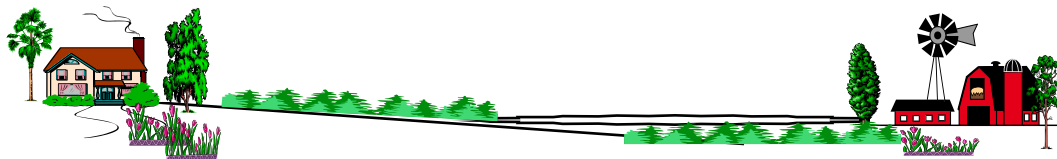


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New & Improved Trash/Recycling Program

Beginning January 2nd



The Town is moving to an automated service using trash and recycling carts on wheels. Each residential unit will be given a 65-gallon trash and a 65-gallon recycling container. The carts have flip tops, which will help eliminate items being blown around. The trash will be collected weekly. The recycling will be collected every other week (EOW).

Residents North of Hwy T will have recyclables collected on the *GOLD week*. Residents South of Hwy T will have their recyclables picked up on the *GREEN week*.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I would like to remind you again that I can only accept checks that are 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. Please contact your mortgage immediately company to get this corrected. Also, 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.

Following a 30-day trial, people may switch to a smaller 35-gallon or to a larger 95-gallon cart. An upgrade to a 95-gallon cart will cost the resident \$60/annually, which will be billed directly to them. The 30-day period will give you an opportunity to find out whether you truly need a bigger or smaller container. You may feel that the 65-gallon is too large, but if you use it a while, you may find it's just right. We anticipate that the carts will be delivered to your driveway the week of December 14, but they are not to be used until the first automated pick up in 2010.

All recyclables are now "Single-Sort". Meaning, we can place all allowed recyclables into the recycling cart (yellow top). There is no need to bag newspaper, just put recyclable items in the cart. All plastics marked with the recycling symbol, except for oil cans be recycled. Because the carts are covered there should be fewer problems with wet newspaper and for items to be blown around.

The last manual pick up will be on December 26, a Saturday, since Christmas is on a Friday this year. The first

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MORE ON THE NEW & IMPROVED TRASH/RECYCLING PROGRAM

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automated collection will be the following week, also on a Saturday, January 2, because New Years falls on a Friday.

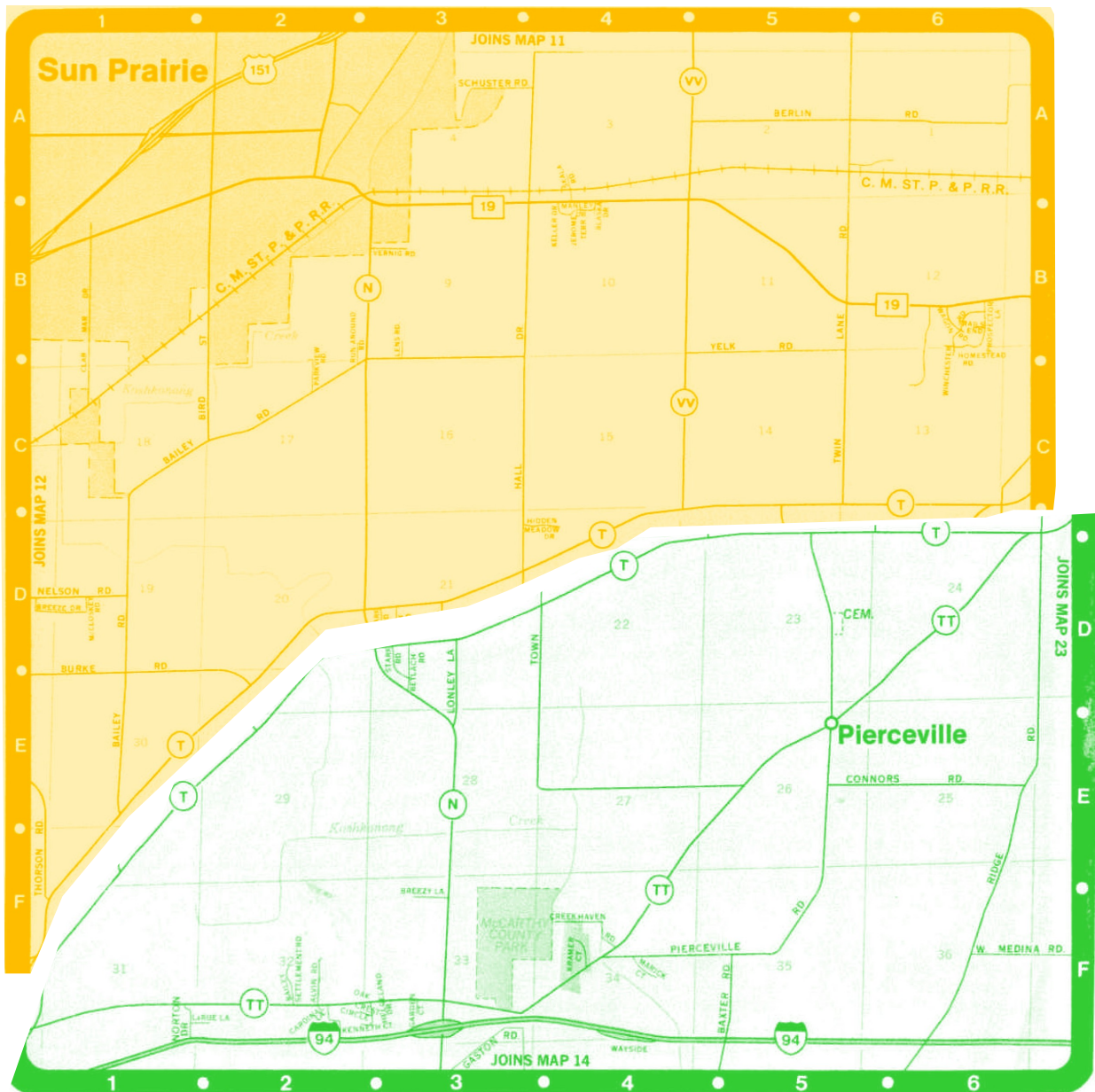
On collection day the carts need to be at the end of your driveway, not in the road, not in front of snow banks. Just as with our other trash containers you have to be careful as to placement.

The carts are to be 2 feet apart so the automated “arms” can have access, as well as 2 feet away from any fixed objects (mailboxes).



TOWN OF SUN PRAIRIE

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





2010 Calendar

Your collection week is *Every Other Week*

■ Gold Week ■ Green Week

800-777-8408

January							July						
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MORE ON THE NEW & IMPROVED TRASH/RECYCLING PROGRAM

Carts are best located side-by-side 2 feet apart and away from fixed objects

Carts are best serviced with handle away from the road, front of cart facing road

Trash

- Weekly service is provided every Friday
- Please have your trash cart at the end of your drive by 7 a.m.
- Please keep the lids closed

Recycling

- Recyclables will be collected every other week with your trash
- Each Residential Unit will have a 65 gallon cart with a hinged yellow lid for recycling.
- Refer to calendar for days of service
- Rinse food from containers
- Break down items to conserve space in cart
- No trash, hazardous materials or food with the recycling materials
- All recyclables go in the recycling cart

Appliances

- Please contact Waste Management to coordinate appliance pickup 273-2500
- Please have your items at the end of your drive by 7 a.m. on the day arranged
- There is a \$25.00 fee for collection of appliances

Bulk/Large Item Collection

- There is no additional charge
- Items will be picked up with regular trash
- Please have your items at the end of your drive by 7 a.m.
- Construction Debris is not allowed
- Call Waste Management 273-2500 by 2 p.m. the day before collection to have extras or large items services.

Paint

- Must be solidified. Remove lid and let dry or fill with kitty litter to absorb liquid and dry
- Once dry – place with trash

Computers

- Recent Senate Bill 107, signed into law on October 23 this year, requires manufacturers to register certain electronic devices with the DNR and arrange for responsible recycling and disposal of consumer electronic including video displays, computers and printers. This law goes in effect Jan. 1, 2010. In the meantime check the County website www.co.dane.wi.us

Recycling Waste Oil

In the past the closest place to recycle waste oil was the County Garage at CTH N and 19. The facility was moved and no longer offers that service for the public. Following is a list of places which will take waste oil.

- Ben's Auto Service
No Charge
225 W. Main Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
837-6141
- Schuch & Landmark Engine Service
No Charge
526 Commercial Ave
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
255-5600
- Shuppe's Auto Shoppe, Inc.
Charge
148 S. Bristol St
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
825-6868
- More Sites are listed on the Dane County Recycling web site.



MAILBOXES

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 mailbox should be 3 feet from the edge of the pavement.



DRIVEWAY PLOWING

Please do not push snow across the road when plowing your driveway. The hard bank of snow left behind damages plowing equipment.

WINTER REMINDERS !

PARKING



No parking on Town Roads and Streets from **December 1 to April 1**. Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and

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.



HILLS, CURVES, INTERSECTIONS & STOP SIGNS

The price of salt has risen to \$62.00/ton with the reserve supply costing \$75.48/ton. The rate for 2008-2009 was \$46.35 and \$51.83. We have a good supply of salt for this season, but due to the higher costs we will be stretching our supply by mixing salt with sand at times. At some point the highway crew may be salting and sanding only the hills, curves, intersections and stop signs. The plow drivers are asking all vehicle drivers to **slow down and drive cautiously on winter roads**.



SOME INTERESTING BITS

Town of Sun Prairie is
28.80 square miles.

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

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

8.5% of the Town is
residential segment

Current population:
2,411

2010 CENSUS

10 Questions, 10 Minutes

To Define Who We Are as a Nation

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted – both citizens and non citizens.

When: You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery.

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How: Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

The Importance of Census Data

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.

Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.

Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislature and congressional districts.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of other living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

LET'S CELEBRATE

DANE COUNTY CULTURAL COMMISSION...

2010 art calendar is now available at the Town Hall, Clerk's Office.

Cost is \$8.00. The calendar is collections of art by local Dane County artists.

Posters There still are a few of the 2009 posters left. We will be getting the new poster in February.

2010 BUDGET

The Board has worked hard to develop a budget with an increase of only +0.92 %. The total 2010 Expenses and Revenue are down by -21.2%. There is a road improvement loan with a balance of approximately \$191,064. Major road construction/repair needs are being delayed until the loan is paid off, which will be in 2011.

Curbside Collection costs did increase from \$110 to \$125 mainly due to increase in fuel costs and state increased tipping fees. The Town has just committed to a new 5 year contract, as described earlier in this newsletter. The increases for the following 4 years will be less than the increase between 2009 and 2010. Waste Management covered their fuel increases for the last several years. The tipping fee increase from June through December, 2009 is being covered by the Town as a budget over run; neither of these costs were passed on to the residents in 2009.

The Town portion of your tax bill should be fairly close to last year's Town portion. If you made major improvements there will be an increase.

2010 ELECTIONS

February 16, Spring Primary for the following offices, if necessary: Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Dane County Supervisors, Local School Boards.

April 6, Spring Election

Election of Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Local School Boards, Dane County Supervisors.

September 14, Partisan Primary for the following offices, if necessary: Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, U.S. Senator, State Senators (but not the 16th district), Representatives in Congress, Representatives to the Assembly.

November 2, General Election

Election of Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, U.S. Senator, Representatives in Congress, **State Senators but not our district**, Representatives to the Assembly.

Voter Registration

If you are not registered, you can do so at the Town Hall. Please bring a current ID and proof of Town of Sun Prairie residency. Voter registration forms are available through our website www.townofsunprairie.info You can register on Election Day.

If you have any questions regarding the budget contact a Town Board member. They are listed on the back page. Questions regarding school taxes can be directed to school board members, or to the respective district offices. County Board increases should be directed to your county board supervisor or Kathleen Falk's office.



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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 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.

We're on the Web
www.townofsunprairie.info