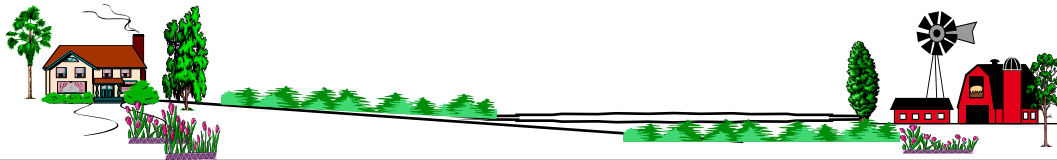


# Town of Sun Prairie Newsletter

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Photo to the right: Flooding of  
Twin Lane Road Summer 2008.



## New Community Deputy

Deputy John Nelson is the new community deputy assigned to the Town of Sun Prairie. At a recent Board meeting he called attention to two programs that he would be interested in developing for residents of the Town. Those programs are Neighborhood Watch and Project Lifesaver.

**Neighborhood Watch** is one of the oldest and best-known crime prevention concepts in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. Neighborhood Watch counts on citizens to organize themselves and work with law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities, while demonstrating their presence at all times of the day and night. Deputy Nelson has offered to help with the setup process of watch groups.

## FLOODS OF 2008... JUST A MEMORY?

The Town highway crew found June 2008 to be as trying as January and February. It was not the snow, but the abundance of rain that created problems for the town infrastructure. The office was tallying private damage reports and forwarding information to Dane County Emergency Management. We were also tracking, documenting and preparing reports on public damage. Twin Lane Road was closed for 8 weeks. The Town has filed a claim with FEMA for approximately \$123,000 for damages to culverts, roads, washed out shoulders, wages and administrative costs. The water table continues to be high so it may be an interesting spring thaw.

**Project Lifesaver** is an innovative and rapidly growing program aiding the victims and families suffering Alzheimer's disease and related disorders such as Down's Syndrome and Autism. Project Lifesaver uses state of the art technology employing wristband transmitters to locate wandering and lost adults and children.

**GENERAL ELECTION -****NOVEMBER 4****November Election Statistics**

I was very pleased with the turnout and the smoothness of the election on November 4. I want to thank the poll workers; everyone worked together to make the day a good experience the electors. You may have noticed a number of new faces at the tables that day. I used the entire election inspector staff and had new staff also. 1249 people voted, 281 absenteers, including one military and two overseas voters. We registered 78 people prior to Election Day and then 155 more on Election Day. Hats off to all the people who worked on November 4<sup>th</sup>. What a Team and hats off to all the Voters!

**Election of Local Town Officials**

Notice is hereby given that there will be an election, April 7, 2009 for the following town officers: Chairperson, Supervisors (2), Clerk, Treasurer and Constable. Nomination papers are available at the Clerk's Office, and can be circulated beginning on December 1, 2008. A minimum of 20 signatures of Town electors is required to place a name on the ballot. The final date for filing these papers is Tuesday, January 6, 2009. If a primary were necessary it would be on Tuesday February 17, 2009. All terms are for two years and begin on April 14, 2009. For more information on the responsibilities, please feel free to contact the clerk at 837-6688.

**Election of School Board Members**

Nomination papers for School Board members are also available at the various school district offices. The time frame for signing and filing is the same as with local officials. Call the school district office for more information.

# Bits & Pieces

**Holiday Trash collection:**

when holiday is weekday pickup is on Saturday.

**Christmas tree collection:**

Thursday, January 8th and 15th, 2009

**Town of Sun Prairie estimated population for 2008:**

2,390 residents

**Town of Sun Prairie recycling grant:**

\$22,267.64

**Dog License Fee Increase:**

Neutered/Spayed \$11.00

Males/Females \$16.00

Kennel Fees (1-12 dogs) \$50.00

(ea. additional dog over 12) \$10.00 ea.

**Backup Plow Driver Needed:**

We are looking for a backup snowplow driver, hours dependent on the weather. Call the office or stop by and leave name and phone number.

## *MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWN TREASURE ...*

I would like to take this opportunity to address some issues I noticed during last years tax collection. I can only accept checks made payable to the **Town of Sun Prairie**. The Town of Sun Prairie and the City of Sun Prairie are two different municipalities. If your mortgage/escrow company makes the check payable to The City of Sun Prairie, **The City** needs to endorse the check over to the **Town**. An even bigger consideration in regard to this issue is if I receive a check made out to another municipality near the end of the month, you may miss the payment deadline while trying to get the error corrected. If you were one of the residents with a check made payable to **The City**, please contact your mortgage company to get this corrected. Better safe than sorry.

If you are listed as a payee on the check, you need to endorse the back. The bank will likely send the check back to me for endorsement, which in turn may make your payment late.

**The Treasurer will be available for tax collection on following dates:**

**Dec 22, 23, 26, 29,30 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Dec 31— 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Jan 27,28,29,30 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Jan 31 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

## Hills, Curves, Intersections and Stop Signs

You may have heard there may be a shortage of salt this year. The heavy demand last year is blamed for depleting the inventory along with the desire to have enough for this winter. When necessary the highway crew will be salting and sanding only the hills, curves, intersections and stop signs. They are asking people to **slow down and drive cautiously on winter roads**

The price of salt has risen from \$41.72/ton in 2007-08 to \$46.35/ton for 2008-09 this year. We have a good supply of salt for this season, 240 tons with an additional 210 tons in reserve. Part of that reserve is from a second supplier and will be over \$60.00 per ton. But we have found it is important to have at least two suppliers. But due to the higher costs and the anticipated snow fall amounts we will be stretching our supply by mixing with sand right away.

## FROM THE TOWN BOARD & PLAN COMMISSION...

### Town Board Update

October was budget work month for the Town Board. The increased costs of salt and fuel during 2008 along with the added costs of flood recovery made for a costly year. The Board is planning no highway construction for 2009 and

minimal maintenance. The Board is involved in arbitration issues with the Village of Marshall concerning the EMS District.

### Plan Commission Update

The Plan Commission and Town Board recently completed the process of amending the Comprehensive Plan. The Land Use Plan allows creating eleven (11) new residential lots per year. At this time there is no waiting period. The Land Use Plan continues to promote the preservation of the farmland within the Town. The Plan commission is currently reviewing the Land Division Ordinance and will be recommending necessary revisions to the Town Board.

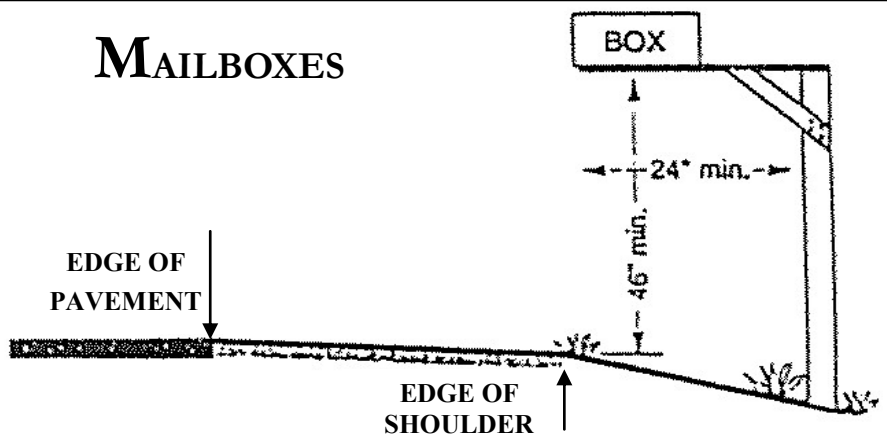
## Stay 200 Feet Behind Snowplows

You might think that the biggest risk of collisions involving snowplows is getting hit by one. In fact, most wrecks occur when other drivers rear-end plows, according to the State Patrol.

Snowplows often have to stop or slow down if they encounter an obstacle. With winter on its way, police are reminding people that state law requires drivers to stay at least 200 feet behind a plow. Following closer not only risks crashing, it may cost you a \$161 ticket. (State Journal 11/18/2008)

## DRIVEWAY PLOWING

PLEASE help us keep taxes down: **do not** push snow across the road when plowing your drive. The hard bank of snow left behind damages plowing equipment. These costs come back to you through your tax dollars.



Make sure your mailbox and post are secure. Flying wet snow from the plow can easily push one over. If you are replacing a mailbox, consider a black one, as they are easier to see in a snowstorm.

The front of the box should be aligned with the outside edge of the shoulder. (The shoulder is the gravel portion of the roadway.) Under no circumstances should the roadside face of the mailbox project onto the usable shoulder or onto the traveled way of the road.

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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       |
| Claudia Quick, Clerk                | 837-6688       |
| Cindy Yelk, Treasurer               | 837-6688       |
| Jerry Hahn, Constable               | 837-9860       |
| Waste Management, trash & recy.     | 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 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 5556 Twin Lane Road.

The Plan Commission meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Periodically it has been necessary to change the dates and times because of conflicts. You can confirm the meeting date and time by checking the posted meeting notices or the official publication in the weekly

Sun Prairie newspaper, The Star. You can also check the town website or call the office.

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, the north-west corner of CTH TT and N and west side of Lonely Lane near the intersection with CTH N.

**Building Permits & Ag Site Permits** are issued by the building inspector, Chris Butschke. He has office hours at the town hall on Monday and Friday from 9-10 a.m., 837-6688. He can also be reached by calling 1-800-422-5220. **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.

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