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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mike Ballweg, Agriculture Agent

2020 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 forty (140) people 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. Approximately 90% said they were "likely" or "very likely" to attend in future years.



Dr. Brian Hudelson, Director of the
Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic at UW-Madison

Below are the 2020 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course Topics.

Short Course Comments included:

Very informative, Keeps us up to date, Very good information and instructors. Really enjoying what I've learned, not only for my job but for what I can apply in my yard. Great speakers. Mike and his Extension Colleagues are doing an excellent job developing this educational program.



Patrick (PJ) Liesch is the director of the UW
- Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab. PJ
addressed the group on February 21st here
is Sheboygan.

Week 1

- Advancing Tree Risk Mitigation Through Basic Tree Care *Rich Hauer, Professor, UW-Stevens Point*
- Abiotic Turf Issues and Glyphosate Alternatives *Paul Koch, UW-Madison Extension Turfgrass Specialist*

Week 2

- Managing Wildlife in the Landscape *David Drake, UW-Madison Extension Wildlife Specialist*
- The Big Chill: Cold Temperature Effects on Plants and How to Avoid Damage *Laura Jull, UW-Madison Extension Woody Plants Specialist*

Week 3

- Working Backwards: Understanding Clues from Plant Damage to Identify Insect Pests *PJ Liesch, UW-Madison Extension Entomologist*
- Landscape Plants for Shade *Dave Wanninger, Horticulture in Charge, Boerner Botanical Gardens*

Week 4

- New and Upcoming Herbaceous Perennials *Nancy Nedveck, Owner, The Flower Factory, Stoughton, WI*
- New and Emerging Landscape Plant Diseases *Brian Hudelson, Director, Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, UW-Madison*

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONSHIP

Jane Jensen, Human Development and Relationship Educator

In response to Safer At Home Jane collaborated with the Caregiver Coordinator at the Sheboygan County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to facilitate the monthly Family Caregiver Education/Support group via a Google platform call in (audio only). This allowed family caregivers to participate from their own homes. Along with the ADRC Jane researched and piloted the platform before inviting participants via email to register and call in utilizing built in password protection to protect confidentiality for those on the call. Jane shared research-based information with participants and focused on resources relative to family caregiving in social isolation as many continue to care for loved ones during this challenging time of social distancing. Resources can be found here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covid19/2020/04/09/stay-at-home-tips-what-to-do-if-you-are-a-family-caregiver/>



FOODWISE

Amanda Miller & Janeth Orozco, FoodWise

FoodWise is a federally funded SNAP-Ed program (or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education.) The national program is leading a DACUM (Developing a Curriculum) process to revise/develop core competencies for program leaders, program supervisors, and nutrition educators. The goal is to improve the staffing of SNAP-Ed programs across the country.

DACUM is a commonly used process that includes focus groups consisting of professionals/experts in a certain field. The focus groups convene to capture the major duties and related tasks included in an occupation. In this case, staff involved in operating a SNAP-Ed or nutrition education program.

Amanda Miller (Coordinator) was contacted by the state FoodWise office to request that Janeth Orozco (Nutrition Educator) join the national team. The national team requested "exemplary Nutrition Educators" to represent each state and Orozco met those requirements.

Orozco is currently taking part in phone calls with the national team to begin the review process.



Janeth Orozco, FoodWise Educator

Sheboygan County COVID-19 Youth Action Team continues to meet weekly via Zoom on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. There are 10 active youth and several adult parents and partners engaged in the programming. So far 160 care packages have been developed for Health Care Professionals at Advocate Aurora Sheboygan Hospital, St. Nicolaus Hospital, and Rocky Knoll Health Care Center. The team has e collaborated to provide a list of child care providers available for healthcare professionals. They have mobilized 4-H youth and adults as well as other volunteers to sew cloth face coverings for our local community organizations. They are currently constructing 80+ Craft and Activity Kits to be packaged in gallon size Ziploc bags and dropped off at the Sheboygan Area Little Libraries. Finally, they are going to launch a by youth, for youth social media campaign to help share factual information regarding COVID-19 and the need for physical distancing as teenagers are one of the largest demographics of people who struggle (developmentally and physically) with compliance to the guidelines. For more information check out their projects at <https://padlet.com/tarjeson/4ipdz7076bcg>.

PLUG Quarter 1

In a collaboration project with the Sheboygan County Health and Human Service Department and the Sheboygan County 4-H Youth Development Program, the creation of the club Plug: Hooking You Up For Life was formatted. This club works with older youth selected by staff from the Juvenile Court and Child and Family Services Division who need community service hours. The 4-H Youth Development Program provides quarterly experiences involving both a community service piece and a related educational component. Linda Robson, 4-H Program Educator, wrote for a grant and received \$1,370 to run this program for one year by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association Endowment Fund. The Juvenile Court and Child and Family Services Division provide a staff member to help with the youth. Robson also has worked to have a community member come to these experiences to help teach the youth about a specific topic. When each experience is over, the youth receive a certificate of completion and a \$10 Walmart gift card.

During the month of February, a call went out to the Sheboygan County 4-H Community Clubs asking for new or slightly used donations that can be used to create activity bags for youth being placed in the foster care system. The 4-H community came together and donated hundreds of items such as matchbox cars, playdough, crayons, coloring books, and fidget items. On Saturday, March 14th the first experience was held as four youth showed up to help compile the Foster Care Activity Bags and also learn about interviewing and applications. They were great with helping from the start by getting everything out and set up. They worked together well as they decided on how to appropriately divide up the toys and activities by youth ages. Ron Jakubisin, Washington/Fond du Lac County Youth Development Educator, came to talk with the participants about the best methods to answer interview questions (especially when the answer may not be the most positive) and how to appropriately complete job applications.

In the end, with help from the Sheboygan County 4-H community clubs, 4-H Leaders Association Endowment Grant and the 4 youth participants, we were able to pull together 147 Activity Bags for the youth in the Sheboygan County Foster Care program. Each bag has about 3-4 different items in them. The bags are separated and assembled for youth by infant through high school. Additionally, there is a box of coloring books, crayons, markers, and paper. A second box was compiled with things like sidewalk chalk and jump ropes that the Child and Family Services Division can use however they like.

Talking with the staff member that drove the youth to the meeting location, he was surprised as to how much and how quickly the youth opened up and started talking with each other and to the adults present. The participants came not knowing each other and yet still worked well together and as the morning progressed, they not only shared but listened to each other. Overall, they were polite and ready to help with the service project and took an interest in learning about work applications and interviewing skills.

The second experience is scheduled for late May and will be held at the 4-H Camp Riversite grounds. The youth will be removing invasive species and have a nature educational component. The third experience will be held mid-August at the Oostburg Dog park that was made by the Oostburg Rangers 4-H Club. The youth will be building structures for the dogs to play and then learning about basic pet care. The fourth experience is scheduled for November with a focus on the military. They will be assembling Military Care Packages (supplies donated by the 4-H community) and talking with a panel of veterans.



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Sheboygan County has a robust online land records site with 17 GIS maps and applications (apps) to assist citizens with a variety of land related inquiries, including determining acreages, legal descriptions, assessed values, and zoning, to name a few. The ability to go online to quickly get answers to these questions saves citizens, municipal clerks, and professionals in real estate businesses a lot of time. It also frees up County employees to work on other projects rather than having to respond to these inquiries over the phone—or in person, which is not an option under the COVID-19 Safer-at-Home order.

One of the most popular and useful of these maps and apps is the Zoning Map. Since zoning has a major impact on how a property is used, there are times when it is important for landowners, potential property buyers, and local officials to know what the zoning district designation is for a particular property. Each district sets forth certain permitted and conditional uses, a minimum lot size, building setbacks, and other standards.

It is therefore important to keep the zoning district designations for each property up-to-date. This can be challenging, because there are typically numerous zoning changes in each community every year. Most of the time, these changes are accompanied by a land division, which splits a parcel into two or more parcels. Processing land splits and updating the parcel layer can be a complex and time-consuming effort.

Under the current system, changing the zoning designation on the online map must wait until the beginning of each year when the new parcel layer that contains all of the previous year's land splits is ready. At that point there is a substantial backlog of zoning changes waiting to be entered into the system. Up until the last two years, the County had only one person updating the zoning layer, and that person had many other GIS tasks to complete as well.

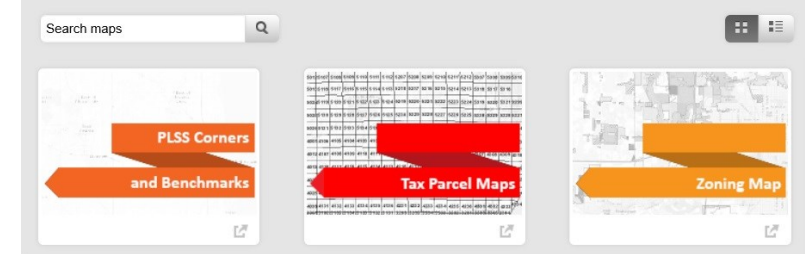
Since Kevin has assisted 9 towns with revisions to their zoning ordinances over the past few years and is proficient in GIS, he offered to update the zoning maps for these 9 towns last year. The process worked well, and the County employee was grateful to have the help, so Kevin is doing the updates this spring too, which will help get the new information online faster.

There is an added benefit to having Kevin do these updates, since it provides a way for him to review the previous year's administration of zoning ordinances at the local level and offer tips for improving the process. There are also occasions when Kevin uncovers an error that was made in a local rezoning process. This presents an educational opportunity that can improve everyone's understanding of their zoning ordinance.

Sheboygan County, WI

Welcome to Sheboygan County Maps & Apps

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A screen shot showing 3 of the 17 maps and apps available on the County's online Land Records portal.