

Ecology Directory, Section 3:

Ecology Actions – Business Examples

Sheboygan and Sheboygan County

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PURPOSE: This section of the larger 4-section Ecology Directory recognizes current positive ecology actions taken by local businesses, actions that can serve as inspiration and guidance for the owners and staff of other area businesses and for clients and customers.

INTENT: to encourage greater use of renewable resources, recycling, use of materials with fewer pesticides or harsh chemicals, and to encourage the selection of local and organic food sources by both businesses and individuals for health benefits and future economic benefits.

YEAR OF THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT 2010

In Wisconsin 2010 has been designated the Year of the Niagara Escarpment, from DODGE to DOOR County, INCLUDING SHEBOYGAN COUNTY.

Featured will be environmentally-friendly vegetable, livestock and trout farms, fiber arts, Indian museums and local natural resource locations.

Niagara escarpment watershed areas (where streams and rivers flow into Lake Michigan) will be highlighted through tourism publicity and other publicity about added motor coach tours and bicycle trails.

ECOLOGY ACTIONS – BUSINESS EXAMPLES

This list always is considered to be a work in progress.

Corrections and additions are welcome. Email to: recycleSheboygan@hotmail.com

CAR-WASH that is 60% SOLAR SUPPORTED:

PURE WASH at 3900 Enterprise Drive off Calumet Drive/Hwy 42 about a half mile from the I-43, Exit 128. The owners invested in a solar panel heat exchange system. Solar panels contain hoses filled with antifreeze that circulate to a water tank inside. Less than half as much natural gas has been needed to heat water since the panels were installed. More customers tend to come on sunny days. That's when solar panels also work best.

EARTH-FRIENDLY CLEANING SERVICES:

GREEN CLEAN OF WISCONSIN, LLC, Sheboygan: Owner: Carey Henning, 2506 N.11th St., Sheboygan, 920-980-3814, uses all-natural solutions when doing janitorial, carpet cleaning, disinfecting, and pressure washing for residential and business clients. He is also Green Technician Certified following a course he took in 2008, and is a member of Maywood. After having five years cleaning work experience, he established his own business in January 2009 as an environmentally conscious company.

Website: greencleanofwi.com Email: greencleanofwi@hotmail.com

GINGHAM GIRLS, Sheboygan, offers choice: Environmental friendly cleaning products such as Green Clean are offered by the staff to customers who prefer to have them used in their residences or businesses. Gingham Girls, an established business for more than 30 years, is **located at 1925 Indiana Ave., 920-457-1405** and serves clients in Sheboygan and surrounding areas of Oostburg, Cleveland and Sheboygan Falls.

ECOLOGY ACTIONS -- COFFEEHOUSES:

(Examples of coffeehouses in this Ecology Directory have taken most all of the following ecology actions.)

Besides offering a variety of coffees, teas and other refreshments, the coffeehouses regularly offer 1.some whole grain ingredients and 2.organically grown or locally grown ingredients in sandwiches and in vegetarian or other soups, salads, muffins, cookies and selected dessert items. 3. The coffeehouses use ceramic cups, saucers, plates, metal utensils, 4. some “earth-friendly” disposable serving materials and carry-out containers, also 5. napkins made with post-consumer recycled paper. 6. The coffeehouses have been found to have in the décor good condition recycled furniture and furnishings or selections of natural fabrics, fibers, wood and some “green” building materials. 7. Besides voluntarily scheduling local artists and musical performers, the coffeehouses (owners) also voluntarily support fund-raising or education sessions for environmental projects and groups. 8. Customers may find convenient bicycle parking outside or even inside the premises.

PARADIGM COFFEE AND MUSIC: On 9/29/09, moved to 1202 N. 8th St. (**8th & St. Clair**) Sheboygan, 920-457-5277. Owner Kate Krause, in addition to taking all the eco-

actions (1-8) mentioned in the Coffeehouse classification, Kate Krause offers her music stage for May Motherfest events supporting Earthfest at Sheboygan's Fountain Park, 3rd Saturday of Aug. Also she has made her stage available for showing the SALFA sponsored Winter Film Fest of 6 films on subjects promoting locally grown and organic food. Her coffeehouse is the first known in the area to offer indoor parking for customers' bicycles (since Dec. 2009.)

WEATHER CENTER CAFÉ, 809 Riverfront Drive, Sheboygan, 920-459-9283. Owner, Teak Phippin, in addition to taking most all of the eco-actions (1-8) mentioned in the Coffeehouse classification, the Weather Center Café has been listed as giving support to local environmental groups and projects.

Z-SPOT ESPRESSO & COFFEE BAR, 1024 Indiana Ave., Sheboygan. 920-457-6690. Owner, Jeff Zenk, in addition to taking most all of the eco-actions (1-8) mentioned in the Coffeehouse classification, the Z-Spot has been listed as giving support to local environmental groups and projects.

ECO-CERTIFICATION, GREEN SEAL: What are some of the main eco-actions required for a resort to receive Green Seal Certification? **An EXAMPLE is listed below.** **BLUE HARBOR RESORT** – (Green Seal Certification as of April 2009.) The Great Wolf Resort Chain of 12 resort properties, as of April 2009, has eco-friendly certification regarding 30 criteria areas of operation and service for all 12 properties. Sheboygan's Blue Harbor Resort is **located in the South Pier District off the 8th Street and Indiana Avenue traffic circle at the south end of downtown Sheboygan. 920-452-2900.** Blue Harbor eco-actions include: replacement of light bulbs with nearly 5000 eco-bulbs, putting more lights on light timers, placement of recycling containers in guest rooms and common areas. Signs have been put in guest rooms for guests to signal the staff to save water, electricity and natural gas by not laundering bed linens and towels on a particular day of a their stay, according to individual preference. Restaurant menus currently include some organic food choices, also earth-friendly materials are used for carryout containers and disposable utensils. Bathrooms have low-flow showerheads and low-flow toilets. Recycled, re-filtered pool water is used at the water park. The resort also planted two more trees in 2009 near main entrance.

ECO-CERTIFICATION, silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design): What does it mean to qualify for it? **An EXAMPLE for an Existing Building** in Sheboygan County is listed below.

KOHLER COMPANY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY BUILDING in 2009 earned **Silver LEED** status, receiving all 5 points in the Innovations Category, not usually achieved for an existing building. This included monitoring devices for energy and water usage leading to a 50 percent reduction in water usage. High efficiency bathroom fixtures were installed, also new landscaping around the building with native Wisconsin plants that grow without the use of herbicides or extra potable water. Environmentally-friendly cleaning products have been used exclusively. A combination of lower-energy, compact fluorescent light bulbs, taking the best advantage of natural lighting, also making building upgrades, further cut energy use. The LEED rating system awards building points when specified green building criteria is satisfied.

Note: As of December, 2009 there has been a report that the Kohler Company will receive federal government stimulus funds to remove and upgrade 800 light fixtures in its Foundry with more energy efficient lighting. Steam-powered hot water systems in two buildings also will be replaced with natural gas fired equipment. A steam-powered clay drier in the kitchen and bath divisions will be replaced with a new system that uses waste heat from kilns. (WI Gov. Doyle made the announcement on 12/10/09)

ECO-CERTIFICATION gold LEED project, new construction example: Two companies partnered in 2008 on a project to build a brand-new, 2600 sq. foot residence on the City of Plymouth's west side, with the aim of achieving the highest "gold" LEED designation for green building practices and materials. The home, shown in the Fall 2008 Parade of Homes, was jointly built by David Bolland, president and chief operating officer of Plymouth Foam, and by Plymouth area "green builders" Oyvind Solvang and Tod Hellman, owners of Hillcrest Builders. A variety of the Plymouth company's foam products were added to the structure to greatly increase energy efficiency. The previous knowledge and experience of the Hillcrest green builders and their workman brought the project to completion with the use of many green building techniques, materials and products. Contacts: **Plymouth Foam, Inc.** www.plymouthfoam.com Corp. Hdqtrs: 1800 Sunset Drive, Plymouth. 1-800-669-1176. **Hillcrest Builders** www.hillcrestbuilders.com 1210 Greystone Drive, Plymouth. Operations: 920-526-3028 Sales: 920-526-3600

ECO- FIRMS (Examples) offering green building and eco-landscaping alternatives:

ARCHITECTURE

Architects in Common: 920-526-2328, Glenbeulah. www.architectsincommon.com
Timothy Kent, founder of the architectural design firm, is a registered LEED certified AP (accredited professional) in understanding green building practices and the LEED certification process.

LJM Architects: 920-458-4800, 813 Riverfront Drive, Sheboygan.
www.ljmarchitects.com Senior Architect Jennifer Lehrke, Historic Preservation and Green Building Consultant, LEED certified. Email: jlehrke@ljmarchitects.com
info@ljmarchitects.com

BUILDING CONTRACTOR (see ECO-certification, gold LEED example above)
Hillcrest Builders, Plymouth and Plymouth Foam, Plymouth

Note: Other building contractors in Sheboygan County are beginning to take notice of requests by potential clients for alternative "green" building and landscaping.

CIVIL, ENVIRONMENTAL, GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING

Miller Engineers & Scientists, Sheboygan, 920-458-6164 www.startwithmiller.com
The employee-owned firm has LEED accredited professionals and Certified Hazardous Materials Professionals in its team of civil, environmental and geotechnical engineers dedicated to sustainable development, environmental restoration and compliance, and also to water resource management. Recently, the firm also produced a Best Management

Plan for redesigning 11 beaches in Door County to reduce E. coli contamination and storm sewer run-off in order to improve water quality.

CONSULTING

EcoManity, LLC: an independent energy consulting company specifically driven towards energy efficiency and renewable energy. EcoManity's business is designed to help find solutions based upon each client's individual needs. EcoManity can provide help with design, site assessments, energy audits, project management, and grant writing. Check out www.eco-manity.com or call 920-876-4020 (Elkhart Lake office) for more information.

Energy Strategies, Inc., Sheboygan: 920-467-9481 (office), www.energy-strategies.net Pat Miller, owner, State-certified consulting firm authorized to provide residential home energy evaluations in partnership with Focus on Energy www.focusonenergy.com. Consultation includes infrared thermal imaging, blower door testing for home air leakage, pressure diagnostics, moisture evaluation, insulation evaluation, combustion safety testing, ventilation design and testing, heating/cooling evaluation, drainage plane evaluation, computer modeling, and reporting. They are in alliance with local contractors that implement building science. Location: 3414 S. 18th Street Email: kth@energy-strategies.net

Kevin Hogan, Program Coordinator for Home Performance with ENERGY STAR[®], works for Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC). WECC currently handles the contract for Focus on Energy. Kevin's contact is kevinh@weccusa.org or at 608-513-1332.

ECO-LIGHTING FOR BUSINESSES

Orion Energy Systems, begun in Sheboygan County, continuing, as of 2010, to be housed in the closed Mirro plant in Manitowoc County, offers great reduction on lighting costs to companies and manufacturing plants with its variety of electricity saving business lighting fixtures, natural light tubes and other systems. **Bemis Manufacturing** and the former Quad Graphics were among the first businesses in Sheboygan County to convert to Orion systems. Orion also has a close connection with Lakeshore Technical College, Cleveland, WI. www.oriones.com 1-887-204-7540 Bemis Mfg, 920-467-4621

LANDSCAPING – environmentally friendly:

LANDMARK LANDSCAPES, Inc., Joe Majerus at W3238 County Road O, Sheboygan Falls, 920-467-6442, offers “art through ecology” landscape designs that conserve resources and use native Midwestern plants and trees along with locally quarried stone. A gardening staff cares for residential and commercial landscapes without the use of harmful synthetic chemicals. At his County Trunk O location, his signs promote organic fertilizer, eco-tea, worm boxes, red wiggler worms, corn gluten, rain barrels, and sustainable solutions. The business is endorsed by the Wild Ones organization. Even his brochure is printed on 100 percent post consumer recycled paper. www.landmarklandscapesinc.com Email: joe@landmarklandscapesinc.com

SOLAR HOT WATER INSTALLATION

Riendl Plumbing & Heat: 920-773-2443, not in Sheboygan County, but just north of it.

SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION

Arch Electric: 920-893-8388, rural Plymouth, family owned electrical service provider. State certified in providing solar electric site assessments, designing and installing a solar electric generation system for a property, including solar panels.

WATER-SAVING FIXTURES

Kohler Company, Kohler, 920-247-4441 www.kohler.com Water-saving kitchen and bath fixtures, also production process conserves water and utilizes recycled materials.

WIND TURBINE SALES AND INSTALLATION

Kettleview Renewable Energy,: 920-994-9433, www.kettleviewre.com Randy Fall, Random Lake, offers site assessments, consulting, sales, installation, and information on grants and incentives for various kinds of wind turbines.

Winds of Change, LLC: 920-894-2377, www.windssofchangeenergy.com in Sheboygan County, offers alternative energy solutions where a specified type of small wind turbine can be connected to an electric meter with no need to modify anything in the home. The company gives information on small wind systems, rebates, incentives and site placement along with sales and wind turbine installation.

ELECTRIC STREET-READY CARS and LOCAL SHEBOYGAN ORDINANCE:

Also known as a **Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV)**, a newer classification of street-ready small pick-up trucks and also street-acceptable 4 -passenger carriers that somewhat resemble golf carts are NOW allowed on city streets in some cities in Wisconsin, including Sheboygan. The Sheboygan Common Council passed Ordinance No. 48-08-09 on Nov. 17, 2008, now part of Municipal Code, Section 118-10. Electric cars are allowed to drive on Sheboygan streets listed up to a 35mph speed limit. At present only one small section of Taylor Drive inside the city limits has a speed limit above 35 mph.

Columbia Par Car (made in Reedsburg, Wi) is offered locally in Sheboygan and in eastern Wisconsin by Bob Mair of Sheboygan, who can be reached by cell phone (1-920-470-0501), office phone (414-353-3300) or email: bmair@meelift.com The Par Car vehicles can travel up to 40 miles before recharging is needed. Some vehicle models begin near the \$12,000 range and additions such as heaters, extra-cushioned bucket seats and rear equipment hauling configurations are available. Bob Mair is a Major accounts/ Fleet manager for MEE Material Handling Equipment of Milwaukee, representing Columbia Par Car Corp.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF ITEMS:

Several **REPAIR SHOPS** exist around Sheboygan and Sheboygan County, including four between 9th and 11th Streets on Michigan Ave. in Sheboygan:

Arnst Zipper Repair, not only replaces zippers but also offers women's re-conditioned leather handbags, 920-457-4213, 923 Michigan Ave.

Johnnie's Bike Shop (new and used), 920-452-0934, 1001 Mich. Ave.

Mantz Vac Center (new, used and rebuilt vacs), 920-452-5535, 1009 Mich. Ave.

Molly's Cobbler Shop for shoe and boot repair, 920-452-7838, 1003 Mich. Ave.

The Sewing Machine Shop IN SHEBOYGAN FALLS, 860 Monroe Street, 920-467-3135, according to several sources, may be the only shop left in Sheboygan County that does sewing machine repair.

FURNITURE REPAIR AND RENEWAL BUSINESSES around the county are: **Glen Grunow**, 920-467-8168, W3984 County Trunk O, Sheboygan Falls; **Sheboygan Upholstery**, 920-457-3021, 1920 N. 13th St. and **Hartman's Furniture Service**, 920-803-9111, 1130 S. 8th St. Sheboygan; and **Ver Velde Finishing**, 920-564-3349, 1104 Center Ave, Oostburg.

(Extra Note) **Used Bookstores extend the life of books, paper, and music. Thrift shops, consignment shops, estate sales, rummage sales, garage sales, and also library sales of used books, magazines, CDs and VHS videos extend the useful life of many items.**

FARMING (ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY Examples):

Farm Fresh Atlas of Eastern Wisconsin (2010 listings) require that farms listed pledge that their farm is 1. family or cooperatively owned, 2. is committed to reducing the application of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers 3. is operated in a way that protects and sustains the region's land and water resources 4. treats animals with care and respect, 5. provides safe and fair working conditions for employees, and 6. sells Wisconsin products that they grow or help produce. Twelve farms were listed for Sheboygan County (numbers 49-51 and 53-61. No.52 is a Farm Market in Plymouth). To read more about them and other info, check The Farm Fresh Atlas for Eastern Wisconsin, or its website: www.farmfresheastwi.org

49. **BACKYARD BOUNTY**, Laura Comerford, W4873 CTH U at Hwy 57, rural Plymouth, **CSA** ljcomerford@hotmail.com 920-892-4319, veggies, herbs, chicken, eggs. **Veggie plants in spring. Farm stand and Sheboygan Farmers Market.**

50. **BAHR CREEK LLAMAS & FIBER STUDIO**, Mark & Brigitte DeMaster, N1021 Sauk Trail Rd, rural Cedar Grove, www.bahrcreek.com demaster@bahrcreek.com 920-668-6417 Yarns, spinning wheels, looms, needle felting, gifts and supplies.

51. **BOLDT CENTURY FARM**, Tammy & Jeremy Boldt, 920-564-6274, N3526 Hwy 32, rural Sheboygan Falls, boldtcenturyfarm@excel.net www.boldtcenturyfarm.com farm raised meats (**pork, chicken, rabbit**), eggs, honey, veggies, **organic spices**, teas.

53. **CEDAR SPRINGS TROUT FARM**, Randall Pietsch, N3760 CTH NN, rural Plymouth, 920-528-8480. Spring-fed ponds, no license needed. Open year-round.

54. **DREWRY FARMS**, Ruth & David Drewry, W5762 Winooski Road, rural Plymouth, **maple syrup, "sugar shack" farm stand**, 920-893-0882

55. GARDEN OF WEEDIN', Jacob & Heather Lambrecht, CSA, N9565 Turba Ct., rural Elkhart Lake, 920-894-7196. **Veggies, fruit, herbs. Specialty food items, too.**
gardenofweedincsa@gmail.com

56. GOBBLER HILLS **POULTRY FARM**, Francis & Karee Abbott, N7015 CTH E, rural Plymouth, 920-893-0421, fabbott@excel.net **Pastured chickens and turkeys.** No hormones or antibiotics used. **Orders also taken for fresh Thanksgiving turkeys.**

57. HENSCHELS **TROUT FARM & INDIAN MUSEUM**, N8661 Holstein Rd., rural Elkhart Lake, north side of the Sheboygan Marsh, 920-876-3193. Spring-fed trout ponds. Museum open Memorial-Labor Day. Pumpkin Patch Oct. wk. Wagon rides, tours/appt.

58. JEFF-LEEN FARM, 920-994-9502, Jeff and Kathy Preder, N254 Hwy I, Random Lake WI, raise grass-fed, pasture-roaming **Piedmontese Beef Cattle** which produce meat lower in fat and cholesterol. **Pastured chickens.** No hormones, antibiotics or steroids used in raising of beef cattle or chickens. Besides meat distribution to other clients, the Preders sell selections of their **beef, chicken and eggs** at Sheb. Summer Fountain Park Farmers Market & Winter Farmers Mkt, First Cong. Church. Jeffleen88@gmail.com

59. OLD PLANK FARM, Stephanie Bartel, W6020 CTH C, rural Plymouth, CSA, 920-917-8207, info@oldplankfarm.com www.oldplankfarm.com **Fruits & veggies.** Newsletter. **Additional produce at on-farm stand.**

60. SPIEKERS **PUMPKIN FARM**, Tom & Annette Spieker, N1181 Hwy 57, Random Lake, 920-994-9740 www.spiekerspumpkinfarm.com atspieker@hotmail.com **Open late Sept. thru Oct. Pumpkins, squash, gourds, corn, dried decor, wagon rides, tours and concessions.**

61. WINDCREST ACRES, Gloria Schmidt, N3804 CTH E, Waldo, 920-528-8953. Asparagus, raspberries & cherries, apples, cider, some veggies, apple wood. **Farm store, Aug-Nov. Also a vendor at SCIO Summer Farmer's Market, Elkhart Lake.**

Another local environmentally-friendly farm & creamery, also local fruit growers

SPRINGDALE FARM, W7065 Silver Springs Lane, rural Plymouth, CSA 920-892-4856, **local markets, brown eggs, fresh strawberries, organic and fresh vegetables, misc. vegetables.**

WALWOOD'S **BERRY FARM**, Randy Walwood, **strawberry farm.** Call **strawberry hotline** for picking dates and times, 920-668-6481. Walwoods also has small trucks that go to various parts of the county to sell berries at specific locations on certain days during season. **The farm, in season, is open 7 days a week, Mon.-Sat. 7 am-7pm, Sun. 7-5pm.** Located one mile north of Cedar Grove on Smies Road.

WHISPERING ORCHARDS, W 1650 Hwy MM, rural Cleveland, Sheboygan County, 920-693-8584. **Family oriented apple orchard**, homemade preserves, pies, **restaurant**, gift shop, petting zoo and seasonal activities. Also **roadside stand**, and on-farm sales. whisperorchards@yahoo.com

ORGANIC-CHEESE CREAMERY:

SAXON HOMESTEAD CREAMERY, near Cleveland, WI, 920-547-4108, produces and markets three varieties of organic cheese from raw cow's milk aged 60, 70 or 90 days. The farm has been in the Klessig and Heimerl families since 1850 when their farming ancestors came over from the area of Saxony, Germany. Currently have **summertime vendor booths at both the SCIO Sheboygan Fountain Park Farmer's market and also the Elkhart Lake Farmers and Artisans Market.** www.saxoncreamery.com

FARMER'S MARKETS:

Three Farmers Markets have been organized by the Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization. Contact: Judy Tauschek, Director of SCIO Farmers Markets. SCIO Office: 920-457-7272, email: scio@excel.net Kristin Blanchard is the SCIO Executive Director.

Summertime Farmers Markets—

CAPELLE'S FARM MARKET: David Capelle, 920-892-6826, cell 920-918-6993, 2236 Eastern Ave, Plymouth, dcapelle1@wi.rr.com Open daily mid-July to Halloween, also Thanksgiving-Christmas. (Listed as number 52 under Sheboygan County in the Farm Fresh Atlas of Eastern Wisconsin.)

(SCIO) SHEBOYGAN FOUNTAIN PARK, 9th Street and Erie Avenue, from June to Oct 31. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 am-2pm, Vegetables, fruits, flowers, breads, herbs, eggs, frozen chicken and beef, food vendors for hot and cold prepared food items.

(SCIO) PLYMOUTH CITY PARK on Grove Street, Thursdays, after June 15 to October 15, 2pm-6pm, and includes being open shortly before Thursday evening band concerts at the park.

ELKHART LAKE Farmers and Artisan's Market is held near Depot in downtown Elkhart Lake on Saturday mornings, from June thru mid-October, 8am-12:30 pm. Fresh produce, fresh bakery, flowers, and all types of hand-crafted items.

Wintertime Farmers Market--

(SCIO) WINTER INDOOR FARMER'S MARKET, SHEBOYGAN-- is held one Saturday a month in Nov., Dec. and Jan. and two Saturdays a month in Feb, March and April, 9 am to 2 pm, Sheboygan at the fellowship hall of the First Congregational Church on North 3rd Street across from Vollrath Bowl (use alley entrance.) SCIO, 920-457-7272 Homemade jams, breads, pastries, home-grown root vegetables, apples, Specialty frozen beef and chicken, also eggs from pastured chickens. A few arts and crafts.

HEALTH-FOOD STORES (note): A variety of natural products and organic foods have long been offered by health-food stores and in sections of other stores, including cosmetic and supplement sections, also fresh fruit and vegetable counters. The Sheboygan County area has a variety of businesses to explore for these types of items. Local ads and phone book listings give helpful information on locations.

HEALTHIER FOOD and ORGANIC MENU OFFERINGS (note): More restaurants in the Sheboygan County area are beginning to offer a smattering of organically grown food and locally grown food selections on menus, also a choice for more health-conscious food preparation, such as “grilled” in addition to “fried.” A few have a larger part of the menu devoted to these selections. It is perhaps best to check with individual restaurants as to current menu items offered in this category.

WOOD BOWLS FROM LEFTOVER “NEW WOOD” SCRAPS WOOD BOWL MANUFACTURER SINCE 1952

ELLINGER’S AGATIZED WOODWORK, 920-457-7746, at 923 S. 21ST Street, Sheboygan, uses all recycled wood to make bowls, hostess trays, cutting boards, spatulas and deli servers. A retail mail-order business for individual customers has been revived in the past couple of years to help augment larger sales distribution orders to restaurants and other food service companies.

For individual orders, check the website: www.agatized.com or phone the company and ask for Jenny or Wil. Also email: jennye@bytehead.com

Ellinger’s is a Sheboygan family-owned company since 1952. Company officers Wil Neese and Jenny Stafford (whose grandfather started the company) continue to produce **dishwasher safe products** that can withstand continued use in both household and commercial dishwashers. However, **microwaving is not recommended** for this type of wood-based bowl.

Leftover scrap wood and shavings from U.S. furniture-making businesses are shipped to them. The wood has been pre-ground to a flour consistency. Then it is mixed with a special resin while the bowls, trays, cutting boards and other products are being formed at their business location. Ellinger’s Agatized Woodwork is located about one block south of the intersection where South 21st Street meets New Jersey Avenue at Sheboygan Dept. of Public Works. **Local residents may remember buying bowls at local retail outlets during several of the past decades,** and some still use their bowls.

The entire FOUR-SECTION ECOLOGY DIRECTORY for Sheboygan and Sheboygan County, including Recycling and Safe Disposal: Household Items A to Z; Environmental Groups and Projects; Ecology Actions—Business Examples; and Community Ecology Wishes, was officially accepted by the City of Sheboygan Common Council at its first Monday meeting, October 2009. The first section on Recycling was put on the Sheboygan County Website, Planning Department, in December 2009 and Updated in 2010. The material from various sections is slated to appear on additional websites in 2010 with 2010 updates. Data collected and compiled by Rich and Joyce Jordan
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