

The Official **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2007

Views From the Town Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, *Dunn Town Chair*

Keeping our Town a great place in which to live continues to present challenges. The latest challenge is the proposal to build a huge National Bio- and Agro- Defense Facility (NBAF). It is intended to replace the present installation on Plum Island, which is in the Atlantic Ocean. Whether a single story or multi story building, it would not only be seen from Lake Kegonsa, it would dominate the landscape. Of all the sites in Dane County that have municipal sewer and water, why the proposal to build on farm fields without municipal water or sewer shows an astonishing lack of common sense.

This would be a federal facility and not a university building and would be overseen by Homeland Security and operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The present Plum Island installation is on an island for a good reason- namely for security purposes. The Town Board has been very clear about our objections to this facility, and will continue to fight against the location of the NBAF in our Town.

Our citizens were outstanding in their questioning of the University representatives when they made their case for locating it here. Our residents asked some very tough questions, for which the University had few answers. The questions were both insightful and professional. We have a very well informed citizenry, and they are serious about keeping the Town a great place.

The NBAF is not the only issue we need to deal with. Fitchburg would like to develop their



A pair of Sandhill Cranes take a stroll near the Dunn Town Hall.

northeast quadrant, which is on our western border. A lot of residents have very active in creating alternative uses for that land rather than building more subdivisions. Heavy development in this area would have substantial negative impacts on the nearby wetlands and thereby affect Lake Waubesa. It is located right next to permanently protected land. We also have the ongoing attempts by Stoughton and the Village of Oregon to annex land from the Town of Dunn. We will continue to work against these annexations.

While the Town is known internationally for our land use policies, it is ironic that of all the issues facing us the general public follows the Pit Bull issue the most. That issue has not yet gone away. Again, our citizens were well informed on that issue and made excellent points when a waiver of our dog ordinance was requested.

As a Town Chair, it is not possible to handle these threats to our way of life without the vigorous action and support from our citizens. Thank you all for your participation and support- it makes our efforts worthwhile.

Proposed Changes for Floodplain Map Affect Dunn Residents: Deadline for Appeals May 9, 2007

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently released preliminary drafts of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Dane County. In some areas of the Town, it is proposed that the boundaries for the 100-year floodplain will change. A small number of property owners may find that their property is now in a designated floodplain when it previously had not been in a floodplain. Your floodplain status may affect your mortgage holder's requirements for flood insurance coverage on your homeowner's policy.

90 Day Public Review is in progress now.

From February 9, 2007 until May 9, 2007, Dane County will receive public comment on the preliminary FIRM maps and forward those comments to the DNR and FEMA. After reviewing comments received during this period, FEMA will reissue final FIRM maps for county adoption, sometime later in 2007. More information about the 90-day public

review process is available from the DNR's website

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/flood/mapping.htm>

The Dane County website has information on floodplain map progress, appeals, comments and protest.

<http://www.co.dane.wi.us/plandev/floodplain/default.aspx>

Appeals:

Landowners may file an APPEAL if they believe the preliminary maps use incorrect flood elevations. Appeals must be accompanied by a hydrologic study that refutes the flood elevation as shown on the preliminary FIRM map. Contact information for appeals:

Dane County Dept of Planning & Development
ATTN: Floodplain Mapping Updates
Room 116, City County Building
Madison, WI 53703 (608) 266-1591

Protests or Comments:

Landowners may file a PROTEST or COMMENT if they believe the preliminary maps are incorrect for any reason other than flood elevation. View more information on the Dane County website (see above).

If you have questions for the Town regarding the proposed floodplain maps, contact Renee Lauber at 608-2554219 ext 205 Monday - Wednesday.

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2007
7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 21, 2006
- II. Announcements and introductions by Chairman Minihan.
 - A. Swear in elected officials
 - B. Comments by Chairman Minihan
 - C. Donations, if any.
- III. Reports
 - A. Building Inspector Report
 - B. Cemetery Report
 - C. Land Trust Commission
 - D. Mobile Home Commission
 - E. Parks Commission
 - F. Plan Commission
 - G. Police Report
 - H. Tree Board
- IV. Financial Report
 - A. Sanitary Districts - financial reports.
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2006 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. In order to meet the requirements of the general storm water permit (and section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code), there will be a discussion of storm water permit terms and conditions.
 - E. 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

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4156 County Road B
McFarland, WI 53558**

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Purchase of Development Rights: 10 Years of Progress

The Purchase of Development Rights program in the Town of Dunn is now ten years old! Unique at inception because no other town in Wisconsin had such a program, Dunn's PDR program continues to be recognized as a national leader in preserving farmland and open space. As we begin our eleventh year, we have many accomplishments to look back on and some interesting new challenges to look forward to.

The Land Trust Commission, which administers the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program, held its first meeting in January 1997. The commissioners were immediately presented with a PDR opportunity that needed to be completed practically before we had time to put together the policies and processes we needed to get the PDR program going. The Sinaiko purchase was probably the most complicated deal the Land Trust Commission has ever done, involving the Town, Dane County, a local land trust and two local landowners.

Since that first purchase of development rights, the PDR program has steadily moved forward, working with

Town of Dunn citizens, the USDA, Dane County and the DNR to preserve 2,662 acres of farmland and open space in 21 properties in the Town.

By giving farmers and other property owners the ability to retain ownership of their land while receiving some monetary value, the PDR program provides benefits to the landowner, all town residents and others who enjoy having rural space near a city like Madison. The initial set of landowners who applied to have the development rights on their land purchased by the town were particularly interested in participating in an opportunity to preserve land in the town. Then, as the program grew and became better understood, other landowners were attracted by the idea that they could realize some value from their land and still continue to own it.

In the past year or so, we have begun to feel significant development pressure from other localities bordering the town. This pressure is leading the Land Trust Commissioners to re-examine the direction of the PDR program. As most Dunn residents

know, McFarland, Fitchburg, Stoughton and Oregon all have growth plans that will have some impact on the town of Dunn. Wal-Mart, North East Neighborhood, Oregon business park. These are all development efforts that are expected to be under consideration over the next few years.

The Land Trust Commission is looking at ways that the PDR program can help protect the town from this development pressure. We will be considering what proactive steps we can take to use the town's funds in the best way possible to preserve the things that make Dunn such a wonderful place to live.

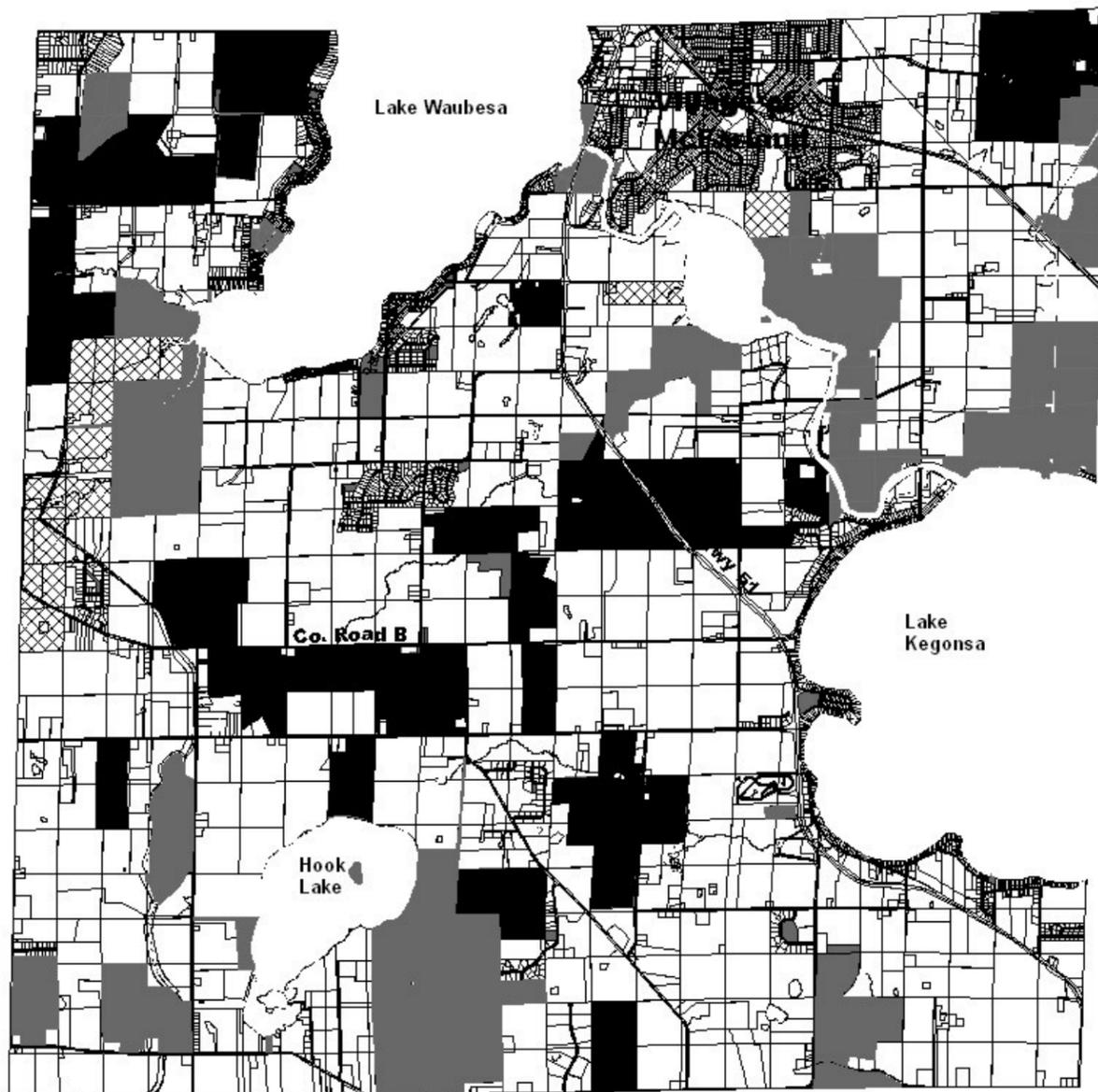
Land Trust Commission

The Land Trust Commission is made up of seven commissioners. At least four must be Town of Dunn residents, while up to three can be non-residents who can bring complementary skills in land conservation, planning, or finance.

Commissioners are:

Beth Hastings, Chair
Tom Shepherd
Ray Antoniewicz
Tracy Wiklund
Nicole Van Helden
Porter Martin
Kurt Krumholz

Town of Dunn Protected Lands



Protected Lands

 Dunn Conservation Easements	 Private Conservation Organizations:
 Dane County, WI DNR, US Fish and Wildlife & Town of Dunn Parks	 The Nature Conservancy
	 American Farmland Trust
	 MaHUNT [501(c)3]

Note: Easements are Private Property - No public access is granted.

A color map showing more detailed protected land ownership can be viewed on the town's website www.town.dunn.wi.us

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.

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.

What is the Annual Town Meeting?

by Rosalind Gausman, Clerk Treasurer

Wisconsin State Law Statute 60.11 requires each town to hold an annual town meeting. It is held on the second Tuesday of April at the town hall. It is probably the most important meeting of the year because the qualified voters present at this meeting actually make the motions and vote on each motion. The annual town meeting may transact any business over which a town meeting has jurisdiction, which includes the following:

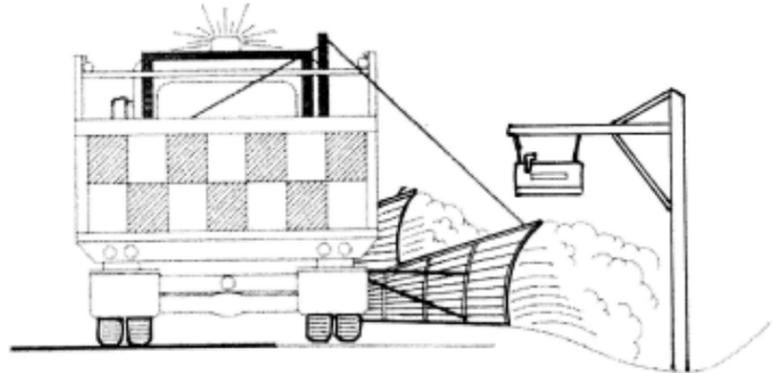
- 1) Raise money
 - a) Raise money, including levy taxes to pay for expenses of the town.
- 2) Town offices –
 - a) Combine the offices of clerk and treasurer. Can also provide for the appointment of clerk, treasurer, both, or the combined office of clerk treasurer.
 - b) Combine offices of assessor and clerk.
 - c) Establish or abolish the office of town constable and establish the number.
 - d) Designate the office of clerk, treasurer or the combined office as part time.
 - e) Designate town board supervisors as full-time officers.
- 3) Election of Officers.
 - a) Adopt a plan to elect town supervisors to numbered seats.
 - b) Provide for nomination of candidates for elective offices at a nonpartisan primary.
- 4) Cemeteries
 - a) Authorize the acquisition and conveyance of cemeteries.
- 5) Administrator agreements.
 - a) Approve agreements to employ an administrator for more than 3 years.
- 6) Hourly wage of certain employees.
 - a) Establish the hourly wage to be paid to a town employee who is also an elected officer.
- 7) Directives or grants of authority to the town board (By Resolution).
 - a) Authorize the town board to raise money or levy a tax.
 - b) Increase the number of board members.
 - c) Authorize the town board to exercise Village powers.
 - d) Authorize the town board to issue general obligation bonds.
 - e) Authorize the town board to purchase land within the town for present or anticipated town purposes.
 - f) Authorize the town board to purchase, lease or construct buildings.
 - g) Authorize the town board to dispose of real property (other than donated or held for a special purchase)
 - h) Exercise certain zoning authority.
 - i) Authorize the town board to engage in watershed protection, soil conservation or water conservation activities.
 - j) Select assessors by appointment or contract.
 - k) Authorize the town board to fix the compensation of elective offices.
 - l) Authorize the town board to set the hourly wage of a town elected officer, other than a town board supervisor.
 - m) Authorize the town board to appropriate money in the next annual budget for:
 - i) Conservation of natural resources
 - ii) Civic functions – including such things as agricultural societies, advertise the attractions of the town, attract industry, establish and maintain ecological areas, provide for the organization and maintenance of a town museum, municipal band, or entertainment.
 - iii) Control insects, weeds and animal diseases within the town.
 - iv) Establish a rural numbering system.
 - v) Improve the town cemetery.

In addition to the powers of the annual meeting listed above, the town uses this meeting each year to report the activities of appointed committees and commissions and share important announcements - like the date of the first sighting of sand hill cranes. Action can also be taken to rescind resolutions passed at a previous annual or special town meeting if the voter numbers are equal to or greater than the original vote. If electors at this meeting take action on something they do not have statutory authority to act on, any resulting vote or advice is just advisory to the town board. Mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting on April 10 at 7 PM.



Residents gathered at a previous Annual Town Meeting

Prevent Snow Damage to Your Mailbox



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.

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.

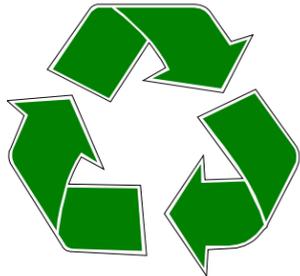
Oregon Sportsman's Club recognized

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.

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



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 \$57.00 per year and the cost of the 96 gallon toter was \$72.00 per year (only \$1.40 per week).

Items that are too big to fit into a 34 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 1/4 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 2 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 antifreeze is accepted. Either reuse your used motor oil container or dispose of it in the trash. Don't leave oil containers near the used oil tank.

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

Brush and Wood - We take brush and limbs that are free of soil. We cannot take stumps or 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

Recycle Your Old Cell Phone

Protect the environment and raise funds for the Senior Center Convenient drop off at Stoughton Senior Center and Radio Shack Cell phones contain harmful materials like lead and cadmium that are released as phones break down in landfills. These materials can cause cancer, and developmental disorders when released in small quantities. Your old cell phone may be worth up to \$30 and the proceeds can benefit a neighborhood Senior Center. The memory of each cell phone is destroyed when recycled.

DANE COUNTY COMPOST SITES OPEN MID-APRIL

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 mid-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

2007 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:

Saturday, April 21nd from 9 AM to 12 PM

Saturday, August 18th from 9 AM to 12 PM

Saturday, December 1st 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.

2007 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. 2006 participants included Ackerland Outdoor Services, Covenant Lutheran Youth, the University Physical Science Laboratory, Christ the King Church in McFarland, Sled Shed II, McFarland Lutheran Church, and 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 21

Protect our waters from heavy metal contamination

The next household round-up will be on Saturday, April 21, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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 21, 2007, 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, No charge for Panasonic, Quasar, Sharp, and Technics brand TV's, \$25.00 per other TV. No charge for other computer equipment.

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.

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 1 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 18th

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 34 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 Shimnick for prices and information at 271-8162

Compost Bin Sale Saturday May 12, 2007

Earth Machine home compost bins be available One Day Only for \$39 tax included at:

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

Only while supplies last. 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." More information on the sale is available at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compostingBinSale.cfm>



Do You Know about all of the services, classes, and events offered at our Area Senior Centers?

We Think You Will Be Pleasantly Surprised

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

Outreach Workers are available to assist senior citizens and disabled adults to secure resources which allow them to remain in their own homes. Outreach Workers can assist with finances (Medical Assistance, homestead credit/deferred loan, fuel assistance, Community Options Programs, Social Security and S.S.I.), housing, medical equipment on loan, meal programs, transportation, and adult day care programs.

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

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

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

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

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!

Take a Stake in the Lakes

Dane County's Cleanup Event 2007

The 20th annual Take a Stake in the Lakes volunteer cleanup of the Yahara Lakes will be held on June 9 and June 16, 2007.

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

Lake Waubesa will be cleaned on Saturday, June 16 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 11 and on Lake Waubesa on Monday June 18, 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.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WITH RAIN GARDENS

Rain gardens are a way we all can help protect one of our most important resources, water. Groundwater is important because it replenishes our streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands, and most of us get our drinking water from wells that tap into groundwater.

However, in most of our developed neighborhoods, rain falls on roofs and roads, where it can't soak in. Gradually these impervious surfaces cause problems — as our urban areas increase, so do the problems. Water moves quickly off paved areas carrying a smorgasbord of leaves, grass, soil, oils, fertilizer - all of which end up in our lakes and streams. Urban runoff, along with runoff from rural sources, causes major problems for our water resources.

Poor water quality effects our quality of life, our sense of who we are and where we live, our community gathering places and our enjoyment of the local resource. Here's one solution that you can do – it's elegant in its simplicity. A slightly depressed garden full of native plants where rainwater can soak into the ground, replenishing groundwater and protecting our surface water.

SO WHAT EXACTLY IS A RAIN GARDEN?

It's a sunken garden, typically 4-6 inches deep with a flat bottom. While any size does some good, they normally are about 1/3 of the size of what is draining to it – usually a roof, yard or driveway. It can be wild or formal looking depending on the plants selected and the desires of the home owner.

USE NATIVE PLANTS

- The roots of native wildflowers and prairie grasses typically go twice as deep into the ground as they are tall, while turf grass roots are the same depth as the grass is kept. Therefore natives absorb much more water Uses no fertilizer
- Uses little or no pesticides
- Maintenance similar to perennial gardens
- After establishment does not need watering
- Native plants are also beautiful individually, and as a community.

More help, including a how-to build a rain garden manual, is available at your UWEX or DNR office or on the web at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/rg/index.htm>

On the Road Again...

By Todd Klahn, Highway Foreman

The town has applied for discretionary roads funds this year to partially fund some of our road projects. We are in the process of taking bids and obtaining funding for road projects.

We are planning on repaving Mahoney Road from Hwy 51 to Jordan Drive and Burmeister Woods. We would like to sealcoat Hawkinson Road, Dunnwood Way, Bonner Trail and a portion of Rutland Dunn Townline Road.

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. Three culverts on Schneider Drive west of Hawkinson Road, one on Dyreson Road and Schneider Drive, one on Lakeside Street, and possibly two on Berkan, one on Goodland Park Road, and Hidden Farm Road.

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 in certain areas.

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

Slow Down on Town Roads! New Speed Limits

New speed limits have been adopted on Town roads as a result of a study and recommendation by the sheriff's department. Sheriff's Deputies are issuing tickets - warnings are not given.

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

Park's Update

As the snow melts and the temperatures rise, it is time to get outside and start enjoying the town parks once again. Springtime produces many new projects and a general cleanup of the town parks.

An early spring project will consist of mowing firebreaks in specific areas to aid in the safe burning of a couple of town parks. Dunn Heritage and Colladay Point will be burned (weather conditions permitting) as a method of stimulating new prairie growth. Volunteers are always needed to assist in prescribed burns. Please contact Mary at 608-255-4219 ext. 201 if you would like to volunteer.

Congratulations to the Sterna Park Neighborhood Association for raising funds to replace old playground equipment. The new playground equipment will be installed this spring as soon as weather permits. Thank you to everyone who donated time and money. The town helped by matching the association's donation. The town has matching funds available on a first come first serve basis to all parks. If you are interested in matching funds, please contact a member of the parks department at 608-255-4219 ext. 201.

It is greatly appreciated when residents take care of the parks they use. However, we have three major problem areas in Town Parks:

- 1) The first problem occurs at Spartan Hills. There have been problems with motorized vehicles and dog waste in this park. There are to be no motorized vehicles of any kind in any parks. This means no dirt bikes and no snowmobiles.
- 2) Pet waste is a problem in several parks. Please clean up after your pet. If you are going to take your dog in the park, you must keep your dog on a leash and clean up its waste! If this problem does not improve, we will have to consider a "no dogs in the park" rule so that people can walk and kids can play in these areas. This dog-waste problem also exists at Amundson boat landing.
- 3) Remember Town Parks require you to carryout your own litter. The Town does not provide trash removal at parks. There have been significant problems with litter at Amundson, Spartan Hills, and Rock Elm. Lets keep our parks clean for all to enjoy.

If you are interested in helping to beautify the roadsides in Dunn, the town would like to encourage people to sign up for the Adopt a Highway program. If you don't like to see the roadsides littered with trash, get a group of friends together and sign up to clean up! The town provides garbage bags and orange vests for participants. Come to the town hall for more information, or call 608-255-4219 ext. 201.

Thank you for taking an interest in our parks and other related issues. I hope everyone gets a chance to get out and enjoy the town parks this spring and summer.

Prairie Burn Volunteers Needed

The Parks Commission is looking for volunteers to help with this Spring's controlled prairie burns. Men, women, and young adults are welcomed to attend the burnings for the weekends of April 14th and April 21st at two different town parks. Dress comfortable with old clothes and boots. Old rakes and brooms are invited to come along. Please contact Mary @ the Town of Dunn 255-4219 ext 201 or Don Schmidt 770-4699 for additional information, times, etc. No experience necessary, we will train!

Annual Arbor Day Celebration

By Nancy Hagen, Parks Commission Secretary

Mark your calendars for the April 21, 2007 Arbor Day Celebration! This annual event will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. This year our presenter will be Sue Richards who is the owner/bee keeper at Hidden Oaks Apiary located in the Town of Dunn. Sue, along with her family have raised bees for several years and will share her knowledge of these sometimes misunderstood insects. The short presentation will also include a hive, live bees and a little taste of honey for all to enjoy.

We also will be having a pot luck dinner after our presentation and will announce the 2007 Town of Dunn Stewardship award. Paper plates, napkins, eating utensils and beverages will be supplied. Come meet the bees, other residents and share in this fun family event. Bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy community.

Event: Arbor Day Potluck dinner with Guest Speaker Sue Richards from Hidden Oaks Apiary

When: Saturday April 21, 2007 from 4-6 pm

Where: Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B

All Town residents are encouraged to attend. Bring a dish to pass, meet your neighbors, share a meal, and celebrate Arbor Day!

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



Hidden Oaks Apiary



Photo:
Sue and Fred
Richards
tending the
hives at
Hidden Oaks
Apiary

By Sue Richards

Hidden Oaks Apiary is a small family owned and operated business located in the outskirts of Oregon. We have been providing raw unprocessed honey to the local area for just over 4 years. Our original intent was to have a hive of bees to pollinate our small hobby size orchard. Well, over the years these amazing creatures have grown on us! We now have over twenty hives and continue to grow.

There is a lot of work that goes into that bottle of honey that you see at market. Although most folks associate the fall harvest with honey, it is a year round undertaking. Currently, we are extracting and bottling. Because of the early frost that we experienced, here in Oregon, we needed to supplement the bees with a fall feeding (a viscous sugar water solution). If we didn't, they wouldn't survive the winter. As fall turns into winter, it's time to move into the workshop. Nearly all of the material used in housing the bees is wooden. Bud, my husband, is a talented craftsman and spends a great deal of time patching, repairing and assembling hive boxes through the winter. Our three boys are included in this role. They have been painting and hammering hive boxes for several years now!

Spring is wake up time for the bees. Mid March will find the girls beginning to emerge and starting to forage. This is an exciting time. With all of the new life emerging, it certainly is a time of wonder... As a beekeeper, we are inspecting hives for winter survival, providing spring feedings and setting up new hives.

Summer is the time that the bees are out collecting nectar and pollen. Beekeepers need to regularly inspect hives, provide adequate space and monitor for pests.

In addition to the honey production, we provide pollination services to local farmers, swarm removal and, my favorite, educational opportunities such as in classroom "fieldtrips"& service group presentations i.e. Scouts, Rotary, Garden Clubs, etc...

I, as with any hobby/business, learn so much everyday from these fascinating honeybees....I have provide some of the commonly asked questions from folks:

What are the benefits of locally harvested honey? Eating local raw honey everyday can relieve the symptoms of pollen-related allergies, if the honey is harvested from within a 50-mile radius of where you live. This is sort of a homeopathic way of inoculating yourself.

Is honey really a natural product? All honey is naturally sweet made up of simple sugars, mainly fructose and glucose that provide energy. The source of nectar gives the honey its flavor. Honey also contains traces of minerals, vitamins and enzymes. Local honey also contains pollen from the area, an added benefit.

What is the best way to store honey? In a dry place as honey absorbs moisture. Refrigeration will hasten granulation.

What should I do with granulated honey? Granulation is a natural process of true pure honey. All honey will granulate in time, but honey never spoils. Granulation does not affect honey's taste or purity. It may be used granulated or restored to liquid.

How do I "reliequify" honey? Boil a saucepan of water & remove from heat. Place the honey container in a pan of water. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Does honey have additives? All natural honey, such as Bee Barf, is free of additives and preservatives.

May other sweeteners be replaced with honey? Recipes especially created and tested for honey give the best results. In many of your favorite recipes, you may replace 1 cup of dry sweetener with 2/3 or 3/4 cup of honey, depending on the sweetness desired. Oil the measuring cup for easy pouring. Reduce baking temperature 25 degrees.

Bee Barf honey is available locally at the Fire Fly Café in Oregon, Trautman Family Farm in Stoughton, and the Williamson Street Hardware store in Madison. Speaking engagements and unique educational presentations can be arranged at beebarfhoney@yahoo.com.

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WAUBESA BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SPRINGS INTO 2007By Jeff Hodgson, WBNA President
www.waubesabeach.org

Greetings from the southwest shore of Lake Waubesa! The WBNA held its Annual Meeting on February 1st. Topics included the construction of a permanent shelter on the Community Center grounds, construction of a neighborhood entryway sign and other exciting neighborhood projects and activities. The group exercise sessions have been "working out" quite well so far. Contact Wendy Smith at 222-2725 to join the group. More kids activities were suggested for 2007 such as "Saturday Morning at the Movies", "Egg Hunt" and a "Kids Spring Fling Day". Many volunteers are needed to organize and run the kids' events. Please contact any WBNA Board Member or e-mail us at bod@waubesabeach.org to volunteer. Other suggestions at the meeting included a Barbecue Cook-Off, DNR Safety Class sponsorship, an additional Warning Siren in our area and expanding our Neighborhood Watch program. The WBNA welcomes Sue Brown to our Board of Directors and thanks retiring Board member Bryan Bazan for his enthusiasm and contributions. Thanks also to the neighbors who participated in the WBNA Annual Meeting this year. If you didn't get a chance to attend, we'd like to hear your ideas. Contact Jeff Hodgson at 224-0203, or you may sign our Guest Book at www.waubesabeach.org

The 4th Annual Packer Chili Cook-Off and Food Drive held on December 13th was a big success! Thanks to the 11 contestants who made some great chili and made it very difficult to choose a winner. Booth decorations get more creative every year. This year's winner was Dave and Mary Griffith, serving their Grumpy Old Packer Chili inside their ice shanty located directly outside the Community Center. Inside the Community Center, people were sampling more great chilies and cheering for the Packers. A WBNA original event you won't want to miss next year!

The WBNA Board was contacted by one of our members last month about the Lowery/Dzikowich redeemed pit bull issue. In a settlement with the Dane County Humane Society, Julie Dzikowich was awarded 9 of the 47 pit bulls that were taken during a raid on their property last summer. According to a Town of Dunn ordinance, ownership of only 5 dogs is allowed on any one property within the Town limits. The WBNA circulated a petition asking the Town of Dunn to strictly enforce all of the dog ordinances that apply to Julie Dzikowich's dogs. The WBNA obtained over 130 concerned neighbors' signatures on the petition and presented it at the Town Board meeting on Feb. 19th. The Town Board voted unanimously to deny Julie Dzikowich's request for a variance on the 5 dog ordinance.

Dane County Emergency Management has informed us that they are not funding any additional warning sirens, at this time. They suggested that people living out of range of a warning siren, should consider owning a weather radio. Weather radios provide accurate, up to date severe weather information and are strongly suggested for people living in homes without a basement. The Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association wishes everyone a safe and happy Spring season. Think warm thoughts!!

Dunn participates in the distribution of All-Hazard Warning Radios

The Town of Dunn has partnered with Dane County Emergency Management in the 2007 pilot program to distribute all-hazards warning radios (a/k/a weather radio) to the public. Within the next one to two months the County Board is expected to approve the pilot project and the initial purchase of radios. They will then be delivered to the participating towns for distribution to the interested public.

About the radio: The radio proposed is the Radio Shack model 12-262 Desktop Weather Radio with the following features:

- Programmable – Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) allows the user to program the radio to alert for only the desired location and warning types.
- Battery backup – the radio will still work if power is lost.
- Visual display of warning information
- Relay to activate external devices like a bed shaker or strobe light for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Includes a jack for an external antenna if needed to improve reception
- Alerts by voice announcement or tone.

This radio retails for \$69.99 but it is available through this program at \$27.99 plus tax.

We will be limited to sell no more than two radios per household.

If this pilot program is a success the county will consider making this an on-going county-wide program.

May 1st is the anticipated date the radios will be available. Local radio stations and newspapers will announce availability when the date gets closer. Information will also be posted on the county and town website as soon as a specific date is known. Please take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your warning options.

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.



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

Tree Board Update

Sue Richards, Tree Board Chair

It is an exciting time for our community. With the tragic tornado damage came introspect and education that has helped us further realize the importance of one our many assets here in our town: Trees!

The tree board has been meeting frequently to get our Town's tree ordinance on the books. This has been both rewarding and a lot of work! This ordinance, along with a comprehensive community forest plan, establishment of the tree board and our ever popular Arbor Day celebration make up the four standards of a "Tree City USA". It is the board's desire to obtain this prestigious title. We will continue our commitment to bring this title home to you!

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.

Many have met our forester Fred Clark, he came out last summer and did damage assessment and offered expert advice on clean-up and suggested ongoing planning. We have already implemented several of those recommendations.

Along with Mr. Clark's recommendations, we will offer the town residents informational updates. Please come to the upcoming Arbor Day celebration and check us out. We would love to share our love of the trees!

"Trees are a vital component in the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits." John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation said. We share this appreciation and will continue to make the Town of Dunn a "Tree City USA" community.