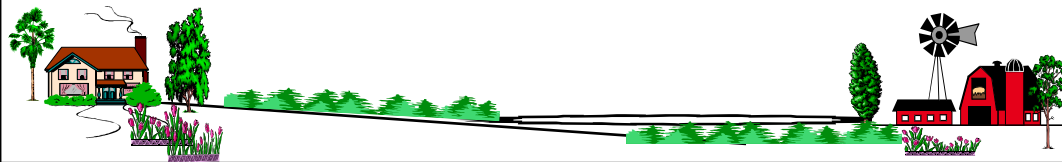


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Major Road Repair in the Town of Sun Prairie

Summer of 2011



2011 Sealcoat, Overlay and Reconstruction Projects - The bid process started in May. In this economy, efforts to provide good town roads with shrinking dollars was a challenge. The Town of Sun Prairie and the Town of Medina prepared joint bids for adjoining roads in hopes of securing the best value for the town residents.

There were four Reconstruction Projects, three Seal Coat, four 3" Overlay and four 2" Overlay bids.

Companies bidding on the 2011 Highway Projects were Struck & Irwin, Scott Construction, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Wolf Paving, Payne & Dolan, Tri County Paving, and Frank Brothers. The awards were issued at the June 13th regular board meeting.

- Sealcoat: Creek Haven Road, Kramer Court, Glen Oaks Circle, Marick Court, Parkview Drive, Manley Drive, Betlach Road, Stark Road, and Berlin Road.
- Reconstruction: Town Hall Drive, Ridge Road, and West Medina Road.
- 3" Overlay: Alvin Road, Torbleau Road, Helgeland Drive, Oakcrest Circle, Kenneth Court, and Norton Drive.

- 2" Overlay: LaRue Lane, Cardinal Lane, Hidden Meadows Drive, Garden Court, and Sylver Ridge Road.

Most of the construction is already started or complete. We do apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused you. We will all enjoy good roads for years to come.



The Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department has recently received a Federal Grant to provide smoke alarms and installation, free of charge, to those in need in our Fire District. This program will provide 10-year Lithium

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Town Hall Office
Summer Hours

Clerk & Treasurer

Monday—Thursday

9 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Closed on Friday

When you need assistance on Friday please call Cindy (608) 333-3973 or Jo (608) 220-8590. We will do our best to serve you.



**PROJECT 2000 - THE TOWN OF
SUN PRAIRIE NATIVE PLANT
PARK RECEIVES A FOUR YEAR
COMMITMENT OF FUNDING
FROM THE WISCONSIN GARDEN
CLUB FEDERATION AND NOW
HAS A NAME FOR THE PARK -
GENERATIONS PARK!**

By Joe Powelka



Above: S Lowell, M Brooks, Diane and Joe Powelka

In November 1994, Diane & Joe Powelka approached the Town of Sun Prairie Board and received approval for the development of the woods surrounding the old town dump site as a native plant park. Since that time six Eagle Scout projects have been completed in the park along with over five hundred hours of community service logged by alternative education students and other youth organizations, Master Gardeners, Sun Prairie Garden Club and Wild Ones members as well as by Town residents. Four National Garden Club Federation grants and two local grants have supported plant, split rail fences, permanent name tag and equipment purchases, rescued native plants have been provided with new homes in the Park and two native plant work shops have been held.

For the last two years, the north end of the Park has been largely under water due to high water tables in the ground and the blockage of a field drain system on the property north of the site. Progress on Park development, as a result, slowed to a standstill. However, the plugged drain tile is being addressed by the Town Board and a new funding source has been awarded to the Powelka's for the continued development of the Park. The funding source has been reviewed with the Town Board and they have given approval to seven of the nine newly submitted restoration projects.

Incoming Wisconsin Garden Club Federation (WGCF) President Marion Books has selected the Park as her President's Project for her two-year term. First Vice-President Sylvia Lowell is committed to continuing that effort for her two-year term following President Books term. Potentially, the Park could receive between \$5-10,000 in income to support the restoration initiative. The President's Project was approved at the WGCF State Convention in Waukesha on May 3rd and President Books and First Vice President Lowell have been traveling the across the state to initiate their terms and to solicit funds for the Park Project.

On June 9th, President Books and First Vice President Lowell held a press conference at the Park and presented the Powelka's with a check for \$1,200 for the Park. That money has now been combined with the approximately \$700 that the Powelka's had in reserve with the Sun Prairie Garden Club and a checking account has been opened by Roger Fetterly. As a part of the process of opening a checking account, a name had to be agreed upon in order to get a federal ID number. The name arrived at is 'Generations Park'. The name represents the generations of local settler's families that make up the Town of Sun Prairie and the State of Wisconsin. In addition, the name focuses on

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the educational and environmental opportunities available to future generations of Sun Prairie residents. Generations Park is a name that slights no family, everyone is recognized. In addition, we are acknowledging the numerous generations of native plants that inhabit the area, in the past and into the future.

The Powelka's are in the process of producing plans for the first project funded by the new money, a new entrance for the park that suggests 'park' as opposed to private land. They hope to have a design by the end of August and start construction in September.

As part of the continued expansion of the organizational process for Generations Park, a Friends of Generations Park is being organized with Diane Powelka currently serving as it's Chairperson and Roger Fetterly as it's Treasurer. The Friends are looking for additional Town residents to join us in this effort to create a native plant preserve and a Town park for our residents. We welcome all ideas, financial support and volunteer labor to assist in this effort. In particular, we are looking for someone with a skid-loader that could provide about a day of powered support to clear some area along the entrance road. For additional information or to donate time or funds, contact Diane at 837-6308 or at powelka@chorus.net.



INTRODUCING YOUR NEW TOWN CLERK, JO ANN RAMSFIELD....

As a forty year resident of the Town of Sun Prairie, I face the same issues as you. I am pleased to be the bridge between town government and county/state government. I am a personable reliable woman whose main objective is to satisfy the person/people who need the assistance that I can provide.

Serving the residents in the Town of Sun Prairie is my highest priority. I will strive to answer your questions and concerns promptly. When a detailed follow-up response is necessary, I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I am a natural organizer with a lifetime of clerical management skills. My interest in computer and digital technology helps me be more effective on the job.

My promise to you, my constituents is to serve you to the best of my ability.

Personal Statistics:

Married—Spouse: Jeff

Children: Jamie, Jim, Jen—Grandson: Aidan

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battery smoke alarms that DO NOT require yearly battery changes. Please follow the checklist below to ensure you qualify for this program:

REQUIRED:

I live in the City of Sun Prairie, Town of Burke, Town of Bristol, or Town of Sun Prairie

I own the home that I live in

1 of 3 REQUIRED:

My household consists of residents that are 65 years of age or older

My household consists of residents that are 5 years of age or younger

A resident of my household is deaf or hard of hearing

My home is more than 30 years old with smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old

If you qualify based on the above information, are willing to participate in this program and the follow-up interview, please contact the Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department using the contact information listed below:

awhite@cityofsunprairie.com with subject line "Smoke Alarm"
www.cityofsunprairie.com then click on Fire Department

TOWN SEEKING APPLICANTS

A Few Citizens to Serve on the Town of Sun Prairie Plan Commission

The Town Board is looking for residents who are interested in the future of their community to serve on the Town Plan Commission. The Town believes that citizens have valuable knowledge, skills and experience to contribute to the community planning process. The Plan Commission holds regular meets on the 3rd Monday of each month and occasionally has a need for additional meetings. Individual applicants who can make a commitment of 1 or 2 evening meetings per month will be considered for appointment to a 3 year term.

The function of the Plan Commission is to administer, amend and revise the Towns Comprehensive Plan which addresses the following elements:

Changes in Land Use (Rezoning)	Housing
Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources	Economic Development
Utilities and Community Facilities	Transportation
Intergovernmental Cooperation	Implementation

The majority of the each Plan Commission meeting is spent in reviewing proposals for rezoning and development and making recommendations to the Town Board.

Any town resident interested in serving on the Town Plan Commission may contact the Town Clerk, Jo Ann Ramsfield, at 837-6688 for an application or more information. Applications should be returned to the Town Clerk.

Town Board Members approve the
reappointment of Al Meyer
to the Plan Commission for another three
year term. Thank you for serving!

Current population:
2,410

Town of Sun Prairie is
28.80 square miles.

1.4% of the land is
used for commercial,
industrial or institu-
tional.

8.5% of the Town is
residential segment

90.13% of Town is in
agriculture, wild land,
open space

From the Treasurers Desk....Lottery Credit 101:

A resident of the Town of Sun Prairie qualifies for a lottery credit on their real estate tax bill if the resident lived in the home on January 1st, and that home is considered their primary residence. The amount of the credit is different for each school district, of which there are three school districts within the Town borders. The credit is listed on your real estate tax bill just above the Net Property Tax line. When you receive your tax bill in December, please verify that you have the credit listed if you believe you qualify. If you do not see the credit listed, call me at 837-6688, and I will look into the matter. The sooner I hear from you regarding any sort of discrepancy on your bill, the sooner I can make the correction and notify Dane County. I do not recommend waiting until the last week before the due date to give me a call as the office is extremely busy.



DENNY IS RETIRING

After 28 years of dedicated service to the Town of Sun Prairie, Dennis Farrell is retiring. His knowledge and expertise has been an invaluable asset for all the residents of the Town. He has been a great employee who really takes pride in his work and makes sure the job is done right from start to finish. One of his main objectives has been to provide safe and decent roadways while being responsible to the taxpayer to get the maximum value for our dollar. We wish Dennis a wonderful retirement, and hope he “enjoys” the next snowfall from the other side of his living room window. Congratulations Denny!

“KASKI PARK”

For many years Wayne Kaski, of Schey Acres, has kept the property at the corner of Lonely Lane and Hwy N looking like a park.

He doesn't own this property

He doesn't ask for help

To express the Town's appreciation a sign was placed on the top of the town bulletin board on Lonely Lane.

He is an example for all of us to follow.

HOME
TOWN
HEROES

THANK YOU TO SCHÖNHEIT GARDENS...

KELLY AND JAKE YELK....

December 2010 we published an article in our town newsletter asking for volunteers to help with the Town Hall landscaping updates. Beyond our expectations Schönheit Gardens donated a gift certificate for plants. All we had to do then was to wait for volunteers, good weather and the time to do it...time passed and passed again...then the heat came...will this project ever get done?... Feeling pretty good about office projects under control the plantings were chosen, a planting blueprint, and two volunteer helpers the updated landscape took shape. The helpers didn't quit when the plants were in the ground. They continue to come every other day to water the plants. Wow!! A big THANK YOU to Kelly and Jake Yelk for a job well done!



Above: Jake & Kelly Yelk

BRUSH DROP OFF

There is an area to the north of the salt shed where you can drop off brush from your property. This would be for tree and bush trimmings, downed limbs after a storm, etc. This **does not** include lawn clippings. We request that you please drop your brush off on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Our road patrolmen like to clear the brush away on Monday mornings to keep the area clutter free for any work they may need to do in that area throughout the week. Also, if you choose to transport your brush using plastic bags, please empty them out and take the plastic bags with you.

INTERESTING BITS !

REDISTRICTING

Redistricting associated with the 2010 US Census only slightly affected the Town of Sun Prairie. The entire town is now represented in Dane County District 20 by Duane Gau. The town retained three wards with only slight changes to the ward boundaries.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are issued by the building inspector, Chris Butschke of Independent Inspections, Ltd. He is in the office on Monday mornings from 9 – 10 a.m. Chris may also be available at other times during the week by appointment, as his schedule allows. He can be reached at (608) 576-6371.

Permits are **required** when your project involves an addition or change to the footprint of your house or an accessory building, or if you have any electrical, heating, or plumbing work done. Examples:

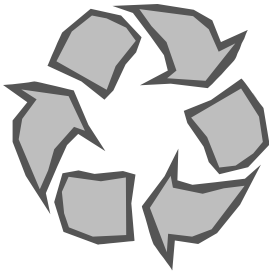
Exterior work: Adding a screen porch or deck, replacing windows or doors with different sized windows or doors, building a new structure, or installation of a swimming pool.

Interior work: Replacing a furnace or central air, finishing or remodeling a basement, remodeling a bathroom or kitchen, moving walls, or installing a woodstove or fireplace.

Permits are **not required** for siding or roof replacements, installation of sidewalks and flat work, or changes to floor coverings.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE TOWN WEBSITE & FACEBOOK!

www.townofsunprairie.info is the site to be checking out! The Town has had a website for many years. Since the retirement of its' former webmaster (Thank you Bob Quick!), Cindy Yelk has now assumed the role of webmaster (please be patient with her – this is new territory). If there is anything you would like to see on the website, please contact her at treasurer@townofsunprairie.info. We would like this website to grow into a tool that is even more useful to our residents than it has been, given this new world of technology. Also, Cindy has set up a Face Book page for quick little informational tidbits we would like you to know. Like us on Face Book, and you will be on the inside track for information regarding emergency road closures, out of office hours, garbage collection changes, etc. Our goal is to put you in the know!



Town of Sun Prairie Recycle Collection For The Remainder of 2011

2011 Pick-up Calendar

Remember: if there is a holiday during the week,
pickup will be on SATURDAY!

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North of county T

August—12 & 26

September—10 & 23

October—7 & 21

November—4 & 18

December—2, 16, & 30

South of county T

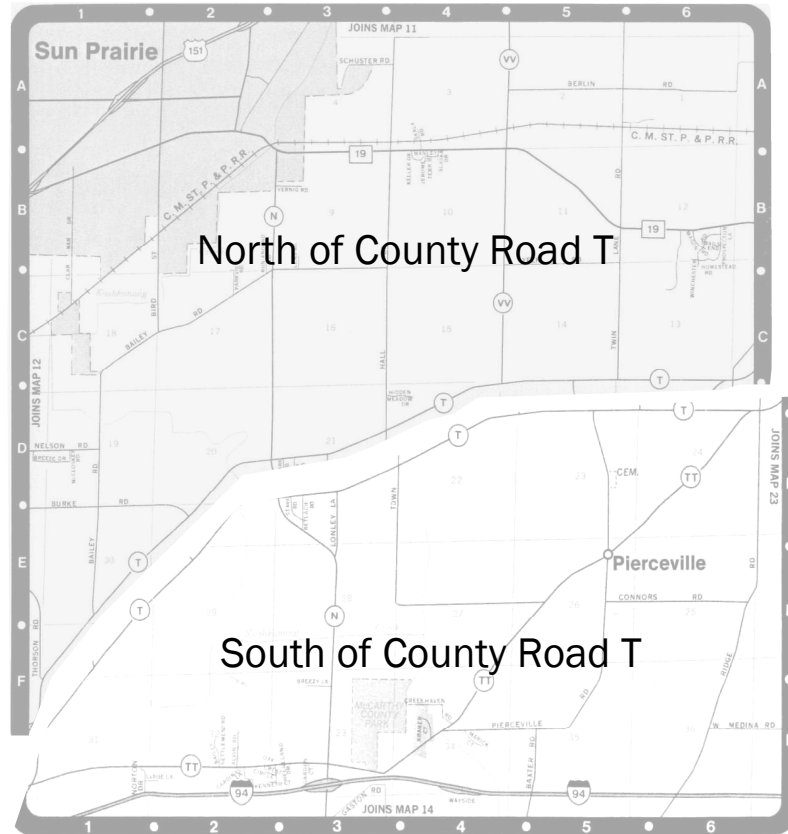
August—5 & 19

September—2, 16 & 30

October—14 & 29

November—11 & 26

December—9 & 23



Trash pick up is
every Friday!!

The map is slightly offset to better help
residents determine the area they are in.

*****TOWN HALL RENTAL*****

Looking for a place to host a family gathering, card party or meeting? Our Town Hall is available to rent for little money, AND, you don't have to clean it beforehand! What an added benefit. The Hall is approximately 48' X 18' (up to 24') and can seat around 65 people. A conference table, twelve fine dining tables, and many, many chairs await your arrangement. The kitchen boasts a new fridge, microwave, and range. Several other amenities are also available, and the décor is something to be seen by all your friends and family! How many places can you go where you can make over 200 cups of coffee at one time! Call us up and rent this dream location for your next occasion. We can be reached at 837-6688. Rental rates are as follows:

Town Resident – personal use—\$40/day

Town Resident – business use—\$75/day

Non-resident – personal or business use—\$100/day

Youth and Governmental Groups—no charge

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Contacts

Fire, EMS and Sheriff Emergency	911
Sheriff NE Precinct non-emergency #	266-3456
Lyle Updike, Board Chairperson	837-0069
Vernon Pogue, Board Supervisor	837-6749
Doug Yelk, Board Supervisor	333-3974
Jo Ann Ramsfield, Clerk	837-6688
Cindy Yelk, Treasurer	837-6688
Jerry Hahn, Constable	837-9860
Waste Management, trash & recyclables	273-2500
Burn Permit (answering machine)	837-5066
Dane County Planning & Development	266-4266
Building Inspector	1-800-422-5220

BOARD & PLAN COMMISSION MTGS.

The Town Board's regular monthly meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 5556 Twin Lane Road.

Meeting notices, ordinance adoptions and other information are posted on the website and three town bulletin boards. The bulletin boards are located at the Town Hall, and on Town bulletin boards at the intersection of CTH N and Lonely Lane and at 4167 CTH TT.

Building Permits & Ag Site Permits are issued by the building inspector, Chris Butschke. He has office hours at the town hall on Monday 9-10 a.m., 837-6688. He is often in the area and will meet with residents at other times. He can also be reached by calling 1-800-422-5220 or 608-576-6371. **Dane County** requires a zoning permit for all new structures and additions. The phone number is 266-4266, Rm 116, City County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison.

We're on the Web
www.townofsunprairie.info