

On the Road Again...

By Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

Bids have already been received for roadwork this year. Roads planned to be repaved include all the roads in Waubesa Heights and Vic Anderson Road. Sealcoat projects include the town owned roads in Bayview Heights, a portion of Tower Road, High Street, Morris Park Road, Willow Court, and Crescent Drive.



You may ask, "Why are you sealcoating the roads you put in new last year?" The reason is to prolong the life of the oil in the black top. A road that has not been sealed lasts about fifteen years and a sealed road last about thirty years.

We have several culverts that need to be replaced this year. Four culverts in the Waubesa Heights subdivision, four on Mahoney Road west of Tower Road, and two on Stace Road.

Just a reminder to residents - road right of way is generally 33 feet from the center of the road. In addition to the paved surface, this area is used by the town for road maintenance

like snow removal and surface water drainage. Maintenance also includes tree and brush control. It is important to prevent densely shaded areas on the pavement the blackout. Therefore, it is sometimes necessary to remove whole trees instead of just trimming.

Due to budget cuts we reduced new road construction by \$25,000 and eliminated any new equipment except the annual upgrade of the Skid Steer.

Late Lottery Credit Applications

The current Lottery and Ganning Credit law provides authorization to grant the credit to a person who owns and uses a home as their primary residence as of the January 1 certification date. Additionally, the 2003 credit may be granted to a person who purchased a home during the 2003 calendar year if the person purchased the home from someone who used it as a primary residence on January 1, 2003. The municipal clerk is able to make corrections for claims made up until January 31, 2004.

If you are eligible for a lottery credit and missed the deadline to make a claim at the local level, you can file a late claim with the Department of Revenue. Forms for a Late Lottery Credit Claim are available on-line at <http://www.dor.state.wi.us/html/lottery.html> or from the Town of Dunn. The deadline for filing a Late Lottery Credit Claim with the State Department of Revenue is October 1, 2004.

Take a Stake in the Lakes

Dane County's
Cleanup Event 2004

The Take a Stake in the Lakes volunteer cleanup of the Yahara Lakes will be held on June 12 and June 19, 2003. Lake Kegonsa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 12 from 9:00-1:00, with the information center at Wingra Park in Madison. Lake Waubesa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 19 from 9:00-1:00, with the information center at Law Park in Madison. Garbage bags and stencil kits will be available at the information centers.

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 padding 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.

Call now to find out how you can help protect our beautiful lakes. For more information call 608-224-3601

TOWN OF DUNN PHOTO CONTEST

The town is looking for a few good photos. Can you capture Dunn's unique charm with your digital camera? Landscapes, waterways, agriculture, community events, recreation, business, wildlife and other subjects are needed for possible use in the town's website, future newsletters or other purposes. All contributors will receive a certificate of recognition from the town. Photos become property of the town and may be featured on the town website or other publications.

Rules for the Town of Dunn Photo Contest

1. Photos must be digital format or scanned to digital.
2. Photos must be taken in the town of Dunn.
3. Entries must be submitted by email to townhall@town.dunn.wi.us.
4. Email should include: name, address, and contact information for the entrant, location and identifying information about the photo. Every effort will be made to credit the contributor when the photo is used, but the town assumes no liability for errors or omissions. Entrants who wish to remain anonymous should indicate that in their emailed submission and their photo will not include a credit.
5. Entries are due by May 31, 2004.
6. Late entries are welcome and will automatically be entered in the Fall Photo Contest.
7. Signed release must be provided for any people featured in photos.

Please contact Cathy at 255-4219 ext. 3 to obtain a release form or for more information about the photo contest.

YAHARA LAKES WATER TRAIL GUIDE BEING DEVELOPED

By Mindy Håbecker, Dane County
UW-Extension



The Dane County Environmental Council has put together a steering committee for the development of an educational water trail guide for the Yahara Lake system. The guide will include points of historical, archeological, natural resource features and landmarks that can be viewed from the water. The area of water to be covered in the guide includes Cherokee Marsh, the entire chain of Yahara Lakes (Mendota, Monona, Wingra, Waubesa, Upper and Lower Mud Lakes and Kegonsa) and the Yahara River from Cherokee Marsh south to the Rock County boundary.

It is the intent of the steering committee for this project that the guide will have both a printed and a more detailed electronic format. It will be developed over the next year with the hope that it will be both educational and a pleasure to use. The Dane County Environmental Council is a county committee designed to assist public and private groups in recognizing and protecting the natural areas in Dane County and to assume an educational role in the environment's protection. For more information on this project, contact Mindy Håbecker, Dane County Environmental Council staff at 224-3718.

Area Senior Centers Welcome Town Residents

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

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

McFarland Senior Center

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

Stoughton Senior Center

248 W Main St, Stoughton, WI 53585
608-873-8585

Oregon Senior Center

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

AREA YOUTH CENTERS SERVING TOWN RESIDENTS

Looking for something to do after school?

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

McFarland Youth Center

5120 Fairwell 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



Parks Commissioners show off their 2003 appreciation mugs presented to them at the Annual Joint Commissions meeting. The mugs are created by local potter, Meredith Greene and feature an image of a Sandhill Crane, the town's wildlife symbol. The mugs are inscribed with the commission served and the year. The keepsake mugs are presented to volunteer commissioners on the Plan, Parks, and Land Trust Commissions. Parks Commissioners clockwise from left: Nancy Hagen, Sue Richards, Tom Sheperd, Don Schmidt, Dave Schmitt, Susan Priebe, Chair. Not pictured: Kurt Krumholz

Park Commission Update

By Susan Priebe, Parks Commission Chair

The Parks Commission welcomes new commissioner Kurt Krumholz. Kurt has a special interest in bike trails and we look forward to working with him in 2004 and continuing our efforts to improve Dunn's parks.

Spring will officially be upon us when you receive your newsletter and a time to renew outdoor activities with your family and friends. Take time with the longer days, lack of snow cover to find some of the unique places (parks) in our wonderful community.

We have planned the following events for you to enjoy:

- The Arbor Day celebration, May 1, 2004 at the town hall, which is complete with potluck, interesting talk (great for families) and presentation of the Stewardship Award. This has always been much fun for people of all ages...

- Parade of Prairies scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2004 (Raindate August 8th). This is a self-guided event, which 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. 1.

We are always looking for ways to help the community come together for fun and food. So, if you have any ideas for other events (maybe this fall), please contact Mary at 255-4219 with your suggestions.



At the Town Parks...

By Jay Hoel, Public Works Superintendent

Spring is a wonderful time to visit the town parks. Dunn Heritage, Colladay Point, Simkao, and Orvold Park Nature Conservancy each offer a unique variety of plant and wildlife species. All have beautiful trails or mowed open areas for residents to enjoy. Dogs are welcome, but must be on leashes at ALL TIMES. Also remember to be a responsible pet owner and clean up your dog's waste.

Some town residents have expressed interest in upgrading playground equipment in their neighborhoods. Matching funds are available of up to \$1500 per year for any park projects a neighborhood organizes and gets approved by the Town Parks Commission. This is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Don't Miss

Parade Of Prairies!

Saturday

August 7th, 2004

Raindate: August 8th

Arbor Day Potluck Celebration!

Saturday May 1, 2004

Starting at 4:00 p.m.

At the Town Hall
4156 County Road B

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 1

Everyone is welcome to attend. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass. The Town will provide beverages and eating utensils. The stewardship award will be presented. Guest speaker to be announced.

Estimated Ending Fund Balances for 2003

Parkland Dedication Ending Fund Balance	17,496
Waubesa Heights Ending Fund Balance	1,424
Dunn Heritage Park Ending Fund Balance	22,825
Bike Path Ending Fund Balance	8,216
Orvold Park Ending Fund Balance	4,767
Rock Elm Park	3,439

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:

Dog waste is an ongoing and serious problem that makes our parks unavailable and unsanitary for residents to enjoy. Dog walkers must clean up dog waste. 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 this year due to off road activity which is prohibited on town property.

Statewide Tornado Warning Drill

The National Weather Service will be conducting a statewide tornado drill on the afternoon of Thursday, April 10, 2004. The drill will include a test WATCH at 1:15 p.m. and a test WARNING at 1:45 p.m. The Dane County outdoor warning sirens will be activated for both drills.

In the event of severe weather anywhere in the state on the day of the drill, the test WATCH and test WARNING will be postponed until Friday, April 11. If severe weather is forecast on Friday the drill will be cancelled.

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin is scheduled for April 7-11, 2004. This awareness week is conducted in an effort to ensure that citizens are prepared to protect themselves and their property in the event of severe weather.



Wind Protection

If the area immediately surrounding your house contains trees, outbuildings, trash cans, yard debris, or other materials that can be moved by the wind, your house will be more likely to be damaged during a tornado. All storage sheds and other outbuildings should be securely anchored, either to a permanent foundation or with straps and ground anchors. Smaller objects, such as trash cans, barbecue grills, and outdoor furniture should be anchored or, if you have adequate warning moved indoors.

**HOW TO CONTACT YOUR
ELECTED OFFICIALS****TOWN OF DUNN****TOWN CHAIR**

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McFarland, WI 53558
838-6432 (home)

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Stanley Solheim
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McFarland, WI 53558
835-5818 (home)

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR II

Steve Greb
1714 Ldbrodder Road
Oregon, WI 53575
835-5266 (home)

CLERK/TREASURER

Rosclind Gausman
2314 Keenan Road
McFarland, WI 53558
255-4219 ext. 6 (office)

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Robert H. Schneider
255-4219 ext. 1 (office)

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Madison, WI 53702
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US SENATE

Herbert Kohl
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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!

One Day Only Extra Curbside Garbage Pick up April 14th

Planning on cleaning out the garage or basement this spring? Wondering how to get rid of items too large to fit in your garbage can? Waste Management is offering extra curbside garbage collection on Wednesday, April 14th. On regular garbage pick up days, each residence can put out 32 gallons of trash plus unlimited recyclables for curbside pick up. On April 14th, 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.

THANK YOU TO ROADSIDE PICKUP VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to the volunteers involved with the adopt-a-highway program. 2003 participants included Shed Shed II, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory and Christ the King Church in McFarland.

Call the Town Hall at
255-4219 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.

Yards, Roadsides, and Outdoor Areas Ready for Spring 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 14th. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out on Wednesday April 14th when Waste Management provides unlimited garbage pick up.

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:

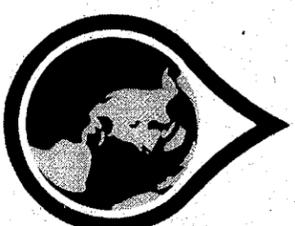
Dane County Zoning 266-4266

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 1.

Preserving Dunn's Waterways



With all of current emphasis on comprehensive land use planning, let's not forget about "water use planning". The Town of Dunn is fortunate to have shorelines on two major lakes and a significant river system. In fact, more private shoreline is owned within the Town than in any other municipality on the entire Yahara Lakes System. Adjacent wetlands support abundant wildlife and fisheries habitats. Preserving this rich natural heritage must be ensured for future generations.

Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKS) is a non-profit voluntary organization. FOLKS' purpose is to protect, maintain, and enhance environmental and recreational values for Lake Kegonsa and its surrounding areas. Activities intended to maintain or improve the ecology, water quality, fishing, and recreational use of the Lake/River have been undertaken during the last 15 years. Newsletters (5/yr) and email networks are designed to keep FOLKS members current on developments which affect our community.

Join the over 350 current members in supporting "water use planning" efforts in the Town by becoming a FOLKS member in 2004. Annual dues are \$10/ household, and membership is open to anyone interested. For more information, contact Ray Potempa 838-9329 or rjp3411@aol.com.

When in Doubt Throw it Out

It only takes one wrong container in a load of 250,000 to contaminate the entire load and make it impossible to recycle. Contamination results in recyclable material being landfilled! Please follow the recycling guidelines and do your part to help maintain a clean environment!

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.

