

The Official TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER Spring 2006



Views From the Town Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

The Sandhill Cranes were back early this year. Unfortunately, so were the tornado warnings. Most of you know that the tornado that touched down in our Town, Pleasant Springs, Albion and Christiana was the second tornado to wreak havoc in our Town in recent history. This was covered in the last newsletter where I tried to thank as many of our neighbors as possible. Without the help of other communities, it would have been impossible to have the recovery proceed as fast as it did.

There are also some who have not been thanked enough. Our town staff deserves a lot of credit for their quick and extensive response. They were on the roads so fast that one truck almost drove into the back side of the storm. Office staff came into the town hall to keep communications open. Because of the rapid response, our road crew had all but one road open for emergency vehicles. The one road not opened was covered in trees entangled with a major power line-and it was fully dark by the time they got to it. They continued to work through most of the night and were out again at first light. Most of our staff have children at home, and so the fact that most of our staff worked long days, and nights through the following weekend, meant they were away from their families-families that were worried about them. The initial work after a tornado hits is dangerous and stressful.

The staff working in the town hall were magnificent. Those affected by the tornado are aware that the initial wristband distribution was a fiasco. Our staff responded by taking charge of the wristband distribution and making sure that our residents could get to their homes without having to stand in line for hours to

get a wrist band. It was also crucial to keep communications open and efficient. Priorities were determined and communicated to those in the field, and to other communities working out in the town. Our staff took over the coordination of volunteers after a few days and made things work for those who needed the help. Fact sheets and other information was put together, printed and then distributed. And through all of this extra work, phone and radio calls had to be handled.

Even though the FEMA declaration was denied, it was not for want of all the information FEMA insists on having within 3 days of such a disaster. The FEMA people got everything they want. Not just for our town, but our staff put together information for other towns hit by the tornado, and helped train the staff of other towns on the recovery tasks that needed to be undertaken by all of the towns hit by the tornado. Continuing to feed the FEMA bureaucracy the enormous amount of information meant that staff had to work long hours for over six months. There is still extra work associated with the tornado that our town employees handle almost daily.

Most people see only the destruction of homes, buildings and trees. Very few understand what tremendous effort has to be undertaken by those who work and care for their towns when disaster strikes. Casual observers are not there at 3:00 in the morning, or get to watch as our crew tries to clear a tree with power lines wrapped around it. Most never see how people are well treated by our employees. It is obvious that our staff care about the citizens of the Town of Dunn. No one could have given their all the way they did without a deep commitment to the people they work for.

Town of Dunn Park's Commission presents:

Annual Arbor Day Celebration

What: Potluck dinner with Guest Speaker David Stokes

When: April 22, 2006 4-6 pm

Where: Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B

All Town residents are encouraged to attend. Come and meet your neighbors, share a meal, and celebrate Arbor Day

Call: Mary at 255-4219 extension 201 for more info.



About David Stokes, guest naturalist and songwriter: David Stokes has been educating adults and children since 1972 when he was an undergrad at Michigan State University. Since receiving his Masters Degree there he has worked at the Massachusetts Audubon Society as a ranger/naturalist specializing in environmental education and has held several posts in Milwaukee for the National Audubon Society and worked for the Schlitz Audubon Center in Milwaukee from 1983-2001.

David is now an independent consultant for nature centers, schools, parks, and families throughout the US and Canada offering workshops and other programs.

David has been named EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR for 1998 by the Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education - WAEE (non-formal category). This is added to his ALDO LEOPOLD AWARD for 1992, giving long-term exemplary service to the field of environmental education.

Other Awards:

*Educational excellence award from Northshore United Educators, March 2002, part of Wisconsin Education Association Council

*Master Front-line Interpreter 2001 National Association of Interpretation, Fort Collins, CO

*Markawiecz Photography award for nature photography in education.

*Media awards National Association for Interpretation (NAI) for the Audiocassettes: The Frog Chorus & The Bat Chorus.

NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0407 that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Town of Dunn which the person owns occupies or controls before the plants bloom. Noxious weeds include: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge and Field Bindweed (creeping Jenny).

Jay Hoel, Weed Commissioner

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TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2006 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 22, 2005
- II. Announcements and introductions by Chairman Minihan.
 - A. Comments by Chairman Minihan
 - B. Donations, if any.
- III. Reports
 - A. Building Inspector Report
 - B. Cemetery Report
 - C. Police Report
 - D. Parks Commission
 - E. Plan Commission
 - F. Land Trust Commission
- IV. Financial Report
 - A. Sanitary Districts - financial reports.
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2005 audit.
- V. New Business
 - A. Consider purchase of Conservation Easements on properties with pending applications in the Purchase of Development Rights Program .
 - B. Present the Noxious Weed Notice.
 - C. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
 - D. Adjournment

Rosalind Gausman, Clerk Treasurer

Every resident of legal voting age present can cast a vote at the Annual Town Meeting. This year, take an active role in your government and attend the Annual Meeting.

Agendas and announcements for all special meetings are posted at the following locations:

- 1) Bulletin board outside the Dunn Town Hall at 4156 County Road B.
- 2) Message board at the corner of Third Street and Waubesa Avenue in the town of Dunn.
- 3) Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Drive.
- 4) Town's website at: www.town.dunn.wi.us

Rosalind Gausman, Town Clerk Treasurer

The Town of Dunn Newsletter is edited by Cathy Hasslinger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Smart Growth Plan Nearing Completion

By Brendon Panke, Land Use Intern

The town is nearing completion of the state mandated comprehensive planning process (also called Smart Growth) to update our Land Use Plan. For almost three years the Smart Growth Committee has been creating the Smart Growth Plan or Comprehensive Plan. Only the Land Use Element was in place before this process began. All other state mandated elements are newly drafted for the Smart Growth Plan. These elements are:

Issues and Opportunities Element – Covers the demographic trends in the Town of Dunn and also highlights the results of the public participation elements that have been carried out so far. The demographics in this section include population, housing and household trends, education, age and gender, income, and labor force and employment trends. Population growth in the town over the next twenty years is projected to be flat, while towns and cities around Dunn are projected to be an average of ten percent. The average age in the town is 40 years old and the gender breakdown is approximately equal. The town has had a slight increase in the last ten years in the number of residents having attained high school diplomas (91.9%) and bachelor's degrees (30.9%). The number of households in the Town of Dunn have increased since the 1990 census by 7.6% while the actual number of housing units within the town has only increased 6.5%. The number of new parcels created has held relatively stable, around 5.3 parcel creations per year.

Housing Element – Considers the configuration and location of dwellings to assess how, where, and at what costs services will be provided to the residents of the Town of Dunn. The town wishes to ensure that current housing maintains the rural character of the area and supports regional solutions to housing demand. This means that the town does not support the annexation or development of agricultural or environmental areas for housing needs and believes that housing should be directed to existing urban areas where there are existing services.

Transportation Element – Assesses existing local and regional transportation systems and facilities. The Town of Dunn plans to adopt a “fix it first” approach, in which current roads are repaired and upgraded before any new roads are built. The town also supports the development of alternative forms of transport (Park and Ride Lots and Van Pools along with light rail) developed on a regional scale.

Utilities and Community Facilities Element - Includes background information to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities in the Town of Dunn. The town will continue to partner with surrounding communities and other organizations to provide utilities in a cost effective manner. This includes implementing measures to make sure that new development “pays its own way” through the use of a number of different measures (e.g. impact fees, increasing development review fees), also new development will be directed to areas where it can be easily serviced by existing facilities.

Agriculture, Culture, and Natural Resources Element – Describes the existing agricultural, natural, and cultural resources of the town. Agricultural land, waterways, wetlands, and woodlands comprise much of the Town of Dunn's land area. Therefore the goals, objectives, and policies related to this element are critical in determining how Dunn looks, feels, and functions in the future. This element is an explicit statement of the Town of Dunn's long term policy of preserving farm land and maintaining agriculture as the major economic activity in the town. To do this the town will direct development away from prime agricultural lands and attempt to minimize the exposure of farm land to incompatible land uses. The town will also work to protect open space and environmentally significant areas and support other organizations that seek to do the same. Furthermore, the town will protect significant historical and cultural features.

Economic Development Element - Details labor force trends, educational attainment, employment forecasts, income data and other economic development characteristics of the Town of Dunn and the surrounding region. It also assesses new businesses that are desired by the town, inventories environmentally contaminated sites, and assesses the town's strengths and weaknesses with respect to attracting and retaining businesses. Economic development that focuses on farming and farm-related business will be encouraged. The Town of Dunn's PDR program will be one of the main tools used to preserve farm land and farming in the Town of Dunn. Other economic development will be considered in two areas. One area is south of Quam Drive and north of Hwy 51 around Good Shepherd by the Lake Church. The other area is around the 4400 block of Goodland Park Road where there is existing business and commercial zoning. The town would like to initiate neighborhood meetings to discuss land use in these areas.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Element - Contains an overview of Dunn's intergovernmental relationships and also identifies known existing or potential conflicts between the town's Comprehensive Plan and the plans of adjacent entities. The element contains related future goals, objectives, policies and actions pursuant to the Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Law. The Town of Dunn is committed to establishing official and unofficial



Smart Growth Committee members at work; pictured are Roxanne Gray, Roz Gausman (Town Clerk Treasurer), Nancy Hagen, Vicki Wangerin (Plan Commissioner), Bob Uphoff, Dean Hein. Smart Growth Committee members not pictured: Renee Lauber, Fred Iausly, Beth Hastings, Jim Molloy, Steve Greb, David Crane, Rob Christlieb.

cooperation with surrounding municipalities and participating in the regional planning process and cooperating with surrounding municipalities to provide cost effective services in an environmentally conscious manner.

Land Use Element – Compilation of goals, policies, objectives, and maps to guide the future development of property. This is the bulk of the Comprehensive Plan and constitutes guidelines for the future of land use (e.g. building, land division, zoning ordinances) within the Town of Dunn. The Open Space Handbook (created in 1979) was integral in developing many of the policies within this section. This element is a plan for the 200 year future of the Town of Dunn.

Some of the changes to the plan include:

- Recommendations to protect environmental corridors by encouraging building only at edges of woodlots, adopting a 100 foot buffer around wetlands and streams, avoiding building above wooded slopes, and re-mapping environmental corridors.
- New restrictions on building on hill tops to prevent houses from dominating the landscape and spreading light pollution over long distances. When possible the peak of a roof should be below the crest of a hill. If the owner is willing to plant and maintain trees to screen the home the home may be built with the peak of the roof line fifteen feet above the crest of the hill.
- The current land use plan protects steep slopes but does not define them. The new plan would define steep slopes as an area with a slope of 15% or greater over a 30 foot expanse. Building on such areas would be prohibited.
- Shared wells had formerly been prohibited in the town. The new plan encourages well sharing and requires a shared well agreement.
- Limited commercial zoning (LC-1) is currently accepted in the town. The new plan proposes restrictions on new applications for this type of zoning. LC-1 zoning must be at least 500 feet from neighboring residences, have limited outdoor lighting, a visual landscaping barrier, no more than 10 employees, restricted business signs, not be open to the public, and have defined hours of operation.
- Conditional uses for A1-Exclusive Agriculture zoning and A-2 zoning have been added to match Dane County ordinances. The additional uses are “Agricultural entertainment activities” for A1-Ex Ag and “Horse boarding stables, riding stables, hay and sleigh rides, horse shows and similar events” and “training of dogs or training of horses at a horse boarding facility” for A-2 zoning.
- The current plan has a maximum 2-acre size for land divisions. An exception to the two acre maximum size has been proposed if a split is being made to keep an existing farm residence and farm buildings together. A maximum of a 5 acre split is allowable.
- The new plan proposes restrictions on new lot shapes. When possible excessive lot length in relation to width shall be avoided. A ratio of 2 to 1 shall be the maximum desired length to width ratio.

Implementation Element – This element is a roadmap for the implementation of all the other elements if and when these elements come into effect. As such it is a compilation of programs and specific actions to be completed in a stated sequence. This element recommends updating the town's land division ordinance and creating siting, wind tower, dark skies/light pollution, and historic preservation ordinances. It is also recommended that the Town of Dunn continue to pursue intergovernmental agreements with surrounding communities.

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Smart Growth Plan

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Public Review Opportunity

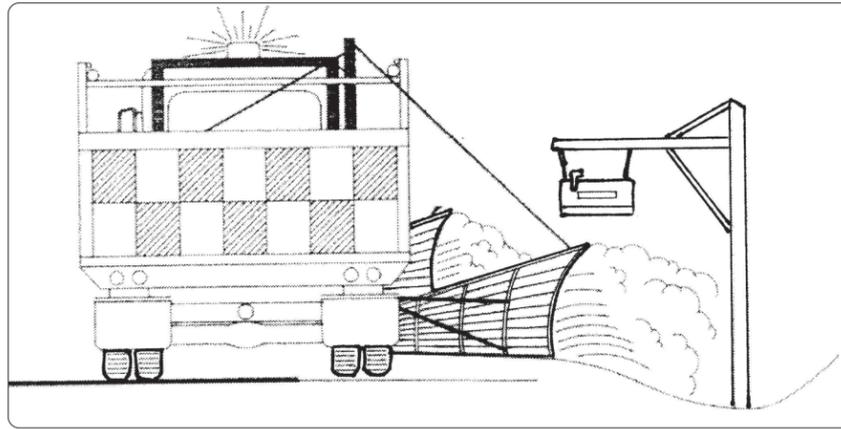
The planning process is coming to fruition and it is now time to begin the second phase of the public participation procedures. The first phase included community surveys and community vision workshops so that the community could offer input to guide the planning process.

The second phase is public review and approval of the draft Smart Growth Plan. This phase will include a draft open house, opportunity for written comment and a formal public hearing. These three opportunities are presented so that all members of the community can comment and voice their opinion and approval of the elements of the plan. The drafts of all elements are available on the town website under the "Smart Growth" link at:

www.town.dunn.wi.us/smartgrowth.aspx

At the first of these events, the draft plan open house, the draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be presented, likewise the opportunity for written comment pertains to the draft Plan. The committee is still in the process of revising this draft and while the content will stay the same the document as a whole is being edited for consistency. There will also be a number of maps added to the draft, to graphically represent the town of Dunn's plans. These changes and additions will be made available on the town website as they are implemented by the committee.

Notice - Recommended Mailbox installation



In Wisconsin snow removal operations frequently conflict with mailboxes. Mailbox installations that have been successful in reducing the number of mailboxes damaged or demolished by snow removal feature a 24 to 36 inch "arm" at a 46 inch height. This allows the snow plow to remove snow closer to the mailbox and maintain a greater distance from the post.

Mailbox installations do require regular maintenance and must withstand the weight of wet snow being pushed on them by a snow plow. After several years of freezing and thawing, mailboxes may need to be re-installed. The Town does not pay for or replace mailboxes that collapse due to snow removal efforts.

PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

by Jim Molloy,
Plan Commission Chair

The Plan Commission continues to process land divisions, re-zonings, driveway permits and other land use requests. We usually 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, extension 205 at least two weeks prior to a meeting.

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.

Toddle Inn continues donations to the Town



Each year, Town of Dunn business owners Christie and Rollin Darst, of Toddle Inn, have donated trees to the town. The trees have been planted in Town parks and distributed at the Arbor Day Celebration. These living gifts will be enjoyed by Town residents for years to come. In addition, donated wreaths adorn to Town Hall for all to enjoy over the holidays. Many thanks to Toddle Inn.

Oregon Sportsman's Club recognized

The Oregon Sportsman's Club was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for their donation to the PDR program. Many thanks to Oregon Sportsman's Club.

Synchrotron Radiation Center

University of Wisconsin - Madison
Fall Open House
September, 2006

The Synchrotron Radiation Center (SRC) is a national research facility operated by the University of Wisconsin and funded by the National Science Foundation. At the SRC, a baseball diamond-sized circular track (nick-named Aladdin) is used to hurtle electrons at near the speed of light. The resulting light that is produced (ranging from x-ray to infrared) is used to satisfy a diverse range of research needs. Scientists from around the world come to the facility to utilize this light for research projects including: geology and environmental science; disease problems like Alzheimer's and cancer; and cutting-edge explorations of nanotechnology, nanocircuit fabrication, superconductors, and more.

The SRC will open its doors to the public this coming September and introduce visitors to the basics of synchrotron light and the research that it enables. Billed as an event for all ages, there will be hands-on learning opportunities and demonstrations as well as a tour of the storage ring itself and presentations by researchers who are currently conducting work at the facility. All are welcome to come and learn more about this invaluable Wisconsin treasure.

Note: At the time of the printing of this newsletter, the exact date of the open house had not been set. Please visit the SRC website at

www.src.wisc.edu

in the coming months for the exact date of the event. Information and posters for the SRC Open House will be available at the Town Hall. You may also contact Chris Moore, the SRC Education and Outreach Coordinator, at 242-8572 or

cmoore@src.wisc.edu

Upcoming Smart Growth Planning Events

Draft Plan Open House

May 17th, 2006
10:30 am

-And-

May 17th, 2006
7:00 pm

These are two separate sessions, one in the morning and one in the evening, and are independent of each other. Open House meetings will be at the Town Hall, 4156 County Road B.

At the open houses the draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the community and this will be a forum in which feedback from the community on the plan will be obtained.

Opportunity for Written Comment Accepted until June 5th

Written comments on the Comprehensive Plan draft will be accepted until June 5th. Written comments will be reviewed by the Plan Commission and the Plan Commission will present a recommendation to the Town Board. The Town Board will send written response to all comments submitted during this process.

Written comments can be sent to:
Town Hall/Comprehensive Plan Comments
4156 County Road B,
McFarland, WI 53558

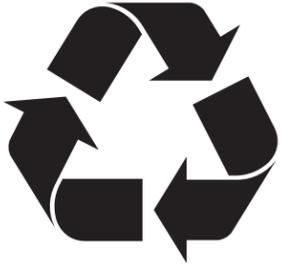
or by email to townhall@town.dunn.wi.us

Please include your name and address when submitting written comments. Use "Comprehensive Plan Comments" as the subject of emails.

Formal Public Hearing Date to be announced

The Town will hold a public hearing on the ordinance to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. A date for the hearing has not been set yet as the town will have to assess how much time it will take to address comments and make requested/needed plan revisions. Furthermore, the plan cannot be presented for the formal public hearing until the draft is reviewed by the State. All members of the public will have a chance to voice comments at the public hearing.

The hearing date/agenda will be posted in four places, Quick Stop, the notice board at the corner of Third Street and Waubesa Avenue, and the Town Hall and on the town webpage. The hearing will be the final formal opportunity for public comment before the ordinance is acted on.



TOWN OF DUNN'S

Do your Part to reduce, reuse and recycle

Curbside Recycling

Dunn residents have several ways to recycle material. Common recyclables such as household plastics, glass, aluminum, aerosol and tin cans, cardboard and newspaper are picked up by Waste Management in the weekly trash and recycling pickups each Wednesday.

Because wet paper products may not be recycled, withhold cardboard, newspaper and other paper recyclables for later pick-up if it is raining on Wednesday morning, or if the forecast indicates rain is likely.

Plastics - Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 plastics are now recyclable! Rinse and remove caps and rings; labels can remain. Flatten as much as possible. Bottles that have contained motor oil, medicine or chemicals cannot be accepted for recycling. All #2 plastic one and five gallon buckets can not be recycled.

Aluminum - only aluminum cans are accepted for recycling. Rinsing is encouraged. Don't include any other kinds of aluminum such as foil or aluminum pie plates in the recycling bin.

Tin Cans - Food cans only - no paint or chemical cans. Rinse, remove labels, and flatten. Please put sharp lids in the trash.

Aerosol Cans - can be recycled! Make sure they are empty and remove plastic nozzles.

Glass - Jars and bottles are accepted for recycling. Always rinse and remove the lid. Labels can remain on the container. Light bulbs, dishes, drinking glasses, mirrors and window glass can be recycled elsewhere or disposed of as trash.

Newspaper - Newsprint must be dry and bundled. Shiny inserts are acceptable. Place in brown paper bags. Do not mix with other types of paper!

Magazines - Magazines and catalogs must be in bundles and tied with string in 6 inch stacks. Do not mix with other types of paper!

Mixed Paper - Junk Mail, Office Paper, Soft drink/Beer cartons can be recycled. Place in brown paper bag. Do not mix with newspapers or magazines!

Cardboard - Corrugated cardboard can be recycled. Flatten boxes and keep dry. Cut pieces into less than 3 foot squares and bundle with string or place in a grocery bag. Pizza boxes, egg containers and wax-coated boxes can not be recycled.

Waste Management Curbside Pick-up

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. These 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 \$3.75 per month and the cost of the 96 gallon toter was \$5.20 per month.

Items that are too big to fit into a 32 gallon receptacle such as mattresses, chairs, couches, etc, can be arranged to be picked up by calling (608) 273-2500 at a cost of \$25.00 per item. These items are not picked up the same day as your normal service. Your service customer representative will determine this at the time of your order. Appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc. can also be scheduled for pickup at the cost of \$25.00 per item by calling (608) 273-2500.

Waste Management can also help you with your remodeling needs or cleanup. Please call (608) 273-2500 on the cost of renting a dumpster.



Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B ~ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

Open all year on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8 AM to 4 PM and seasonally April - October the transfer site will be open additional hours on Wednesday from 3 PM - 4:45 PM.

The Transfer Site accepts:

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

Transfer Site Recycling 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 anti-freeze 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 painted lumber. Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps.

Tires - We charge \$3 for auto tires \$4 for tires with rims. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for about 85 cents each.

Questions? Call the Town Hall at 255-4219

DANE COUNTY COMPOST SITES OPEN APRIL 3rd

Yard wastes are banned from disposal at all landfills in the State of Wisconsin. Dane County will open its three yard waste compost sites in early April. All sites are available for people to bring non-woody yard waste to be composted. Verona site will have finished compost available for pick up. Unscreened compost is free for the general public. Screened compost is available at the Westport location only.

VERONA SITE HOURS: Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Located adjacent to old landfill at Badger Prairie Park (Take USH 18-151 one toward Verona. Exit Business District and turn right to Badger Prairie Health Care Center/Badger Prairie Park parking lot. Turn right at compost sign and follow gravel road to site).

The compost sites accept only non-woody plant material. They do not accept brush, Christmas wreaths or garlands (because of the metal wire), or trash of any sort, such as pieces of fences, plastic bags or Styrofoam, plastic lawn edging or similar material.

For more information on the Dane County compost sites, Call Al Czecholinski at 266-4139

Goodwill Industries Pick up

2006 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:

Saturday, April 22nd from 9 AM to 12 PM

Saturday, August 19th from 9 AM to 12 PM

Saturday, December 2nd from 9 AM to 12 PM

in the Town Hall parking lot.

Goodwill will provide the staff to help unload, give receipts and provide tax information.

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



2006 RECYCLING GUIDE

Home Composting

Composting is a great way to keep organic material out of the waste stream. It saves tax dollars and provides you with a valuable soil additive. Composting is easy to do if you follow a few simple guidelines.

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

Building a Compost Pile

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

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

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

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

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

Maintaining Your Compost Pile

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

Information provided by Dane County at www.co.dane.wi.us

THANK YOU TO ROADSIDE PICKUP VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to the volunteers involved with the adopt-a-highway program. 2005 participants included Ackerland Outdoor Services, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory and Christ the King Church in McFarland. Welcome to a new participant, Waubesa Snowbird's snowmobile club. Call Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.



Recycle old computers, TV's, and cell phones on Saturday April 22

Protect our waters from heavy metal contamination

The next household round-up will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you wish to drop off equipment at Cascade on a different day a fee will be charged for processing.

WHAT: Semi-annual Computer, Television, and Consumer Electronics Round-up for individuals. Any non-business computer equipment (monitor, printer, computer, laptop, keyboard, mouse, scanner, etc.), televisions, and cellular phones may be dropped off for reuse or recycling. There is a cost to recycle some products. Items with reuse potential will be tested and cleaned (data erased from hard drives) before being donated to local charities. Damaged and obsolete equipment will be recycled. There is a limit of 2 computer systems and 2 televisions per vehicle, no limit on consumer electronics.

WHEN: Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

WHERE: City of Madison Transfer Center, 121 E. Olin Avenue, near the Alliant Energy Center

COST: \$5.00 per monitor, terminal or laptop computer, \$25.00 per TV
Other computer equipment - no charge

GIVE AWAY: The first 150 people bringing a TV in for recycling will receive a \$10 Gift Card from Best Buy (one gift card per car).

QUESTIONS Call the City of Madison at 608-267-2626 or contact Cascade at 608-222-4800.

SPONSORS Cascade Asset Management, City of Madison, Dane County, Madison PC Users Group, Best Buy.

Protect Our Groundwater - Dispose of paints, pesticides, fuel & more at Dane County's Clean Sweep Site

Located at 2302 Fish Hatchery Road

Visit www.danecountycleansweep.com

or call the new Information Hotline at 294-5366

Clean Sweep Hours: May 2 through October 31 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 7:30 AM to 2:00PM

There are plenty of household hazardous materials like paints, pesticides, and solvents that can't be disposed of in the trash, or could harm groundwater or the environment if not disposed of properly.

The proper place to take these substances is Dane County Clean Sweep located behind the Dane County Highway Garage, north of the Beltline on Fish Hatchery Rd.

This service is free of charge to all county residents, but is limited to households only. For disposal of hazardous waste generated in small business, please call cleansweep for instructions.

One Day Only - Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up April 19th

Planning on cleaning out the garage or basement this spring?
Wondering how to get rid of large items?

Waste Management is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Wednesday, April 19th. On regular garbage pick up days, each residence can put out 32 gallons of trash plus unlimited recycleables for curbside pick up. On April 19th, residents can put out extra garbage at no additional charge. There are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Waste Management at 273-2500 for details.

Spring Roadside Clean-up - As the snow melts and spring winds blow, the litter that accumulated over the winter becomes more visible. This is a great time to tidy up the yard. We encourage everyone to participate in picking up a section of road before April 19th. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out on Wednesday April 19th when Waste Management provides unlimited garbage pick up.

Disposal of Unwanted Appliances
Larry's Appliance at 419 Rolfsmeier Road
will accept appliances for a small fee.

Typical fees are \$20 for pick-up of an appliance or \$15-\$20 for an appliance dropped off at their location.
Larry's Appliance does not accept televisions. Microwaves are accepted.
Call Larry Shimmick for prices and information at 271-8162

Compost Bin Sale Saturday May 6, 2006

Earth Machine home compost bins be available One Day Only for \$33 tax included at the following locations:

Madison: Alliant Energy Center 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Stoughton: Street Department Service Center 515 S. Fourth St.
8 a.m. until Noon

Only while supplies last; if a site has run out of bins, visit the Alliant Energy Center location. This is a one day only sale. It will be held rain or shine. Cash or checks only.

The Earth Machine bin is made of black or green recycled plastic. It has a locking lid on the top and a door at the bottom for removing finished compost. The bin is easy to assemble and the unassembled bin will fit in the back seat or truck on most automobiles. "The Earth Machine compost bin has worked very well for the people who purchased the bins last year," Madison Recycling Coordinator George Dreckmann said. "The Earth Machine is the largest selling bin in North America and sells retail for \$75 to \$90."

Information on the sale is available by calling 261-9111 after March 20th.





Tornado Recovery Board Update

The Tornado Recovery Board is actively working to respond to the effects of the Tornado. The mission of the Tornado Recovery Board is:

To strengthen area-wide disaster long-term recovery efforts by the coordination and provision of spiritual, emotional and physical resources to those affected by disaster. We seek to respond to un-met needs not satisfied by other relief systems.

Dunn representatives serving on this Board are Town resident Luanne Jones, and the Town's Clerk Treasurer, Roz Gausman. Many thanks to LuAnne and Roz for volunteering their time to this important effort.

To contact the Recovery Board for more information or application forms, call the

Resource Co-ordinator at: 608-205-9898
Email Address: resourcecoordinator@tds.net

Dane County Book Mobile

The Book mobile is in Waubesa Heights at the corner of Lookout Trail and Charmany Rd on Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Check out a book, browse, and enjoy reading!

Area Senior Centers

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, Commu-

nity 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

Announcing new Senior Center Outreach Office Hours at the Town Hall

McFarland Senior Center Outreach Office Hours at the Dunn Town Hall, starting April 19, 2006 will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2-4 PM. Lori Anderson will be here to assist seniors residing in the McFarland School District gain access to various services available through the McFarland senior center and other agencies.

AREA YOUTH CENTERS

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

Take a Stake in the Lakes

Dane County's Cleanup Event 2006

The 19th annual Take a Stake in the Lakes volunteer cleanup of the Yahara Lakes will be held on June 10 and June 17, 2006.

Lake Kegonsa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00-12:00, with the information center at Wingra Park in Madison.

Lake Waubesa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00-12:00, with the information center at Law Park in Madison.

Over the years, thousands of volunteers have removed hundreds of tons of waste from Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa. During Take a Stake in the Lakes groups, individuals and families adopt a beach or shoreline, collect litter and rake aquatic debris from the shoreline and shallow waters. Some adopt boat launches, and some clean rivers while paddling their canoes or kayaks. Many groups then have a picnic in the park they've just cleaned up. Garbage bags, T-shirts and door prizes are provided.



Shoreline residents: Dane County Public Works barges will conduct the annual aquatic debris pickup from your piers on Lake Kegonsa on Monday June 12 and on Lake Waubesa on Monday June 19, starting at 6:00 a.m. Note: Aquatic debris must be on shoreline residents pier by the Monday after the perspective lakes clean-up event.

To participate or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, call Rhea Stangel at 608-224-3601 or stangel-maier@co.dane.wi.us. Volunteers may also come to the information centers, where stencil kits and garbage bags will be available.

DISCOVERING THE MEANING OF DEVELOPMENT

By Calvin B. DeWitt,

For the community, February 20, 2006

Dr. Calvin B. DeWitt is a long-time resident and activist in the Town of Dunn. Cal served on the Town Board from 1973-1977, and Town Chair, 1973-1975. He is a Professor in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a member of the graduate faculties of Land Resources, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development, Water Resources Management, and Oceanography and Limnology. His awards include the Friends of the United Nations FUNEP-500 award for his work in developing integrative environmental education and the National Wildlife Federation's "Connie" Award for Special Achievement. He lives on Waubesa Marsh in the Town of Dunn where he also teaches a course in Wetland Research.

The Widespread Confusion of Growth with Development

It can be a fatal mistake to confuse growth with development. While people clearly distinguish between growth and development in the human body, they often fail to do so in society. In the development of children, for example, every limb and organ are rightly proportioned and rightly interconnected, and that it includes mental and social development as well. We might say as a complement to a child, "My! How you have grown!" But this would not be a good thing to say to a mature adult!

However we often confuse growth and development in our communities and landscapes. Often we read signs like "Oakland County: Most rapidly growing county in Michigan." Growth is not necessarily good, or bad. If we ask critical questions, we might be accused of being "anti-growth." And of course, if that growth is outside the constraints of development—what is called cancer in an organism—we might rightly be "anti-growth."

For people and communities, development is getting the right things in the right places in the right amounts at the right times in the right relationships. As there is no advantage for our brain growing out of proportion with our stomach or vice versa since they support each other, so there is no advantage to adding house to house at the expense of the farms and gardens that sustain our food supply, or at the expense of clean air and water that sustain our health.

Who Benefits from True Development?

In society, as for our bodies, development is not restricted to only one part. Human organs need other organs that work together in the body, and people need other people that work together in community. Beyond this, people need biological and physical world of which they are part. We know from experience that this association must be conscious, or otherwise people find themselves destroying the very things that give them pleasure, fulfillment, inspiration, and life-support. Proper development considers our air quality, the source of our drinking water, the origin and distribution of our foods, and the disposition of our bodily wastes. We are connected with the biotic world and the land: we are dependent upon them. A community that provides for the living creatures, gardens, and working farms, as well as for themselves will be enriched with life and health. Community riches are not only to be found in banks and investments, but, most importantly, reside in serviceable farms, biotic communities, and the ecosystems that sustain us. Authentic development redeems and restores what have been depleted in our farms, biotic communities, and ecosystems. What is flourishing, authentic development protects. Authentic development so relates to the land and its creatures that it prevents people from destroying the very thing we are seek: a wholesome life with contentment.

The Goal of Development

Growth, therefore, must always subserve development. It must not occur or be promoted for its own sake. Furthermore, development must have a worthy goal; it must be directed toward a dynamic endpoint, ideally toward a wholesome and fulfilling life in community, with contentment. The Town of Dunn is an example of a community that sees development as proportioned growth toward an endpoint. Its Land Stewardship (Land Use) Plan, uses an extensive inventory of natural areas and species, soils and slopes, archeological and historical sites, and land ownership patterns as a kind of "snapshot" of where things are. It then identifies its goal, "to maintain its rural character," and puts forth a plan to achieve this goal. Included is the restoration of damaged ecosystems, designation of cluster communities, identification of locations for neighborhood parks and citizen participation in their development, celebrations of trees and birds (Arbor and Bird Day), education of the populace on natural and historical features, establishing rustic roads, development and rehabilitation of farms and produce gardens, and nurturing of an active participatory democracy.

Growth freed from the constraints of true development is cancer, and development without a goal is meaningless.

We the people of this region join together to affirm and to insist that growth must be constrained by development, that development must be governed by a goal, and that our goal must include restoration of damaged ecosystems, delineation and enhancement of cluster communities, community-governed development, celebration of our restored farms and natural environments, education of the children and adults on our communities and natural and social history, developing and rehabilitating farms and produce gardens, and developing and nurturing an active participatory democracy. As we have come to recognize community-supported agriculture, we also have come to recognize the vital necessity of (1) community-supported goal-setting. Furthermore we have also come to recognize that (2) this community-supported goal-setting must set the conditions for community-supported development, and that (3) this community-supported development must constrain and govern growth along the same lines as human development, properly accomplished, prevents cancer—prevents growth from breaking the bounds of goal-directed development.

Park's Commission Update

By Susan Priebe, Chairperson

Since the last newsletter we have been very busy with projects. The largest project we worked on was updating the Parks and Open Space Plan for the town. This project had been looked at over the past five years as something that needed to be done. Having an updated version of this plan is critical when looking for funding for bike paths, etc. Since none of the commissioners had enough time to devote to this project, Schreiber Anderson and Associates was hired to take care of getting this document in order. We are pleased to announce that except for a few minor changes, it is complete and ready to go before the Town Board for ratification. Look for link on our website.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION!!—This year is very special as it will be held on Earth Day, April 22, 2006. It will be held from 4-6pm at the Town Hall and as always it is a potluck so bring your favorite dish. We usually have a guest speaker sometimes from our community to talk about a particular topic. In the past, Tim Andrews gave a great presentation on “trees”—it was very information and helpful. Cheryl Armstrong gave a presentation about the “life and times of Laura Ingels Wilder”. We had a bat rescuer talk about bats and how to help them and prevent them from inhabiting your home. This year we are featuring David Stokes—see our website for more information. We will have brochures at the Town Hall office or you may call Mary 255-4219 x201.

PARADE OF PRAIRIES, July 22, 2006 - This is the year for highlighting those among us who have cultivated native plantings in the form of a prairie restoration project - large or small. We are looking for folks who may be interested in having visitors come to their property. This year we will be opening this tour up to native lawns (non chemical), rain gardens as well as prairies. Please contact the Town Hall 255-4219 x201 if you are interested in participating. Watch for more information on our website and in the form of a brochure.

PRAIRIE BURN- We will be burning a couple of community prairies before April 15, 2006. That is if we can get the volunteers and weather to cooperate. If you are interested in volunteering for a burn, you may contact our office 255-4219 x201. These burns are critical to maintaining the town's prairie restoration projects and keeping the invasive species at bay.

LASTLY, we are truly blessed in this community with a plethora of parks. Some have equipment for children to climb on, swing from, etc. others are places to let children use their imagination and for you to get rid of the cobwebs from working all day. ENJOY!!

On the Road Again...

By Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

We are waiting this year for taking road bids because the town has applied for discretionary roads funds. We are hoping to hear by the end of March. We are planning on repaving Mahoney Road from Hwy B to Tower Road, Stace Road, and Jordan Drive. We would like to sealcoat Waubesa Heights and Spartan Hills subdivisions. The reason for sealcoating after recent repaving is to prolong the life of the oil in the black top. A road that hasn't been sealed has average life span of fifteen years and likewise a sealed road's life span is thirty years.

We will be replacing culverts in various areas of the town. Four on Mahoney Road to the east of Tower Road to Hwy 51, one on Dyreson Road and Schneider Drive, and one on Lakeside Street.

Just a reminder to residents that road right of way is 33 feet from the center of the road. This area is used by the town for road maintenance, snow removal, and water drainage. It is also important to prevent shaded areas from holding moisture deteriorating blacktop surface. It is sometimes necessary to remove whole trees instead of just trimming.

Invasive Species Alert!

Renea Dettman, Town Resident

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), an invasive plant species, has moved in to our town. And it is aggressively changing our native plantscape; garlic mustard can impact our local woodlands greatly and out-compete tree seedlings and other native vegetation in a very short time if it is not aggressively controlled and monitored.

Garlic mustard is a rapidly spreading woodland weed that is displacing native woodland wildflowers in Wisconsin. It dominates the forest floor and can displace most native herbaceous species within ten years. This plant is a major threat to the survival of Wisconsin's woodland herbaceous flora and the wildlife that depend on it.

GARLIC MUSTARD - CONTROL METHODS

Control strategies must be applied for ten or more years until the garlic mustard seed bank is depleted. Methods may vary over time, depending on the extent of the invasion. Vulnerable areas, especially woodlands, should be monitored each spring to promptly detect new invasions and to prevent reoccurrence.

Hand Pulling

For smaller infestations or where large groups of people are involved, hand pulling or digging garlic mustard can be effective.

- If plants are pulled or dug before budding begins, they may be scattered about the area to dry, preferably off the ground. Do not put pulled plants in piles where roots may stay moist and development can continue. Tamp the soil down after pulling to limit further seed germination.
- Once flowering has begun, all plants must be bagged. Garlic mustard can still set seed after it is pulled! Pulled plants may be put in plastic bags or large paper bags.
- Bagged plants should be disposed of by burning, burying deeply in an area that will not be disturbed, or landfilling. (Please, do not burn plastic bags.) Let garlic mustard collected in paper bags dry thoroughly before burning.
- Do not compost garlic mustard. Few compost piles produce enough heat throughout to destroy all garlic mustard seeds.

Cutting

Cutting garlic mustard plants a few inches above the soil surface just after the flower stalks have elongated but before the flowers have opened can be effective in preventing seed production and may kill some garlic mustard plants. However, some plants may send out new flower stalks that require additional cutting. Monitor site regularly.

Weed Torch

Another method for spot-killing patches of newly germinated seedlings in spring is to “flame” them with a propane weed torch. Flames quickly kill tender seedlings, usually without permanently damaging nearby perennial plants. Use the weed torch cautiously, and only when conditions are moist to wet. ALWAYS contact your local fire control agency or the Town prior to using this method and to be clear on burning policies.

Preventing Further Spread

- Clean clothing, shoes, and equipment thoroughly after walking or working in an infested area. Garlic mustard seeds are tiny and can easily adhere to clothing and shoes, or be carried in mud.
- Survey your area for garlic mustard plants. Plants can be located any time they are not covered by fallen leaves or snow.
- If you find a large infestation and cannot manage it all, it may be most efficient to remove plants that are producing seed (2nd year plants) first, since many 1st year rosettes will die in the fight to reach the 2nd year.
- Monitor non-infested woodlands carefully and frequently. Removing one or two plants before they go to seed is much easier than removing many later on.

More information

www.ipaw.org

www.dnr.state.wi.us/invasives/fact/garlic.htm

Going to these websites for more information and to get pictures of the plants at their various stages and age will be very helpful in identifying the plant to begin eradication efforts.

Early spring is the best time to find the plant and take eradication measures. Please help all of your neighbors have an awareness of this garlic mustard invasive species issue so that the problem can be faced town-wide. It is impossible to eradicate the species from your land if your neighbors do not eradicate it as well. Our beautiful native plantscape is being threatened.

Information contained in this article was gathered from a DNR field guide; based on the Garlic Mustard brochure, WI DNR Pub-FR-217 (2002), compiled by Paul Hartman, Brown County UW-Extension, and Sharon Morrissey, Milwaukee county UW-Extension, and from the WI DNR website.

Rural Preservation through the Purchase of Development Rights

The town's PDR program protects land by buying “development rights” from willing landowners. Often compared with mineral rights, development rights are a landowner's rights to develop his or her property. Like mineral rights, development rights can be separated from the land itself. When the town purchases development rights to a piece of property, it buys the right to develop that land. The landowner retains all other rights and responsibilities associated with being a landowner.

The sale of development rights is recorded as an easement attached to the property deed. The easement stays with the deed, even if the land is sold or passed on through inheritance, thereby assuring that development will not occur on that particular property. The landowner is compensated for the value of the development rights, which is the difference between the land's fair market value and its agricultural or open space value. Over 2,500 acres have been permanently protected under the town's PDR program.



Don't Miss Parade Of Prairies! July 22, 2006

This self-guided event gives you an opportunity to see what your neighbors have done with prairie restoration on their property.

If you have a prairie or rain garden that you would like to have in this tour, or if you would like to nominate someone for the town's Stewardship Award, please contact Mary at 255-4219 ext. 201.

FREE SANDBOX SAND

We will have clean sand available for Dunn residents. Bring your own shovel, the sand is available on a serve yourself basis. Call or stop by the Town Hall. 255-4219 ext 201

TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PARKS

Town Parks are for the enjoyment of all town residents, young and old. Please respect the parks and follow these simple rules:

- Residents must not allow dogs to run at large or allow their dogs to leave waste on public or private property. This is a violation of town ordinance and a citation may be issued.
- When you visit a town park, leave behind nothing but your footprints. Carry out any cans, litter, paper, food, or dog waste that came in with you.
- Absolutely no motorized vehicles. Our Parks have suffered some damage due to off road activity which is prohibited on town property.

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2380 Liatris Lane
McFarland, WI 53558
835-5818 (home)**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR II**Steve Greb
1714 Labrador Road
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Sharing our Roadways

Spring is upon us and soon our roads and roadsides will be populated with pedestrians, bicyclists, horseback riders of all ages, and increased traffic of farm tractors and equipment. Motor vehicles should slow down when rounding corners and cresting hills until they can see what is beyond. Use caution when approaching or passing pedestrians and others. Special consideration should be exercised when passing horses on the road.

- Please do not honk or make sudden noises - it may startle the horse.
- Allow extra room and slow down.

For safety, motor vehicles must yield to pedestrians and equestrians!



Dane County Cultural Affairs Posters are available at the Town Hall. Suggested donation \$1.00 each.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Please note, the town receives more complaints about junk ordinance violations in the spring.

Town ordinances 11.15 and 16.2 prohibit the accumulation or storage of junk outdoors. Your property should be free of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, equipment in disrepair, dead trees, brush piles, and junk.

Grass Fires and Prairie Burns

Spring is the time for prairie burns and grass fires. If you intend to burn a grassy area or conduct a prairie burn, please be aware of the following requirements of the Town of Dunn Burning ordinance.

1. Please notify the Town Hall prior to burning.
2. Notify the fire department in your jurisdiction. They will need the name of the person responsible for the burning, the time the burn will begin and end, exactly where the burning will occur, what type of vegetation will be burned, and your phone number. The non-emergency Fire numbers are:
 - McFarland 838-3152,**
 - Stoughton 873-7218,**
 - Oregon 835-5587**
3. Burning shall be done only when wind velocity does not exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour as recorded by the US Weather Service, Madison WI. (With the exception of registered prairie fires); and when the wind direction is such as will not carry smoke or soot into any adjoining building, and when it would not be a source of annoyance by reason of smoke to persons or property near the premises.
4. No person shall fail to take action reasonably necessary to control any fire, which he or she has set in the town.
5. No such fire shall be allowed to smolder for such a time as to become a nuisance.



Do You Need a Permit?



If you are: altering an existing building, constructing a new building, doing major repairs, adding a solar collector, adding a bay or bow window, cleaning out drainage ditches or ponds, doing any brush or tree cutting, filling or grading in a floodzone, wetland or shoreland area, you probably do need a zoning permit. For information call:

Dane County Zoning 266-4266
To view the Dane County Zoning Code of Ordinances visit their website at www.co.dane.wi.us/ord/dcord.htm

In addition to a Dane County Zoning permit you may also need a Town of Dunn building permit to remodel, replace siding or windows, build, repair, or add to your home, deck or other structures. For information, call Mary at the Town Hall at 255-4219 ex 201.

Dunn Building Inspector named Inspector of the Year

Steven Kittelson, Town of Dunn Building Inspector, was recently named by the Southwestern Wisconsin Building Inspectors Association "Inspector of the Year" for 2005. It is the second time Kittelson has been honored with the award. The League of Municipalities will be presenting the award on May 4, 2006 in Bayfield Wisconsin. Congratulations Steve!

Right in Your Own Backyard... the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association

Pam Christenson, Association Secretary

Since 1951, the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association (WBNA) has been providing recreational, informational and educational opportunities for the Lake Waubesa neighborhood dwellers. Most of the activities sponsored by WBNA take place on the Madison side of Lake Waubesa at the Waubesa Beach Community Center, located at 4372 Third Street (across from Christy's Landing). The \$20 annual WBNA membership dues includes free use of the community center for parties, meetings and other events. The dues help pay for the property taxes, utilities and improvements of the community center. Annual WBNA activities include a spring pancake breakfast and neighborhood garage sale, the summer picnic and a fall Packer game with a chili cookoff and food drive. You can show your beach pride throughout the entire year by purchasing Waubesa Beach Wear or trying out one of the recipes in the Waubesa Beach Cookbook.

Upcoming Events

This spring, WBNA will again organize a Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, May 13, 2006. In conjunction with the garage sale, the WBNA board is considering setting up a flea market at the community center for our neighborhood collectors, crafters and antique lovers to display and peddle their wares. If you are interested in having a booth at the flea market, contact WBNA Board Member Bryan Bazan for more information (bazarino@hotmail.com).

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 5th for the annual Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association's annual Summer Picnic. Plans are already underway to make this year's event bigger and better than ever. If you would like to help sponsor the picnic or donate a prize for the raffles, contact Wendy Smith (smithsweare@yahoo.com). All WBNA events are open to the public. You don't have to be a member to participate.

If you have a new neighbor or know of anyone else who just moved into the neighborhood, please contact board member Joan McNamee, Welcome Basket Chair, at 224-0203 or jmcnamee@madison.k12.wi.us so we can officially welcome them to the neighborhood.

Contact Us

The annual WBNA meeting held on February 2, 2006 offered an opportunity to reflect on all the successful and enjoyable activities of the past year and plan for the future. New board members were elected and new ideas discussed. Much to the delight of everyone present, Jeff Hodgson agreed to another year as president. The WBNA has flourished under Jeff's leadership and we're lucky to have him back for one more year. The 2006 Board of Directors includes: President Jeff Hodgson, Vice President Wendy Smith, Treasurer Doug Strander, Secretary Pam Christenson, and Board Members Bryan Bazan, Dave Brunson, Joan McNamee, Amanda Robinson and Karen Wimmeler. Stay up to date on the latest activities in the Waubesa neighborhood by visiting www.waubesabeach.org. The board welcomes your input, suggestions and feedback. Please contact WBNA President, Jeff Hodgson at 224-0203, or jeffreghodgson@mac.com

Town Appoints Tree Board

Cathy Hasslinger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

The first meeting of the Town of Dunn Tree Board was held on March 15 at 6:00 PM. The Town's newly appointed Tree Board will oversee the development of a Strategic Urban Forestry Plan using, in part, grant funding from the DNR's Urban forestry program. The strategic plan will include care and maintenance of tornado damaged trees and preservation of historic trees in the Town.

The Tree Board is also pursuing designation for the Town as a "Tree City USA", and the development of a tree ordinance.

Tree Board meetings will be posted at the Town Hall and the public is welcome to attend. The next meeting of the Tree Board is April 19, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Members of the Tree Board are: Sue Richards (Chair), Peter Kaseman-Wold (secretary), Kurt Krumholz, Tim Andrews, and Jay Hoel.

A Message From

Sue Richards, Tree Board Chair:

We are continuing with the Town of Dunn's progressive approach to managing our environment. By creating the Tree Board, establishing a record of our unique and historic trees, and planting/managing trees in our town, we are helping future generations with their long term planning. We have a unique opportunity, if not an obligation, to continue what our town's leadership has proven to be the "right thing to do". We hope that we can work together as a community to learn, educate, and share in this adventure of stewardship, with all members of our area.

"Acts of creation are ordinary reserved for gods and poets. To plant a pine, one needs only own a shovel." ~Aldo Leopold

I look forward to learning, planting and growing with you.....

*Sue Richards,
Tree Board Chair, Town of Dunn*