

December 2014 Newsletter



Steve Esser to Retire – After more than 20 years in the Public Works Department with the Village of Dane, Steve Esser plans to retire. His last day will be Friday, January 30, 2015. Steve notified the Village Board last summer of his retirement plans. At Steve’s request, no retirement celebration will be held. However; if you see Steve out and about over the next few weeks, please take the opportunity to personally wish Steve well in his retirement. Happy Retirement, Steve.

Welcome Shane - Shane Clapper is the “new guy” you see in the Public Works Department for the Village of Dane. He began work with the village on Monday, December 1, 2014. Shane brings lots of great experience to his new position and he will be learning everything about the village’s public works maintenance routine, snowplowing, street and sidewalk care and repair, plus he will take classes in water and wastewater to earn his Operator Certification. Be sure to give Shane a warm “Village of Dane Welcome”.



2015 Budget is adopted - On Monday, December 1, the Public Hearing regarding the Budget was held. After the hearing, the Village of Dane Board adopted the budget for the upcoming year. More information is available from the Clerk.

Zoning change made to local Ordinances -

After months of working with the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Dane County Planning Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, the village of Dane held our Public Hearing on December 1, 2014. The village has repealed **Chapter 520-24 A-1 Agriculture District** and recreated **Chapter 520- 24 A-X: Exclusive**



Agriculture District. This change means approximately 200 acres of farmland in the village limits are preserved and protected for agriculture use only. Our new ordinance closely follows

Wisconsin law regarding farmland. The new chapter will be added to the Village Ordinances as soon as possible. Watch for more information on the village website.

Christmas tree pick up scheduled - The Public Works



Department plans to collect evergreen trees in January. Trees ready for pick up can be put out to the curb on Tuesday January 6, January 13, and January 20, 2015. This schedule is based on the weather cooperating. Any snowstorm will cause the schedule to be adjusted. Please do not put trees out if snow is forecast for Monday and/or Tuesday. Thank you!

Licensing your pet is for their protection - Per village ordinances, all dogs residing in the village of Dane require an annual license. The new year begins in January 2015, however; licenses are issued during the month of December.

Dogs caught running at-large, who have a tag/license are much easier to return to their owners. If a dog without a tag/license on their collar is caught at-large, they are turned over to the Dane County Humane Society for care and boarding until the owners are located. The tag fee paid for a male or female dog is \$15.00. The tag fee paid for spayed females or neutered males is \$10.00. **Only \$1.25 of this fee is kept by the village.** The tags are provided to the village by Dane County and the majority of the fee paid is returned to Dane County. The money is used to support the Dane County Humane Society and administer the tag program. Please be a responsible pet owner and choose to license your pet(s).



Property tax bills will be mailed as soon as they are ready and no later than Monday, 12-15-2014.

Remember **Winter Parking Rules** apply until March 15, 2015. NO street parking from 2:00 am until 6:00 am - any day of the week.



Holiday Hours for the Clerk’s Office

- *For the Christmas Holiday*, the clerk’s office will be closed for a full day on Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25, 2014. On Friday, December 26, 2014, the office will be open from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. *For the New Year Holiday*, the clerk’s office will be **OPEN** for normal business hours on



Wednesday, December 31, 2014 and closed Thursday, January 1. The office will be open for normal business hours Friday, January 2, 2015. Happy Holidays to all.