

The Official **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2015
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Views from the Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair



A culvert pours into Swan Creek following heavy rains in 2013. It is feared that Fitchburg's Northeast Neighborhood development proposal will cause more flooding events like these, which will degrade the Waubesa Wetlands and Lake Waubesa.

As they do each spring, the cranes have returned. As of this writing, only the single call echoes from our hills. The combined calls of the mating pairs will follow as the cranes join in the renewal that Spring brings. They will be nesting soon and once again nurture their progeny; a cycle that has repeated for at least 15 million years.

One of the best nesting areas in the state for cranes, and a wide array of other species, is the West Waubesa Wetlands. Those wetlands are under threat from a proposed large scale development in our neighboring community to the west. There are several large areas already approved for development of new neighborhoods in Fitchburg closer to their urban center and it may take decades to build out those planned neighborhoods. It makes no sense to approve a large development that leap frogs away from the urban center and creates the need for new infrastructure that will impact Lake Waubesa and the wetlands, not to mention being costly to taxpayers. This kind of development does not make financial sense from the municipality's standpoint.

There are those that do not understand the importance of lake complexes, particularly wetlands. A lot is said about protecting of our lakes, but not nearly enough is actually done, despite the efforts of communities who are in the Yahara system and are fighting to protect it.

Dane County and many municipalities have done a lot to protect the lakes through individual projects and by participating in joint ventures to

collaborate on changing how pollutants enter our lakes. Dane County has committed to improving the water quality of the Yahara Lakes, along with major efforts on the part of the Town of Westport, Dunn, and the cities of Madison and Monona. Some municipalities without lake shore seem to ignore the need to save the lakes even though they affect them in major ways. We need to do what we can to make sure the DNR recognizes the importance of these wetlands.

We have the finest scientists in the country working on presenting even more evidence to the DNR on the adverse effects of the large scale development Fitchburg wants. Professor Cal DeWitt and Joy Zedler have spent hundreds of hours on this threat. They have done all of this work without compensation. Phyllis Hasbrouck has also done a yeoman's job of getting public participation in the hearings on the Fitchburg Urban Service Amendment. To find out what you can do, visit the West Waubesa Preservation Coalition website at westwaubesa.org. You can also contact the Erica Schmitz at eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us to sign up for email updates. The DNR Secretary also needs to be made aware of the importance of saving the southern lobe of Lake Waubesa. We ask that those who have any influence with the DNR administration to please contact the DNR Secretary and tell the DNR to oppose the Northeast Neighborhood development. We need all the help we can get.

On another note, there are two projects that have been on my wish

Events

Tuesday April 7th
7AM-8PM: Spring Election

Tuesday April 21st
7 PM: Annual Town Meeting & Commissioner Appreciation Event

Monday or Tuesday April 20th or 21st:
 Old Guys Recycling & Appliance Pickup (call 608-577-7443 to schedule a pickup)

Thursday or Friday April 23rd or 24th:
 Extra Curbside Pickup (date follows your normal trash pick up day)

Saturday April 25th
4 PM-6 PM: Arbor Day Celebration

list for decades. One is to complete the gates to mark the entry to our Burying Ground. Thanks in part to the generosity and artistry of town resident and metalsmith, Don Schmidt, that has been accomplished. The other is the restoration of our 1898 Dyreson Bridge over the Yahara River. This is a last-of-its-kind historic treasure that will now be preserved so that Town residents will be able to experience the tranquility of this quiet spot for years to come. Thanks to great staff work and some friendly help from the Department of Transportation, the restoration is on track to be done this year. It is significant that both projects are made of iron. It reflects the strength of the resolve of our citizens to protect our valuable and beautiful environment.

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2015
 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 18, 2014
- II. Announcements & Introductions by Chair Minihan
 - A. Swearing in of Town officials
 - B. Comments by Chair Minihan
 - C. Donations, if any.
- III. Business
 - A. Building Inspector Report
 - B. Cemetery Report
 - C. Land Trust Commission
 - D. Parks Commission
 - E. Plan Commission
 - F. Police Report
 - G. Tree Board Report
- IV. Financial Report
 - A. Sanitary Districts -financial reports
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2014 audit
- V. New Business
 - A. Consider acquisition of tax deeded land parcel offered by Dane County in Section 15 of the town.
 - B. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
 - C. Educational material on storm water management as required by permit and section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code.
 - D. Present the Noxious Weed Notice.
 - E. Adjournment.

Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager, WCMC

Posted: March 20, 2015

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Volunteer Opportunities

Dunn is Hosting a Shared Table Free Community Meal June 11th

by Cathy Hasslinger

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

Folks from the Town of Dunn, together with the Maple Tree Restaurant, are sponsoring the Shared Table meal on Thursday June 11, 2015. The meal is served at the McFarland Lutheran Church (5529 Marsh Rd in McFarland) and the Maple Tree restaurant will be providing the main dish. Dunn volunteers will provide salads, dessert, milk, rolls and butter, coffee, smiles, and good conversation. This is a really great experience and I hope you will join us if you can!

Three ways you can become part of this wonderful event

1. Sign up to join us on June 11 to serve the meal. We have fun setting up, serving, eating and visiting with attendees. Sometimes we even have live dinner music.
2. Sign up to donate bar cookies or salad in advance. We will happily serve your goodies at the

event. This is a great way to help if you can't attend!

3. Sign up to donate requested food items (like a gallon of milk) or a few dollars that we can spend directly on food for the meal.

Two ways to sign up

1. Go to SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4DADA92EA4F49-shared/
2. Contact Cathy Hasslinger at 608-838-1081 ext 204 or by email: chasslinger@town.dunn.wi.us.

Volunteers Needed For Weekly Shared Table Meals Throughout the Year

Please contact the Shared Table Volunteer and Meal Coordinator, Vicki Holten (marvin911@charter.net). Vicki will help you or your group pick a date, determine the menu, and answer questions. Volunteers are provided the information and training needed to make this a successful experience for all. Visit the Shared Table website at sharedtablecommunitymeals.com/Home.

Volunteering at Senior Centers

McFarland Senior Center

Volunteer Drivers

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

Home Delivered

Meals Driver Substitutes

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

Sewing Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for sewing projects that support battered women and other vulnerable citizens. Sewing groups meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at the Homestead Apartments at 5910 Anthony Street (across from the Municipal Center). Please

call 838-7117 to RSVP or to find out more information.

Oregon Senior Center

Volunteer Driver Escorts

Help adults 60 and over who do not have access to personal transportation and respond to requests for medical and medically related needs. Drivers are reimbursed 50 cents/mile and provided with insurance. Please call Gene at 441-7896 for more information or to sign up.

Volunteer Meal Delivery Drivers

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

Volunteer Receptionist

Volunteers are needed to cover 4 hour shifts either in the morning or afternoon. Please contact Anne at 835-5801 for more information.

Kitchen Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to serve meals in the kitchen. If you are interested in helping out, call Anne at 835-5801.

Special Events Volunteer

Numerous volunteers are needed to help with special events throughout the year. Please contact Anne at 835-5801 for more information.

Preserving Rural Character: the Purchase of Development Rights Program

by Erica Schmitz

Preserving the rural character of the Town has consistently been named by Dunn residents as the top priority for the Town's future. With that chief goal in mind, the Town has pursued a number of programs and policies to protect its rural character. "Rural character" cannot be simply defined. It is a collection of characteristics that evokes a feeling about a place or community.

Some key components of rural character include open, scenic vistas, and an agricultural landscape and focus of the economy. The Town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program is an essential tool in how we preserve and protect our community's rural character.

The PDR program works with individual, willing landowners to permanently protect their family's property from future development. Rather than using their allocated land divisions to create lots for new homes, landowners may choose to instead work with the Town to purchase those development rights. Then, the property owner, the Town, and our partner, the Natural Heritage Land Trust jointly record a conservation easement on the property. This is a permanent legal agreement that

prevents the property from being developed – now and into the distant future.

In addition to preserving the scenic vistas, of which our Town is fortunate to have many, the PDR program helps support a long term agricultural economy. In large part, this is accomplished by protecting a land base significant enough to support this type of economy. In addition, by removing the development rights, land values are often reduced, making farmland more affordable when it comes time to transition the farm from one family to the next. Above all, the program's goal is to create a sense of certainty about the future so that a farm family feels secure in making investments in their land and operation. This means knowing it's safe to buy more land, or to put up a new building, and that a subdivision won't soon be the next door neighbor.

The Purchase of Development Rights program does not stand alone in working toward preserving rural character. Together with a strong Comprehensive Plan, and the use of innovate new programs like the Agricultural Enterprise Area, the PDR program is working to achieve our community's goals.

I Spy Town of Dunn Wildlife



A cautious deer hiding in the grass



Trumpeter swans testing their luck on thinning ice

Dunn Resident Highlight: Bill Alber

by Meg Nielsen



Bill Alber (left) volunteering with Turkey Hunters Care

When he retired five years ago, Bill Alber decided that Turkey Hunters Care was just the kind of project he'd like to take under his wing. If that phrase evokes an image of nurture and caring, then it is right on target as a definition for Alber and his wife, Deb. Dunn residents since 1974, the Albers have been quietly tending their garden at the end of Orchard Street, certainly for their own enjoyment and satisfaction, but also for the benefit of those in nearby communities who are food insecure.

Alber got involved in Turkey Hunters Care, a community service program of the National Wild Turkey

Foundation (NWTF) about six years ago. For a few short weeks each fall, members of Turkey Hunters Care recruit volunteers to collect financial donations at local supermarkets. Those accumulated dollars translate into the purchase of frozen turkeys that, in turn, are supplied to local food pantries.

The program started small. The initial recipient was the McFarland Food Pantry. But with each successive year, Turkey Hunters Care has grown, adding more stores as collection locations and recruiting more volunteers, purchasing more

turkeys, and including more distribution points. It is currently the largest program of its kind in Wisconsin and in the nation.

This year, volunteers collected \$16,500 in four days at four different stores and took more than 1,700 turkeys to the following food distribution locations: Middleton Outreach Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, The River Food Pantry, Goodman Center, Second Harvest, McFarland Food Pantry, Bread of Life, Triangle Community Ministry in downtown Madison, and McFarland's Shared Table Free Community Meals. Around 65

people volunteered to help.

"Finding volunteers to collect money for the turkeys is the hardest part," Alber said. "We are always looking for volunteers to be at the tables in stores. We provide a small table and chairs, signage and a donation bucket for volunteers working a two to four hour shift. We only collect money for four days in November. We don't want to detract from the collections of other charities that count on donations in December," he added.

A member of the Mad City Gobblers (MCG), the local NWTF chapter, since its inception, Alber said he embraced Turkey Hunters Care because he wanted to help change the image of the NWTF.

"People always seemed to think the NWTF was just a bunch of guys going out to shoot birds. It's actually so much more than that. It's a group of individuals dedicated to conservation efforts," Alber said.

In fact, one of the things that attracted the Albers to the Town of Dunn was the Town's interest in conservation and the preservation of farmland and natural areas. They were also attracted by the variety of possible outdoor activities. Alber and his wife Deb raised their two daughters here and now frequently enjoy introducing their grandchildren to the benefits of green and growing things.

Over the years, they have transformed their half-acre backyard into a veritable Eden. Sixty trees blossom in the orchard each spring and their quarter-acre garden burgeons with raspberry, strawberry and asparagus beds. Every summer they plant

a healthy array of broccoli, beans, carrots, brussels sprouts, spinach, squash, tomatoes, pumpkins, onions, beets and cucumbers.

"I've been gardening and tending my orchard since 1976. My backyard just keeps shrinking," Alber said. He also leases a small acreage where he has planted more trees including apples, pears, peaches and plums. He donates the fruit from these trees to local food pantries.

Though retired from a 40-year career in the printing business, Alber stays involved in a number of other outdoor projects as well. He teaches youth archery at the Oregon Sportsman's Club, takes people with physical disabilities hunting through his connections with Accessibility Wisconsin, plays baseball and softball on several different teams, and pitches for the Milwaukee Bears Baseball team during the summer months.

Alber is also a member of Dane County Pheasants Forever, Badgerland Safari Club International (the largest pro-active hunting and conservation organization in the world), Wisconsin Bowhunters, the NRA, and the NWTF. He and Deb are longtime members of McFarland Lutheran Church. As such they cannot help but connect their ethic of loving and caring for creation with their faith.

"God's world needs many hands to care for it. We need many more caring people," Alber said.

And the bottom line about Turkey Hunters Care and the NWTF? "We want to improve undeveloped areas so that all wildlife benefits. If turkeys benefit, so do a lot of other creatures," Alber said.

Capturing Rain Water and Preventing Runoff

The following text is adapted from *Capturing Rain Water and Preventing Runoff* by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. A full version of this publication can be found at: pca.state.mn.us/index.php/living-green/living-green-citizen/yard-and-garden/capturing-rainwater-and-preventing-runoff.html.

When it rains, water can't soak into impervious surfaces like rooftops, driveways, and roads. Instead, it runs off into streets, creating stormwater. From our streets to our streams, stormwater picks up nutrients, dirt, salt, fertilizers, pesticides, oil, bacteria, and garbage.

Reducing runoff is critical to minimizing the impact our yards and gardens have on the surrounding lakes and streams. There are many ways to encourage rainwater to soak into the ground. Or you can capture rainwater for use in your yard. Either way, stormwater is reduced and our lakes and streams stay clean.

Permeable surfaces: Let it soak in

Rain will soak into the ground where there are gardens and other vegetation. These surfaces are permeable, meaning they let the water

through. Rain will not soak through your roof, most driveways, or roads. These surfaces are impermeable.

When you are planning changes to your house or lot, think about reducing the size of hard surfaces. For areas where hard surfaces are necessary, consider pavers or pavement that lets water through. There are now a variety of permeable pavements on the market that are specifically designed to increase infiltration into the ground. Ask your contractor or home and garden supply store for water-friendly pavers, or porous pavement or asphalt.

Rain gardens and native plants: Beautiful solutions to water pollution

A rain garden is a popular landscaping choice that prevents water pollution by allowing stormwater to

soak into the ground before it runs off. Rain gardens and native plants also prevent erosion by holding soil in place with their deep roots, attract birds and butterflies, and require little watering and maintenance once established. Rain gardens are concave gardens that collect runoff from downspouts or driveways. Plants that tolerate "wet feet" should be planted in the bottom, while plants that need less water are planted on the edges. For information about rain gardens, go to dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stormwater/raingarden/.

Rain barrels

Another way to reduce runoff is to capture some of it with rain barrels. Rain barrels also help conserve water. They can be fancy or simple, but the basic structure is to have a barrel at the end of a downspout. The

barrel has a spigot or hose that you can use to water your garden or yard. Several home improvement stores now sell rain barrels.

In Wisconsin, rain barrels will need to be disconnected during winter so that they don't freeze and crack.

Green roofs

Another way to reduce runoff and the amount of impervious surfaces on your property is with a green roof. A green, or vegetated, roof usually contains a liner, insulation, drainage system, planting medium, and drought-tolerant, low-maintenance plants. Green roofs can reduce the costs associated with roof replacement, energy, stormwater management, the effect of the urban heat island, and improve air quality.



TOWN OF DUNN'S

Curbside Recycling

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

Expanded Paper Recycling

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

Expanded Plastics Recycling

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

Recyclable Metal & Glass

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

Non-Recyclable Items

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

Thank You to Roadside Pickup Volunteers

A big thank you to the volunteers involved with the adopt-a-highway program. Participants included Ackerland LLC, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory, Christ the King Church in McFarland, Sled Shed II, McFarland Lutheran Church, Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association, Inc., and Waubesa Snowbird's snowmobile club. Call Mary at the Town Hall at 838-1081 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.

Goodwill Industries Pick up

2015 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:
Saturday, April 18th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, August 1st from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, December 5th from 9 AM to 12 PM
 in the Town Hall parking lot.

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

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

Home Composting

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

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

Building a Compost Pile

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

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

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

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

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

Maintaining Your Compost Pile

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

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

DANE COUNTY COMPOST SITES

Yard wastes are banned from disposal at all landfills in the State of Wisconsin. To provide a method of recycling yard waste, Dane County operates a yard waste compost sites. The site is available for Dane County residents to bring non-woody yard waste. All material must be removed from bags prior to dumping. There is no charge for dropping off material. They do not accept brush, dirt, rocks, food waste, Christmas wreaths or garlands (because of the metal wire), or trash of any sort. For more information on the Dane County compost sites, call Robert Regan at 266-4139.

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

Recycle Your Old Cell Phone

**Protect the environment and raise funds for the Senior Center.
 Convenient drop off at Stoughton Senior Center and Hanson
 Electronics/Radio Shack**

The Stoughton Area Senior Center is participating in a fundraising project sponsored by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and Cellular Recycler that recycles unwanted cell phones and now also laptops, cameras, mp3 players and video game consoles. Your donation helps the environment by keeping harmful chemicals out of our landfills and 90% of all proceeds benefit your local Senior Center.

2015 RECYCLING GUIDE



Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B, ¼ mile east of the Dunn Town Hall

Open all year on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8 am to 4 pm. The Transfer Site will be open seasonally from April 1 - November 4 for additional hours every Wednesday from 2 pm to 4:45 pm.

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

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take stumps, lumber, or wood furniture. **Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps, construction material and many other large items.** Call 838-9555 for information or go to countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/landfill.aspx.

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

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

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

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

Tires - We charge a fee based on our costs for disposal. At the time of this publication, auto tires were \$3 without rims and \$4 for tires with rims. Semi truck tires cost \$7 for disposal and tractor tires cost \$25. Tires (rims removed) can be taken to the Dane County Landfill for a small fee.

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

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

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

Med Drops

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

DNR E-Cycle Wisconsin Program

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

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

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

Free Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Located at 3460 Meier Rd Unit 2 in Madison, File 13 E-Waste Solutions, LLC is a family-owned and operated electronics recycler that accepts used computers and accessories. These electronics are then shipped exclusively to R2 or e-Steward certified recyclers. Call 221-1313 for more information.

Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up

Thursday, April 23rd
(for residents with normal Thursday garbage service)

&
Friday, April 24th
(for residents with normal Friday garbage service)

Planning on cleaning out the garage or basement this spring?

Wondering how to get rid of large items?

Pellitteri is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Thursday, April 23rd or Friday, April 24th (depending upon your normal trash pick-up day). This extra garbage pick-up comes at no additional charge for residents, but there are some restrictions. Appliances, tires, liquids, computers, and construction materials may not be left at the curbside. Call Pellitteri at 257-4285 for details.

Spring Roadside Clean-up - As the snow melts and spring winds blow, the litter that accumulated over the winter becomes more visible. This is a great time to tidy up the yard. We encourage everyone to participate in picking up a section of road before April 23rd. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out during the Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up Day.

For Free Pickup of Appliance & Large Recyclables on April 20th and 21st, call 608-577-7443

Monday, April 20th (For Homes NORTH of HWY B)

Tuesday, April 21st (For Homes SOUTH of HWY B)

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

North of HWY B (Normal Friday Service)

Old Guys: Monday

Pellitteri Extra Curbside Pickup: Friday

South of HWY B (Normal Thursday Service)

Old Guys: Tuesday

Pellitteri Extra Curbside Pickup: Thursday

Call Old Guys Recycling at 608-577-7443 by Friday, April 17th to schedule pick up for your home. Coordinate a location to leave your recyclables with Old Guys. Town residents can make use of this new resource for recycling unwanted electronics, computers and monitors, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, dehumidifiers, bikes, toasters, stereos, and objects with metal for recycling both on these scheduled pickup days and throughout the year by appointment. (No TVs - Please take old TV's to Best Buy of Madison for recycling.)

Clean Sweep Wisconsin

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

Tuesday-Friday:
7 am - 2:45 pm

Saturdays:
8 am - 10:45 am

Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays

Located at 7102 US HWY 12

Go to danecountycleansweep.com/ for more information.

Town Updates

Yahara WINS Update

Excess phosphorus from urban and rural sources as well as wastewater treatment plants fuels rampant algae growth in surface waters, which in turn can negatively impact recreational use, property values, and public health. Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (WINS) was created in 2012 to develop methods to clean up polluted water bodies in the Yahara River Watershed by limiting the amount of phosphorus and sediment that these water bodies receive per day. The partners in Yahara WINS represent diverse interests, from municipalities to farmers to environmental groups.

The four-year Yahara WINS pilot project is the first of its kind

in the nation to use an innovative approach called adaptive management to meet regulatory requirements to reduce phosphorus loads to area waters. To reduce phosphorus pollution, governments, sewer treatment plants, and farmers have traditionally addressed regulatory requirements in an independent manner, oftentimes resulting in expensive, resource-intensive solutions. In adaptive management, all of these groups work collaboratively to implement cost effective phosphorus control practices throughout the watershed. Control practices will vary, and will likely involve a mix of agricultural and urban best management practices. The Town of Dunn is a partner in the Yahara WINS organization and we are happy to report the following project successes from the past three years:

- Studies undertaken to better understand the cost-effectiveness of agricultural practices that reduce

phosphorus runoff.

- Studies undertaken that indicate that enough potential phosphorus reductions in the watershed to meet water quality goals through adaptive management.

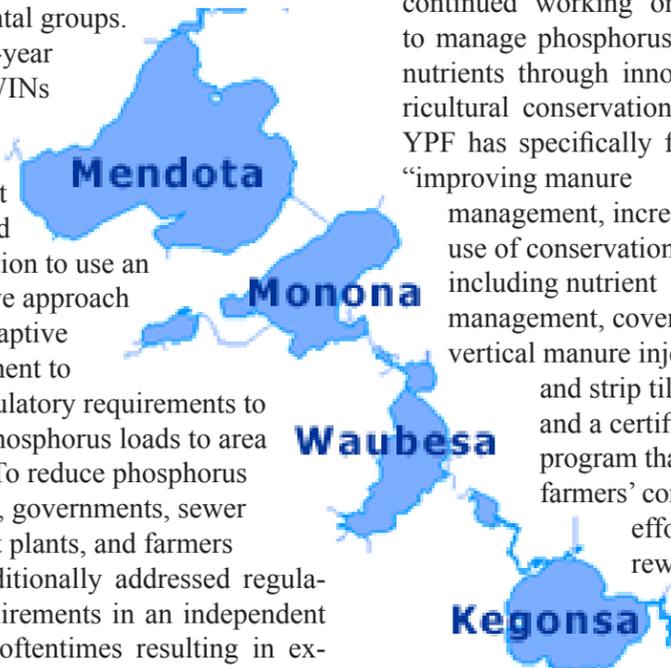
- Completion of a Memorandum of Understanding with DNR that outlines the standards and procedures for implementing adaptive management in the Yahara River Watershed.

- Yahara Pride Farms (YPF), one of the pilot project participants, has continued working on methods to manage phosphorus and other nutrients through innovative agricultural conservation practices. YPF has specifically focused on “improving manure

management, increasing the use of conservation practices including nutrient management, cover crops, vertical manure injection and strip tillage; and a certification program that assesses farmers’ conservation efforts and rewards

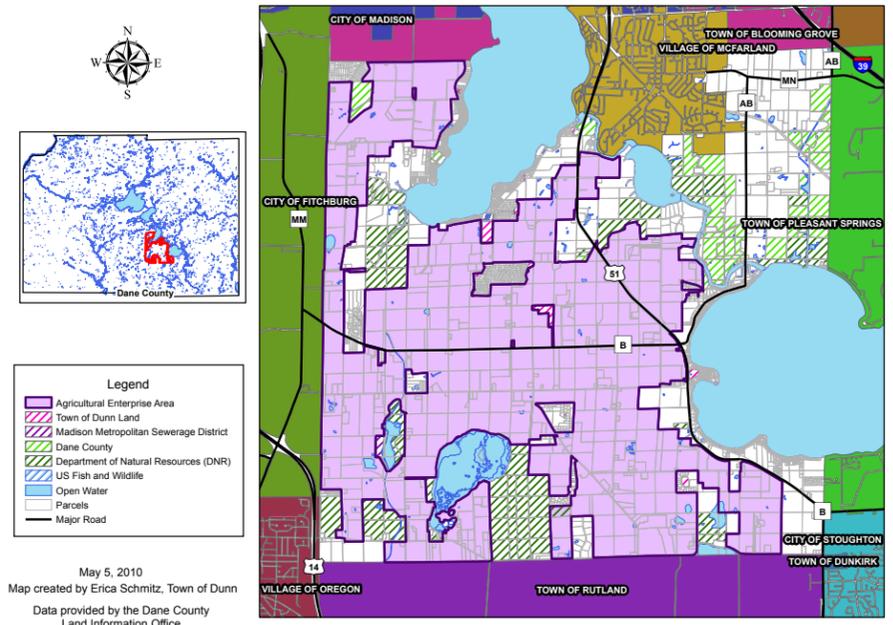
farmers for good stewardship with discounted services and products from local agribusiness.” (quote obtained from yaharapridefarms.org/8-2/). For more information on Yahara Pride Farms, please visit yaharapridefarms.org.

In future years, Yahara WINS hopes to create payment plans, complete intergovernmental agreements with Yahara WINS partners, and implement adaptive management plans. The Town will update residents when these goals are accomplished.



New Tax Credits for Eligible Dunn Farmers

Town of Dunn Agricultural Enterprise Area | Dane County



Are you missing out on tax credits for your farmland? Tax credits may be applied to directly reduce tax liability and the good news is that many Dunn farmers now qualify for these credits.

A 10,436 acre portion of the Town of Dunn is officially designated as an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). This represents a local commitment to fostering an agricultural economy, and also makes tax credits available to eligible Dunn farmers. The credits range from \$7.50 to \$10 per acre per year.

Eligibility requirements include being located in the AEA and having a gross farm revenue of at least \$6,000 last year, or \$18,000 over the past three years and you can learn more about eligibility by using the links and contact information at the end of this article.

Eligible farmers located in a designated AEA may get the credits in three ways.

1. Without signing a farmland preservation agreement, a credit of

\$7.50 per acre is available.

2. A farm owner may enter into voluntary farmland preservation agreement with the State and claim the \$10/acre tax credit. By entering into this agreement, a farmer agrees to keep land in agricultural use for the period of time specified in the agreement. Agreements must be for at least 15 years.
3. Landowners with a farmland preservation agreement signed prior to June 30, 2009 may modify the existing agreement to become eligible for the farmland preservation tax credit available under the new program.

Additional information and application materials are available at the Town Hall, by visiting datcp.wi.gov and typing “Farmland Preservation Agreements” in the search box, or by contacting Kris Modaff at (608) 224-4633 or Kris.Modaff@wisconsin.gov.

Proposed Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park

The Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park is moving toward the construction phase and Town residents should be able to visit this new monument next year. According to contributor and Town resident, Jim Oler:

“A Veterans Memorial has been talked about for many years. We were able to finally get it off the ground in early summer of 2014. It will be located at the corner of Country Club Road and Highway B in the Town of Pleasant Springs and a sign has been placed at the site. Through the generosity of Oscar and Shirley Linnerud, the land was donated for this all important project to honor Veterans. So if you know them or see them,

please let them know how much this is appreciated and how much this new memorial will mean to the community. We interviewed four monument companies and considered 5 design concepts before choosing Pechmann Monuments, from Madison. People can view the design on our website at post59.org, click on Veterans Park Updates and scroll down towards the bottom of the page to view the design concept. Through the participation of the community, local townships, city and the membership of the VFW Post 328 and American Legion Post 59, we will create a new place to honor those who have served and to remind us all that freedom is not free; we should thank a Veteran.”

Highway 51 Update

According to the latest update from the Wisconsin DOT Planning Engineer, Jeff Berens, due to funding constraints and other statewide priorities for road expansions, the four-lane Highway 51 expansion will not occur for another 25+ years. The DOT does recognize that there are more immediate safety and pavement issues along the Highway 51 corridor that need to be addressed. The proposed corridor improvements now include keeping the highway as a 2-lane roadway, adding left and right turns at smaller intersections, and converting larger intersections (CTH B east, CTH B/AB, and Exchange Street) to roundabouts. The earliest that the DOT anticipates construction for these improvements is 2022. Stay tuned for updates about these plans on our website and in future newsletters.

Fitchburg’s Northeast Neighborhood (NEN) Development Update

On November 13, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission voted against bringing Fitchburg’s proposed Northeast Neighborhood into the City’s Urban Service Area.

The DNR is currently reviewing an appeal of this decision. The DNR Secretary needs to be made aware of the importance of saving the southern lobe of Lake Waubesa. We ask that those who have influence with the DNR administration to please contact the DNR Secretary and tell the DNR to oppose this development.

Please stay tuned to the Town’s website for any updates. We will also provide updates to residents on our NEN email directory. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Erica at eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us.

McFarland Larson House Museum Tours

by Meg Nielsen

McFarland's historic Larson House Museum will begin offering free tours to visitors from 1 to 4 p.m. starting on the first Sunday in May. The recently restored Queen Anne style house at the corner of Bashford and Exchange in McFarland shows what life was like in the 1920s when electricity first became available to the Village and the John Larson family inhabited the residence.

Although tours are free, donations are always welcome and fundraising efforts toward the maintenance of the house continue. A Lady's Afternoon Tea will again be held on Saturday, July 11, (rain date of July 18) on the lawn of the Larson House Museum. Tickets for this fundraising



event will be available at the annual Memorial Day Open House at the Larson House and the Historical Society Museum on Main Street. Due to space concerns, only 60 tickets to the tea will be sold so early purchase is suggested.

Anyone who would like to be a Larson House docent and give Sunday afternoon tours may attend an orientation session on Saturday, April 11, at 11 a.m.

Other volunteer options at the Larson House include Spring Cleaning sessions on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11 a.m., from 10 to 11 a.m. and weekly gardening times on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. starting in April. All are welcome to come and get involved in the care and maintenance of the Larson House. Cleaning supplies and gardening tools will be provided. Or bring your favorite gardening implements if desired.

The McFarland Historical Society Museum on Main Street will also be open for tours on Sunday afternoons during the summer months. To arrange a private tour or a guided tour of the Larson House on a day other than Sunday, please contact Jane Licht at 838-8178, or licht.jane@gmail.com.

Help Shape Your Community's Future: Join the Smart Growth Committee

by Erica Schmitz

The Plan Commission has been working to lay the ground work for an update to the document that guides the planning decisions for our community: the Comprehensive Plan. Our Comprehensive Plan, last updated in 2008, sets goals for our community's long-range future and lays the framework for us to achieve them. Our existing plan has done an outstanding job of achieving our community's goals, including preserving our rural character. Our goal for the Comprehensive Plan update is to maintain the foundational elements that led to our success, while making updates where necessary to reflect the changes our community has experienced over the last decade.

As when the first Comprehensive Plan was developed and adopted, we are assembling a Smart Growth Committee to guide the process. The Committee will be made up of representatives from our Plan Commission, Town Board, Land Trust Commission, Parks Commission, and community members. If you would like to be involved in decisions about

how our community will grow and change, please consider applying to join the Smart Growth Committee. Please contact Land Use Manager Erica Schmitz if you are interested.

Smart Growth committee meetings will be open to the public, and there will be several opportunities for community members to share their thoughts on the Town's future. Many communities operate on a 20 year planning range. Dunn has always planned for many more generations, embracing a 200 year planning horizon. The plan is designed to be a guiding vision so that there is a consistent policy to follow and a clear goal for the future for the residents of the Town of Dunn. Hearing the community's voice is critical to shaping the right plan updates for the future of our Town. Please watch our website, social media pages, and future newsletters for opportunities to participate and contact Erica with any questions.

Erica can be reached at 838-1081 ext. 205 or eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us.

Historic Dyreson Bridge Restoration Finally Begins

by Cathy Hasslinger



The Town of Dunn is home to a scenic, cultural, and historical gem on Dyreson Road. The Dyreson Bridge is a one of a kind truss bridge that may be the last of its kind in the State of Wisconsin and it has been closed, awaiting repairs, for two years. The bridge was manufactured by the Milwaukee Bridge and Iron Company in 1897, and according to the DOT publication "Historic highway Bridges in Wisconsin," cost \$1,028 to build at the time.

When the bridge began showing signs of structural deterioration, the Town did not want to replace the last known truss bridge in the state with a new concrete bridge. It seemed important to maintain the rustic character of the area by doing a historic restoration that would shore up the support system and give new life to an old friend.

Restoring the Dyreson Bridge has been in the works in some form or another for a decade. Grants were sought and bidding on the work commenced in 2012. The project was delayed when bids came in at \$856,499,

which was too high to meet the Town's budget goals. The 2015 bidding was more favorable and the town anticipates staying within its \$200,000 budget for contributions to the project. In a few weeks, the Town expects to have finalized contracts with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation authorizing construction to begin in the summer months of 2015. This is welcome news for those who live in the area and depend on the bridge to access other roads.

A qualified archeologist will be on site during much of the bridge reconstruction work to monitor disturbances and protect cultural assets. Archeologists have found evidence of human civilization going back 12,000 years on the river near the bridge site. In the river, an ancient fish weir built by Native Americans is visible when the water level is low. Remnants of a wooden dam built by settlers reminds us of past generations living here. This is a wonderful location for a historic bridge restoration.

Annual Arbor Day Potluck

EVENT: Arbor Day Celebration

WHEN: Saturday April 25th, 2015 4-6 pm

WHERE: Dunn Town Hall. 4156 County Road B

Mark your calendars for the April 25th, 2015 Arbor Day Celebration! This annual event will take place from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. This year one of our presenters will be Kevin Oppermann. Kevin is a Town of Dunn resident who will be talking about the nuances of his pasture based farm and how it restores the top soil and earth.

Phyllis Hasbrouck will be receiving the Stewardship Award for being a steward of the lakes. Ms. Hasb-



rouck was chosen for this award for her leadership in advocating for responsible planning to protect Lake Waubesa.

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

Parks Update 2015

Think Spring! We all will be glad when the snow melts and we can get outside and enjoy our beautiful parks.

Spring is always a busy time in the Town. We will be trying to do some prairie burns during the short time slot that nature allows. Dunn Heritage will be burned this spring and we will post signs when we are going to burn so residents can keep their windows closed. If anyone is interested in volunteering for these burns, please contact Mary Gross at the Town Hall.

A few other exciting projects have occurred in the Town's parks in the last year. In December 2014, the Town revised its Parks Plan after considering comments from the community about what residents would like to see in the Town's parks. Earlier in 2014, as part of his Eagle Scout project, Maverick Wilhite widened a path and installed a bench at the Orvold Park Conservancy. At Spartan Hills Park, new playground equipment, a new play area, and a new sand volleyball court were installed. Timbers will be placed around the play area this year. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this happen.

The Parks Commission hosted its first family movie night last fall and it was a success! We served brats, hot dogs, chips, and popcorn. Watch our website for details for when the next one will be held.

The Town was awarded grant money to improve Dunn Heritage Park. Dane County and DNR permits are being applied for

and work should begin this summer. Parks Commissioner and metal artist, Don Schmidt, is working on a new sign for the park. We hope to complete the park improvement project this year.

We will also be planting soybeans again at Dunn Heritage Park this year. The farmer was unable to harvest the beans last year due to personal reasons. We are also going to need some volunteers to pull invasive species in the park and if you are interested in helping, please call Mary Gross.

Please remember to clean up after your pets in our parks and on our roadways per our dog ordinance. The complete ordinance can be found on our website.

Snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed in Town Parks or on Town property. Please use the designated approved routes. In addition, Town property is not to be used for storage of private property or other private use. Public property is for all of the public.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Arbor Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2015.



Sheriff's Report

by Deputy Holmes

Spring is just around the corner and the frigid temps are surely soon to be leaving us! When it does, the cabin fever we have all felt over these long months will give way to warmer, fresher air, which brings with it the temptation to open our doors and windows to drive out the winter blues.

I encourage everyone to be mindful of striking a balance between letting the outside in and maintaining a secure home. The Dane County Sheriff's Office has responded to numerous burglaries around Dane County over the winter. The Town of Dunn is no exception.

Please remember to secure your vehicles, garages, homes, and property in order to make yourself a "hard target". With the still struggling economy and the ongoing prescription medication and heroin epidemic, law enforcement continues to combat property crimes committed to support those with addictions.

If you plan on being away from home for an extended period of time, have a trusted friend, neighbor, or family member check in on your home and property. Have someone

collect mail and newspapers or place a hold on those items until your return. Put interior lights on timers so it appears as if people are home. Motion lighting is also a good option if you don't want to leave lights on all night. You may want to also consider having your snow removed or lawn mowed. The Dane County Sheriff's Office can also provide vacation checks when time allows (depending on call volumes).

Even if you are not traveling, you should have adequate exterior lighting bright enough to illuminate all areas surrounding your residence. Be sure to lock all doors and windows (including vehicles) even if you are at home. Also avoid leaving desirable/expensive items in plain view to deter temptation.

The bottom line is, DON'T MAKE IT EASY! Many crimes are committed because the opportunity is there.

If you would like more information on this subject, please contact Deputy Cindy Holmes of the Dane County Sheriff's Office at (608) 283-3964. Stay safe!

Tree Board Update



Congratulations to the Town of Dunn in 2014 for being named a Tree City USA Recipient for 7 consecutive years. L-R Mark Guthmiller – WDNR with Town of Dunn Tree Board Members Don Schmidt, Tim Andrews (Chair), Jay Hoel, Carol Heidenway and Peter Kaseman-Wold.

The Town of Dunn Tree Board advises the Town Board and the Parks Commission on town-wide tree issues. The mission of the Tree Board is to recognize the importance of trees and seeks to manage the resource through a program of education, protection, and planting.

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

On the Road Again...

by Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

Due to the cold and snowy weather, residents will find numerous pot holes this spring as the roads thaw. In addition to the pot holes, there are many large dips at culverts caused by roads swelling from the freezing water in the soil. During the installation of new culverts, gravel is placed around the culvert because it does not retain water and therefore does not expand like soil. These dips at the culverts will smooth out as the frost leaves the ground.

The 2015 roadwork bids are being considered. We will be milling and grinding Tower Road starting at Mahoney north one half mile. We will be overlaying the rest of Tower, Crescent Drive, Willow Court, North Court, High Street, Ridge Court, Morris Park Road, Camp Leonard Road, Ruth Court, Bible Camp Road, Exchange Street, Elvehjem Road, Peterson Road, Fish Camp Road, Alsmo Lane, and Stoney Crest Road. We did not do any sealcoating last year but this year we will be doing Hook Island Road, Labrador Road, and

Sand Hill Road. Sealcoating adds ten years of life to the road. We combined the road bids with surrounding towns and were able to be much more cost effective. We will be doing that again in the future.

We will be replacing two culverts on Schneider Road and installing two new culverts at Dunn Heritage Park.

Just a few reminders to residents

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