

The **TOWN OF DUNN NEWSLETTER** Spring 2018
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Views from the Chair

by Edmond P. Minihan, Dunn Town Chair

The geese are on the move, but the cranes are waiting until the sun gets stronger and the color green returns to paint the landscape. The flora sleeps but the fauna are active and about. We are on the cusp of Spring. She will return soon enough and bring the cranes with Her.



An owl, hoping that Spring is right around the corner.
 Photo Credit: Mark Jung, Town Artist in Residence

Spring is all the more glorious in the Town of Dunn because we get the perspective of open land, not trammled with building after building, blocking our view of the return of floral life. Think about this on your commute to heavily urbanized areas. Think about the mix that works to make our human society work. We need those urban areas for the work environments and cultural resources they provide. And we also need the natural environment that heals the souls of those who recognize the value of both.

There are those who do not see the splendor of nature. Our residents do not have a choice. The changing landscape is always before them when leaving and returning home. It is in the call of cranes and the sight

of cows grazing on newly energized grass, alfalfa fields ready for harvest, and farmers tending the land and husbanding their animals. All of that is set before us in the Town. It is why most of us choose to live here, and why many come to live in a place they know will support both the human and wild environments and will continue to find a path to balance the needs of both. The goal is, and has been, equilibrium and stability.

The above sounds like a flowery invocation of the hugging of trees, but it is real in the effect it has on our citizens. It is also real in what it does for the geopolitical unit known as the Town of Dunn. Some have recently paid property taxes and noted how

Events

Tuesday April 3rd
7AM-8PM:
 Spring Election

Tuesday April 17th 7 PM:
 Annual Town Meeting & Commissioner Appreciation Event

Wednesday, April 25th
3PM-6PM:
 Open Book (see page 3)

Saturday April 28th
4 PM-6 PM:
 Arbor Day Celebration

Thursday or Friday
June 7th or 8th
****and****

Thursday or Friday
October 4th or 5th:
 Extra Curbside Pickup (date follows your normal trash pick up day)

little of that tax bill stays in the town. A bit more than 86% goes to schools and County purposes. The remainder funds Town services. About 45% of the Town's general fund levy is spent directly on Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement services covering the Town. We have very little control over these expenses. Road maintenance, including plowing, resurfacing and repairs, consumes another 40% of that general fund levy. The Town keeps administration and planning costs to a minimum in part due to the unpaid volunteers who serve on commissions and do the work to maintain and beautify parks, prairies, the cemetery, and to host events like the (see *Views from Chair* on page 2)

TOWN OF DUNN ANNUAL MEETING

TUE, APRIL 17, 2018
7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Announcements and introductions by Chair Minihan
- II. Donations, if any
- III. Minutes – Special Town Meeting of October 10 and November 14, 2017
- IV. 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
- V. Financial Report
 - A. Sanitary District - financial reports
 - B. Treasurer's report - review 2017 audit
- VI. New Business
 - A. Consider approval of conservation easements proposed under the Purchase of Development Rights program
 - B. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch. 60.10.
 - C. Educational material on storm water management education as required by Section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code.
 - D. Present the Noxious Weed Notice.
 - E. Adjournment

Cathy Hasslinger, Clerk Treasurer
 Posted Feb 1, 2018

Do You Have a Town of Dunn Photo to Share?

by Cathy Hasslinger

If you have a few favorite photos that capture what you love most about living in the Town of Dunn, we would love to see them. We are working on a calendar featuring photos that highlight the best things about living in our unique and beautiful town. Twelve or more selected photos will be included and the calendar will be sold as a fundraiser for preserving open space. A complimentary calendar will be provided to each person contributing a photo that is selected for this project.

Photo images may show any season or time period. Subjects may include outdoor activities of all kinds, nature, architecture, agriculture, wildlife, landscape, water, people, or

any other photos taken in the Town. A photo will be selected for each month of the calendar plus front and back cover images. We will include "Photo by (name)" lines to give credit to contributors. Each person may submit up to 24 images. (see *Photos on page 2*)



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Views from Chair (Continued)

(continued from page 1) Arbor Day Potluck.

We sometimes hear that if the Town grew more, we could lower taxes. If that sounds tempting, have a look at the chart below taken from the Autumn newsletter last year. Faster growing municipalities pay higher taxes to fund that growth. The more developed Town of Madison has a tax rate that is two and a half times the rate in Dunn. Fitchburg is also a good example. They decided to grow. There is nothing wrong with that. The only issue is that governments need to be honest about what the cost of growth is. The Fitchburg local tax rate is more than three times the rate in our town.

Had we decided to grow, our town would have developed faster and more densely than Fitchburg. Look at the beauty of our lakes. There would have been tier after tier of development competing for the best view of the lakes from the higher ground. Many thousands of homes would have been built and as you can see from the chart below, many thousands of dollars would have been added to your local tax to fund roads and emergency services to those new homes. It is there in black and white. Most municipalities do not believe it even though they know what the figures are. Waunakee is an example of a municipality that understands the

dynamics of growth. It is possible for communities to grow efficiently, but it requires informed and enlightened leadership. The leadership of this Town, with your support, took that path less travelled, and it has certainly made all the difference.

The chart below shows local mill-rates for some municipalities in Dane County as reported on the www.wistax.org website.

2016 Equalized Mil Rates	
Town of Madison	6.30
Town of Cottage Grove	3.76
Town of Verona	3.69
Town of Dunkirk	2.98
Town of Rutland	2.82
Town of Blooming Grove	2.69
Town of Sun Prairie	2.61
Town of Oregon	2.59
Town of Middleton	2.52
Town of Dunn	2.51
Town of Pleasant Springs	1.33
Cities and Villages	
City of Stoughton	8.42
Village of Brooklyn	8.40
City of Fitchburg	8.35
Village of McFarland	7.27
Village of Oregon	5.50
Village of Windsor	4.89

Photos (Continued)

How to submit your photos:

Step 1) Attach up to three high-resolution photos to an email message with the subject line "Photo entry by (your name)" and send to: townhall@town.dunn.wi.us. Repeat if you wish to submit more than three images. If images are too large, you may have to send them individually. In your message, we would love to hear about where and when the photos were taken.

Step 2) Visit the Town website at town.dunn.wi.us and click on the "Photo Permission Form". Completing the form on the website will automatically send it to the Town. We can also email you a Photo Permission Form if you prefer. Permission may be needed from people featured in photos (if any) that are selected for publication.

Step 3) If your photo(s) are selected, you will be notified by email and we may ask for additional information at that time. Your complimentary copy of the finished calendar will be available at the Town Hall by December.

Submit photos from April through September 30, 2018.

"Flushable" Wipes Cause Major Damage to Homes in Dunn

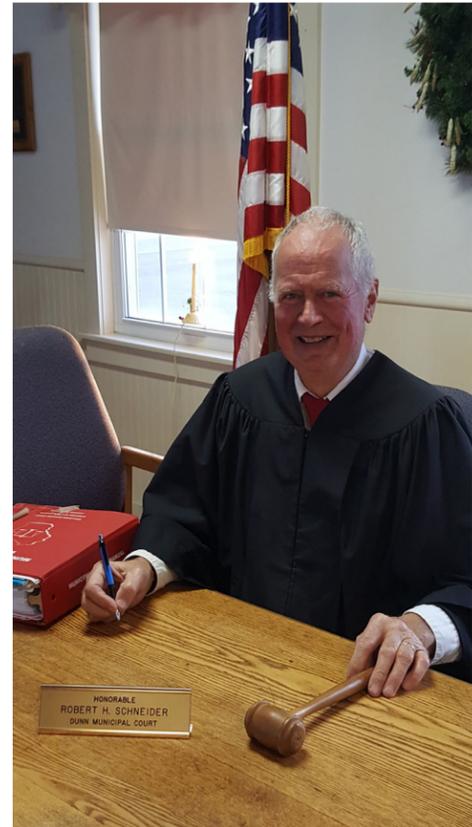


On Sunday March 4th, sewers backed up and damaged private homes due to a clog of household wipes flushed down toilets in the town. Baby wipes, cleaning wipes, facial cloths, paper towels, and other consumer products with a cloth like texture have become more popular and they are causing real damage to our sewer equipment.

For several years, some Dunn Sanitary Districts have incurred expensive repairs to sewer lift station equipment and spent more for outside companies to clean out wipes from the sewer mains. The costs and risks of flushing these products are shared by Dunn residents living in areas with sewer service.

Judge Robert Schneider Retires

For the past 23 years, the Town of Dunn has had the opportunity to work with Judge Robert Schneider in our Municipal Court. Judge Schneider was committed to helping others long before he began his position as Judge, serving as a McFarland Police Officer in the 1970s. He also served as a Court Officer in McFarland, Town Constable for the Town of Dunn in the 70s, and Municipal Judge for Town of Dunn 1983-1985. In 1995, retired from his other roles, he returned to the Town of Dunn in the role of Judge, continuing each term since being re-elected. Court is held one night a month for citations which are issued by the Dane County Sheriff Deputies, typically for traffic violations, but also citations issued for non-compliance with Town of Dunn ordinances.



Judge Schneider on his final day of court

During his time as Judge, hearing over 2,000 cases, Schneider is known for his caring and consideration. He exemplifies fairness and professionalism in our court, always listening and applying the law in a consistent and fair manner. His dedication to safety and compliance are evident in every case he hears, as he helps defendants to see how to prevent the same type of problem from occurring in the future.

While Judge Schneider has enjoyed helping others, he looks forward to a new chapter in his life, that of retirement. In his spare time, he enjoys being with family and friends. In addition, he enjoys the great outdoors, his cabin, hunting, and fishing.

If you see him around the Town of Dunn, please take a moment to thank him for his service!

Senior & Youth Centers

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

Fitchburg Senior Center
5510 Lacy Road
Fitchburg, WI 53711
608-270-4290

McFarland Youth Center
5114 Farwell Street
McFarland, WI 53558
608-838-3839

Stoughton Youth Center
567 E Main Street
Stoughton, WI 53589
608-877-9980

Oregon Youth Center
110 N. Oak Street
Oregon, WI 53575
608-886-9093

Some people may believe that if a product clears their toilet bowl, it's flushable. But wipes travel in the sewer main fully intact where they combine with other wipes and create solid blockages. Even brands that claim to be flushable create a problem.

Never Flush These Clog Causing Items:

- Flushable baby wipes, wipes of any kind, diapers, sanitary pads, paper towels.
- Hair, Dental floss, cotton balls, swabs, make up sponges, condoms, cigarette butts, chewing gum, food items.
- Flushable cat litter and dried waste from the litter box.
- Grease.
- Fish/snakes/little critters.
- Medication/supplements/drugs.

Save the Sewer, Put Wipes in the Trash, Not the Toilet

One Seed Farm Plants Healthier Future

by Meg Nielsen



Steve Lagman holds Rhoda, a Rhode Island Red, while his wife, Kelly, cradles Venus, a Barred Rock. Although the Lagmans raise two batches of meat broilers and some laying hens for eggs every summer for their CSA members, these chickens are kept year around. The hens in the coop behind them are ruled by a handsome rooster, Grayson, who started out as Gracie before he started to crow at 10 weeks. (Photo by Meg Nielsen)

Kelly and Steve Lagman know they won't live long enough to see the orchard at One Seed Farm grow to maturity, but in establishing their CSA on Lalor Road they hope to have planted something even more lasting – a healthier future. In just three years, the Lagmans have started a healing transformation on their 38-acre farm in the Town of Dunn – a transformation that includes 2,000 trees and 1,400 shrubs, vegetable gardens, mushroom beds, and a coop full of chickens.

"Someday this orchard will be beautiful as well as productive, but right now it is busy healing the land. And that is exactly what we want," Steve Lagman said. When they first purchased their property, a consultant assessed field soil loss and, while he pronounced that "really good" at a whopping 1.5 tons per acre per year, the Lagmans couldn't agree and knew they could do better.

Steve, an avid gardener, had studied polyculture farming and the permaculture/restoration agriculture practices of Mark Shepard of New Forest Farm near Viola, WI, as well as the organic urban farming of Will Allen, Growing Power, Inc. of Mil-

waukee. He has even traveled to Italy to observe farming methods there. As much as possible, Lagman put these ideas into practice at their 0.3 acre suburban Fitchburg home, but the couple knew they needed to try these exciting new methods in a larger space. Then they found the Lalor farm on Lalor Road.

"We knew right away that this was the place we wanted," Kelly said. They purchased the land from William Lalor's children in 2014, planted the orchard in 2015, built and moved into an energy-efficient house in 2016 and formally started their CSA last year. The past three years have been a whirlwind in which they, too, have grown, each assuming challenging new roles and responsibilities.

Last year was Kelly's first full season as a CSA grower. Coming to chicken raising and vegetable growing after working with non-profits

and coaching tennis, she welcomed the change, but is quick to add that it is demanding work. In the 12 weeks of their first formal CSA year in 2017, they supplied produce, egg, and pastured poultry to 12 regular members. They sold the remaining products in bulk, primarily to individuals and two local cafes.

Steve, who works as an anesthesiologist at Meriter Hospital, also finds new challenges in running the farm, managing several compost piles that generate a multitude of worms, and working with farm equipment. But it was his job at Meriter that led him to explore new healthier ways of farming and producing food.

"Like Michael Pollen, the author of *In Defense of Food*, I believe our food system is broken. Too much of what we eat is processed food that is not really good for us. In my job, I see the consequences that result from poor eating every day in the form of chronic illness and heart disease. I have always loved to grow things and the more I learned, the more I felt this

strong conviction to do something about changing the way we produce and experience food. Fresh, locally grown food is more flavorful and it is better for us. I think people deserve to know where their food comes from, what has been on it, and what is in it," Steve said. The prospect of growing healthier food for a healthier lifestyle, one seed at a time, inspired the farm's name.

"The orchard we planted is not a typical orchard. Yes, we have some fruit trees like apple and pear, but mostly we have chestnut trees, oaks, hazelnut and walnut trees,"

Steve said. Planted in a 60/40 ratio, the shrubs in the orchard include elderberry, currant, blueberry, serviceberry, cherry, aronia berry, seaberry, raspberry and mulberry.

"We wanted to plant shrubs with berries that birds, wild animals and chickens would eat and enjoy. We

want to work with nature, not defeat it," Steve added. Eventually, in addition to the moveable chicken coops, they hope to graze some domestic livestock like small pigs and sheep beneath their plantings. The manure from the animals, as well as the plant material from seasonal decay of grass and leaves, puts nutrients back into the soil, actually rebuilding it from the top down. Farms like these use the principles of a savanna biome as their template: tall trees, short shrubs, grazing land. Because of the surprising amount of food they can produce in a fairly wooded area, these farms are sometimes called a food forest.

So far, the Lagman's food forest includes chickens, eggs, mushrooms and vegetables like asparagus, rhubarb, onions, zucchini, tomatoes, garlic, and peppers, along with greens like spinach, mixed lettuce, and kale.

"There is a great market for chickens. Everybody wants fresh eggs and pastured meat," Kelly said. They keep 10 hens and one handsome rooster year round, all aptly named and clucking contentedly around their wire coop, even on the coldest January day. And, they have found success growing mushrooms in felled logs under the shady trees of the grove surrounding their 10-acre pond.

"Oyster mushrooms are the prettiest to grow. Shitake mushrooms are the most marketable and a clean growing type. But winecaps actually spread and are beginning to grow wild in our woods," Kelly said.

"We believe this is what modern agriculture should look like. While the food grown on our property is not certified organic, we adhere strictly to organic principles. We use no poisons or synthetic fertilizers to grow either the plants or animals we sell," Steve said. And, while he acknowledges that it is hard to walk the fine line between preaching and example, the Lagmans will continue to share the polyculture "gospel" of savanna biome, managed grazing, and roots always in the ground.

Town of Dunn Open Book

Open Book for property assessments is Wed, April 25th 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.

Come hear Kelly and Steve Lagman speak about their farm at the Town's Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 28th!

More information about Arbor Day can be found on Page 8



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, cereal, & cracker boxes (empty)
- Catalogs, magazines, phone books, envelopes, & junk mail
- Computer paper, office paper, and newspapers
- Holiday gift wrapping paper (no foils) & paper grocery bags
- Paper egg cartons & 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), tin & steel cans
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates, metal pots & pans
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)
- Small metal appliances (toasters, etc.) - not larger than a basketball
- Small metal plumbing fixtures & pipes (faucets, valves, pipes 2" - 12" long)

Non-Recyclable Items

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

Handling Leaves and Yard Waste

Whether it is Spring clean-up or Fall leaf raking, smart handling of yard waste can enrich your yard and protect nearby waterways. Avoid burning leaves.

Mulching

Mulching leaves and grass clippings by chopping them and spreading them on lawns and gardens provides the benefit of adding nutrients to the soil for a healthy yard and garden. For a moderate amount of leaves consider frequent mulching when leaf litter is abundant. Specialized mulching blades that double cut the debris as you are mowing are available for both riding and push mowers.

Composting

According to the Wisconsin DNR website, "Compost is an environmentally friendly way to create healthy soil for Wisconsin's landscape. Compost made from yard materials and other organics, like food scraps, can replenish soil with microorganisms and nutrients. Compost production also keeps yard materials and other organics out of Wisconsin's landfills, putting them instead to productive use."

Transfer Site

Drop off brush and yard waste at the Town Transfer Site. If you cannot make it to the drop off site when it is open, you may pick up a key at the Town Hall between 8 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday during the months of October and November. See page 5 for more information.

Roadside Pick-up

Designated areas adjacent to Lake Kegonsa will have roadside leaf pick up sponsored by Friends of Lake Kegonsa and Yahara WINS and provided by the town. Raking leaves to the shoulder of the road for pick-up is convenient and environmentally friendly. If your tax bill shows a \$4 fee for leaf pick-up, your address is in the designated pick-up area.

Goodwill Ending Pick Up at Town Hall

Instead, take donations to their new Stoughton location, or to other donation sites:

Goodwill: 1780 US HWY 51, Stoughton (by Pick N Save). Grand opening March 16
Dig & Save: 1900 S Park St, Madison. Open Monday - Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm
Easter Seals: 2124 S Stoughton Rd, Madison or 4201 Monona Dr, Monona. Open 24/7. Accepts Clothing
Salvation Army: 3030 Darbo Dr, Madison. Call 1-800-SA-TRUCK
St. Vinny's: 1509 HWY 51, Stoughton. Mon - Sat 9 am to 7 pm, Sun 11 am to 5 pm

TOWN OF DUNN'S

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

2018 RECYCLING GUIDE



Town of Dunn Transfer Site

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

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

**The Transfer Site will be closed on:
Wednesday, July 4th and Saturday, September 1st**

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.

Auto & Rechargeable Batteries - Household alkaline batteries 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 & unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be dropped off at local police departments. Please call these departments:
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: 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 12, 2018, 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 7th & October 4th
(for residents with normal Thursday garbage service)

-- or --

Friday, June 8th & October 5th
(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 7th & October 4th or Friday, June 8th & October 5th (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 7th. 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 household items. They can also provide you with the cost of disposing 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 that collects hazardous household materials like paints, pesticides, and rechargeable batteries. Some fees may apply, depending upon the materials. It is open:

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.

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.

Purchase of Development Rights Protects Our Investment

Many Town residents are familiar with the how the Town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program works. It's a voluntary program, and any eligible landowner can apply. Then, the Land Trust Commission and staff rank the applications and pursue a PDR transaction on the highest scorers. When an agreement is negotiated between the Town and the landowner, the detailed requirements of the easement are discussed so the owner understands her/his responsibilities. Once an agreement is reached, a conservation easement is recorded on the property's deed, and the landowners receive payment for the value of the easement. But what happens next?

Just as every property is unique, so is each conservation easement. While there is some language common to all conservation easements, each easement is carefully crafted to protect the valuable resources specific to each property, whether those values are agricultural productivity, open space, natural communities, or some combination of the three.

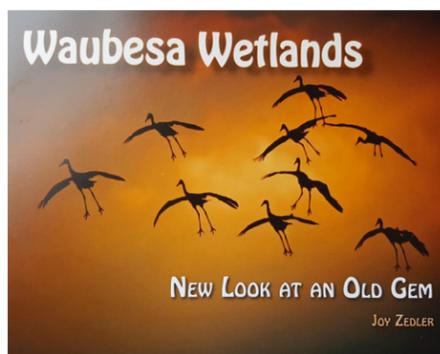
In addition to the conservation easement, a baseline documentation report is created for each easement. The baseline report documents the unique features of the property using photographs, maps and descriptions of the property. The photographs are taken at documented "photo points" so that the vantage point from which

the photo was taken can easily be found again.

The Town, as well as the other organizations that have contributed time and resources to the PDR program, has made a significant investment in each property protected by a conservation easement. In order to protect that investment, it's important to ensure the property's conservation values are protected and easement rules are followed. To accomplish this, Town and Groundswell staff visit every property in the PDR program annually to be sure farmland and natural areas continue to be protected and the restrictions followed. Our PDR landowners are dedicated to conservation too, and rarely have there been problems. But, if someone were to build in an area not designated for structures, or otherwise disobey the conservation agreement rules, the Town and Groundswell will work with the landowner to bring the situation back into compliance.

Groundswell brings a wealth of land conservation experience to our partnership. They have also agreed to uphold the values of the PDR program by committing to monitor and enforce our conservation easements forever. If the Town is ever unable to participate in the future, Groundswell will be there, ensuring that the farms and natural areas we've worked hard to protect will stay open space for generations to come.

Hot Off The Press! Dr. Joy Zedler's New Book



You will be delighted to read about the many interesting features, characteristics and benefits of the beautiful and functional Waubesa Wetlands. The photos and diagrams help describe the truly unique gem in our own backyard. Dr. Zedler has nominated the Waubesa Wetlands for recognition as a Wetland of International Importance with Ramsar.

You can pick up your copy of this book at the Town Hall by making a donation to help restore and maintain wetlands in the Town.

Suggested donation is \$20.

Rain Gardens for Cleaner Lakes and Streams

Homeowners in many parts of the country are catching on to rain gardens – landscaped areas planted to wild flowers and other native vegetation that soak up rain water, mainly from the roof of a house or other building. The rain garden fills with a few inches of water after a storm and the water slowly filters into the ground rather than running off. Compared to a conventional patch of lawn, a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak into the ground.

Why are rain gardens important? As cities and suburbs grow and replace forests and agricultural land, increased stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces becomes a problem. Stormwater runoff from developed areas increases flooding; carries pollutants from streets, parking lots and even lawns into local streams and lakes; and leads to costly municipal improvements in stormwater treatment structures. By reducing stormwater runoff, rain gardens can be a valuable part of changing these trends. While an individual rain garden may seem like a small thing, collectively they produce substantial neighborhood and community environmental benefits.

Rain gardens work for us in several ways:

- Increasing the amount of wa-

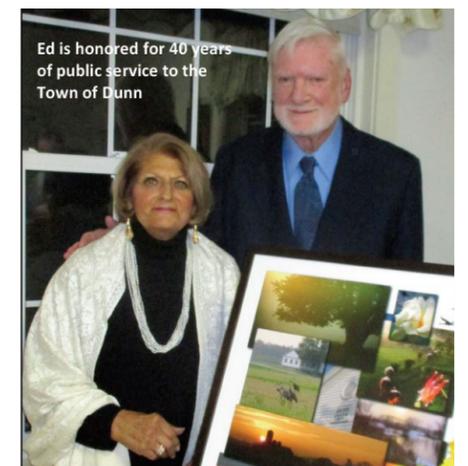
ter that filters into the ground, which recharges local and regional aquifers

- Helping protect communities from flooding and drainage problems
- Helping protect streams and lakes from pollutants carried by urban stormwater – lawn fertilizers and pesticides, oil and other fluids that leak from cars, and numerous harmful substances that wash off roofs and paved areas
- Enhancing the beauty of yards and neighborhoods
- Providing valuable habitat for birds, butterflies, and many beneficial insects.

There are several rain gardens in the Town of Dunn already helping to reduce stormwater runoff. If you are interested in learning more about installing a rain garden on your property, please visit: dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/documents/rgmanual.pdf. Town staff would be glad to print the manual for you if you visit us at the Town Hall. Thanks for doing your part to help keep our lakes clean.

McFarland Historical Society Accepts Donation In Honor of Minihans

by Jane Licht



Wes and Jane Licht donated \$4,000 to the addition of the McFarland Historical Society Museum in honor of Ed and Sue Minihan. A plaque was installed with more information about the Minihans. The McFarland Museum will be open to the public on Memorial Day from 10 am to 3 pm and every Sunday thereafter from 1 pm to 4 pm through September.

Don't Burn Leaves

According to the Wisconsin DNR, open burning is NOT an environmentally sound way to dispose of leaves and plant clippings. Leaf smoke can be an irritant to healthy adults, but it can be much more harmful to children, elderly, and people with health concerns. This is because the visible smoke from leaf fires is made up almost entirely of tiny particles that can reach deep into lung tissue and cause symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, chest pain and shortness of breath. Besides being an irritant, leaf smoke contains hazardous chemicals, including carbon monoxide and benzo(a)pyrene.

The Town's new Leaf Pick-up Ordinance 14.7 includes a ban on burning leaves in the designated roadside pick-up area. Burning is a source of



air pollution and ashes are a source of highly concentrated phosphorus. Even if the smoke and burnt leaves do not fall directly into the lake, storm water runoff can carry ashes and its associated phosphorus to waterways.

Ordinance 14.7

- Prohibits raking or moving leaves into any drainage ditch, waterway or shoreline.
- Prohibits keeping brush, rocks, animal waste, and other non-leaf material with the leaves placed for roadside pick-up.
- Allows for a special charge to be placed on tax bills of residents in the pick-up area to help offset up to one half of the Town's cost for the program.

The Town discourages burning leaves everywhere as they can smolder and create a nuisance for neighbors. The Town's local Ordinance 16.3 prohibits smoldering and nuisance fires.

Voting and Registering to Vote

Photo ID Required to Vote

Early Voting Hours		
Dates	Days	Time
March 12 to March 29	Monday to Friday	8 am to 4 pm
March 30	Friday	8 am to 5 pm
*Early voting also available by appointment. Please call 608-838-1081.		
**Voting and registration prohibited by state law on Monday, April 2nd		

Register/Check Your Voter

Registration: Registration is available at the polls on Election Day, with proof of residency. We encourage voters to register early by visiting the Town Hall or the MyVote website at myvote.wi.gov. Voters can also check their registration status and see what is on the ballot before elections at the MyVote website. Please contact the Town Hall if you have any questions.

Photo ID Required: Most voters will use a Wisconsin driver's license, passport, or Veteran's ID at the polls.

Out of state driver's licenses are not accepted. Visit the website elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id for more information about photo ID requirements.

Other Vote Early Options: You can call ahead for curbside voting assistance where a ballot is brought out to your car. If voting early in person at the Town Hall isn't convenient, consider requesting a ballot by mail or email. For more information about these options, call the Town Hall at 608-838-1081.

Wisconsin Quail Forever Chapter in Dunn

by John Severson

The Wisconsin Quail Forever Chapter would like to welcome Steve Small as our Habitat Chairperson. Steve lives on Schneider Drive in the Town of Dunn and has been with Strand Associates for 25 years as an environmental specialist. Steve has a wildlife degree from UW-Stevens Point. His contact information is 628-5159 or greenacres11@exede.net.

Our chapter will also have a booth at the Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo from April 6-8 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Alex Weber from the State of Wisconsin will be present to help with upcoming programs for spring. For further information or questions, contact John Severson at 692-0206.

Crime Prevention

by Deputy Leslie Fox

Hopefully the frigid temps and slippery roads are on their way out and Spring can make an appearance soon!

The Dane County Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies have been responding to numerous reports of stolen vehicles and thefts from autos throughout the winter. There are no signs of this slowing down, but you can help prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

Recent statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show a vehicle is stolen every 45 seconds and nearly 42 percent of these vehicles are never recovered. The estimated total value of vehicles stolen nationwide is more than \$5 billion.

There are simple steps to take to prevent your vehicle from being stolen. Many vehicles have been stolen because they were left unlocked and running. Never leave your vehicle unattended while it's running and always take your keys. Don't leave your keys in or on your vehicle. Close and lock all windows and doors when

you park, even in the warmer months.

Thefts from autos are also a concern year round. Again, you should always lock your vehicle doors and keep the windows closed. Park close to light sources, in highly visible areas. Limit the amount of personal information kept in the glove box or console to avoid identify theft. Remove expensive items or conceal items visible in your vehicle that might make you a target such as purses, laptops, GPS units, and loose change.

These types of crimes are often committed because the opportunity is there and the suspect sees the easy target of an unlocked vehicle. Don't make it easy for thieves and make it a habit to lock your vehicle and protect your valuables.

Always be vigilant of suspicious persons or behavior and call 911 right away if observed.

If you would like more information on these topics, please contact Deputy Leslie Fox at the Dane County Sheriff's Office at 608-283-3964 or fox.leslie@danesherriff.com.

The Teasel Story

by Wes Licht



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Europe. They earned their name as the spiky flower heads were used to comb wool, to 'tease' out the fibers prior to spinning, and to raise the nap on woolen cloth. In settlement times in America, the old flower heads with hundreds of seed compartments were dipped in water and then shook to sprinkle droplets of water on clothes before ironing. The plant produces a blue dye for fabric makers and the bristly heads are used in floral arrangements.

When you travel the highways in Dunn this time of year, you may notice groups of tall brown stalks with oval heads in ditches and pastures, along fence lines and other areas protected from mowers. In the Spring you will find large numbers of rosettes hugging the ground and growing in close proximity to these stalks. By midsummer, many new green stalks will have joined the old sentinels. Their oval flower heads will sport a horizontal row of countless small lavender flowers in the middle. New flowers will form rows growing simultaneously to the top and bottom of the flower head. This is the common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), a very invasive plant.

Teasel is easy to identify. It's a biennial spending its first year as a rosette making a big taproot followed by growing tall spiny stalks, up to 6 feet, with multiple flower heads producing seeds in its second year. Plants generally die after they set seed but the rigid stalks remain vertical for another season. Vigorous plants pro-

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Common teasel is an ecological threat. It is an aggressive plant on the DNR's Restricted* list in every county of Wisconsin. It thrives in open, sunny areas with moderately moist soil, but can tolerate both dry and wet conditions. It can be found along the roadsides and in a variety of managed and natural areas. Teasel can create large, dense stands and is a highly competitive plant in open, grassy habitats. Teasel, with its prickly flower head and leaf midrib, is not (see *Teasel on page 8*)

Diverse Programming for a Diverse Population

by Hollee Camacho

Are you within the expansive age range of 55 to 100+ years? And, are you...

- Retired or still in the workforce?
- Needing in-home support or providing in-home support to a loved one?
- Looking for entertainment or do you want to spur-up fun in a group?
- Driven to learn or driven to share your own knowledge or skills?
- Wanting to rev-up your health with a little laughter or exercise?

If you answered yes to any of the above, we at the Stoughton Area Senior Center encourage you to stop in, give us a call or check out our newsletter or website. And, if you still don't find something helpful or of

interest to you, we invite your ideas and assistance in reaching this ever-increasing, ever-changing diverse aging population.

The Stoughton Area Senior Center, a non-profit agency serves adults 55 years and older. All older adults are welcome to participate, aside from some services with area and eligibility restrictions determined by Dane County: case management (must reside in City of Stoughton, or Towns of Albion or Dunkirk), nutrition (must be homebound and live within the Stoughton School District), and transportation to meal site and shopping (also Stoughton School District).

Stoughton Area Senior Center:

Aging brings changes. We provide options. You make choices.

248 W. Main St. Stoughton, WI 53589
(608)-873-8585
cityofstoughton.com/senior

Parks Update 2018



Over the past year, the Parks Commission, staff, and volunteers have continued their work to improve Town parks. Prairie restoration work at Dunn Heritage Park is ongoing near the lake, but residents should be able to see new plants in the rest of the park this year. Forty trees were also planted at Dunn Heritage Park as part of a Dane County and DNR grant. Two additional trees, along with a park bench near Lake Waubesa, were donated by Susan Ring, in memory of her late husband, Tim Ring.

You may have also seen equipment going in and out of the northern section of Dunn Heritage Park. The Town Highway Crew conducted maintenance dredging of the pond and inlet this winter. This should open up the flow of the pond a little more to allow for northern pike to spawn here. The Town will be monitoring sediment build up in this pond and may perform future maintenance dredges when necessary. A parking area was also added along Tower Road for people visiting the park and benches were added throughout the property.

This year also marked a few additional changes in Town parks. The Rock Elm basketball hoop was replaced at the end of Mallard Avenue and a new basketball court was installed at Spartan Hills Park. At the Special Town Meeting in November, Town residents voted to sell the Town-owned property located at 4423 Goodland Park Road (also known as the

Popp Property/Old Station property). This property will be listed later this year.

The Town Parks Commission hosted two community get-togethers last year – the Arbor Day Event and 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 28th 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.

A special thanks to Jennifer Gleichauf for helping to plant trees in Dunn Heritage Park and for helping to install the basketball hoop at Spartan Hills. Also, thank you to Don Schmidt for organizing volunteers for seeding this park and for working with the Madison Audubon Society to supply seeds to the Dunn Heritage 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!

Annual Arbor Day Potluck

WHEN: Saturday April 28th, 2018 4-6 pm

WHERE: Dunn Town Hall. 4156 County Road B

Mark your calendars for the April 28th, 2018 Arbor Day Celebration! This annual event will take place from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Groundswell Conservancy will be receiving the Stewardship Award for protecting farmland and open space in the Town of Dunn. See *Purchase of Development Rights: Protecting Our Investment* for more information about Groundswell and the collaboration work with the Town. The speakers for this event will be Kelly and Steve Lagman. The Lagmans will talk about



their farming and orchard experience in the Town. Please see the article *One Seed Farm Plants Healthier Future* to learn more about their property.

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 Town of Dunn Tree Board welcomes its newest member: Tony Cole.

Tony and his family are new residents of the Town. Tony brings to the Tree Board valuable knowledge from his degree in Recreation Resource Management from UW-Madison. He is interested in using his education with courses in forestry, dendrology, and wildlife ecology to his role on the Tree Board.

This past year, the Town of Dunn urban forestry department has been working on numerous projects with the help of funding from a 2017 DNR Urban Forestry Grant which includes:

- Arbor Day Celebration

- Tree Ordinance update
- Education for Staff – arborist training, pesticide training and hosted a municipal chainsaw safety & maintenance training
- Road ROW (right-of-way) tree inventory
- Install & implement a Missouri Gravel Bed nursery
- Tree Maintenance - treatment, removals, trimming and planting

We have also been awarded a 2018 DNR Urban Forestry Grant which will provide additional funding for our Tree Board activities.

Teasel (*continued*)

(*continued from page 7*) palatable for livestock and has a negative impact on pastureland, hay fields and other agricultural fields. It can overwhelm domestic and native grassland species. Massive seed production and high germination allow it to quickly invade an area and out-compete other plants, creating a monoculture.

Controlling seed production of the teasel is the way to stop its spread and eliminate it. While teasel seeds remain viable for about two years, proper mechanical treatment or the use of herbicides for a couple of consecutive growing seasons can be extremely effective, especially if done when the population is small. Fortunately, most seedlings grow near the parent plant as the seeds are not widely dispersed, so plant groups are easily targeted.

Digging up the taproots of the rosettes during the early growing season works well, but care must be taken to take out all or most of the root system. If the teasel is in its second year, cutting the stalks at or just below the ground surface when flow-

ers are beginning to bloom is also effective. Mowing teasel is less effective since the plants can re-sprout and set seed, especially if they are cut too high. It is important to mow just prior to flowering, collect any immature seed heads and dispose of them, and periodically recheck for new growth after mowing. Care should also be taken to clean your mower on site to prevent spreading any teasel seeds.

The use of herbicides to prevent seeding is best done when the teasel is in the rosette stage. By combining chemical control with prescribed spring burns has been found to be most effective. For more information on control techniques, visit the Teasels factsheet by University of Wisconsin-Extension at learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/A3924-14.pdf.

*Invasives Rule – NR 40 terminology: Restricted - An invasive species already established in the state and cause or have the potential to cause significant environmental or economic harm or harm to human health ...

On the Road Again...

With spring around the corner, the Town of Dunn Highway Department will be attending to potholes. Typically, patch is applied to deep holes on a temporary basis, until the frost is gone. Once the ground settles, permanent patch can be applied.

Roadwork bids for 2018 are currently being considered. Roads to be reconstructed and repaired for 2018 include Lake Kegonsa Road and one half mile of Halverson Road. During construction of these roads, the route will be completely closed to traffic for the duration of the project. Please plan an alternate route during this time. We appreciate your cooperation. The other road scheduled for summer repair is Colladay Point Drive, which will not be closed during repair.

Sealcoating scheduled for 2018 includes the following roads: Beale Street, Berkan Street, Dorothy Drive (double seal), Henshue Road, Goodland Park Road and Waubesa Avenue.

A recent dredging project was completed to clean out the spawning ponds at Dunn Heritage Park. The material removed from the ponds will temporarily dry out on the green space at Tower Road until it is properly disposed of.

Culverts in the Town of Dunn are still being reviewed at this time.

Please remember to maintain a clear road right of way to assist with our upcoming summer mowing. The road right of way is generally 33 feet from the center of the road. Wishing you safe summer travels!