



The
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TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

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Views from the Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair



Male and female Hooded Merganser.
Photo Credit: Mark Jung, Town Artist in Residence

The Sandhill Cranes have returned with a flourish of dissonant calls; most of them singular and not the call and response pattern we hear later in the spring as these majestic birds begin to mate. In a few weeks from now, we will hear the female add to the male's initial call. She chimes in before his call ends. I like to use this as an analogy for human relationships, but my spouse is quite clear that females get the last word and that I should get used to it. I admit she is right and that the last words female partners give to their significant others are usually the wisest.

This being Women's History Month, it is a reason to celebrate women in general and specifically those closest to us. They are after all, the givers and nurturers of life. You should know that the town makes contributions to programs that are nurturing. It involves your tax money. Not a lot of it, but it is your money. So, it seems that "We need to talk". These are the most terrifying words sometimes, but it is time to say them.

What we must talk about is the town's contributions. Residents should know that we give to youth groups and senior centers in our neighboring communities. We have

pledged to find the money to assist in the building of a food pantry in the Village of Oregon. Yes, there is a need for a food pantry in what we think is an affluent suburban area of Dane County. It includes the Town of Dunn. We have families who have difficulty affording enough healthy food to feed their kids properly. Four percent of children under 18 and 4.3% of those over 64 are living in poverty in the town. We have a new mind-set in our National approach to those in need and those who have physical difficulties. The Federal and State approaches are very clear now. Those services will be curtailed. Most people object to that. Some just do not have a clue.

So, the Town Board needs input from you about whether we should become more in line with the State of Wisconsin and the Federal Government in cutting funding to such programs. What we spend on supportive programs is always outlined in the budget documents you will find in the Fall Newsletter and on our town website. The food pantry contribution for this year is not in the budget but we can delay payment until we have an approval voted on by town residents at the Annual Meeting. If you agree. It means a few cents more (about 50

Events

Tuesday April 4th

7AM-8PM:
Spring Election

Tuesday April 18th 7 PM:

Annual Town Meeting & Commissioner Appreciation Event

Thursday April 20th

3PM-6PM:
Open Book (see page 3)

Saturday April 29th

4 PM-6 PM:
Arbor Day Celebration

Sunday June 4th, 3 pm (rain date Tuesday June 6th, 6 pm)

Walking Tour of Hook Lake (see page 8 for details)

Thursday or Friday

June 15th or 16th
and

Thursday or Friday

October 5th or 6th:

Extra Curbside Pickup (date follows your normal trash pick up day)

Saturday, September 16th

12 pm to 3 pm

PDR 20th Anniversary Celebration (see page 6 for details)

cents per person) in taxes, but the Board would like to know your sentiment. Should we join the call to reduce support for those in need or not?

That is what Annual meetings are for; to hear from our constituents. You have a voice more powerful than residents in any other type of municipality. At a Fall Special Town Meeting you meet in assembly and decide what the Town spends on its operations. This Spring you will meet in assembly to review what the Town has done last year in its operations and support to other communities. You can tell us what you would like us to do to support those in need, or not.

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING

TUE, APRIL 18, 2017
7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Swearing in of newly elected officials
- II. Announcements and introductions by Chair Minihan
- III. Donations, if any
- IV. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of November 15, 2016
- V. Reports
 - A. Land Trust Commission
 - B. Plan Commission
 - C. Parks Commission
 - D. Tree Board Report
 - E. Building Inspector Report
 - F. Police Report
 - G. Cemetery Report
- VI. Financial Report
 - A. Sanitary District - financial reports
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2016 audit
- VII. New Business
 - A. Consider authorizing the Town Board to amend the 2017 budget to spend an additional \$10,000 for a contribution to the Oregon Food Pantry.
 - B. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
 - C. Storm water management education as required by Section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code.
 - D. Noxious Weed Notice.
 - E. Adjournment

Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager, WCMC

Commissioner Appreciation Event

Tuesday April 18, 2017

Immediately following the Annual Town Meeting

Light refreshments will be served at a gathering in honor of those who volunteer on the Town's various committees and commissions. Everyone is welcome to attend. Commissioners and committee members in attendance are presented with a small appreciation gift.

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Volunteering at Senior Centers

McFarland Senior Center

Volunteer Drivers

McFarland Senior Outreach Services Department is looking for responsible volunteer drivers. The drivers take older adults to vital medical appointments in the area. 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 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. 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 with transportation for medical and medically related needs. Drivers are reimbursed 50 cents/mile. 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 between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. Drivers are reimbursed 50 cents/mile. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Gene at 441-7896.

Kitchen Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in the Oregon Senior Citizen kitchen between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. To sign up, call Anne at 835-5801.

Adult Day Program

If you are interested in assisting with the Senior Center's adult day program or learning more about this program, call Anne at 835-5801.

Receptionist

A four hour volunteer position is available for a receptionist in either the morning or afternoon as a regular position or a substitute. Call Ann at 835-5801 if you are interested.

Wisconsin's First Quail Forever Chapter begins in Dunn

by John Severson

Wisconsin has its first Quail Forever Chapter. Please welcome President John Severson, Treasurer Donald Furseth and Habitat Chair Loren Ayers, who started the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Quail Forever. The chapter is starting their habitat work in the Town of Dunn, with the goal of bringing quail back to this area of Dane County, and then expanding from there. Quail were once common in southern Wisconsin.

In the below picture is (left to right): Pastor Paul Markquart, Ed Minihan, and John Severson. They are reviewing a cull house, used by Pastor Paul in reintroducing Bobwhite quail, a bird that is native to Wisconsin.

The quail chapter will be holding a fundraiser and informational meeting in the late spring or early summer. Funds raised will be available in use of developing habitat for private lands. For further information, call John at 608-692-0206.



Pictured above. Restored habitat for quail.



Enter to win \$25 in Stoughton Chamber Dollars!

The Stoughton Area Senior Center is looking for feedback to better serve the Stoughton area community. Please go to:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/SASCsurvey

and take a 5-minute survey to be entered for the prize drawing. You may also call (608) 873-8585 to request a paper copy.

For information on area services please contact the Stoughton Area Senior Center:

248 W. Main Street
Stoughton, WI 53589
(608) 873-8585

www.ci.stoughton.wi.us/senior

Yes, I Voted

by Lorraine Hawkinson



Pictured above: Lorraine Hawkinson voting from her hospital bed in the November General Election. Photo courtesy WKOW.

Yes, I voted on Tuesday, November 8th and the fact is now prompting me to write this story.

“OK” you might say, “what’s the big deal about that? So you voted.”

Well, for me, it was a big deal.

You see, at the time, I was a patient in the Meriter Hospital in Madison. When I realized that I would be in the hospital on Election Day, I was mortified. It would mean that my 75 year record of never having missed an election would be broken.

When I told my good friend and care giver Ellen Sandow about my concern, she promptly and loudly proclaimed, “You’ve got to vote!” And with that – Ellen got busy. And Meriter Hospital helped by providing us with a form especially for hospital patients.

I filled out my section of the form and early Tuesday morning Ellen came from her home in Sun Prairie to Meriter and filled out her section asserting that she knew me.

Then, with the form in hand, Ellen took off for the Town of Dunn Town

Hall, at least 15 miles away.

At the Town Hall Ellen got the Town Clerk, who knew me, and she filled out her section. With the form properly filled out, Ellen was given a ballot.

It was back to Meriter for Ellen. (This was taking place before 7 am.) With Ellen’s help, this hospital patient filled out her ballot. (I have glaucoma.)

Then, for Ellen, it was back to Dunn’s Town Hall. My ballot was submitted and accepted and with that my 75 year record remained unbroken.

At that point, Ellen returned to her home in Sun Prairie and collapsed! When she said to the hospital patient, “You’ve got to vote!” she didn’t have a clue as to what her involvement would be. Mileage alone, from leaving her home to returning, is estimated to have totaled at least 75 miles!

Happily from my hospital bed I hollered, “WHOOPI!”

Note: All of the “voting in bed” business at Meriter Hospital, with Ellen Sandow supervising took place at about 7 am on election day. But unknown to Ellen and the hospital patient, something else was going to happen at Meriter.

Surprise! Surprise! Into my hospital room came two crews – one from TV Channel 27 and the other from TV Channel 15.

There I was, in bed and in my pajamas. With no forewarning, I was interviewed. And I was photographed by photographers with impressive looking cameras on tripods.

The reason for all this activity? Apparently newspeople thought it was newsworthy – a 94 year old woman voting in bed in her pajamas on election day.

Without realizing it, I added another dimension to the description I was given, I was also wearing my favorite baseball cap!

Waubesa Wetlands: Remarkable Gem

by Meg Nielsen



An aerial photo shows a bright blue “jewel” near the toe of Lake Waubesa at the foot of Deep Spring Creek in Waubesa Wetlands. The distinctive color is caused by the presence of ancient species of purple bacteria. The best way to experience this 500-acre natural gem is to launch a canoe at Goodland Park and, when entering the creeks and springs, to paddle with a shallow stroke to avoid stirring up the purple bacteria and Spirogyra. (Photo courtesy of Cal DeWitt. More photos at faculty.nelson.wisc.edu/dewitt/waubesa.php)

Seen from 1,000 feet up, a sapphire blue circle is clearly visible, resting like a jewel in the center of the bluish green stream that snakes its way through the Waubesa Wetlands. Almost mystical, the brilliant color results from several species of rare purple bacteria. Bubbling up from deep below the surface, cold oxygen-deficient water sustains these kinds of purple bacteria that have existed since before the time when oxygen became part of the atmosphere – before green plants grew upon the earth – and can use sulfur instead of oxygen as its electron receptors.

The existence of this purple bacteria is partly due to the depth of its source, a natural artesian fountain called Deep Spring. It is also due to the exceptional condition of the Waubesa Wetlands and the diversity of life forms found within – just one of the remarkable features of this 500-acre conservancy area located on an old lobe of Lake Waubesa’s southwest shore.

The excellence of the water feeding into Lake Waubesa has, over the centuries, positively influenced the water quality of the Lake. Nine major springs and many smaller ones feed into the wetlands, gurgling to the surface into open waterways like Murphy’s Creek and Swan Creek as they meander through the wetlands and into the Lake. Added to these are broad sheets of constantly rising

fresh water pushing up through thin layers of blue clay from groundwater below. The rising water continually hydrates the peat above, irrigating its broad flat beds and the rising mounds that sustain fen vegetation – plants that flourish in cold mineral-rich water, including the Great Fen of 30-some acres.

Resting on peat deposits up to 95-feet deep where Waubesa Wetlands interfaces with Lake Waubesa, this large system of wetlands also includes sedge meadows, fens, floating marshes, a willow swamp, and shrub-carr communities. Native plants such as bluejoint grass, tussock sedge, sawgrass sedge, cattails and common bur-reed grow in abundance. Fen areas containing Riddell’s golden-rod, northern bog aster, sage willow and the rare lesser fringed gentian, lend colorful blooms throughout the growing season, the last of which appear into October.

The wetlands also offer sanctuary to a host of waterfowl and migrating birds. Sandhill cranes, green heron, marsh wrens, coots, great blue heron, willow flycatcher and osprey are regular inhabitants. But birds such as the least bittern, American bittern and black tern can sometimes be glimpsed there as well.

Fish spawn there. Northern pike take advantage of the flooded mats of the wetlands’ grasses and sedges they need to lay their eggs, and the Iowa

darther and freshwater drum inhabit its streams. So does the rare Blanding’s turtle whose habitats span across the marsh.

“This wetland landscape is truly remarkable. It is one of the finest in the world,” said Cal DeWitt, professor emeritus at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, inspiring teacher, developer of the widely known AuSable Institute, former Town of Dunn Chair and world renowned environmental advocate. DeWitt, who lives on a glacial drumlin at the edge of the Waubesa Wetlands, has studied and

observed the area since taking up residence there in 1972. He has charted the changing colors of Deep Spring, watching as the purple bacteria seasonally decline, giving way to a bright green spirogyra algae that turns brown before dying out and yielding again to the purple bacteria. He taught his graduate class, Field Investigations in Wetland Ecology there for three decades, and has observed the peat mound fen behind his home gradually restore itself to native vegetation from an intentional planting of reed canary grass by his early neighbor Russ Clemans during the wide-spread drought of 1935-1936.

“Waubesa Wetlands has been assessed by significant institutions, organizations, and agencies that have conferred on the area its special status with regard to its quality and significance. They include the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), The Nature Conservancy of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Wetlands Association and the Regional Planning Commission’s Wetlands of Dane County,” says DeWitt. Waubesa Wetlands have been a protected area since 1974 when it was designated by the DNR as a State Scientific Area.

Joy Zedler, a scientist, retired UW Aldo Leopold Professor of Restoration Ecology, and recipient of Dunn’s 2016 Stewardship Award, also praised these conservation ef-

forts, stressing how this conservation effort works “from the bottom up”: “Not only is Waubesa Wetlands remarkable as a natural area, but so is the manner of its protection over the past decades. Citizens of the Town of Dunn voluntarily sell or donate their development rights, to create conservation easements that preserve important natural areas in perpetuity.”

Zedler referred to the many individual landowners living adjacent to the Waubesa Wetlands who have received conservation easements to protect the land they love and the ecosystem they passionately desire to protect. In retirement, she is advising wetland restoration projects around the country.

“Wetlands are so important, especially near urban areas where they are vital to filtering out surface runoff waters and maintaining a verdant habitat for people and wildlife alike. Moreover, many small wetlands have been lost to farming and development over the years, but these can be restored. This cannot be accomplished by mere legislation. What works best is when the people who own those lands take responsibility for their restoration,” Zedler said.

DeWitt calls this desire to protect and preserve “con-service” – a reciprocal service between those who live on the land and the Waubesa Wetlands – a service that works to our mutual benefit. Wetlands are a vital part of the ecosystems that support us and all life. The spongy carpet of sedge meadows, floating marsh, and fens – together with streamflow and continued groundwater support is vital to all life, including absorption and retention of rainwater and moderating the water supply, reducing both floods and droughts. And, wetlands protect water quality by sequestering nutrients (over long time periods), that would otherwise over-fertilize downslope streams and lakes.

Clean lakes and waterways are vitally important, DeWitt says: “Water is fluid and only temporarily contained – whether in our lakes, wetlands, living creatures, soils, clouds above, or ground water below. Yet it unites us and every component of the system that sustains us all.”

Town of Dunn Open Book

Open Book for property assessments is Thurs. April 20th from 3pm-6pm. Contact Associated Appraisal Consultants for an appointment at info@apraz.com or 1-800-721-4157. Please contact the assessor directly for questions about your assessed value and any corrections that are needed. Questions and corrections can be done by phone or email if you are not available for an appointment during Open Book hours.



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 bags
- 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 Andrea at the Town Hall at 838-1081 if you'd like to adopt-a-highway in the Town of Dunn.

Goodwill Industries Pick up

2017 Goodwill Industries pick-ups are scheduled for:
Saturday, April 15th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, August 5th from 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, December 2nd from 9 AM to 12 PM
 in the Town Hall parking lot.

A donation bin, provided by Goodwill, will be located outside of the Town Hall front door.

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

Compost Sites

Dane County

Dane County **no longer** offers finished compost materials at their yard waste drop off sites. Town of Dunn residents may still bring non-woody yard waste to the Rodefeld Site (hours and location below). 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 site, call Robert Regan at 266-4139.



Image from straightouttasomewhere.com

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

Town of Dunn

The Town of Dunn offers compost at its Transfer Site (see opposite page). If you would like to have the Town's loader scoop up compost for you and place it in your vehicle, the fee is \$10 per scoop. If you would like to scoop up compost yourself, there is no fee. Woodchips are also available at the Town Transfer Site for a fee.

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 countyofdane.com

2017 RECYCLING GUIDE



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. The Transfer Site will be open seasonally from April through November 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 \$4 without rims and \$5 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 the following police departments for more information:

McFarland Police Department: 838-3151

Oregon Police Department: 835-3111

Stoughton Police Department: 873-3374

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
- 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.

Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale Saturday May 13, 2017, 10 am - 2 pm

The City of Madison and RainReserve (a local company) are hosting a compost bin and rain barrel sale for one day only at the Alliant Energy Center. More information about the sale is available at cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm.

Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up

Thursday, June 15th & October 5th
(for residents with normal Thursday garbage service)

-- or --

Friday, June 16th & October 6th
(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, June 15th & October 5th or Friday, June 16th & October 6th (depending upon your normal trash pick-up day). These extra garbage pick-ups come 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 June 15th. The trash picked up on the roadside can be left out during the Extra Curbside Garbage Pick-up Day. See above for items that cannot be left out.

Spring Cleaning?

If you are thinking about cleaning out that cluttered area of your home, please keep in mind the following information from Pellitteri. Please call Pellitteri at (608) 257-4285 for more information on these topics.

- Pellitteri can offer quotations by phone for a temporary dumpster if you are undertaking a large cleaning project. They offer 6, 12, 20 and 30 yard containers to meet your needs.
- Need to dispose of furniture before or after the Extra Curbside Garbage pickup? Need to have appliances picked up? Pellitteri offers a flat rate pickup schedule for bulky items such as stoves, refrigerators or freezers with doors removed, hot-water tanks, furniture, electronics and other large household items. They can also provide you with the cost of disposing of bulky items and instructions for disposal.

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.

(Some fees and restrictions apply for certain electronics.)

Clean Sweep Wisconsin

Clean Sweep is a Dane County-operated facility to bring hazardous household materials like paints, pesticides, and rechargeable batteries. Some fees may apply, depending upon the materials. Clean Sweep is open during the following times:

Monday-Friday:
7 am - 2:45 pm

Saturdays:
8 am - 10:45 am

Closed Sundays and Holidays

Located at 7102 US HWY 12

Go to danecountycleansweep.com or call 838-3212 for more information.

Rural Preservation Program Celebrates 20 Years



Pictured above: Monument at Sinaiko Park, marking the first PDR transaction in Wisconsin.

On Earth Day, April 22nd, 1997, the Town of Dunn became the first local government in Wisconsin to accomplish a Purchase of Development Rights transaction. This first milestone was the result of several years' work by dedicated Town residents who wanted to preserve Dunn's unique landscape of farms and natural areas for future generations. Since then, our community has permanently protected 3,400 acres of farmland, prairies, wetlands and woods. Heading into our 20th year, the program remains very active. In just the last year, the Town of Dunn and Natural Heritage Land Trust have protected 6 new farms for just under 400 new permanently protected acres.

From the outset, one of the program's goals was to create a future for Dunn that community members could count on. Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) uses a conservation easement to permanently retire the right to develop a property, paying the property owner for their development rights. Unlike zoning or long range plans, a conservation easement is a *permanent* restriction. This enables farmers and landowners to make investments in their operations and properties with the security of knowing they won't be threatened by development a few years down the road.

Our program is exceptional and successful for a number of reasons, chief among them our partnership with the Natural Heritage Land Trust. The Land Trust's staff provides a wealth of knowledge and experience

that helps us navigate challenges and work to improve our program. Our partnership with Natural Heritage Land Trust gives us great confidence in the legacy of our Rural Preservation Program. Should the Town's priorities change in the future, we are secure in the knowledge that Natural Heritage Land Trust will steward the Town's protected lands for generations to come.

Our land protection efforts have thrived with the help of Town residents who have been generous with their time and donations. As we mark the 20th anniversary, we would like to thank the people who have helped grow our Rural Preservation Program into the nationally-recognized example it is today: farmers and landowners who have protected their land, new owners who purchase previously protected land for their commitment to continuing the land's preservation, citizens who have served on the Land Trust Commission, individuals and groups who have made donations, voters who have come to Town meetings to vote on properties for protection, and community members for their ongoing support. The Rural Preservation Program makes our community unique, and it is because of our dedicated community that it has thrived.

We plan to celebrate the Rural Preservation Program's 20th anniversary and look ahead to the next 20 years with celebrations on Saturday, September 16th from 12 pm to 3 pm at Sinaiko Park (corner of Lake Farm and Alma roads).

PDR 20th Anniversary Celebration

When: Saturday September 16, 2017, 12 pm to 3 pm

Where: Sinaiko Park (corner of Lake Farm and Alma Roads)

What: Celebrating 20 years of land preservation in partnership with Natural Heritage Land Trust.

Watch Town website for more information as the date approaches.

Help Keep the Lakes Clean: Prevent Illicit Discharge

In 2007, the Town of Dunn enacted an Illicit Discharge Ordinance, which makes it illegal to discharge pollutants to the storm sewer system or to waters of the state. The Town's Illicit Discharge Ordinance is required by the Clean Water Act. It is designed to help maintain and protect the quality of the water in our streams, lakes, and rivers. We are currently updating our ordinance to meet the latest standards. Contact Planning Director Erica Schmitz at 838-1081 ext 205 or eschmitz@town.dunn.wi.us with any questions or comments.

What does the ordinance prohibit?

Directly discharging an "illicit discharge" (anything that is not composed entirely of storm water) into the storm sewer system or into waters of the state is not allowed. Connecting any structure that carries any liquid other than storm water to the storm sewer or to waters of the state is also prohibited.

What do I do if I see a problem?

You can report suspected illicit discharges to the Town of Dunn at 838-1081 and to the WDNR Spill hotline at 1-800-943-0003.

What is the penalty for a violation?

Violations can result in a fine of \$100 to \$500 and the violator must also pay the costs of prosecution for each violation, including the Town's attorney fees.

What can I do to keep our lakes healthy and clean?

1. Keep litter, pet wastes, leaves and debris out of the ditches—these outlets drain directly to lake, streams, rivers and wetlands.
2. Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
3. Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly.
4. Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze. Do not hose them into the street where they can eventually reach local streams and lakes.
5. Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
6. Let us know if you see an erosion problem on a construction site.
7. Have your septic system inspected and pumped, at a minimum every three to five years, so that it operates properly.
8. Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.

Poet's Corner

by Town of Dunn Poet Laureate, John Herm

Slow Spring

Do you remember the year of the slowest spring?
When the grass stayed brown and wouldn't green
And the bluebirds came but wouldn't sing.

The trees held buds but nary a leaf,
And the flowers lay still in the ground beneath
From the frost that came most ev'ry night,
Though the sun shone clear and crisp and bright.

And all of us thought she'd never show,
We watched and we waited through dustings of snow...

But I remember the days when Spring finally came,
Then things seemed back to nearly the same.

For then all the birds sang the purest of notes
And the bluebells flourished 'neath the great oaks,
The greens from the garden so tender and nice
Tasted even better with watercress spice.

The daffodils bloomed their prettiest ever,
The scilla so blue and lasted forever...
The asparagus sprigs... had the best flavor
And that rhubarb pie... we'd just sit... and savor.

Do you remember the year of the slowest Spring?
With the best of things it came to bring.
Let's welcome Slow Spring [for always she'll grow]
To temper our patience of the world that we know.

Please Welcome Deputy Fox



Hello Town of Dunn residents, my name is Leslie Fox and I'm your new Community Deputy for the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Cindy Holmes retired in January 2017 and I took over her position.

I have been employed with the Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) since 1998. As with all deputies, I started my career in Security Services working in our three different jail facilities. In 2002, I completed my patrol training and was selected as a Community Deputy. For nearly 15 years, I worked at our West Precinct and was responsible for 5 townships in the southwest part of the county. As of January 2017, I'm working out of the Southeast Precinct and cover the Town of Dunn, Rutland, Albion, and Oregon.

Community Deputies are responsible for a variety of tasks. I work with ongoing chronic issues in the community that range from mental health, neighbor, elder, and juvenile/family issues just to name a few. I also participate in special events and additional assignments as needed.

I am also a presenter on numerous topics including: personal safety, home safety/crime prevention, dementia/autism and law enforcement and Care Trak.

I have numerous interests, and am a member of several groups/tasks forces in the Dane County community. I'm a member of the county and state TRIAD programs which strives to work with senior citizens and professionals to promote safety and crime prevention to older adults. I'm also a member of Elder Abuse Community Coordinated Response group and Hoarding Task Force.

Other groups I'm involved with include Mental Health teams, Parent Addiction Network, SAFE Kids, Joining Forces for Families teams in Stoughton and Oregon, and the Drug Endangered Children group. I'm also a Child Passenger Safety Technician and Certified trainer and Tracker for the DCSO Care Trak Program.

I look forward to many years at the Southeast Precinct and serving the Town of Dunn residents.

Sheriff's Report

The Dane County Sheriff's Office would like to remind people of a few basic crime prevention tips. We tend to see an increase in thefts and burglaries in the spring/summer months. Therefore, please keep the following information in mind.

Please make sure all vehicles, houses, patio doors, and garages are secured at all times. Most victims of theft have not locked up, allowing easier access to valued items.

Burglars can enter your house if your vehicle is left unlocked with the garage door opener or keys inside. It is best to keep your vehicle locked in a garage, if one is available.

Keeping an inventory of your property (including serial numbers and photos of property) is very helpful for reporting purposes in case you become a victim of a crime.

If you are on vacation, ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence. Arrange for someone to mow the lawn, gather your mail, newspapers, etc. It's also a good idea to contact the Dane County Sheriff's Office and have them conduct a vacation check on your house, free of charge, while you're away. In general, keep your bushes/shrubs well trimmed and your lighting sufficient enough to illuminate all sides of your house.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office would like any suspicious activity, noise, people, or vehicles in

your neighborhood to be reported AS SOON AS you see them. Vehicle description, license plate numbers, location, and direction of travel can be extremely helpful in locating and preventing further criminal activity in your neighborhood. You are the eyes and ears of your neighborhood and the information you share can be very valuable in making your neighborhood a safer and better place to live.

These are only a few tips to help prevent crime. If you're interested in further keeping your neighborhood safe, the Dane County Sheriff's Office can help your neighborhood set up a Neighborhood Watch. A Neighborhood Watch builds partnerships between law enforcement and citizens to address neighborhood concerns and works to build a greater "sense of community" by having neighbors get to know each other and work together. For more information on neighborhood watch, go to USAOnWatch.org.

Also, there are now free and private social networking sites you can set up for your neighborhood to better connect with people who live in your neighborhood.

To report an incident or suspicious activity, call 911 for emergencies and 608-255-2345 for non-emergencies. For Neighborhood Watch information, call Community Deputy Leslie Fox at 608-283-3964.

Vote Early March 13 - March 31

Photo ID Required to Vote

Poll workers and staff have been working hard to complete trainings, software upgrades for voting equipment, testing, and general preparation to ensure a smooth experience for voters on Election Day. Registered voters coming to the Town Hall on Election Day should expect brief wait times. Those needing to register should bring photo ID and proof of residency and should allow more time.



Early Voting by Absentee Ballot

A sign in front of the Town Hall will remind you to stop in!

If it is not convenient to vote on Election Day or during the Early Voting Hours above, stop in or call. We will be happy to help you with early voting at a convenient time, or absentee voting by mail.

Registration is available at the polls on Election Day and at the Town Hall in advance of the election. The MyVote website, myvote.wi.gov, has helpful information about what is on the ballot, where to vote, your voter history, and voter registration.

Registered voters who don't show an accepted ID will have the option to vote a provisional ballot. Common forms of ID accepted are a Wisconsin driver's license, military or veterans

ID, passport.

The Town staff will be happy to provide information about how to obtain a Wisconsin ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles for voting purposes. If you need an ID, please don't delay. Information is all available on the MyVote website at myvote.wi.gov/.

Where can I get my Wisconsin ID valid for voting?

The Department of Motor Vehicles at two of its locations. More information is available on their website dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm.

DMV Locations

Madison East Service Center
2001 Bartillon Drive
Madison, WI 53704

Madison West Service Center
4802 Sheboygan Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

Dunn voters who are elderly or disabled may consider applying now for a permanent absentee ballot by mail, which does not require photo ID.

More detailed information is available on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id.

Early Voting Hours		
Dates	Days	Time
March 13 to March 24	Monday to Friday	8 am to 4 pm
March 27 to March 31	Monday to Friday	8 am to 5 pm
*Voting and registration prohibited by state law on Monday, April 3rd		

New Oregon Area Fire District Chief, Glenn Linzmeier, Sworn In



Pictured above: Chief Linzmeier being sworn in.

Parks Update 2017

Over the past year, the Parks Commission, staff, and volunteers have continued their work to improve Town parks. One of the most dramatic changes that has taken place is restoring Dunn Heritage Park to a native prairie. This process of removing invasive species and seeding native plants is ongoing, but residents should be able to witness the beginning of the new prairie this year. Additionally, trees will be planted this year at Dunn Heritage to replace the ash trees that had to be removed due to an emerald ash borer infestation. The Town also recently received a grant to help assist with studying

Fall Event. Both events were well attended and we will be hosting both again this year. The Arbor Day Event will be held on Saturday, April 29th and you can find more information in the article below. Watch our website and Facebook pages, along for signs that will be placed around the Town with more information on the Fall Event, which will likely be held sometime in September.

The Town would like to thank Andy Mulhearn for constructing bat houses and a kiosk at Dunn Heritage Park as part of his Eagle Scout project. A special thanks also to Bruce Voigt and the McFarland Lions Club

for building bird houses for multiple Town parks. Finally, we would like to thank Don Schmidt for creating the new sign at Dunn Heritage Park and donating part of the costs. In addition, Don has been instrumental in organizing volunteers for seed-

ing this park and for working with the Madison Audubon Society to supply seeds to this project. Volunteers are essential to the success of our parks and it is inspiring to see so many Dunn residents volunteer their time to these projects.

As a reminder, motorized vehicles, including 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. We hope you are able to get out and enjoy our parks!



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how to best dredge the lagoon and inlet that is located off Lake Waubesa. More information about this dredging project will be published at a later date after more information is gathered from the study.

You may also see a few changes in other parks this year. The Rock Elm basketball hoop will be replaced at the end of Mallard Avenue and a new basketball court has been approved for Spartan Hills Park. This court will be the first basketball court in a Town of Dunn park.

The Town Parks Commission also hosted two community get-togethers last year – the Arbor Day Event and

Annual Arbor Day Potluck

WHEN: Saturday April 29th, 2017 4-6 pm

WHERE: Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B

Mark your calendars for the April 29th, 2017 Arbor Day Celebration! This annual event will take place from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Carol Heidenway will be receiving the Stewardship Award for building community in the Town of Dunn. She has volunteered with area senior centers, served on the Town Tree Board, has helped direct the Town's land use policies, and was involved in opposing the Libby Landfill. The speaker for this event will be Dan Smith from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Mr. Smith will



talk about his personal experience with agriculture and DATCP's work with farmers throughout Wisconsin. Brian Wahl, the WDNR Regional Urban Forestry Coordinator, will also present the Town with a 10 year Tree City USA award.

We will be having a potluck 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!

Tree Board Update

The Tree Board advises the Town Board and the Parks Commission on Town-wide tree issues which include promoting the Town's tree resource, planting & maintenance, and removals. The goal of the Tree Board is to help our community move our Urban Forestry program forward and to achieve a healthier, more robust public and private forest.

The Town has received a DNR Urban Forestry Grant for 2017. Projects under this grant include continued staff urban forestry education, providing information to the residents, creating a right-of-way inventory, enhancing our native tree seed bed resource, treating trees in our parks for disease, and planting native trees.

In January of 2016, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was confirmed in the Town of Dunn. EAB affects all ash trees. For more information please visit the Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer Information Source at: datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab.

You can help our urban forestry efforts in several ways:

1. Use the Town's transfer site for

brush and leaf drop off.

2. Follow DATCP's firewood rule (see link above)
3. Oak pruning restriction – no pruning from April 1st – October 15th per the Town of Dunn's Tree Ordinance, which can be found on the Town's website at: town.dunn.wi.us under Chapter 20
4. Attend the Town's Arbor Day Celebration on April 29th from 4pm to 6pm
5. Perform a tree inventory of your own property, know what you have – make it a family project.
6. Nominate a tree to be designated as a Town of Dunn Heritage Tree (Ordinance 20.03-5).
7. Join the Tree Board. The Tree Board is looking for a qualified applicant who has adequate knowledge and/or experience to contribute to the knowledge base of the Tree Board. If you have education or experience in arboriculture, horticulture, botany etc. and would like to serve, stop by the town hall and fill out the application form for consideration.

Walking Tour of Hook Lake - June 4th

Where: Hook Lake. Meet at Steve Greb and Julie Andersen's house 1714 Labrador Rd.

When: Sunday June 4th 2017, 3pm (rain date - Tuesday June 6th, 6pm)

What: Walking tour of Hook Lake. Guest presentations by: **Eric Carson** (WI Geological & Natural History Survey - *Geology & Landforms*), **Julie Widholm** (WDNR - *Wildlife & Land Management*), **Jim Welsh** (NHLT - *Land Preservation*), **Cal DeWitt** (UW Professor Emeritus - *Wetland Plants & Ecology*)

Hook Lake is the only softwater bog lake of its type in southern Wisconsin. The vegetation is almost completely native and includes many species uncommon to this area. The diversity of wetland and woodland vegetation offered excellent habitat for wildlife. Because of its bowl shape and higher surrounding terrain, one can stand on the shore and see and hear almost no signs of human activity.

Light refreshments will be served after the walk. The walk will be approximately 1.5 miles, some on the road, some in moderate-to-steep terrain grassland and woods. Wear hiking shoes and bring bug spray! RSVP not required but helpful for planning: email eschmizt@town.dunn.wi.us.

On the Road Again...

As the weather transitions from winter into spring, please know that the Town of Dunn highway crew will be busy fixing potholes. Patch will be applied to deep holes on a temporary basis, until the frost is gone and the ground settles so that a permanent patch can be applied.

Roadwork bids for 2017 are currently being considered. We will be grinding Alma Road, Henshue Road and Lake Farm Road. We have bid this project with the Town of Blooming Grove in regards to their portion of Lake Farm Road (from Meadowview Road to Libby Road). This project is estimated to take approximately three weeks to grind the road, grade, water and to repave. Please use an alternate route during the project for a faster completion date. We appreciate your cooperation!

Roads scheduled for sealcoating include Bible Camp Road, Camp Leonard Road, Crescent Avenue, High Street, Morris Park Road, North Court, Tower Road and Willow Court. If the

bid is favorable, other roads that will be considered for sealcoating are Exchange Street and Elvehjem Road. Additionally, we are bidding on an oil and pea gravel system as well as a GSB oil system (which doesn't require pea gravel.) Please keep in mind that the road is not driveable for approximately two hours while this process is being completed and the product dries. Residents will be notified in advance so alternative arrangements can be made.

Culvert replacements for this year include Hawkinson Road north at Greene Road, Lake Kegonsa Road by 1673 Lake Kegonsa Road, Lalor Road at Cty Hwy B, Rutland-Dunn Townline Road west of Labrador Road and Schneider Drive east of Hawkinson Road.

Just a reminder that the road right-of-way is generally 33 feet from the center of the road. This area is used by the town for road maintenance, snow removal, and water drainage. We look forward to keeping the roads safe and in good condition!