in downtown Chicago. More recently Custom Metals built the grand circular staircase on Verona's Epic Campus.

The company works with steel, brass, copper, zinc, pewter and almost any other metal you can name.

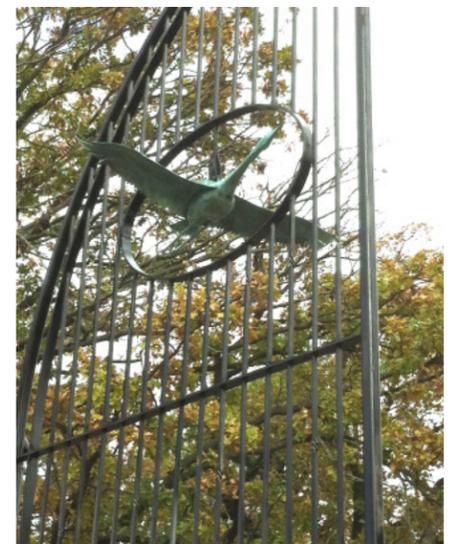
"This is not just a place that does metal fabrication. It's a place that does bespoke, the production of one-of-a-kind projects. What we do is handmade – made to order. It's not 'artsy' but it is art based," said Kendra Zimmerman, a 26-year-old Custom Metals employee who admits, as do the other employees, that they love their job.

"I am fortunate to have been involved in some very nice metal-fabricating projects throughout the state. I have worked on cemetery projects before, but this is one of the best," Schmidt said.

"What happens in a cemetery is one of the most formal ceremonies of life. The Town of Dunn is a caring place. We care for people, the environment, the earth," said Schmidt, who serves on the Dunn Parks Commission and Tree Board and loves its native prairie areas.

"These gates are another example of how we show our caring and how we incorporate our respect for the natural world right on into the next. We all strive to make life better in the place we live. That's why I'm doing this," Schmidt said.

Below: Crane of the northern gate



## Burning Ordinance

Below are answers to some of the more commonly asked questions about burning. For more information, call the Town Hall at 838-1081, or go to our website for the full text of our Burning Ordinance.



You may not burn trash in any situation.

- Any fire (excluding grilling and controlled burns), must be at least 15 feet from the property line (excluding right of way) and 30 feet from any buildings.
- Burning in barrels or fire pits is permitted on even-numbered days between one hour before

sunrise and one hour after sunset, or 7 PM, whichever is later (excluding campfires).

- Burns outside a barrel or pit must be done when wind speeds are less than 15 mph, your fire department has been notified, you do not burn trash, and it is not a nuisance.

Burning or dumping of yard waste is not allowed on public property, road pavement, in road right of ways, or in ditches.

Residents are highly encouraged to take yard waste to the transfer site, as burning can be harmful to one's health, safety, and the environment.

### Town Hall Hours and Closings

- The Town Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8 AM - 4 PM.
- Closed Thursday, November 28
- Closed Friday, November 29 (Day After Thanksgiving)
- Closed Tuesday, December 24
- Closed Wednesday, December 25
- Closed Wednesday, January 1
- Closed Monday, January 20
- Town Hall may close when local schools are canceled to reduce traffic and facilitate snow removal.

## Land Trust Commission Update

by Erica Schmitz

The Land Trust Commission celebrated an exciting milestone for the Rural Preservation Program at the beginning of the year - over 3,000 acres permanently protected by conservation easements. This achievement infused new energy into a process the Commission began last year, including updating program goals, creating a mission statement, drafting new program policies, and updating the ranking criteria which aids in project selection. The Commission officially adopted its new Mission Statement, Goals, and Strategies document at its September meeting, which we're pleased to share below. The Commission has now shifted its focus to updating our project selection ranking criteria to better identify land protection projects that meet our mission and goals. Please contact Land Use Manager Erica Schmitz with any questions regarding the Rural Preservation Program.

### Rural Preservation Program Mission

The Mission of the Rural Preservation 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.

### Goals

To pursue this mission, the Rural Preservation Program endeavors to:

- Protect and buffer farmland and viable farm operations from the impacts of development
- Preserve and buffer significant natural features, scenic vistas, and historic, cultural, and archaeological sites and landscapes from the impacts of development
- Manage and buffer the encroachment of neighboring cities and villages and development within the Town
- Create and maintain corridors of protected land
- Foster a community that is supportive of a local food economy

## Healthy Watersheds Make Healthy Lakes

by Judie Pfeifer

[This article is adapted from "Protecting Your Waterfront Investment," a publication of UW Extension. (It can be found at: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/waterfront.pdf>)]

The quality of our lakes and streams is ultimately a reflection of how we take care of our land. A watershed is the land area that drains to a lake or stream. Waterfront property owners, inland residents, recreational users, agricultural producers and other businesses all can play a positive role in maintaining and improving the water quality of our lakes and streams.

This article describes three types of opportunities to protect our lake:

- Curb pollutants at their source – fertilizers, household toxins, eroding soils.
- Cut the amount of runoff that picks up pollutants and carries them to the waterway by minimizing the hard surfaces that create runoff.
- Capture and cleanse pollutant-carrying runoff before it reaches the waterway – with shoreland buffers, rain barrels or rain gardens.

**Step #1:** Choose zero-phosphorus fertilizer. If you must fertilize, avoid fertilizers that contain phosphorus. It's phosphorus that accelerates algae growth in our lake. Consider this – one pound of phosphorus in runoff can result in 500 pounds of algae growth!

**Step #2:** Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes. Do not pour old oil or pesticides into the ditch or wash paint brushes at the end of your driveway. These pollutants end up in our groundwater, lakes and streams! Gasoline, oil, solvents, old paints, thinners, fertilizers, pesticides, cleaners and many other products need to be disposed of properly. Consider minimizing your use of toxic products.

**Step #3:** Minimize erosion. When you're planning a construction project, follow these steps to protect the lake: develop an erosion control plan, fence the construction area to limit runoff, divert runoff around disturbed areas to minimize erosion, and after construction, establish vegetation right away.

**Step #4:** Inspect and maintain your septic system regularly.

**Step #5:** Reduce the hard surfaces like rooftops and driveways on your property.

Runoff is excess water that comes from hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways, parking areas, sidewalks, decks and compacted soils. Runoff water washes fertilizer, eroded soil, car fluids and other pollut-

ants into our lakes and streams. To reduce runoff, let water soak into the ground. When considering additions, decide whether the extra space is really needed. Perhaps you could build up instead of out.

**Step #6:** Plant trees and shrubs or protect your wooded areas. Wooded areas develop a thick understory of small shrubs and plants and a duff layer. This duff protects soil from rain impact and absorbs water. Root systems keep the duff in place, not in the lake. Lawns absorb little rainfall and create much more runoff than wooded areas.

**Step #7:** Direct downspouts onto your lawn or landscaping, not onto hard surfaces.

**Step #8:** Install a rain barrel. Collect water from your rooftop to water your yard during dry periods. The barrel should be covered to keep out silt, leaves and insects.

**Step #9:** Build a rain garden. Rain gardens are areas that soak up rain water during wet times and serve as a beautiful garden all the time. They are landscaped areas planted to wildflowers and other native vegetation to replace areas of lawn. The gardens fill with a few inches of water and allow the water to slowly filter into the ground. The plants in the rain garden act as filters for the rain water, helping to slow the runoff and allowing it to soak into the ground rather than flowing out into storm sewers, ditches, or drainage ways on the way to lakes and streams. In addition, rain gardens also provide wildlife habitat for birds, butterflies and dragonflies and are an aesthetically pleasing addition to any property. Courtesy of [www.raingardens.org](http://www.raingardens.org)

**Step #10:** Protect or restore the shoreland buffer. If there is native vegetation along the shoreline, consider yourself and the local wildlife fortunate. A mature native buffer represents many years of nature at work and discourages undesirable, exotic plants and animals while attracting songbirds, butterflies, turtles and frogs. If you have lawn to the water's edge, a simple, no-cost way to get started in restoring your shoreland is to stop mowing next to the water. Seeds in the soil will germinate and valuable native plants will begin to reappear. Or you can replant native trees, shrubs, grasses.

### Resources for clean water

- Dane County Department of Land and Water Resources: <http://www.countyofdane.com/lwr/>
- Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources: <http://dnr.wi.gov/>
- UW Extension: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/>

## Poet's Corner

with Town of Dunn  
Poet Laureate, John Herm



Prairie Seas

Not long ago...  
These glaciated plains...  
Held maize and buffalo....

And when the collared horse arrived...  
The endless prairies slowly died  
From furrowed fields of cultured crops,  
Savannah oaks were felled and chopped.

Today we mostly drive on by  
The ground where buried prairies lie.

But some folks now have sown the soil  
A brave and visioned few,  
Back to lands of long ago  
With hardy plants in splendor grow.

Seeds were resting, though centuries passed  
With native strength they did outlast  
The years of plow and harrow tills  
With sturdy roots and patience still...

For every year some new arise,  
Kindled by the sweeping fires.

It's in our veins  
These flowing plains..  
Where flowers bloom among the grains.

Rustling winds have beckoned me  
To aimless wander... on most my days  
And slip into the prairie sea...  
Deep in birdsfoot purple sheen.

I pause for handsome birds who sing....  
Then startled by the pheasant wing.

My mind floats free to times ago...  
I hear the hooves of buffalo..  
I feel some spirits walk with me...  
We drift away on prairie seas...

I pause for handsome birds who sing....  
Then startled by the pheasant wing.

My mind floats free to times ago...  
I hear the hooves of buffalo..  
I feel some spirits walk with me...  
I drift away...on prairie seas.....

### Property Tax Collection News

Property tax bills will be mailed out around December 15th and residents should receive them within a few days of mailing. Extra copies of tax bills can be printed from <http://accessdane.co.dane.wi.us/> or may be requested by email. Please remember to endorse the back of any mortgage company checks that are made out to you and the Town before mailing your payment. Return envelopes will be included with your tax bills for your convenience.

# TOWN OF DUNN PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

## 2014 Budget Highlights

By Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager

### The Proposed Tax Levy for 2013

The proposed increase in the Town's total levy is 2.0% for 2013 to fund the 2014 budget. This increase will result in a 1.87% increase in the local assessed value mil-rate from last year. The equalized value mil-rate will decrease by a fraction of one percent as compared to last year.

The Town's tax levy includes a general fund tax levy, a debt service tax levy, and a PDR tax levy (to operate the Purchase of Development Rights Program). The general fund levy is proposed to increase by just over one half of one percent. The debt service levy is increasing by 9.85% for payments on the Town's debt. The PDR levy is calculated at 50 cents per thousand of equalized value. This year, that equates to an increase of 2.38% over the 2012 PDR levy. The mil-rate for the proposed total local levy on all three funds is \$2.64 per thousand of assessed valuation. The equalized mil-rate is \$2.60 or \$260.00 tax for a \$100,000 property value. The local levy amount could change based on decisions made by the electors attending the budget hearing and special Town meeting on November 19, 2013. A more detailed version of the draft budget will be presented at the budget hearing and will be posted on the Town website after the hearing. Visit our website at [town.dunn.wi.us](http://town.dunn.wi.us).

### 2014 Projected Revenues

The total tax revenue for the general fund is proposed to increase by \$6,132. County bridge aid of \$17,000 is anticipated to help offset the cost of culvert replacements. Revenue from fees and licenses is anticipated to increase by \$6,987 due to an upward trend in building permits and a new blasting permit. Revenue from fines and citations is anticipated to decline by \$4,000. The declining trend in revenue from fines and citations may be a result of a reduction in law enforcement hours which began in 2012. An increase in total revenue of \$4,738 is projected for 2014.

### 2014 Projected General Fund Expenses

After four years of substantial cutbacks, including reduced road work and reductions in staff hours, the 2014 budget begins to restore important capital expenditures. General Fund expenditures remain low. Our budgeted general fund expenditures for 2014 are within 1% of the budgeted amounts from 5 years ago in 2009, despite steeply increasing prices for asphalt, salt and emergency services. Each year, cutbacks were made to offset increasing costs. The areas most affected were reduced roadwork, reduced hours for law enforcement, reduced civic contributions to senior centers, and reduced staff hours and benefits.

The 2014 budget maintains civic donations at current levels. The Town's contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Department will be maintained at 18 hours per week. The Stoughton Fire district assessed an \$18,850 increase to the Town to help fund equipment purchases. Overall, public safety costs are increased by \$31,927 in the 2014 budget.

In the Public Works budget, the street repair and maintenance will include an \$11,100 increase in the amount for road repairs and seal coating. Seal coating is planned for Sandhill Road. Large culvert replacements planned for 2014 include a project on Barber Drive near Quam's Marina which will be partially funded by cost sharing grants.

### 2014 Capital Projects

The proposed budget provides for \$250,000 in road reconstruction. This amount is increased from prior years and closer to our target levels. The Town's target for road reconstruction is to restore 2 miles of road each year to keep pace with the rate of deterioration. Currently the cost for 2 miles of road is about \$320,000.

| GENERAL FUND                                  | 2012<br>Actual<br>Year End | 2013<br>YTD<br>10/24/2013 | 2013<br>Estimated<br>Year End | 2013<br>Adopted<br>Budget | 2014<br>Proposed<br>Budget | Variance<br>2013<br>2014 |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                               |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| TOTAL Taxes                                   | 1,182,211                  | 1,132,353                 | 1,172,470                     | 1,170,924                 | 1,177,056                  | 6,132                    |
| TOTAL Intergov. Rev                           | 310,170                    | 212,518                   | 277,217                       | 317,176                   | 304,273                    | -12,903                  |
| TOTAL Lic./Permits                            | 76,192                     | 53,801                    | 64,340                        | 54,583                    | 61,570                     | 6,987                    |
| TOTAL Fines/Penalties                         | 27,187                     | 11,910                    | 17,845                        | 20,100                    | 16,100                     | -4,000                   |
| TOTAL Publ Charges                            | 383,102                    | 285,092                   | 285,399                       | 278,743                   | 288,230                    | 9,487                    |
| TOTAL Misc. Revenues                          | 16,755                     | 27,978                    | 28,534                        | 9,100                     | 8,135                      | -965                     |
| <b>TOTAL General Fund Revenues</b>            | <b>1,995,619</b>           | <b>1,723,652</b>          | <b>1,845,804</b>              | <b>1,850,626</b>          | <b>1,855,364</b>           | <b>4,738</b>             |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                           |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| TOTAL General Gov.                            | 322,595                    | 234,058                   | 343,307                       | 355,455                   | 359,952                    | 4,497                    |
| TOTAL Public Safety                           | 456,759                    | 422,589                   | 462,397                       | 461,531                   | 493,458                    | 31,927                   |
| TOTAL Public Works                            | 851,662                    | 620,354                   | 817,165                       | 784,303                   | 825,461                    | 41,158                   |
| TOTAL Health & Human Svc                      | 50,000                     | 50,000                    | 50,000                        | 50,000                    | 50,000                     | 0                        |
| TOTAL Culture Recreation                      | 33,948                     | 26,490                    | 35,212                        | 34,953                    | 35,410                     | 457                      |
| TOTAL Conservation & Dev.                     | 30,252                     | 29,299                    | 37,234                        | 37,579                    | 42,083                     | 4,504                    |
| TOTAL Transfers                               | 206,994                    | 0                         | 402,054                       | 126,695                   | 49,000                     | -77,695                  |
| <b>TOTAL General Fund Exp. &amp; Transfer</b> | <b>1,952,211</b>           | <b>1,382,791</b>          | <b>2,147,369</b>              | <b>1,850,516</b>          | <b>1,855,364</b>           | <b>4,848</b>             |
| <b>BEGINNING GEN FUND BALANCE</b>             | <b>679,441</b>             | <b>722,849</b>            | <b>722,849</b>                | <b>722,849</b>            | <b>421,284</b>             | <b>-301,565</b>          |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                               | <b>1,995,619</b>           | <b>1,723,652</b>          | <b>1,845,804</b>              | <b>1,850,626</b>          | <b>1,855,364</b>           | <b>4,738</b>             |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                           | <b>1,745,217</b>           | <b>1,382,791</b>          | <b>1,745,315</b>              | <b>1,723,821</b>          | <b>1,806,364</b>           | <b>82,543</b>            |
| <b>TRANSFERS</b>                              | <b>206,994</b>             | <b>0</b>                  | <b>402,054</b>                | <b>126,695</b>            | <b>49,000</b>              |                          |
| <b>ENDING GEN FUND BALANCE</b>                | <b>722,849</b>             | <b>1,063,710</b>          | <b>421,284</b>                | <b>722,959</b>            | <b>421,284</b>             | <b>-301,675</b>          |
| <b>RURAL PRESERVATION FUND (PDR)</b>          |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| <b>BEGINNING PDR FUND BALANCE</b>             | <b>1,456,050</b>           | <b>1,355,404</b>          | <b>1,355,404</b>              | <b>1,355,404</b>          | <b>1,411,916</b>           | <b>56,512</b>            |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                               | <b>506,483</b>             | <b>324,135</b>            | <b>324,191</b>                | <b>818,113</b>            | <b>825,759</b>             | <b>7,646</b>             |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                           | <b>607,129</b>             | <b>257,843</b>            | <b>267,679</b>                | <b>1,306,730</b>          | <b>1,318,905</b>           | <b>12,175</b>            |
| <b>ENDING PDR FUND BALANCE</b>                | <b>1,355,404</b>           | <b>1,421,696</b>          | <b>1,411,916</b>              | <b>866,787</b>            | <b>918,770</b>             | <b>51,983</b>            |
| <b>BURYING GROUND (BG)</b>                    |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| <b>BEGINNING BG FUND BALANCE</b>              | <b>44,726</b>              | <b>46,000</b>             | <b>46,000</b>                 | <b>46,000</b>             | <b>39,144</b>              | <b>-6,856</b>            |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                               | <b>5,332</b>               | <b>6,394</b>              | <b>6,950</b>                  | <b>6,600</b>              | <b>6,600</b>               | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                           | <b>4,058</b>               | <b>10,282</b>             | <b>13,806</b>                 | <b>15,946</b>             | <b>6,163</b>               | <b>-9,783</b>            |
| <b>ENDING BG FUND BALANCE</b>                 | <b>46,000</b>              | <b>42,112</b>             | <b>39,144</b>                 | <b>36,654</b>             | <b>39,581</b>              | <b>2,927</b>             |
| <b>DEBT SERVICE FUND (DS)</b>                 |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| <b>BEGINNING DS FUND BALANCE</b>              | <b>0</b>                   | <b>42,131</b>             | <b>42,131</b>                 | <b>42,131</b>             | <b>0</b>                   | <b>-42,131</b>           |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                               | <b>628,883</b>             | <b>440,005</b>            | <b>545,059</b>                | <b>493,900</b>            | <b>467,247</b>             | <b>-26,653</b>           |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                           | <b>586,752</b>             | <b>441,502</b>            | <b>587,190</b>                | <b>493,900</b>            | <b>467,247</b>             | <b>-26,653</b>           |
| <b>ENDING DS FUND BALANCE</b>                 | <b>42,131</b>              | <b>40,634</b>             | <b>0</b>                      | <b>42,131</b>             | <b>0</b>                   | <b>-42,131</b>           |
| <b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (CP)</b>             |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| <b>CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUE</b>                |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| Grant Income State TRIP LRIP                  | 0                          | 0                         | 13,293                        | 13,293                    | 0                          | -13,293                  |
| Loan Proceeds - Capital Improvements          | 134,346                    | 0                         | 0                             | 100,000                   | 113,735                    | 13,735                   |
| Loan Proceeds - Hwy Equip                     | 43,325                     | 0                         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                          | 0                        |
| Loan Proceeds Drainage Project                | 0                          | 96,108                    | 96,108                        | 0                         | 0                          | 0                        |
| Transfers in from Gen Fund                    | 0                          | 0                         | 181,958                       | 122,800                   | 168,450                    | 45,650                   |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. REVENUE</b>            | <b>177,671</b>             | <b>96,108</b>             | <b>291,359</b>                | <b>236,093</b>            | <b>282,185</b>             | <b>46,092</b>            |
| <b>CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES</b>               |                            |                           |                               |                           |                            |                          |
| Road Construction Expenditure                 | 125,230                    | 168,659                   | 168,659                       | 132,093                   | 250,000                    | 117,907                  |
| Dyreson Bridge                                | 9,116                      | 0                         | 0                             | 65,000                    | 0                          | -65,000                  |
| Hwy Related Equipment Exp.                    | 43,325                     | 122,700                   | 122,700                       | 39,000                    | 32,185                     | -6,815                   |
| Transfers out                                 | 0                          | 0                         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                          | 0                        |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJ. EXPENSE</b>            | <b>177,671</b>             | <b>291,359</b>            | <b>291,359</b>                | <b>236,093</b>            | <b>282,185</b>             | <b>46,092</b>            |
| <b>BEGINNING CP FUND BALANCE</b>              | <b>0</b>                   | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                   | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                               | <b>177,671</b>             | <b>96,108</b>             | <b>291,359</b>                | <b>236,093</b>            | <b>282,185</b>             | <b>46,092</b>            |
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| <b>ENDING CP FUND BALANCE</b>                 | <b>0</b>                   | <b>-195,251</b>           | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                   | <b>0</b>                 |

| VALUATION                             | 2012             | 2013             | 2014             | % change     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| ASSESSED VALUATION                    | 639,546,200      | 640,387,800      | Not available    |              |
| EQUALIZED VALUATION                   | 635,025,400      | 650,118,900      | Not available    |              |
| <b>TAX LEVY</b>                       |                  |                  |                  |              |
| GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY                 | 1,153,976        | 1,151,123        | 1,158,158        |              |
| DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY                 | 179,603          | 188,417          | 206,977          |              |
| PDR TAX LEVY                          | 246,060          | 317,513          | 325,059          |              |
| <b>TOTAL LEVY</b>                     | <b>1,579,639</b> | <b>1,657,053</b> | <b>1,690,194</b> | <b>2.00%</b> |
| ASSESSED VALUE MIL RATE               | 2.20             | 2.59             | 2.64             |              |
| EQUALIZED VALUE MIL RATE              | 2.16             | 2.61             | 2.60             |              |
| <b>YEAR END UNDESIG. FUND BALANCE</b> | <b>722,849</b>   | <b>421,284</b>   | <b>421,284</b>   |              |
|                                       | estimated        | estimated        | estimated        |              |
| Current year assessment ratio         | 101.52%          |                  |                  |              |
| Prior year assessment ratio           | 99.73%           |                  |                  |              |

## 2014 Budget Highlights (continued)

Capital projects planned for 2014 include road reconstruction for \$250,000 to repave portions of Meadowview Road, Zuercher Court, View Road, Nora Lane, and a portion of Larsen Road. The Dyreson Bridge historic restoration project is delayed to the 2015 budget. Highway equipment purchases include \$4,375 to upgrade the Town's trailer for the excavator owned jointly with the Towns of Oregon, Rutland, and Dunkirk. The Town's share of the trailer will be 25% of the total cost. Other equipment upgrades include trading in the skid steer trailer for a newer model for \$4,000, selling the 3/4 ton pick up and replacing with a 1/2 ton 4 wheel drive truck for \$10,000, adding a plow unit to a truck for \$5,000, and replacing the parks mower and trailer for \$8,635 after trade in.

### Debt Service

Over the past few years, the Town has been working to reduce debt by making early payments on debt with higher interest rates and refinancing debt in favor of lower rates. The Town's overall indebtedness was almost \$3.2 million in

2009. By the end of 2014 overall indebtedness is projected to be reduced by one million dollars for a total balance of \$2.2 million. Measures to reduce overall indebtedness include an early retirement of a bond issue in the amount of \$140,000 by the end of 2013. The proposed budget for 2014 includes funding capital improvements with a transfer from the Highway sinking fund in the amount of \$168,450 and new borrowing in the amount of \$113,735. The transfer of funds from the highway sinking fund will slow the increase in future debt service obligations.

### Summary

The Town has limited opportunities for increasing revenue due to levy limits and must plan for increasing public safety costs, which are largely out of our control. Therefore financial strategies focus on spending targets and management of debt. The 2014 budget provides progress toward the Town's financial targets by increasing spending on road infrastructure, upgrading equipment, taking measures to minimize future debt obligations, and maintaining target fund balance in the general fund

## 2013 Mil-Rate Charts

The chart below shows the local mil-rates for some municipalities in Dane County as reported on the [www.wistax.org](http://www.wistax.org) website. The Town of Dunn's careful planning and long range view in decision making have likely contributed to the Town's consistently low mil-rate when compared to other municipalities with similar services and similar populations. The mil-rates for the cities and villages closest to the town are also listed for comparison.

| 2013 Mil-Rate Comparison for Towns | Pop. (2012)  | * Equalized Mil-Rate | Local Tax/\$100,000 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Town of Madison                    | 6,279        | 7.20                 | \$720.00            |
| Town of Windsor                    | 6,410        | 4.86                 | \$486.00            |
| Town of Blooming Grove             | 1,815        | 4.10                 | \$410.00            |
| Town of Cottage Grove              | 3,879        | 3.91                 | \$391.00            |
| Town of Verona                     | 1,950        | 3.66                 | \$366.00            |
| Town of Deerfield                  | 1,572        | 2.92                 | \$292.00            |
| Town of Dunkirk                    | 1,946        | 2.80                 | \$280.00            |
| Town of Albion                     | 1,955        | 2.74                 | \$274.00            |
| Town of Middleton                  | 5,921        | 2.70                 | \$270.00            |
| Town of Rutland                    | 1,972        | 2.69                 | \$269.00            |
| <b>Town of Dunn</b>                | <b>4,928</b> | <b>2.61</b>          | <b>\$261.00</b>     |
| Town of Sun Prairie                | 2,315        | 2.54                 | \$254.00            |
| Town of Oregon                     | 3,188        | 2.37                 | \$237.00            |
| Town of Blue Mounds                | 972          | 2.13                 | \$213.00            |
| Town of Pleasant Springs           | 3,162        | 1.24                 | \$124.00            |

| 2013 Mil-Rate Comparison for Neighboring Cities and Villages | Pop. (2012) | * Equalized Mil-Rate | Local Tax/\$100,000 |
|--|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Village of Belleville  | 1,850       | 8.73                 | \$873.00            |
| City of Stoughton  | 12,588      | 8.02                 | \$802.00            |
| City of Fitchburg  | 25,192      | 7.57                 | \$757.00            |
| Village of Brooklyn  | 939         | 7.55                 | \$755.00            |
| Village of Cambridge   | 1,350       | 7.35                 | \$735.00            |
| Village of McFarland   | 7,818       | 6.98                 | \$698.00            |
| Village of Deerfield   | 2,342       | 5.94                 | \$594.00            |
| Village of Oregon  | 9,263       | 5.55                 | \$555.00            |
| Village of Cottage Grove                                     | 6,209       | 4.27                 | \$427.00            |

\*Tax Mil rate levied in 2012, collected in 2013. Information is from Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance website at [www.wistax.org](http://www.wistax.org)

## Area Senior Centers Welcome Town Residents

Seniors in the Town of Dunn will find a surprising variety of low cost or free services and events at area senior centers. 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.

Senior Centers welcome volunteers and financial support from the

community. Residents interested in volunteering or making a donation to an area senior center may contact the senior center directly, or the Town of Dunn.

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

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

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

**Fitchburg Senior Center**  
5510 Lacy Road  
Fitchburg, WI 53711  
**608-270-4290**

## Area Youth Centers Serving Town Residents

### Area Youth Centers Provide Quality Programs for Middle School Students

Socialize, get help with your homework, or take part in one of the many programs offered at a Youth Center. Adult guided 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. Residents interested in making a donation to an area youth center may contact the youth center directly, or the Town of Dunn.

**McFarland Youth Center**  
5114 Farwell St., McFarland  
**608-838-3839**

**Stoughton Youth Center**  
567 E. Main St., Stoughton  
**608-877-9980**

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

## Volunteer Opportunities

### McFarland Senior Center Volunteer Drivers

McFarland Senior Outreach Services Department is looking for responsible volunteer drivers for the driver escort program. The drivers take older adults to vital medical appointments in McFarland, Stoughton and Madison. Schedules for driving are flexible, so volunteers can designate which days and times they are willing to drive. Mileage is reimbursed for this program. Interested drivers should contact the Outreach office at 838-7117.

### McFarland Senior Center

#### Home Delivered Meals Driver Substitutes

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

### McFarland Senior Center

#### Sewing Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist in

sewing projects that support battered women and other vulnerable citizens. Sewing groups meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month and meet 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 who do not have access to personal transportation and respond to requests 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.

### Oregon Senior Center

#### Volunteer Substitute Meal Delivery Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver meals on a substitute basis, when other drivers are unavailable. Tuesdays and Fridays are when substitute drivers are most needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Sandy at 835-5801, between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm.

## Around the Town



### Parks Commission

Our Parks Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except for the month of December. Last March we welcomed two new parks commissioners, Kathleen Murphy-Ende and Joe Kolk. They filled the vacancies created by Kurt Krumholz, who served nine years and Rob Christlieb, who served two years. The Town thanks them for their service and appreciates the time they served.

The commission has been working to restore the prairie at Dunn Heritage Park. Due to the wet weather we had last Spring, the farmer was unable to plant corn. Unfortunately, this will put us back a year in our process to plant seeds for our prairie. We are looking for volunteers to help pull invasive species in the Spring, please let Mary Gross know if you are interested by calling 838-1081.

The Parks Commission also conducted a survey to gauge support for a community garden in Spartan Hills. The result of this survey showed overwhelming opposition to the garden with a vote of 25 against and 6 in favor.

Stan Solheim was the recipient of the Stewardship Award at the annual Arbor Day Celebration last Spring. He was recognized for his leadership as a Supervisor on our Town Board as well as his work with lake conservation. Ed Minihan was the guest speaker. A potluck was served and free trees were handed out.

Please remember that public property (including green space, road right of way, and drainage areas) is owned by the public and not to be used for private storage, gardens, buildings, piers, shrubbery, or other uses. In addition, motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are not allowed in our parks. Also, please remember to clean up after your pets.

### Road Crew

Due to budget constraints, we were only able to resurface Goodland Park Road this year. We bid out the work in a combination bidding process with neighboring towns to get a better price on the work being done. We seal-coated Alice Pauline Road, Wilnor Drive, Lally Road, Bryant Street, Vic Anderson Road, Princess Court, Woolever Court, Dunnwood Way, Rolling Wood, Burning Tree Road, Burning Tree Circle, Rutland Dunn Townline Road, and Bonner Trail. Seal-coating the roads a year or two after re-paving adds ten years to the life of the road.

Please do not park on the roads or on the shoulder when it snows for ease of snow removal. The state law states motorists need to be 300 feet behind a snowplow or a citation could be issued.

### Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meets at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month and welcome the public to our open meetings. Our agendas can be found on the Town Hall message board and on our web page. To be placed on our agenda, please contact Erica Schmitz, our Land Use Manager, at the Town Hall at 608-838-1081, ext. 205.

The Plan Commission continues to process land divisions, re-zonings, site plans and other land use requests under the guidance of our Comprehensive Plan.

The Plan Commission consists of the following seven individuals: Tim Andrews, Lorraine Gardner, Steve Greb, Dean Hein, Jim Molloy, Bob Uphoff, and Vicki Wangerin.

### Police

The Town of Dunn contracts with the Dane County Sheriff's office to work for the Town for approximately 18 hours per week. We have four deputy sheriffs that alternate shifts. We also have court once a month and our elected Judge is Robert Schneider. Most of our ordinances are complaint driven.

Please remember to report a violation immediately when it occurs to the Dane County Sheriff's office by calling the non-emergency number at 255-2345 (in an emergency, dial 911). If the violation happens during office hours, please contact the Town Hall at 838-1081.

### Building Inspector

Before winter comes, residents should check that their chimneys and fireplaces are not plugged. Also, be sure to clear a separate exit from the garage to the outside in case of a power outage and the overhead door can not be opened. Please check that there are fresh batteries in the smoke detectors and that carbon monoxide alarms are in working order.

### **Automatic Updates of Town Meetings**

Residents may now sign up to receive automatic updates of new meeting agendas through email. If you would like to sign up for this service, please visit:

<https://dunn.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx>

## Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association

Thanks to all who attended this year's Summer Picnic! A sunshiny day filled with music, games, great food and fun for all. The Bouncy House and Dunk Tank were especially popular. Record funds were raised for the WBNA and Community Center, sparking new discussions on expanding our outreach.

We are pleased to announce our first WBNA Scholarship program. While the program's details are still being hashed out, one or more college bound high school grads will be receiving assistance from the WBNA in 2014. Everyone who participated and donated to this year's Summer Picnic helped to make this happen. Thank you! Please visit [waubesa-beach.com](http://waubesa-beach.com) for more details, as they become available.

On the Calendar for 2013-14

- Dec. 1st - Holiday Party / Community Center
- Jan. 26th – Chili Cook-Off and Food Drive
- Apr. (TBA) – Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt
- May (TBA) – Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up
- Jun. (TBA) – Scholarship Award(s)

- Jul. (TBA) – Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Aug. 9th – Summer Picnic
- Sep. 4th – WBNA Annual Meeting & Elections
- Oct. (TBA) - Spaghetti Dinner (NEW!)

WBNA Membership is only \$25 per calendar year and includes FREE use of the Community Center for your birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or other private events! Visit [waubesa-beach.com](http://waubesa-beach.com) for membership application and Community Center reservation info.

Thanks to the Town of Dunn for its efforts to keep our Town a beautiful and safe place in which to live. The WBNA joins the Town in closely monitoring the Fitchburg Northeast Development proposal. Thanks also to the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association and Prof. Cal DeWitt for educating us on the possible negative impacts this development may have on Lake Waubesa and the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood.

Need more info? Visit [waubesa-beach.com](http://waubesa-beach.com) or call WBNA President, Jeff Hodgson at 608-445-4391, or email [jeffhodgsonlwca@gmail.com](mailto:jeffhodgsonlwca@gmail.com)

## Town Hall Facelift in Progress

If you have driven by the Town Hall lately, you may have noticed some changes to the facade. The Town took out the unused, crumbling cement steps that faced Highway B and replaced them with a new window that should brighten up the interior of the Town Hall and make the exterior more aesthetically pleasing. A new flagpole and landscaping will be added in the Spring. We hope you enjoy the changes!



Before



In Progress

## McFarland Events

By Meg Nielsen

### Last Chance to Buy A Board

The next two months are your last chance to Buy A Board in the Larson House Buy A Board Campaign. This popular fundraiser will close on December 31, 2013. Boards cost \$25 each and can be purchased as gifts or in memory of a friend or loved one. Those honored by board gifts or memorials will be listed in a book inside the Larson House along with the names of their gift providers.

Nearly 300 people have participated in the Buy A Board Campaign. Their support has helped



restoration work to continue without interruption. When completely refurbished, the historic Larson House will be open for viewing as a house museum with items dating from the 1920s, a time when the John Larson family inhabited the house, the Village of McFarland became incorporated and electricity was first available in the area.

Hundreds of volunteers, along with the Larson House Planning Committee, have provided thousands of hours of work over the past 18 months in painting, staining, cleaning and repairing both inside and outside the house. Gardeners have beautified the outside. Existing trees have been trimmed and new ones planted. Almost every business hired to work on the house has contributed either time, materials or both in support of the restoration. A Grand Opening will be held sometime in 2014.

To Buy A Board or to find out how you can volunteer to help restore the Larson House, please contact Judy St. Clair at [judy.stclair@gmail.com](mailto:judy.stclair@gmail.com), or go to [www.mcfarlandhistorical.org](http://www.mcfarlandhistorical.org).

### Shared Table Meals Continue, Attendance Grows

Free weekly meals continue to be offered by Shared Table Free Community Meals, Inc., from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. every Thursday at McFarland Lutheran Church, 5529 Marsh Rd., McFarland. After 18 months of serving free meals, attendance averages around 80 to 85 people each week.

The Shared Table welcomes everyone: those who are food insecure, those who are hungry for friendship and conversation, and those who need a break from their

busy schedule of food preparation at home.

The meals are prepared and served by members of local businesses, service clubs and organizations. About 12 people are needed to make, set up, serve and clean after each meal. The individual volunteer time commitment varies from one to three hours. Advice on recipes and food amounts is provided.

Shared Table will not provide a meal on Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day, since the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary serve a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Burma Rd. in McFarland. For more information or to make reservations for the Legion meal, call Karen Larson at 444-4536.

To find out dates when your group can volunteer to serve a meal, what's being served, or how you can help, go to [sharedtablecommunitymeals.com](http://sharedtablecommunitymeals.com).

## Town Honors Geshe Sopa



When Deer Park Buddhist Center was established on Schneider Drive in the town in 1975, residents were curious and concerned about their new neighbors. Buddhism, Tibetan culture, and the architecture of the temple were unfamiliar elements to many Dunn residents at the time. Introductions were made and neighborhood discussions provided an opportunity for people to come together and learn about common interests in stewardship of the land and fostering a peaceful community. Almost four decades later, the Deer Park Buddhist Center is very much a part of the Town of Dunn landscape and community. The Town of Dunn has recognized the world renowned founder of Deer Park, Ven. Geshe Sopa, for his contributions in an official proclamation.

Interesting facts about Deer Park Buddhist Center:

- The Dalai Lama offered the first

Kalachakra for World Peace ceremony ever performed in the West at Deer Park in 1981.

- It's founder and guiding force, Ven. Geshe Sopa, is recognized worldwide as one of the great living spiritual masters of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition.
- Visitors have traveled from France, England, Mexico, mainland China, Taiwan, and other countries to attend Deer Park's programs.
- Programs are offered to the public at no charge, promoting universal access.
- Deer Park maintains an extensive archive of rare Buddhist teachings, Tibetan art, and cultural artifacts.
- Deer Park members have been actively involved in local interfaith organizations and it engages Christians, Jews, Muslims and members of other faith communities for dialogue about areas of common concern and to understand differences of philosophy and belief.
- Deer Park is open to visitors who would like to see the temples or simply take in the serenity and beauty of the land. The temple doors are open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Appointments are available for groups or weekday visits.

### Town of Dunn Proclamation

#### TO HONOR GESHE L. SOPA

WHEREAS, the Town of Dunn seeks to honor and encourage a vibrant and peaceful community that respects and values each individual and every aspect of our landscape and natural resources here and around the world, and

WHEREAS, Geshe Sopa established Deer Park Buddhist Center in the town in 1975 and was commissioned by His Holiness the Dalai Lama to undertake a lifelong mission of bridging cultures and promoting global human values and ethics across the world in accordance with the Buddhist tradition, and

WHEREAS, Geshe Sopa and Deer Park Buddhist Center have been exemplary citizens, kind neighbors, extended hospitality to countless international guests of the Town of Dunn, and have been excellent stewards and protectors of the land, and

WHEREAS, Geshe Sopa contributed to the wisdom and knowledge of our community through his service as a tenured professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 30 years, and

WHEREAS, Geshe Sopa served on the International Committee for the Peace Council and has worked toward ending violence in Belfast, Jerusalem and Chiapas Mexico, demonstrating his commitment and personal sacrifice in pursuit of public service and promoting non-violent resolutions.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, That Geshe Sopa is an inspiration to each of us as he exemplifies compassion, tolerance, wisdom, non-violence, and respectful appreciation of our precious natural resources as he serves our community and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, That the esteemed Geshe Sopa is a Town of Dunn resident held in the very highest regard, for his numerous and exceptional contributions to our culture and community, an honored long time neighbor and friend to all in the town. The Town extends heartfelt wishes for happiness and success in every future endeavor of our most honored Buddhist teacher and friend, Geshe Sopa.

A reminder that Winter Rules are in effect at the Town Burying Ground beginning Monday, November 18. Please remove all planters, hooks, decorations, etc. from the Burying Ground by this date.



# RECYCLING GUIDE



## New This Year Free Appliance & Large Recyclable Pickup! -Tuesday, November 19th-

**Call Old Guys Recycling at 608-577-7443 by Friday, November 15th to schedule pick up on Tuesday, November 19th.**

Town residents can make use of this new resource for recycling unwanted electronics, computers and monitors,

vacuum cleaners, microwaves, dehumidifiers, bikes, toasters, stereos, and objects with metal for recycling both on November 19th and throughout the year by appointment. (No TVs - Please take old TV's to Best Buy or American of Madison for recycling.)

**The next Goodwill Industries  
Pick Up is Scheduled:  
Saturday, December 7th 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

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:

**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.**

**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 \$3 without rims and \$4 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.

**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.

**Holiday Trash/Recycle Info**

In a week that contains a Holiday, garbage & recycling pick up is delayed by one day. Please plan accordingly.

## Trash and Recycling Pick Up FAQs from Pellitteri

**Q: What are my options if I find that my carts are not the right size?**

A: The standard cart size for the Town of Dunn is a 35-gallon trash cart (brown) and a 65-gallon recycling cart (blue). Should you require a larger trash cart, there is an annual fee payable directly to Pellitteri Waste Systems (there is no annual fee for a larger recycling cart). There may be an additional exchange fee required to change your cart size(s). For information on changing cart sizes please call Pellitteri Waste Systems at 257-4285.

**Q: When should I put the cart(s) out?**

A: The normally scheduled service days for the Town of Dunn are Thursday or Friday depending on the location of your home. Please refer to the calendar in your delivery packet for your specific service day or the service map at <http://www.pellitteri.com>. Trash is collected every week and recyclables are collected every other week. Residents must have their carts put out by 6:00 am. Pick-up times may vary from week to week. Trash and recycling carts are serviced at separate times during the day. Recycling carts put out on a non-recycling collection week will not be picked up

**Q: Where should I place my cart(s)?**

A: Carts should be placed at the end of your driveway and be within two feet of the street or curb area. The carts should be placed on level ground, and should be at least four feet from any obstacle such as utility poles, mail boxes, trees and parked cars. The opening of the lid of the carts should face the street so that the lids open properly when being dumped. Carts cannot be collected if they are improperly placed. In the winter you may need to shovel out areas for your carts just like you do for mail delivery.

**Q: What can I put in the trash cart for trash collection?**

A: Only household trash can be put in your trash cart. Do not place any recyclables, brush/leaves, construction materials, demolition, electronics or hazardous materials in your cart.

**Q: What should I do if I have more trash than what fits in the cart? Can I put it next to the cart?**

A: If it is a small amount of extra trash you may want to consider waiting until the following week to have it picked up in your cart. If you have an extra bag of trash, Pellitteri will pick it up for a pre-paid nominal fee. If you frequently have extra trash, you may want to consider upgrading to a larger trash cart. Please call Pellitteri at 257-4285 for more information on extra bag pickup charges and/or a larger cart.

**Q: I'm cleaning out my garage/basement/etc. and I have a lot of trash to dispose of. Where can I dispose of it?**

A: The automated collection program is not intended to provide this type of service. Please call Pellitteri at 257-4285 for a quotation for one of their temporary dumpsters. Call prior to the start of your cleanout to set things up.

**Q: How will large items be collected such as furniture and appliances?**

A: Please call Pellitteri with details of the quantity and types of items you need to dispose of. They have a flat rate pickup schedule for bulky items such as furniture, electronics, and other large household items.

**Q: If I move, do I take the carts with me?**

A: No. The carts are not to be taken from the existing household.

**Q: What if my cart gets damaged or stolen?**

A: Please call Pellitteri at 257-4285. The carts are the property of Pellitteri Waste Systems. Pellitteri will take care of any normal wear and tear or damage done by their trucks. There is a fee to the resident if the cart is damaged or stolen while in the resident's custody.

**Q: My cart was not completely emptied, why?**

A: The automated cart dumping process lifts the cart upside down and stops with a slight jolt. If the material is wedged tightly in the cart the material may not come out. Please put heavier items in the bottom of the cart and do not compact the material.

## Other Recyclable Items

**Appliances:** Appliance pick up or drop off is available from Gary's Appliances, 2405 Vondron Rd. Call 221-1150 for more information. Television Recycling is available at Resource Solutions. Call 244-5451 for more information.

**Hazardous Materials:** Thermostats, 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 located at 7102 US Hwy 12 in Madison (across from Yahara Hills Golf Course). For further information call the recorded information line at 608-243-0368 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, 6350 Copps Ave, 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.