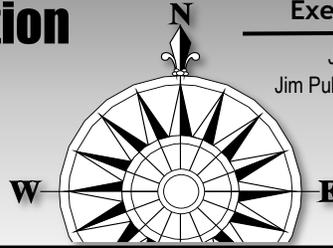


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To: Dane County Towns
From: Dane County Towns Association Executive Board
Date: March 28, 2019
Re: Dane County Towns Association Dues for 2019

Dane County Towns,

The Dane County Towns Association is asking for your 2019 membership. Attached is a 2019 dues schedule. Please note that dues have not increased from 2017.

We have had a busy year with a focus on educational programming. Review of 2018/19:

- Attorney Eric Larson. Attorney Larson with the Municipal Law and Litigation Group in Waukesha was formally introduced at the DCTA May 16, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting. He gave an update on recent changes in state law. Attorney Larson's legal memos are a welcome addition to the services provided by the Dane County Towns Association. These memos are sent to Town Clerks and Town Board Chairs and Supervisors. They are archived on the DCTA website under info, policy/legal memos. If you are not receiving email updates from DCTA please contact Renée Lauber to have your contact information added to the distribution list.
- Educational Forums. Keeping Dane County towns up-to-date and providing information towns need to plan and run efficiently is a priority.
 - o In January 2018 we worked with MSA and Bitumix Solutions to present information on Asphalt Products and Alternatives for Pavement Maintenance.
 - o In April 2018 we shared a webinar on the siting of wireless telecommunication facilities in ROWs.
 - o In May 2018 we gave a presentation with Groundswell Conservancy on Rural Preservation focusing on the role conservation easements can play in protecting farmland and permanently limiting rural development.
 - o In October 2018 we partnered with Dane County Planning and Development on a state law and Conditional Use Permit update.
 - o In December 2018 we sent Manfred Enburg, DCTA Executive Board, to the Wisconsin Asphalt Paving Association Conference. He reported positively on the conference and shared presentation information including a new pavement design guide.
 - o In January 2019 Inspector Larsen from the State Patrol lead an educational session on Weight Restrictions on Local Roads.
 - o In February 2019 we repeated the Rural Preservation – Purchase of Developments Rights educational forum in Primrose.
 - o In March 2019 we partnered with the Dane County Cities and Villages Association (DCCVA) for a Local Roads Workshop.

- Future Educational Plans Include:
 - o May 22, 2019 educational forum with Dane County Planning focusing on the housing gap in Dane County and community housing options.
 - o July 2019 workshop on Transfer of Development Rights programs highlighting programs in Dane County and trading options.
 - o Continued programming with the DCCVA.
 - o Town survey to determine educational needs

- Monitoring, Reporting and Advocating. DCTA tracks local government initiatives in Dane County. We check in regularly with many organizations and with our representatives on the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, DaneCom Governing Board, and the Lakes and Watershed Commission.

- Working with Dane County. DCTA continues to work with Dane County staff and closely track the implementation of new zoning code. We are currently working with county staff to address town concerns regarding the allowance of unlimited animal units in several zoning districts. We also plan to follow up on our CUP workshop and will be working with county staff on a detailed point by point checklist for applications, public notice, hearings and final decisions.

In addition, we are following up on the rural preservation themes in the 2018 DCTA Town Survey and pursuing new county funding sources for rural preservation.

- Using New By-Laws. At the September 2018 Membership Meeting DCTA approved its first policy under the new by-laws and took a position to approve efforts to reform the funding structure for CAPRC and requesting the state legislature to act to allow CAPRC to independently levy a tax to finance its operations, separating it from the county levy. We look forward to additional policy discussions.

- Department of Revenue (DOR) Reporting. DCTA shared a summary of Dane County town DOR reporting problems with the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA). At the encouragement of DCTA, WTA organized a session on DOR reporting affecting shared revenue and town levys at WTA's 2019 District meetings.

DCTA was formed to advocate for town government. Our intent is to bring timely information to towns and support towns. We strive to do this every day and look forward to working with all Dane County towns in 2019.