New off-leash dog park
The dog park proposed for Anderson Farm County Park off Union Road would be the 8th off-leash area in the Dane County Park system. A permit is required and is valid at all dog parks. Tentatively, the County will begin construction of the dog park in 2020, opening in spring 2021. In addition to the construction in 2020, the County will be planting seed in spring of 2020 to establish vegetation – an important part of the process to open to park.

More Details

World class German musicians visit Dane County
The Kassel-Dane Sister County Partnership organized three concerts that were performed by jazz musicians The Edgar Knecht Trio. The Trio also performed master classes for local high schools in Dane County. The Trio visited Dane County in 2016 as well.

More Details

Alliant Energy Center pre-design work presented
Strang, a nationally respected multidisciplinary engineering firm, presented it’s pre-design work to the Alliant Energy Center Redevelopment committee. Strang engaged in an intense information-gathering effort to determine the specific needs and expectations of staff, customers, event planners, vendors, and other stakeholders who were invited to provide input and direction.

More Details

Squaw Bay name change application submitted
The Dane County Department of Planning and Development submitted a Geographic Name Proposal to the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council September 27. The proposal asks to change the name of Squaw Bay to Wiicawak Bay. The resolutions proposed by Dane County, the Madison City Council and Monona City Council will be used as supplemental materials for the application. In 2005, the Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Court recommended renaming Squaw Bay and have recently renewed that request.

More Details

Natural Resources Committee considering land purchase
Dane County Environment, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee presented certificates to youth involved in Dane County’s Youth Environmental Leadership Experience. The committee is considering a land purchase for Indian Lake County Park and the Ice Age Trail. The land purchase is slated to cost $168,000 and is an important acquisition as it will provide for expansion of the park and increase opportunities for recreation, aid in resolving some erosion issues, and provide additional access to the south end of the park.

More Details