

The **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Fall 2007

Proposed Development in Fitchburg Big Impact in Dunn

By Butch Powell

The Town of Dunn's western neighbor, Fitchburg, has a long history of responding to intense pressure to grow.

Although the population of Fitchburg has increase approximately five-fold since the late 1960's, that population has been contained to about 1/3 of Fitchburg's municipal boundary; the remaining 2/3 has remained agricultural, with the exception of a few scattered rural neighborhoods.

This may be about to change with the possible expansion of its urban service area. Recently a first step was made that could lead to the expansion of the current Fitchburg Urban Service Area.

On October 9th, the City of Fitchburg Common Council passed a resolution establishing a Long-Term Growth Boundary for the City. In so doing, the Council has designated land outside its current Urban Service Area which might be eligible for development.

There are, however, serious questions being raised as to the impact to the area's water resources caused by continued population growth and

development within the western portion of the Lake Waubesa watershed.

Of most significance to the people of the Town of Dunn, is the extension of the Urban Growth Boundary to include what Fitchburg has designated as the Northeast Neighborhood, an area approximately 868 acres, bordered by US Highway 14, the Nine-Springs E-way, Goodland Park and Lacy Roads, and Larsen Road. Larsen Road forms the boundary between the Town of Dunn and Fitchburg.

There is concern from a number of independent sources that any development in this area will damage sensitive wetland and surface water resources in the surrounding area. In addition to some Fitchburg officials, those concerned include land owners in both the

Town of Dunn and in the City of Fitchburg whose land borders the proposed development area and who have long-standing private wetland restoration projects.

Additionally, Professor Cal DeWitt of the UW-Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies has noted that two vital sources of fresh, nutrient-poor water which prevent accelerated eutrophication of Lake Waubesa—Swan Creek and Big Springs—may be impacted to the extent that the entire southern portion of the lake may be at risk for rapid eutrophication.

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Proposed development. . .

Eutrophication is the deterioration of the esthetic and life-supporting qualities of lakes caused by excessive fertilization from run-off high in phosphorus, nitrogen, and organic substances. Algae and plants become excessive, and, when they decompose, a sequence of objectionable features arises.

Views From the Town Chair

Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

Our Town continues to eliminate threats to our way of life and health of our citizens. The National Bio-Ag Facility (NBAF) was kept from being located in our Town. We have also eliminated the huge power line proposal to transect our Town. Both victories are the result of citizen participation. The NBAF was turned back by major citizen action. In case you have not been following the follow-up of the issue of deadly disease research, you should be aware that the University of Wisconsin's disease research safety record has been called into question by the Federal Government. So the issue was much more than having a huge facility in our Town. It had a lot to do with public safety that apparently would have been greatly jeopardized despite the University's assurances. The Madison newspapers have effectively killed the story of the safety problems of such laboratories here and around the country, it was a major concern of our residents (many of whom were scientists) and those concerns were vindicated.

The second success was the elimination of the 345 kilovolt electric line that was proposed to cross our Town. While the American Transmission Company (ATC) will not ever admit it, it was due to our Purchase of Develop-

ment Rights Program that our citizens voted to support and pay for. The easements purchased by that program are very difficult to overturn, even by a private for-profit corporation with governmental powers of condemnation. ATC chose not to take us on. The same reason the State DOT abandoned the South Beltline proposal that would have cut our Town in two. Again thanks to our citizens. There are a number of other examples of effective defense of our quality of life through local participation.

It is you who make this Town a special place. The Town Board cannot defend the Town all by itself. It is your action that makes these efforts work. It is the only way it works. We will always have threats to our quality of life. It is the interest of our folks that keeps our Town safe and viable. The next issues are the Fitchburg Northeast Neighborhood

proposal on our border. Citizen groups are organized to keep that city from destroying the quality of Lake Waubesa and diminish the quality and availability of our ground water. The other issue is the HWY 51 expansion/relocation which is just developing as an issue for us.

The most important quality of our Town is that our citizens care about and value what we have here. As long as you care and participate, our Town will remain steadfast in the defense of our way of life. All of us should take pride in what we have accomplished and continue to maintain what we have here. I thank you all for what has been become the model of what communities can do when their citizens actively take part in determining the future of the place in which they live.

**TOWN OF DUNN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**
Tuesday November 20, 2007
at 7:00 PM
Following the Budget Hearing
Dunn Town Hall
4156 County Road B

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL
TOWN MEETING
OF THE ELECTORS OF THE
TOWN OF DUNN, DANE COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting called pursuant to Wis Stats. 60.12(1)(c), by the Town Board of the Town of Dunn, on November 20, 2007 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:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of April 10, 2007.
2. To approve the highway expenditures pursuant to Section 81.01(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
3. To approve the appointment of Town Clerk Treasurer pursuant to Wis. Stats 60.10(1)(b)(2m)
4. To approve the town tax levies for the general fund, debt service fund and rural preservation fund for the year 2007 (to fund the 2008 operating budgets).

Town Meetings are the forums at which major issues and town policy are decided. The residents of the town are the decision makers. Every resident of legal voting age present casts a vote.

Agendas and announcements for all special meetings are posted at the following locations: the bulletin board outside the Town Hall, 4156 County Road B; the message board on the corner of Waubesa Ave. and Third Street; and Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.

Rosalind Gausman, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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RURAL PRESERVATION THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

10 Years with PDR

Over ten years ago, a group of Dunn residents got together to discuss ways to permanently protect the town's open space and farmland. Their efforts resulted in the creation of the town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program and have ensured the town's legacy of land protection.

The Sinaiko Farm (174 acres along Lake Farm Road, Alma Road and Waucheeta Trail) was the first land protected by this program in 1997. The town now boasts over 2,822 acres of permanently protected land.

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

Over \$3 Million in Grants

When the PDR program was created, town residents voted for a property tax increase to fund the program. The tax increase raised the mill rate by \$.50 per \$1,000 equalized valuation, which increased the tax on a \$100,000 home by \$50.

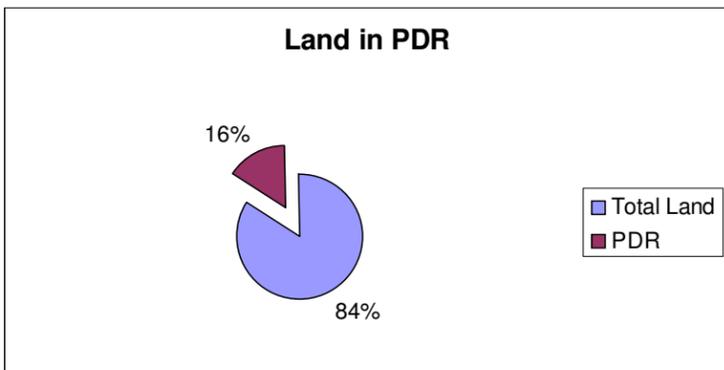
This revenue has been used to purchase development rights on 23 farms. The town has accomplished this in partnership with several land protection organizations including the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, US Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service, Dane County Parks, and the Natural Heritage Land Trust.

These partnerships have enabled the town to bring in a significant amount of grant dollars and offset the town's cost. Grant funds have more than doubled the tax investment. This means that only 45.3% of the cost of purchases have come from town PDR tax dollars.

Farms Protected in 2006

The town protected two farms in 2006. Working with Dane County Parks, the town purchased the development rights on the 68-acre Everson Farm on Dyreson Road. This farm abuts Dane County Park lands. Future county plans include the Lower Yahara River Bike and Pedestrian Trail crossing the property.

The town also protected the 93-acre Outhouse Farm on Schneider Drive. This farm is adjacent to several other conservation easements on County Road B. The purchase of development rights on this property creates an 800-acre block of permanently protected farmland.

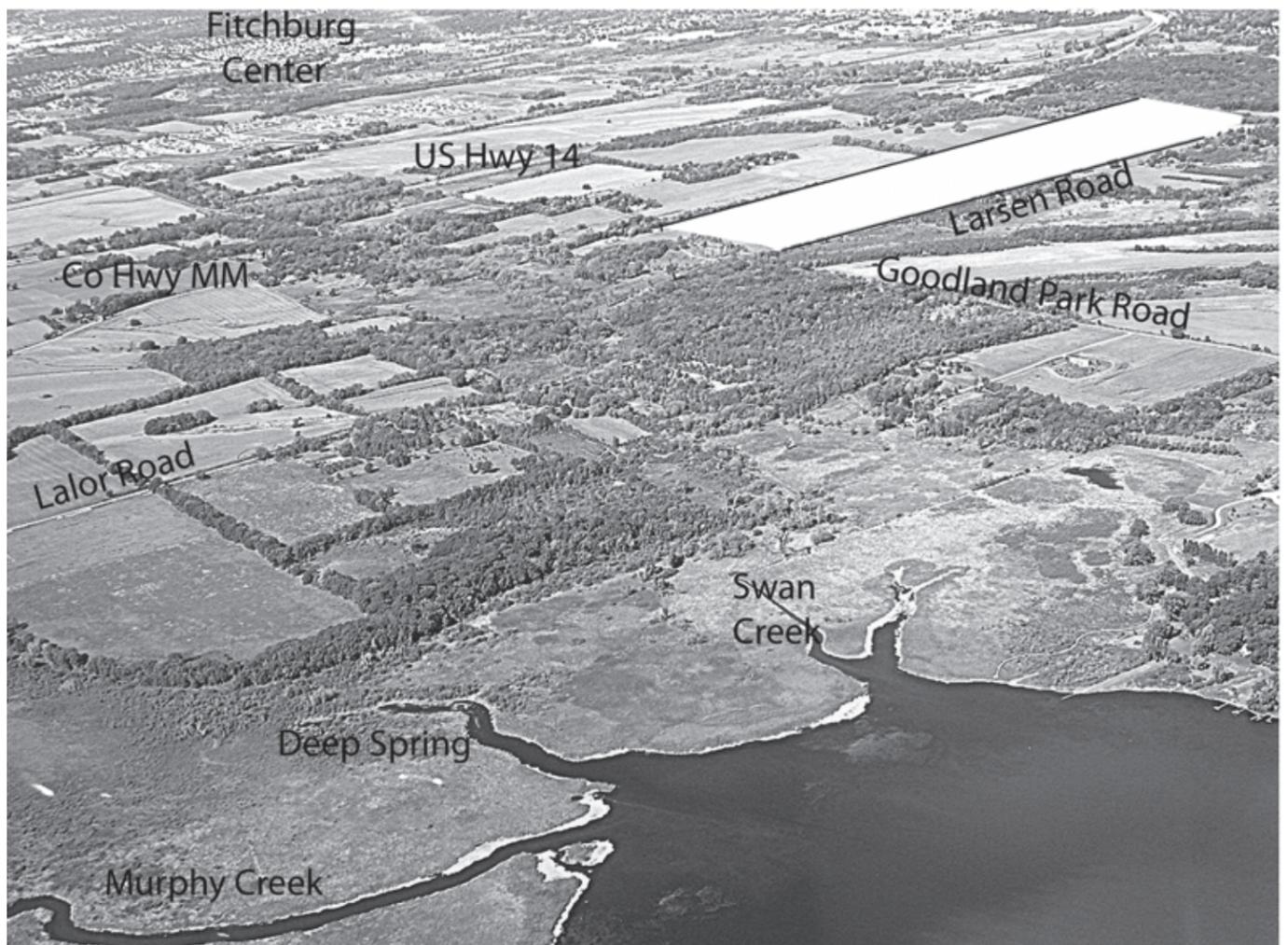


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The importance of these concerns are highlighted by DeWitt's recent work which indicates that west of Lake Waubesa there appears to be significant, but previously unrecognized, hydrological connections between the deep aquifer from which municipal wells obtain water and the shallow aquifer upon which springs, streams, and domestic wells depend. Previously it was thought that the water flowing through these two aquifers were fairly independent due to a layer of shale, termed the aquitard, which was believed to mitigate the effects of deep well pumping upon the level and flow within the shallow aquifer. Prof. DeWitt's work has documented decreases in outflow from an artesian well drawing from the shallow aquifer correlating with increased pumping at a deep-aquifer municipal well about one mile away. He is also analyzing a variety of data which seems to indicate that the shale aquitard in this region is much thinner, fragile, and porous than had been thought.

At the State, regional, and county level, there is also concern that policies and statutes which regulate the protection of groundwater resources may be outdated and/or based upon inaccurate models. Rapid and extensive development of the Waukesha area has been associated with aquifer depletion and radon contamination associated with deeper well construction. New State regulations have been enacted, in part, due to this issue.

At the County level, the newly passed



County Comprehensive Plan outlines new objectives, policies, and goals which, if implemented, would better define the optimal level of our aquifers and help ensure that future growth does not adversely affect this essential and diminishing resource. Brian Standing, senior Dane County Planner, has noted that it is citizen input and political processes which will determine which of these efforts is implemented.

It is notable that the Town of Dunn's pioneering efforts in land stewardship has incorporated not only protection of both surface and groundwater resources, but projects which have improved their quality. National attention has recently been given to the emerging water crisis in Atlanta, Georgia and there are questions connecting this crisis and prior resource management decisions which

may have been ill advised (Atlanta Journal Constitution, 10/11/2007). Those in the Town can take pride in the legacy of wise stewardship and look forward to working with those in the surrounding areas who attempt to create a responsible balance between natural resource management and competing visions for the area's future.

Year 2008 Budget Highlights

By Rosalind Gausman, Clerk/Treasurer



The 2008 budget includes three fund accounts with a tax levy, the General Fund (town operations), the Debt Service Fund (for funding capital projects or equipment), and the PDR Fund (to operate the Purchase of Development Rights Program). The mill rate for the total levy on all three funds is \$2.05 per thousand of assessed valuation. The equalized mill rate is \$1.78 or \$178.00 tax for a \$100,000 property value. Due to the delayed state budget, we do not have the levy worksheet with the town's final numbers. The final numbers will be available at the budget hearing, so the levy could change based on decisions made by the citizens attending the budget hearing and special town meeting on November 20.

GENERAL FUND

On the revenue side of the budget sheet, the following lines are worth noting. The general property tax levy is proposed to increase \$20,528 which is a 2.8% increase. The State shared revenue is shown with little or no change because as of this writing the State has not completed the estimates to reflect the final state budget. The State transportation aids went up by \$3,662.

Grant revenue is down slightly because the road signing and striping grant is completed. The reforestation grant and storm water grant will have approximately \$44,000 carried over into the 2008 budget to finish up those projects. There is no change projected for building permit revenue because the activity in the construction field has slowed down this year. The increase in garbage and recycling revenue is to offset the increase for the same service under a new contract with Waste Management that begins in January 2008 which is also included on the expense side of the budget.

On the expense side of the budget sheet, the following changes are proposed in 2008: Wage categories were increased by the cost of living (3.5% plus some overtime contingencies). The budget for attorney fees has been decreased to \$17,000 to reflect a more normal year's activity with no pending lawsuits. Election expenses will be up because of the extra elections in a presidential election year.

The increase in town hall expenses will cover some roof and soffit repairs to the town hall.

In the Public Works budget, street

repair and maintenance is down slightly, but it still includes the sealcoating of the roads in Spartans Hills and Waubesa Heights. Garage expense went over budget in 2007 with some unexpected repairs to a garage door. The increase in tools of \$3,000 will cover a mechanical post hole digger.

Conservation and Development includes an increase of \$12,720 to cover the expense side of the town's match for the storm water permit/plan grant.

The public safety portion of the budget is one we have little control over. We contract for fire and emergency services from McFarland and Stoughton; and we are part of the joint fire district in Oregon. The major increase this year is in the Stoughton fire amount which reflects the town's share of their new fire station. Other than a cost of living increase there is no change in our contract with Dane County Sheriff's Department for the 20 hour per week service they provide.

The increase proposed for donations to the senior citizen programs and youth

centers reflects the decrease in county aid and a cost of living increase for their staff.

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Capital projects planned for 2008 include the reconstruction of the following roads in the Waubesa Beach area: Berkan, Noarts, Beale and Waubesa Avenue; the upgrade of our tractor and mower and the shared purchase of a roller. The largest project is the construction of a storm shelter in Bay View Heights, but it is contingent upon final approval of funding by FEMA. The town's match of this project will include our labor, equipment and some materials to construct an access drive to the building. The road construction and equipment purchases are funded through borrowing which is reflected in the Debt Service Fund and tax levy.

How Do Levy Limits Affect the Town?

By Cathy Hasslinger

The State has once again imposed levy limits on town governments for the next two years. These limits will have a cumulative impact on town revenues during the upcoming years. It is important to note that the town tax levy is determined by a vote of the electors (town residents) at a Special Town Meeting usually held each year on the third Tuesday of November. No other levels of government set their levy by a direct vote of the electors. This is a right that town residents enjoy, that residents of cities and villages do not.

With the state imposed levy limits, town residents will still vote on the levy at the Special Town Meeting, however their right to set the levy above the limit is restricted at that meeting.

The Town of Dunn (estimated population 5,270) boasts the second lowest overall local tax rate in Dane County for a town with a population over 4,000. This is a significant accomplishment in light of the Town's services and our Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. The PDR program has been funded by a tax levy of .50 per \$1,000 of equalized value (about \$100 in additional tax on a \$200,000 home), which is included in the Town's overall tax rate. Keeping the overall local tax rate low while operating the PDR program, maintaining a schedule of regular road improvements, and responding to the 2005 tornado, has only been possible due to a long history of responsible fiscal management and conservative use of borrowing.

If the levy limit continues in future years, it will have increasing impact on the Town's revenues and the PDR levy each year. Also of concern is the Town's ability to respond to the increasing costs of emergency services. Since the Town contracts for law enforcement and fire and EMS services, we have little or no control over the increasing costs of these services.

Appointed vs Elected Clerk Treasurer

By Rosalind Gausman

You may have noticed the agenda for the Special Town Meeting on November 20 includes an item to authorize the Town Board to appoint a Clerk/Treasurer in the future. It is currently an elected position. In 1995 the state statutes were amended to allow towns the same option as villages and cities - a choice to appoint or elect a person to fill the positions of clerk, treasurer, or clerk/treasurer. Over the past decade many towns have exercised that option and changed to the appointment of Clerk/Treasurer. The Town of Dunn is one of only two towns in Dane County with a population over 3,000 that has not yet made the change from elected to appointed.

Why Change to Appointment?

- Appointment allows the Town Board to hire the most qualified person for the position. This will allow for the selection of an applicant who possesses the desired skills and certifications.
- It is the same process used for other contracted professionals such as the town building inspector, assessor, attorney, auditor and engineer.
- Appointment enhances accountability. An employer-employee relationship will allow for supervision and direction by elected officials.
- Appointment recognizes the complexities of the Clerk/Treasurer position. Responsibilities and duties have changed dramatically over the past several years, requiring computer knowledge and technical proficiency in programs to administer property tax collections, town finances, zoning, elections and the many duties required by Wisconsin law.
- Appointment provides more stability and consistency. Elected officials may be new every two years.
- The tasks and duties of the Clerk/Treasurer and office manager are intertwined. The position of Clerk/Treasurer could include the duties of office manager to create one efficient position that handles both the statutory duties and the administrative tasks a modern office.

If approved the position becomes an appointed position at the end of the current term. The person appointed by the Town Board serves for a term not to exceed 3 years, and may be reappointed.

Town Email and WebPage Addresses

Webpage: www.town.dunn.wi.us

Email: townhall@town.dunn.wi.us

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

TOWN OF DUNN PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

Line	GENERAL FUND REVENUES	2006 ACTUAL YEAR END	2007 YTD 10/26/2007	2007 ESTIMATED YEAR END	2007 ADOPTED BUDGET	2008 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE 2007 BUDGET 2008 BUDGET
1	Gen Property Taxes	710,025	733,708	733,708	733,708	754,236	20,528
2	Taxes Mobile H, Forest, Penalty	22,851	18,080	21,230	25,038	21,038	(4,000)
3	TOTAL TAXES	732,876	751,788	754,938	758,746	775,274	16,528
4	Federal Aid in lieu of tax	135	119	119	140	119	(21)
5	Shared Taxes - State	112,186	16,822	112,158	112,145	112,118	(27)
6	Fire Department Dues	18,120	15,816	15,816	18,000	13,500	(4,500)
7	Other State Taxes	51,254	22,169	40,927	40,237	9,772	(30,465)
8	Road Aids - State	119,615	121,992	121,992	121,992	125,653	3,662
9	Recycling Grant	44,967	44,941	44,941	45,000	44,000	(1,000)
10	County Aid - Bridges/CDBG	55,194	0	-	-	6,238	6,238
11	Tree gr./Storm water permit gr.	500	375	1,999	34,831	44,219	9,388
12	TOTAL Intergovernmental Rev	401,971	222,234	337,951	372,345	355,619	(16,725)
13	License - Liquor, Operator	7,645	7,825	7,925	7,600	7,600	-
14	License - Cable TV fran	15,127	5,603	7,307	16,000	12,000	(4,000)
15	License - Cigarette, Coin Machine	1,170	1,170	1,170	1,170	1,170	-
16	License - Mobile Home, MH Parks	720	700	700	700	700	-
17	License - Dog	5,422	1,597	3,400	3,400	3,400	-
18	Permits - Building	30,113	24,317	25,000	20,000	20,000	-
19	Permits - Driveway	845	1,220	1,220	1,000	1,000	-
20	Permits - Land Div. Fee	2,009	2,559	2,559	1,750	1,750	-
21	TOTAL Licenses/Permits	63,051	44,991	49,281	51,620	47,620	(4,000)
22	Court Penalties & Costs	21,878	23,926	25,000	22,000	21,000	(1,000)
23	Dog Lic. Late Penalty	45	60	60	50	50	-
24	TOTAL Fines/Penalties	21,923	23,986	25,060	22,050	21,050	(1,000)
25	Public Chrsg - Misc. revenue	281	128	128	100	100	-
26	Public Chrsg - Real Estate Verif	2,445	2,580	2,700	2,000	2,100	100
27	Curbside garbage revenue	155,124	161,249	161,249	160,892	190,300	29,408
28	Solid Waste Disposal revenue	366	476	500	250	250	-
29	Recycling revenue	90,135	95,746	95,746	95,572	112,981	17,409
30	Fire Call Reimbursement	-	4,500	1,000	-	-	-
31	TOTAL Publ Charges	248,351	264,679	261,323	258,814	305,731	46,917
32	Interest - General Fund	92,268	73,309	97,000	70,000	80,000	10,000
33	Rent Town Hall/Sale Equipment	4,750	1,451	1,451	-	500	500
34	Sale - Recycling goods	89	45	50	50	50	-
35	Insurance Recoveries	13,213	1,765	1,765	-	-	-
36	Donations	275	-	-	-	-	-
37	Refund Prior Year Expenses	31,086	8,108	8,108	-	-	-
38	Misc. Revenue	40	55	55	-	-	-
39	TOTAL Misc. Revenues	141,720	84,734	108,429	70,050	80,550	10,500
40	TOTAL Revenues General Fund	1,609,891	1,392,412	1,536,983	1,533,625	1,585,844	52,220

Line	GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	2006 ACTUAL YEAR END	2007
41	Town Board Salaries & Expenses	14,228	
42	Judicial Salary & Expenses	3,704	
43	Court Clerk Wages & Benefits	10,280	
44	Attorney Fees	40,590	
45	Clerk/Treas. Salary & Benefits	61,999	
46	Office Supplies & Exp.	10,257	
47	Office Education, dues, mileage	1,642	
48	Legal Publications	553	
49	Newsletter	1,823	
50	Misc and Contingency Expense	1,544	
51	Property & Wrks Comp.	24,011	
52	Administrative Wages & Benefits	113,345	
53	Election Workers & Expenses	4,019	
54	Independent Accounting	8,045	
55	Assessor Contract & Expenses	11,995	
56	Town Hall Expenses	9,251	
57	Office Equipment	1,000	
58	Tax Chargebacks	-	
59	Other Insurance	40	
60	TOTAL General Gov. Expense	318,327	
61	Public Safety Contract	44,796	
62	Public Safety Admn Wage & Benefit	25,701	
63	Fire/EMS Protection - McFarland	109,799	
64	EMS-Fire Oregon Jt. Dst	88,652	
65	Fire/EMS Protection - Stoughton	42,930	
66	Bldg. Insp. Wage, benefit & expense	26,747	
67	Other Public Safety	375	
68	TOTAL Public Safety	339,001	
69	Public Works Wages & Benefits	208,116	
70	Engineering	300	
71	Education & Training PW	-	
72	Garage Expenses	16,656	
73	Tools & Equipment	1,559	
74	Gas & Oil	15,241	
75	Equipment Repair & Mntce	13,144	
76	Street Repairs & Mntce	82,076	
77	Snow and Ice Control	20,116	
78	Bridges & Culverts	22,634	
79	Highway Signs	1,847	
80	Tree & Brush Control	11,657	
81	Street Lighting	10,225	
82	Curbside Garbage	149,738	
83	Transfer Site wage, benefit, & expense	18,976	
84	Solid Waste Disposal	1,343	
85	Recycling Expenses (Curbside)	90,001	
86	Newsltr Recycle Insert	466	
87	TOTAL Public Works	664,095	
88	Senior Citizens - McF	7,650	
89	Senior Citizens - Ore	27,879	
90	Senior Citizens - Sto	19,900	
91	Other Civic Donations	11,250	
92	TOTAL Health & Human Svc	66,679	
93	Parks Expenses	5,263	
94	Parks Admin. Wages, benefits	2,573	
95	Prks/Bldg/Grnds-Wages, benefits	20,741	
96	TOTAL Culture/Recreation	28,577	
97	Plan Comm. Admin. Wages, benefits	23,200	
98	Plan Com. Exp	5,301	
99	Storm water planning Exp	6,794	
100	TOTAL Conservation & Dev.	35,295	
101	Transfers Out to other funds	(27,293)	
102	TOTAL Other Financing	(27,293)	
103	TOTAL General Fund Expense	1,451,974	
104	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	455,684	
105	REVENUES	1,609,891	
106	EXPENDITURES	1,451,974	
107	ENDING FUND BALANCE	586,309	

VALUATION	2006	2007	2008	% change
ASSESSED VALUATION	625,173,500	633,005,600	Not available	
EQUALIZED VALUATION	689,422,500	731,620,300	Not available	
TAX LEVY				
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	710,025	733,708	754,236	2.80%
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	184,255	148,692	186,783	25.62%
PDR TAX LEVY	308,770	344,711	358,017	3.86%
TOTAL LEVY	1,203,050	1,227,111	1,299,036	5.86%
ASSESSED VALUE MIL RATE	1.94	1.96	2.05	4.55%
EQUALIZED VALUE MIL RATE	1.95	1.78	1.78	0%
YEAR END UNDESIG. FUND BALANCE	586,309	461,175	338,038	
	estimated	estimated	estimated	
*levy reduced by State Exempt Computer Aid of \$89.00				
Current year assessment ratio	84.000%			
Prior year assessment ratio	90.80%			

2005 Mil Rate Comparison Municipality	Pop.	* Equal. Mil Rate	Local Tax/ \$100,000
Village of Brooklyn	1,156	6.62	\$662.00
City of Stoughton	12,755	6.64	\$664.00
Village of McFarland	7,289	6.30	\$630.00
Town of Madison	6,104	6.31	\$631.00
Village of Cottage Grove	5,158	5.73	\$573.00
Village of Oregon	8,535	4.82	\$482.00
Town of Cottage Grove	3,902	3.67	\$367.00
Town of Blooming Grove	1,724	3.73	\$373.00
Town of Windsor	5,779	3.41	\$341.00
Town of Deerfield	1,542	2.67	\$267.00
Town of Sun Prairie	2,365	2.52	\$252.00
Town of Dunn	5,287	1.95	\$195.00
Town of Oregon	3,325	1.89	\$189.00
Town of Rutland	1,993	1.79	\$179.00
Town of Dunkirk	2,029	1.70	\$170.00
Town of Pleasant Springs	3,165	1.03	\$103.00

*Tax Mil rate levied in 2005, collected in 2006
 Information is from Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance web site at wistax.org

2007	2007	2007	2008	VARIANCE
YTD	ESTIMATED	APPROVED	Proposed	2007 BUDGET
10/26/2007	YEAR END	BUDGET	BUDGET	2008 BUDGET
11,560	15,045	15,045	15,644	598
2,782	3,787	3,907	3,971	64
9,233	10,996	10,996	11,445	449
5,666	15,300	30,000	17,000	(13,000)
52,768	64,718	64,718	67,328	2,610
6,744	14,000	15,330	15,330	-
2,600	2,985	2,985	4,466	1,481
527	850	850	700	(150)
673	890	2,000	2,150	150
1,635	23,000	23,000	21,815	(1,185)
27,056	27,056	23,300	30,000	6,700
98,219	121,658	121,658	129,792	8,134
1,540	2,500	5,082	5,850	768
8,525	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
6,584	12,500	12,500	12,750	250
9,240	16,000	17,430	22,035	4,605
12,218	12,218	12,600	6,500	(6,100)
-	-	466	-	(466)
595	595	590	-	(590)
258,163	353,098	371,458	375,775	4,317
50,137	71,157	71,157	74,088	2,931
23,081	27,489	27,489	28,612	1,123
117,505	117,505	117,935	119,287	1,352
68,368	86,500	86,500	87,268	768
46,136	46,136	43,571	67,536	23,965
14,800	24,500	30,836	28,925	(1,911)
560	700	700	700	-
320,587	373,987	378,188	406,416	28,228
169,442	214,953	214,953	222,046	7,093
1,059	3,000	3,000	4,000	1,000
111	111	150	150	-
15,718	22,000	13,570	18,000	4,430
758	1,400	1,400	4,400	3,000
12,041	18,000	18,000	18,000	-
15,442	18,000	15,000	15,000	-
77,105	90,000	90,000	82,100	(7,900)
15,384	18,000	21,000	21,000	-
15,118	25,000	25,000	24,000	(1,000)
3,261	41,621	41,621	3,000	(38,621)
8,130	25,000	45,829	6,000	(39,829)
7,829	10,500	10,500	10,500	-
116,233	160,892	160,892	190,300	29,408
14,698	17,809	17,309	18,575	1,265
1,855	2,000	2,000	1,800	(200)
71,325	95,572	95,572	112,981	17,409
412	650	650	650	-
545,921	764,508	776,446	752,502	(23,944)
7,803	7,803	7,803	7,803	-
28,435	28,435	28,260	31,261	3,001
20,298	20,298	20,298	20,704	406
11,250	11,250	11,250	12,250	1,000
67,786	67,786	67,611	72,018	4,407
3,317	4,050	5,800	5,800	-
2,247	2,750	2,750	2,861	111
23,054	28,314	26,696	27,671	975
28,617	35,114	35,246	36,332	1,086
19,140	26,640	26,640	31,280	4,640
800	2,400	5,175	5,275	100
500	3,356	16,664	29,384	12,720
20,440	32,396	48,479	65,939	17,460
35,227	35,227	35,000	-	(35,000)
35,227	35,227	35,000	-	(35,000)
1,276,743	1,662,116	1,712,428	1,708,982	(3,446)
-	586,309	586,309	461,175	(125,133)
-	1,536,983	1,533,625	1,585,844	52,220
-	1,662,116	1,712,428	1,708,982	(3,446)
-	461,175	407,506	338,038	(69,468)

OTHER FUNDS							
	2006	2007	2007	2007	2008	VARIANCE	
Line	ACTUAL	YTD	ESTIMATED	APPROVED	Proposed	2007 BUDGET	2008 BUDGET
	YEAR END	10/16/2007	YEAR END	BUDGET	BUDGET		
RURAL PRESERVATION FUND							
REVENUES							
108	PDR Fund Taxes	308,770	344,711	344,711	344,711	358,017	13,306
109	Grant Revenue	-	148,750	148,750	600,000	500,000	(100,000)
110	Interest Income	22,966	41,758	46,758	5,000	10,000	5,000
111	Donations	500	2,100	2,100	200	200	-
112	TOTAL PDR Revenues	332,236	537,319	542,319	949,911	868,217	(81,694)
EXPENSES							
113	PDR Admin. Wages, benefits	19,247	17,465	21,042	21,042	24,818	3,776
114	Easement Purchases	-	297,500	297,500	1,200,000	1,000,000	(200,000)
115	Easement Endowments	-	6,026	6,026	20,000	10,000	(10,000)
116	Operating Expenses	2,159	9,566	10,000	20,250	15,000	(5,250)
117	Transfer to Debt Service	172,928	174,957	174,957	174,957	176,849	1,891
118	TOTAL PDR Expenses	194,333	505,513	509,525	1,436,249	1,226,667	(209,582)
119	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	961,197	-	1,099,100	1,099,100	1,131,894	32,794
120	REVENUES	332,236	-	542,319	949,911	868,217	(81,694)
121	EXPENDITURES	194,333	-	509,525	1,436,249	1,226,667	(209,582)
122	ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,099,100	-	1,131,894	612,762	773,444	160,682
BURYING GROUND							
CEMETERY REVENUES							
123	Lot Sales	8,125	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
124	Interest Earned	2,010	1,324	1,800	1,000	1,500	500
125	Donations	-	355	355	-	-	-
126	TOTAL-Cemetery Revenues	10,135	4,179	5,155	4,000	4,500	500
CEMETERY EXPENSES							
127	Cemetery Wages, benefits	3,315	2,937	3,493	3,493	3,618	125
128	Cemetery Expenses	853	357	1,000	1,000	23,000	22,000
129	TOTAL-Cemetery Expenses	4,168	3,294	4,493	4,493	26,618	22,125
130	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	35,850	-	41,817	41,817	42,479	662
131	REVENUES	10,135	-	5,155	4,000	4,500	500
132	EXPENDITURES	4,168	-	4,493	4,493	26,618	22,125
133	ENDING FUND BALANCE	41,817	-	42,479	41,324	20,361	(20,963)
DEBT SERVICE FUND							
DEBT SERVICE REVENUE							
134	Taxes-Debt Service Fund	184,255	148,692	148,692	148,692	186,783	38,091
135	Interest Revenue	-	586	750	-	-	-
136	Transfer from PDR	172,928	174,957	174,957	174,957	220,275	45,317
137	TOTAL-Debt Svc Revenues	357,183	324,235	324,399	323,649	407,058	83,408
DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURE							
138	Principal Payment	218,987	166,107	182,207	182,205	272,521	90,317
139	Interest Payment	137,531	135,414	147,591	141,444	129,897	(11,547)
140	TOTAL-Debt Svc Expenses	356,518	301,521	329,798	323,649	402,418	78,769
141	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	94	-	759	759	(4,640)	(5,399)
142	REVENUES	357,183	-	324,399	323,649	407,058	83,408
143	EXPENDITURES	356,518	-	329,798	323,649	402,418	78,769
144	ENDING FUND BALANCE	759	-	(4,640)	759	(0)	(760)
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND							
CAPITAL PROJ. REVENUE							
145	Grant Income State TRIP LRIP	-	144,474	144,474	141,256	-	(141,256)
146	Loan Proceeds - Road Const	284,064	203,482	203,482	201,005	206,369	5,364
147	Loan Proceeds - Hwy Equip	120,615	104,513	104,513	110,065	49,000	(61,065)
148	Loan Proceeds emergency shelter	9,321	2,265	2,265	30,000	487,000	457,000
149	Transfers between funds	-	4,026	4,026	-	-	-
150	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT REV	414,000	458,760	458,760	482,326	742,369	260,043
CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES							
151	Road Construction Exp.	328,872	268,058	268,058	334,761	240,000	(94,761)
152	Dyreson Bridge	9,862	-	7,500	7,500	-	(7,500)
153	Hwy Related Equip. Exp.	123,416	104,513	104,513	110,065	49,000	(61,065)
154	Drainage & Other Transfers out	-	3,799	3,799	-	-	-
155	Emergency Shelter Expenses	9,321	165	3,000	30,000	487,000	457,000
156	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT EXP.	471,471	376,535	386,870	482,326	776,000	293,674
157	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	19,212	-	(38,259)	(38,259)	33,631	71,890
158	REVENUES	414,000	-	458,760	482,326	742,369	260,043
159	EXPENDITURES	471,471	-	386,870	482,326	776,000	293,674
160	ENDING FUND BALANCE	(38,259)	-	33,631	(38,259)	(0)	38,259

AREA YOUTH CENTERS SERVING TOWN RESIDENTS

Looking for something to do after school?

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

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

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

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

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

Vacancies on Town Commissions

Sanitary District Number 4 - One position available

If you are a resident of the Meadowview subdivision and are interested in serving as a commissioner, please contact the Town at 255-4219 ext 201

On the Road Again

Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

Roadside mowing is just getting started. This is the way-back mow to help reduce snow drifting on the roads over the winter.

In 2007, we resurfaced Mahoney Road, Lookout Trail, Catalpa Lane, Thatcher Lane, and Pinto Trail. Seal coating projects included Green Road, Hawkinson Road, Bonner Trail, and Dunnwood Heights. We finished Mahoney Road and received our Town Road Improvement grant of \$141,000 from the state. We received a grant for improving sign and road visibility which covered the cost of striping and upgrading signs for improved visibility.

Using our Excavator we were able to replace ten culverts that were rusted out this year.

We will be putting on our snow equipment mid-November. For ease of snow removal, please do not park on the roads or on the shoulder when it snows. State law states motorist need to be 300 feet behind a snowplow or a citation could be issued. Let's be courteous to our hard working town crew.

For snow and ice control we are planning to use a salt/sand mixture to reduce total salt usage and overall winter maintenance costs.

Law Enforcement

Mary Gross, Court Clerk

Vehicle break-ins and daytime burglaries in the town have prompted the Sheriff's Deputies to advise residents to take extra care to:

**Lock all vehicles in your driveway or garage and
Lock all windows and doors when no one will be home**

Reminders:

- Report any suspicious vehicles or activity you observe.
- Vehicles parked in road right-of-way must have all tires completely off the pavement. To facilitate snowplowing, please do not park in the road right of way overnight.
- Dogs are not allowed to run at large. Violators may be ticketed.
- Unlicensed vehicles are not allowed to be stored within public view for a period longer than 14 days unless it is in a properly zoned business district.
- It is unlawful to store or permit the storage of junk or waste in a place open to the public view for a period longer than 14 days.
- Trailers, boats, junk, and other personal property cannot be stored in the road right of way or on Town owned land. Violators will be required to pay for the cost of removing their personal property.

If an incident occurs that you think is unlawful, please contact the town at 255-4219 ext. 201 or the Dane County Sheriff's office at 266-9122 or 266-4948 as soon as the incident occurs.



Area Senior Centers Welcome Town Residents

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parks Commission Update

By Mary Gross

The Parks Commission has been very busy this summer and fall. Sterna Park neighborhood raised money for some new playground equipment. Jay Hoel, our Parks Superintendent installed monkey bars, swings, a rocking horse, and teeter totter. He put new border beams and pea gravel down for the base.

The commission also began planning for Kegonsa Manor park. This area sustained damage in the tornado in 2005. A survey was sent to the neighborhood residents and input from that survey guided the commission in developing a plan for the park. The suggestions included a prairie, flowering trees, and hard woods. The Town purchased more than 30 trees and shrubs and planted them at the park. The tree commission also planted a heritage tree at a ceremony on October 20, 2007. We will be starting phase 2 of the plan next spring.

We are planning on a fall burn at Dunn Heritage if it dries out before winter. Any one who wishes to volunteer please contact Mary at the town hall at 255-4219 ext 201.

PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

by Jim Molloy,

Plan Commission Chair

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

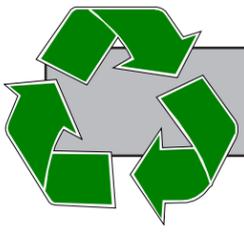
The Plan Commission consists of the following seven individuals: Tim Andrews, Loraine Gardner, Steve Greb, Dean Hein, Jim Molloy, Bob Uphoff, and Vicki Wangerin. Occasionally a vacancy occurs on the Commission. If you are interested in serving your Town as an uncompensated member of this Commission, please indicate your interest to Roz Gausman, Town Clerk by calling 255-4219 extension 207.

Slow Down on Town Roads! New Speed Limits

New speed limits have been adopted on Town roads as a result of a study and recommendation by the sheriff's department.

Sheriff's Deputies are issuing tickets - warnings are not given.

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



RECYCLING GUIDE

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

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Glass Containers

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

Plastic Containers

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

Tin Cans

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

Aluminum Cans

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

Cardboard/Paper Bags

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

Newspaper/Magazines/Phone books

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

Need Extra Curbside Pick-up? Call Waste Management

Each household is allowed one thirty four-gallon container for solid waste and an unlimited volume of recyclables. The charge is included on your tax bill each year.

For additional volume pick up contact Waste Management. For a fee they will provide an extra 64-gallon toter or an extra 96-gallon toter. The town does not provide the toters or bill for extra service. The toters may be filled in addition to the usual 34 gallon container allowed. Cost is billed directly to the homeowner. At the time of this publication the cost of the 64 gallon toter was \$4.25 per month and the cost of the 96 gallon toter was \$5.60 per month.

Items that are too big to fit into a 32 gallon receptacle such as mattresses, chairs, couches, washers, dryers, refrigerators, appliances, etc. can be picked up by Waste Management if you call (608) 273-2500 in advance. The cost is \$25.00 per item. These items are scheduled for pick-up once per month. Make sure to call ahead for the schedule. Waste Management can also help you with your remodeling needs or cleanup. Please call (608) 273-2500 on the cost of renting a dumpster.

The next Goodwill Industries pick up is scheduled: Saturday, December 1st from 9 AM to 12 PM in the Town Hall parking lot.

Goodwill staff will help unload and provide tax receipts.

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

Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B,
¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall
Open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month
8 AM to 4 PM.

The Transfer Site accepts:

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

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

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

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

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

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take stumps or lumber.
Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps, construction material and many other large items.
Call 838-9555 for information.

Tires - We charge \$3 for auto tires \$4 for tires with rims. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for a small fee.

Questions?

Call the Town Hall at 255-4219 extension 201

Other Recyclable Items

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

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

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

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

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

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

Computers: Computers contain hazardous materials and should be recycled. Janssen Computers, 1 Marsh Ct., 222-9100 will take equipment for reuse or recycle. Cascade Asset Management accepts any and all computer and computer related equipment from businesses. Household computers are collected at semi-annual drop-offs in April and November. Call 222-4800 for more information. Also, see their web page at <http://www.cascade-assets.com> Visit the Dane County website at www.countyofdane.com/pubworks/recyc.htm