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Community Development Education

Kevin Struck, Community Development Educator

Each month there are a variety of requests that Kevin assists with. Here is a sample for the preceding three weeks . . .

Mosel Town Clerk: A landowner near Whistling Straits Golf Course would like to 1) offer a site for four campers on his property, and 2) convert the house on the property into a hostel. Kevin, can you help me understand how our Zoning Ordinance might or might not accommodate this?

Cedar Grove Village Clerk: Do you know of any grant programs that would help to offset the costs for new athletic fields in the Village?

Town of Sheboygan Falls Chairperson: 1) What's the best way to regulate the number of domestic animals a property in a residential district can have? 2) Is there a way to allow a limited number of farm animals in a residential district?

City of Sheboygan Falls Mayor: The City needs to update its comprehensive plan. What are some of the best approaches to take, and could you come to our plan commission meeting to explain our options?

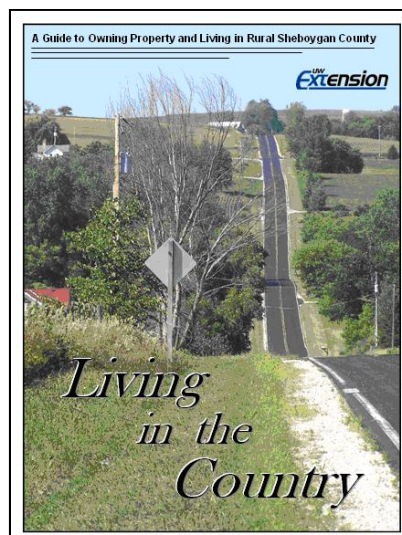
Town of Rhine Plan Commissioner: 1) What are the advantages of C-2 Conservancy zoning versus A-2 Agricultural zoning. 2) Is there a resource for newcomers to the Town that would explain the differences between urban living and country living?

Lima Town Board Member: Could you give us some advice about a recent land division and rezoning request we've had from a landowner?

Town of Lyndon Public Works Supervisor: Does farmland preservation zoning allow a landowner to tear down an old milk house and add a pair of sleeping quarters for Road America and Whistling Straits visitors who would be able to enjoy a "farm experience" as part of their stay?

Town of Lima Clerk: Kevin, could you review the public hearing notice for the agritourism rezoning and let me know if there's anything I haven't understood correctly?

Friends of Sheboygan Peace Park: Could you review our Rotary Club grant application and offer any suggestions for improving our draft materials?



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Family Living and FoodWise

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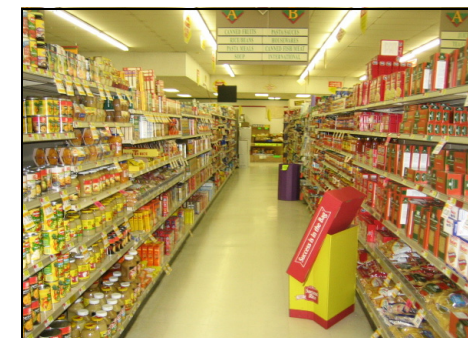
Jane Jensen, Family Living Educator

A [farmer's market customer survey](#) was conducted at Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization (SCIO) farmer's markets during the summer to fall season. The survey was developed by UWEX Family Living Programs; Jane revised the survey for local use and conducted training for SCIO partners to administer the survey. The intent is to determine the effects of the Double Your Bucks (DYB) program relative to FoodShare eligible families using their electronic benefits cards (EBT) at the farmer's market.

The DYB program is provided through funding from HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital and doubles fruit and vegetable purchases up to \$10. Of the customers surveyed, 75% of DYB customers consumed on average three servings of vegetables during the summer market. Seventy-one percent of customers said they participate in the farmer's market more often as a result of the DYB program. There were 134 first-time FoodShare customers at the market. It is important to note that research conducted by UWEX specialists found that access to healthier foods, including farmer's markets, offset some of the negative impacts on health attributed to poverty in rural counties.

Amanda Miller & Janeth Orozco, FoodWise

Families may find it difficult to make healthy meals at home on a tight budget. Learning basic smart shopping skills can help them overcome the barrier of cost. With this need in mind, Janeth completed the self-guided online training to become a [Cooking Matters at the Store](#) tour leader. The training consists of a series of videos on how to lead a grocery store tour, a mock tour, and printed materials to help the educator facilitate the tour. These guided tours teach low-income adults how to get the most nutrition for their food dollar.



Sheboygan County FoodWise Program partnered with the local WIC office to offer WIC families the opportunity to participate in a grocery store tour. For WIC parents, the tours offer a hands-on learning experience but focus on parents getting the most nutritious food with their WIC benefits and saving money on food purchased out of pocket. Food skills learned during the tour include: reading food labels, comparing unit prices, finding whole grain foods, and identifying three ways to buy produce.

On April 8th, in partnership with the Sheboygan County WIC Program, Janeth led a Cooking Matters at the Store Tour. WIC is interested in offering additional tours with FoodWise in the future.

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4-H Youth Development

Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator
Linda Robson, 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator

April 7-13 was **National Volunteer Week**. Volunteers are such an integral part of the 4-H experience. In Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development, there are over 10,500 volunteers supporting approximately 30,000 youth enrolled in the program. In Sheboygan County alone, 265 volunteers totaled 16,566 volunteer hours.

To be a Sheboygan County 4-H volunteer, one must:

- Attend Volunteer in Preparation Training (initial)
- Pass Criminal Background Check (initial and every 4 years)
- Sign Volunteer Behavior Expectations and Assumption of Risk (annually)
- Complete Extension Volunteer Mandated Reporter Training online (initial)

Many of the Sheboygan County 4-H clubs, committees, and programs are volunteer driven with staff support. This means these groups meet independently from 4-H staff on a regular basis, making decisions and guiding youth using the resources and trainings provided by the staff.

Volunteers share their skills, knowledge, and passions across Sheboygan County. There are multiple roles a 4-H volunteer leader can play:

Organizational Volunteer Leaders – Organizational leaders provide overall leadership for a 4-H club. As the title indicates, this person is an organizer, not someone who does everything for the club. A club can have more than one organizational leader, if needed, and tips on how to divide up responsibilities are in the Team Leadership Role Description (<http://4h.uwex.edu/clubs/starting.cfm>).



Project Volunteer Leaders – Project volunteer leaders work with a small group of 4-H members to help them reach their learning goals in a specific project. Members set their own project goals and need the support and encouragement from project volunteer leaders. Project volunteer leaders establish a regular schedule of project experiences where members can gather to work on their projects. The activities that occur at project meetings can vary.

Youth Volunteer Leaders – Young people who have been 4-H members for several years are often ready to expand their

leadership role within their 4-H club. These members have typically shown leadership qualities through their project work or by serving on a committee. Youth leaders need support and encouragement from the adult volunteers and their parents to be successful.

Activity Volunteer Leaders – Activity volunteers help members carry out specific activities the club has included in its program for the year. These may be field trips, community service projects, fundraisers, or social events. To begin the planning process, an activity volunteer leader helps members form a committee and to agree on the goals of the activity. Tasks that youth may need help with include planning, gathering information, obtaining resources, assigning responsibilities, promoting the activity, overseeing people and tasks, managing risk, and evaluating.



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Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mike Ballweg, Extension Agriculture Agent

2019 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course

The goal of the 4 week short course is to provide timely information and education that will allow Green Industry professionals the opportunity to improve the quality of service and profitability of their horticultural businesses. Although this course is designed for people in the horticulture industry, Master Gardener Volunteers and other interested individuals participate. Continuing education (CEUs) are available for certified arborists and members of the National Association of Landscape Professionals.

One hundred thirty-four (134) registered for the Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Short Course this year. Over 98% of short course participants rated the class as either **excellent** or **good**. 100% responded they would like the short course offered again next year.

Comments included: *Most informative; Great presentations and speakers; Learned something new today. Very good information and instructors; Great talk on soils!; Excellent presenters and presentations—enthusiastic and informative.*

Listed below are the 2019 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course topics and presenters.

Week 1

- **Turf Bug Bootcamp: Fundamentals of Turfgrass Insects and Their Management**
PJ Liesch, Director, Insect Diagnostic Lab, UW-Madison
- **Jumping Worms**
Bernie Williams, Conservation Biologist, WI DNR

Week 2

- **The Latest and Greatest in Lawns: New Bluegrasses and Organic Weed Control Options**
Doug Soldat, UW-Extension Soil Specialist
- **Managing Natural Areas for Invasive Plants**
Michael Hansen, Land Manager, UW-Madison Arboretum



Week 3

- **Ten Plant Diseases to Watch for in 2019**
Brian Hudelson, Director, Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, UW-Madison
- **Understanding and Managing Turfgrass Diseases**
Paul Koch, Turfgrass Specialist, UW-Madison

Week 4

- **New Trends in Herbaceous Plants**
Mark Dwyer, Director, Rotary Botanic Gardens
- **Tree Planting for Bio-Diversity and Climate Change**
Laura Jull, UW-Madison Woody Plants Specialist



Landscape & Green Industry Professionals Attend Short Course.