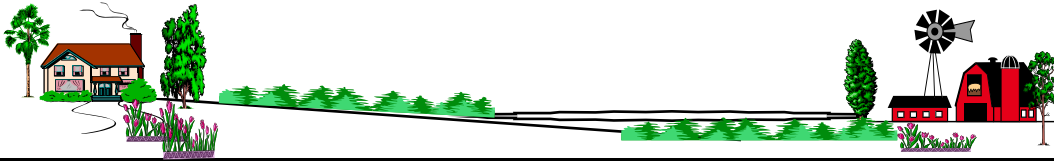


# Town of Sun Prairie Newsletter

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## TID BITS

*The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is discontinuing annual mailing of income tax forms. Forms and instructions for 2011 will be available online at the DOR website and at participating libraries.*

*New 2010 census figures show those born in Wisconsin tend to remain here. In 2010, 72.1% of state residents were born in the Badger State—more than in all but four states.*

*The Town of Sun Prairie has a population of 2326 per the 2010 census and 1370 registered voters.*

## Town of Sun Prairie Trash/Recycle Collection Change March 1, 2012

### Trash pick up will be every Thursday!!

Waste Management has asked the Town of Sun Prairie to change the day for collection. The last change was two years ago when the town went with the automated collection. In an effort to better serve the town, **they will be making a change to the current day of service** effective the week of **March 1, 2012.**

#### Service changes:

- The last pick-up day for **Friday** service will be on **02/24/2012.**
- The new day of **Thursday** service will begin on **03/01/2012.**
- Recycle will also change to **Thursdays 03/01/2012 .**

Garbage and Recycling must be curbside no later than 6:00 am the day of service.



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

## Changing of the Guard

The end of August 2011 Denny Farrell retired after taking care of the town roads and equipment for 28 years. Wes Dorshorst was promoted to lead patrolman. He and Denny worked side-by-side for 14 years. Filling the vacancy for assistant patrolman wasn't an easy task. Bernie Dodge was hired



Wesley Dorshorst and Bernie Dodge

as assistant patrolman. Bernie has years of truck driving experience along with great mechanical abilities. We welcome him to the Town of Sun Prairie team.



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Voter Public Access

<https://vpa.wi.gov>

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# Voting in 2012

## Changes to Wisconsin Election Laws

Our goal is for all eligible voters to be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot count.



### Voter Registration Changes

You now must reside at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote, and you may no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residence. If you do not have a utility bill, bank statement, Wisconsin ID, paycheck, government document, or lease in your own name at your current address, you need to register more than 20 days before the election. First time Wisconsin voters registering by mail still need to send proof of residence.



### Signing the Poll Book

Effective immediately, voters must sign the poll book in order to obtain a ballot. The poll book now contains a signature block for each voter. Although there are two identical poll books for every reporting unit, only one poll book needs to be signed.

Voters unable to sign the poll book because of a disability are exempt from this requirement. If this applies to you, simply tell the Election Officials that you are unable to sign because of a disability. You do not need to disclose the nature of your disability to the Election Officials or to any observers. Election Officials will write "exempt by order of inspectors" in your signature block.



### Photo Identification

Beginning in 2012, you cannot receive a ballot until you show one of the following forms of photo ID. **Your photo ID does not need show a current address.**

- ★ Wisconsin driver's license expiring after November 2, 2010
- ★ Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card expiring after Nov 2, 2010
- ★ U.S. passport expiring after November 2, 2010
- ★ Military ID card expiring after November 2, 2010
- ★ Certificate of naturalization issued within last two years

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- ★ Unexpired Wisconsin driver's license or state ID receipt.
- ★ ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- ★ Unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college—must contain issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within two years of issuance.

If you are eligible to vote but do not have a Wisconsin ID card, you may obtain a **free** ID for purposes of voting. You need to check a box on the DMV application to indicate that you need the ID for voting purposes. One of the documents needed to obtain an ID from the DMV is a certified birth certificate or passport; these documents are not free. Please apply for an ID as soon as possible.



### **Changes to Absentee Voting**

Absentee voting in the Clerk's Office is now restricted to the two weeks before an election. Absentee voting ends at the close of business the Friday before the election.

The new law prohibits absentee voting the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday before an election.

Beginning in 2012, absentee voters in the Clerk's Office must present the same type of photo ID required at the polls (see list on the left).



### **Absentee Ballot Requests**

Beginning in 2012, absentee requests for ballots sent by mail must be accompanied by a photocopy of an acceptable form of voter ID. Once you have sent the Clerk's Office a photocopy of your ID, you will not need to send photocopies with future absentee ballot requests, as long as your name and address remain the same.

If submitting an absentee request via fax or e-mail, you must return a photocopy of your acceptable ID in your absentee envelope. When returning an absentee ballot to the Clerk's Office, please read the instruction letter provided by the Clerk very carefully. We want your vote to count!



### **Photo ID Exemptions**

Photo ID is not required for the following absentee voters:

Military voters



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## 2012 Election Schedule

February 21  
Spring Primary

April 3  
Presidential Preference &  
Spring Election

August 14  
Fall Partisan Primary

November 6  
Fall General Election

Stay tuned for  
Recall Election dates

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Voters who are permanently overseas  
Photo ID will not be required but will be replaced by alternative documentation requirements for voters on the permanent absentee list because they are indefinitely confined at a Nursing home residents and other voters who have ballots delivered by a Special Voter Deputy.

### Hospitalized Voters

Hospitalized voters may appoint an agent to pick up their ballot from the Clerk's Office. The agent must present the hospitalized voter's photo ID to the Clerk's Office.

### Provisional Ballots

Voters who are unable to provide photo ID will become provisional voters and asked to provide the Clerk's office with an acceptable photo ID by 4 p.m. the Friday after the election. **Provisional ballots are not counted** unless the voter fulfills this requirement.

### Clerk's Office Outreach

To schedule a free question and answer session on these changes to state

## Obtain a State ID for free

If you are eligible to vote but do not have a Wisconsin identification card, you are eligible to receive a **free** state ID for voting purposes.

You will need to check a box on the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) application to indicate that you need the ID for voting purposes.



## Certified Birth Certificates

In order to obtain a free identification card for voting purposes, you will need to present a certified birth certificate or passport to the DMV. There is a fee for obtaining a certified copy of a birth certificate.

## Born out-of-state

The WI Vital Records website has links for other states' vital record agencies: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords/>

If you do not have internet access, contact the WI Vital Records Office at 608-266-4601, and they will help you figure out how to get your certified birth certificate.

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## DMV locations and hours

### Madison East

### DMV service center

2001 Bartillon Drive

8:30 – 4:30 Mondays, Tuesdays

8 – 4 Wednesdays

10 to 5:30 Thursdays

8:30 – 4:30 Fridays

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## Born in Dane County

See the Dane County Register of Deeds, 210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, room 110, 608-266-4141. You will need to provide a \$20 fee and one of the following forms of identification:

Wisconsin driver's license or Wisconsin ID card with photo or current college or high school identification card with photo

Two documents with your name and address (utility bill, WI hunting or fishing license, government-issued photo ID badge, U.S. passport, check/bank book, health insurance card, recently signed & dated lease, traffic ticket)

Family member/friend with photo ID who will corroborate for you



## Documents needed for ID

In order to receive an identification card from the DMV, you will need to present the following types of documentation:

Proof of name and date of birth

Certified U.S. birth certificate, or

Valid passport, or

Certificate of naturalization

Proof of identity

Social Security card, or

Military papers, or

Marriage papers

Proof of Wisconsin residency

Utility bill, or

Paystub, or

Mortgage

Proof of U.S. Citizenship

Social Security number

For more information, call 608-266-2353 or visit

[www.dot.wisconsin.gov](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov).

## Born in another Wisconsin county

See the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, 1 W. Wilson Street, room 158, with a \$20 fee and one of the following forms of identification:

Wisconsin driver's license/photo ID or out-of-state license/photo ID

Two of the following:

Government-issued employee identification badge with photo

United States passport

Checkbook or bankbook

Major credit card

Health insurance card

Recently dated and signed lease

Utility bill

Traffic ticket



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## JANUARY WAS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

The soil in our area contains an unevenly distributed and generally small amount of uranium. When uranium starts breaking down in soil, rock or water, one of the by-products of this breakdown is radon gas. If your house is built on soil that contains some uranium, this radioactive gas can seep through cracks, sump pumps and other openings in basement floors and walls.

The EPA estimates that radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year in the U.S.

But first, you have to find out if you have a radon problem. The testing procedure is very simple. Kits are available through Public Health for \$10.00 per kit. To purchase a test kit, please call the Public Health Office at (608) 243-0330.

## From the Treasurers Desk.....

A friendly reminder: **DOGS** need to be **licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**. The fees are \$11.00 for spayed females and neutered males, \$16.00 for non-spayed females and non-neutered males, and \$50.00 for a kennel license. At the time of licensing, please provide a copy of the rabies certificate. If you acquire a dog during the remainder of the calendar year, stop in at the office and license the dog within 30 days of ownership.

**OPEN BOOK/BOARD OF REVIEW:** Every year, our residents who own real estate within the Town of Sun Prairie have the opportunity to appeal to the Assessor the valuation of their property. This typically takes place late spring. If you would like additional information, please contact the office at 837-6688.

### 2011 Tax Allocation Per School District: SUN PRAIRIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

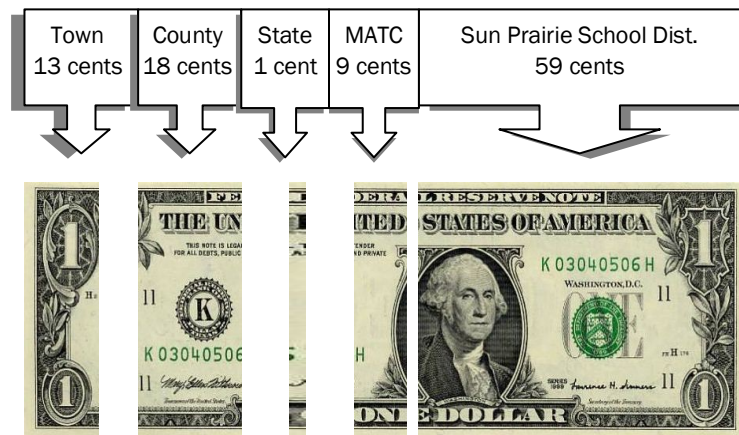
13% Town of Sun Prairie  
18% Dane County  
1% State of Wisconsin  
9% Madison Area Technical College  
59% School District

### MARSHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

15% Town of Sun Prairie  
20% Dane County  
1% State of Wisconsin  
11% Madison Area Technical College  
53% School District

### MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

13% Town of Sun Prairie  
17% Dane County  
1% State of Wisconsin  
9% Madison Area Technical College  
60% School District

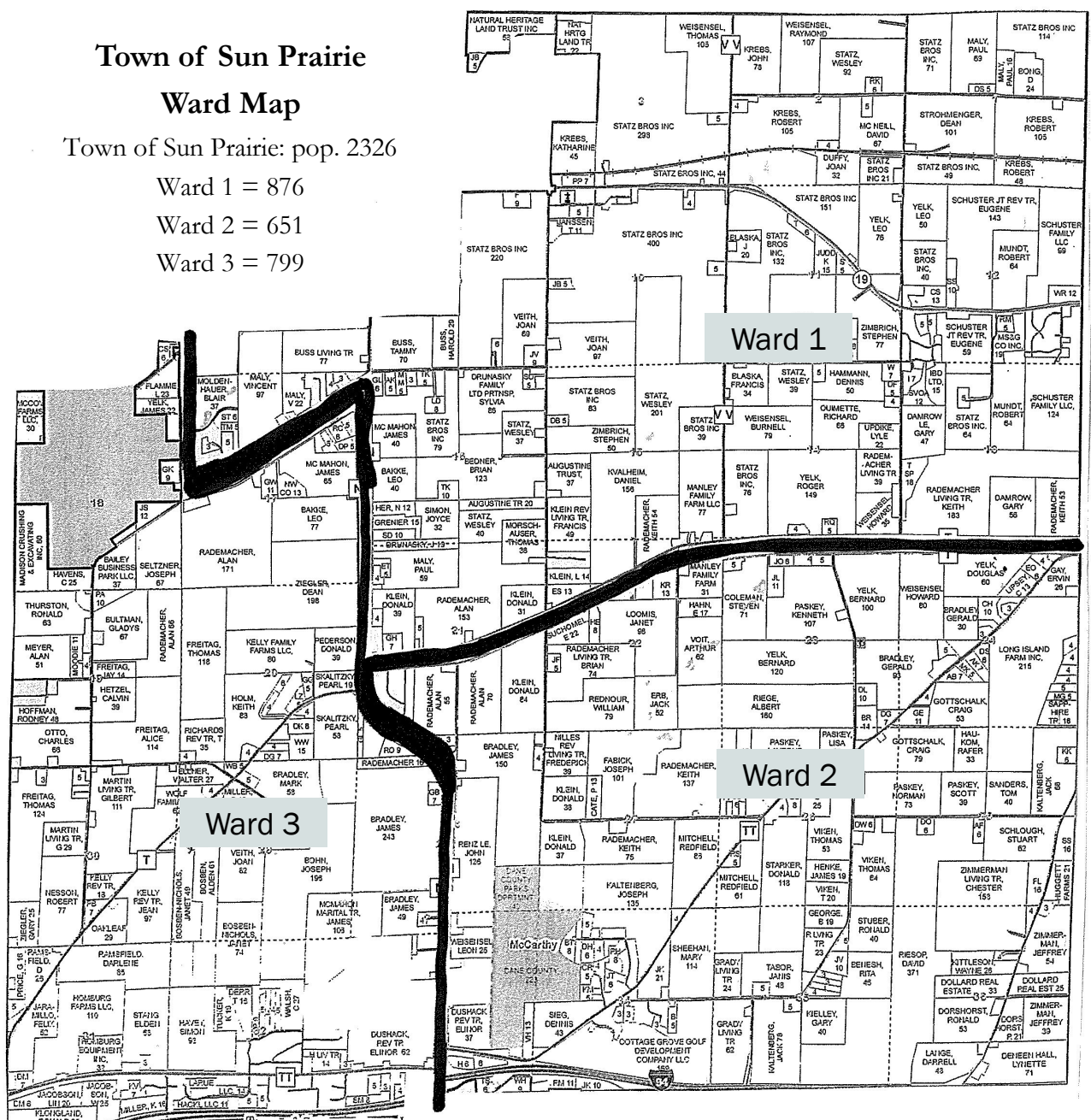


# REDISTRICTING

Redistricting is the process of revising the geographic boundaries within a state from which people elect their representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives, state legislature, county board, city council, and school board.

In Wisconsin, responsibility for redrawing legislative and congressional district lines rests with the legislature. The legislature is required to redraw legislative and congressional districts every ten years based upon the results of the decennial federal census.

How did the redistricting process affect the Town of Sun Prairie? The Town of Sun Prairie is no longer split between District 20 & 21. The new boundary lines reunited the town in District 20. The town retained three wards with modest changes to the ward boundaries.



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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**  
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