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Cybersecurity Workshop

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month and the Village of Pleasant Prairie is hosting a Cybersecurity Workshop. The workshop will cover how you can protect your data, computer, and family against online predators.

The workshop will be presented by the Village's Information Technology team and will take place in the Village Hall Auditorium (9915 39th Avenue) on Wednesday, October 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For registration and workshop details go to voppcyberworkshop.eventbrite.com.

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Designing Downtown Pleasant Prairie Thank You

On July 25, the Community Collaboration Committee, called Designing Downtown Pleasant Prairie, presented conceptual plans for the future downtown of Pleasant Prairie to be known as the Village Green Center.

The community was invited to the presentation. After the presentation, individuals were able to share their comments and ask questions regarding the conceptual plans and its purpose. Over 200 members of the community attended the presentation.

An open house was held on July 11 prior to the presentation whereby conceptual plans from Designing Downtown Pleasant Prairie were displayed and residents were welcome to view the plans and speak to committee members.

"We heard a lot of positive feedback from those who attended the open house and the presentation," said Community Collaboration principle Todd Streeter, "We have a dedicated team of local community members that have a great vision of a modern downtown that would best fit the Pleasant Prairie community. It is wonderful to see so many residents attend the event

and take interest in the Village Green Center."

Next Steps

In early July, the Village released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking responses for qualified firms interested in taking the role of master developer for the Village Green Center. Village staff, along with members of the Designing Downtown Pleasant Prairie committee, will review the RFQ responses.

Interviews with the most qualified RFQ candidates will take place within the coming weeks. Once a master developer is chosen, the recommended firm (along with the contract) will be forwarded to the Village Board for review and approval. The master developer will then proceed in the drafting of a master plan for the Village Green Center.

The Designing Downtown Pleasant Prairie plans for the Village Green Center are subject to change to better suit the landscape.

The Village will post updates for the Village Green Center as plans move along. The

vision for the future downtown is to be completed within five years.

The Village Green Center consists of approximately 180 acres of land located at the confluence of Springbrook Road, 39th Avenue, and 104th Street.

Thank you

The Village of Pleasant Prairie would like to thank each Designing Downtown Pleasant Prairie committee member for their time and dedication researching and creating a vision for a downtown that would best fit the Village and its residents.

"I can't say enough about this committee and their efforts," commented Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, "It is exciting to see our community so engaged and the feedback has been wonderful."

The Village would also like to thank all of the residents that attended the Community Collaboration events and shared their thoughts and opinions for the Village Green Center. □



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Nexus Pharmaceuticals

On Monday, August 12, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved preliminary site and operational plans for Nexus Pharmaceuticals Inc. The request was made by Karl Music, agent with IPS, on behalf of Nexus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for site grading, underground utilities, and footing and foundation for a proposed pharmaceutical manufacturing facility to be located at the northwest quadrant of County Highway Q and 128th Avenue in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park. Nexus Pharmaceuticals will be the fourth tenant in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

On July 11, Nexus Pharmaceuticals held a press conference announcing that they had select Pleasant Prairie as the future location of its first manufacturing facility. Many political figures attended the press conference including Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

Soon after on July 15, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved a purchase and sale agreement between Nexus and the Village in the amount of approximately for \$3.2 million for the sale of 16 acres located inside Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

Nexus Pharmaceuticals plans to construct a 100,000 square foot manufacturing facility at this location. Nexus Pharmaceuticals specializes in developing innovative processes to manufacture specialty and generic injectable drugs. The facility will support the production and supply of injectable drugs in an array of therapeutic areas including anesthesia, oncology, cardiovascular, and neurology. The company headquarters are located in Lincolnshire, IL.



This multi-phase, multi-year project is expected to be completed in ten years. Phase one will consist of constructing a three-story manufacturing facility with cutting-edge technology including an advanced isolator system for maximum product protection and sterility; reducing the risk of contamination and is expected to be completed in 2021. The facility will also include multiple lyophilization (freeze-drying) machines to support production of Nexus' current portfolio and robust pipeline of generic and specialty injectable drugs. The facility will create more than 70 new jobs in fields of high-tech manufacturing, analytical testing, quality control and supply chain management by 2022.

The Village, along with support from KABA and Milwaukee 7, have been working diligently to recruit Nexus to join the success of southeastern Wisconsin.

Village President John Steinbrink Sr. commented, "The Village is incredibly pleased to welcome Nexus Pharmaceuticals to Pleasant Prairie and southeastern Wisconsin. I am confident that Nexus Pharmaceuticals will find the regional business community here to be a dynamic asset as it continues to grow." □

HWY 50 Reconstruction Agreement

On Monday, August 5, the Village Board considered and approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Kenosha for the reconstruction of HWY 50 (75th Street) from I-94 to 43rd Avenue.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2020. The \$87 million state transportation project includes widening roads from four to six lanes between 116th Avenue and 57th Avenue. The project also includes reconstructing the current four-lane road between 57th Avenue and 43rd Avenue, implementing access management measures, and improving intersections and road access connections.

The Village agreement consists of acquisition and purchase of 109th Avenue (south of HWY 50) along with payment of \$1.5 million to the State Transportation Department as the local contribution to the project, and reimbursement of real estate acquisition receipt provided by the City for up to \$900,000, with exception of any right-of-way acquisition for property owned by the City of Kenosha.

The Village opted to assist the City with right of way acquisition in order to close negotiations and move the project forward. The City lacked interest in committing any additional funds toward the project, indifferent of the benefits. The State will be contributing more than \$80 million towards the project. "It is a reflection on Village philosophy," said Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, "We see roads and infrastructure as a worthy investment; not a cost to avoid." Compared to the total project cost the Village's participation will be less than \$3 million. □

United Conveyor Corporation Site and Operational Plans

On Monday, August 12, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved site and operational plans for United Conveyor Corporation (UCC). The request was made by Brendan O'Carroll of Morgan/Barbour, agent for United Conveyor Corporation, to occupy an existing 149,811 square foot building located at 7153 99th Street in Lake View Corporate Park.

UCC is a global leader in environmental solutions for power generation and heavy industry. Since 1920, UCC has been committed to the design, supply, construction, and maintenance of world-class systems precisely engineered to better serve utility and industrial customers. The company offers a global network of sales and service representatives serving customers and installations spanning six continents. UCC is expanding its production operations and has chosen Pleasant Prairie as the location for the strategic addition.

"We are excited United Conveyor Corporation selected Pleasant Prairie," said Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, "As industry leaders in providing environmental solutions, UCC has an excellent reputation in research development, high-quality performance, and competent service. UCC will be a strong addition to our community and is exactly what we want to represent the Village of Pleasant Prairie."

The project represents a \$20 million investment which has been designed with a lean production approach that will utilize state-of-the-art equipment and optimize efficiencies throughout the production cycle. The company intends to be operational by October 2019.

"Pleasant Prairie is thrilled to welcome United Conveyor Corporation to the community," said Village President John Steinbrink Sr., "The Village would also like to thank our economic development partners - Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Milwaukee 7, Kenosha Area Business Alliance and Kenosha County - for their roles in bringing United Conveyor Corporation to southeastern Wisconsin. Our community has a great team contributing to our region's well-being and quality of life."

UCC expects to employ approximately 30 people at the new facility with the possibility of future expansion. UCC currently employs over 400 employees worldwide with approximately 230 of those located at their Waukegan, Illinois, headquarters. UCC also has operations in Germany, India, Thailand and China. □

Business Expansions

The Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved plans for facility expansions for the following:



Fair Oaks Farms - occupy 56,050 sq. ft. building
10150 80th Avenue in LakeView Corporate Park



Volkswagen of America - 86,808 sq. ft. addition
11589 88th Avenue - LakeView Corporate Park □

Village Calendars

If you are interested in receiving future editions of the Village Calendar directly to your mailbox, please register at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the *Calendar icon* near the bottom of the page or call **262.925.6701**. You only need to register once to receive future editions of the Village Calendar.

The last day to register for future editions of the Village Calendar and Resource Directory is September 20.

Calendars will also be available for pickup at Village Hall (9915 39th Ave) and Prange Municipal Building (8600 Green Bay Road). □

Fresenius Kabi Site and Operational Plans



On Monday, August 12, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved final site and operational plans for Fresenius Kabi. The request was made by Steve Miller with Clayco, on behalf of the property owners Bluepoint 94 LLC, for the construction of a 590,525 square foot regional office and pharmaceutical storage and processing facility to be located at 11900 122nd Street in Stateline 94 Corporate Park.

Fresenius Kabi is a global healthcare company specializing in lifesaving medicines and technologies for infusion, transfusion and clinical nutrition applications. Their products and services are used to help care for critically and chronically ill patients and the company is committed to putting essential medicines and technologies into the hands of the people who help patients find the best answers to the healthcare challenges they face. Fresenius Kabi provides high-quality products with one of the most comprehensive product portfolios for core therapeutic areas.

The hours of operation will be 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with two shifts. It is estimated to have 95 employees within the first three years and it is anticipated that the number of employees could reach up to 164 employees by 2028. These workers will be skilled in operating equipment as well as all regulations related to GMP, Drug Supply Chain Security, and DEA requirements. They have a full electronic training system that ensures employees are trained on appropriate policies and procedures for their particular job function.

Fresenius Kabi plans to take occupancy of the building in spring of 2020. □

Water & Sewer Rates Update



The Village of Pleasant Prairie Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to changes in Pleasant Prairie's customer base, including a loss of one of the Village's largest water user, WE-Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant, since the last water rate case in 2012.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$1,169,223. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer who use 5,000 gallons of water per month will increase from \$32.13 to \$34.50 (or 7%), a difference of \$2.37.

The sewer rate decrease will offset the water rate increase for the majority of utility customers. Business growth in Pleasant Prairie caused a large volume increase of low strength sewer discharge. Village sewer is treated by the Kenosha Water Utility, which meters flow and strength. Pleasant Prairie's sewer flow has been diluted by new customers, giving the ability to decrease sewer rates for all Village customers. The sewer bill for an average residential customer who use 5,000 gallons of water per month will decrease from \$42.06 to \$36.55 (or -14%), a difference of \$5.51. The sewer rate decrease recommendation will be brought to the Village Board on September 16 for approval.

When you combine the water rate increase with the sewer decrease, utility bills for most of Pleasant Prairie utility customers will be about the same. The residential customer using 5,000 gallons of water per month total bill will decrease by \$3.14 from \$74.19 to \$71.05.

Village staff will continue to work to keep the Pleasant Prairie Utilities operating as efficiently as possible in order to help control costs for utility customers. Customers of the Pleasant Prairie Utilities can expect to first see the rate change as early as their October 31 utility billing. □

E-Newsletter: If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the newsletter icon near the bottom of the page. You can choose to opt off of the paper mailing list by emailing newsletter@plprairie.com. Include your name and postal mailing address along with the words "email only." □

Plan and Park Commissions Member James Bandura Retires after 25 Years

The Village extends sincere appreciation and gratitude to James Bandura for his 25 years of commitment and decades of attentive service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie in the cause of quality municipal planning. On July 17, James notified the Village that he was retiring from the Pleasant Prairie Plan and Park Commissions in order to relocate for family reasons.

“James Bandura has been a wonderful asset to the Village ever since he began serving the community 25 year ago,” said Plan Commission Chairperson Mike Serpe, “He deeply cared about the Pleasant Prairie community. He will be greatly missed.”

The Village of Pleasant Prairie would like to acknowledge and express gratitude to James for his contributions made while serving on the Plan and Park Commissions.

The Plan and Park Commissions will now begin the process of seeking and appointing a replacement. Village residents interested in using their expertise to serve in one of these capacities can fill out an application at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Government/Boards_and_Commissions_Member_Information and click on the **Apply For Position** tab. ☐



K-9 Chase Sworn into Police Department

The newest member to the Pleasant Prairie Police Department was sworn in during the regularly scheduled Pleasant Prairie Village Board Meeting on Monday, July 15.

K-9 Chase was brought onto the agency earlier this summer and completed his eight week training with his handler, Officer Mike Algiers, at the TOPS Kennel in Grayslake, Illinois. K-9 Chase is a full breed German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. K-9 Chase is a multi-purpose dog that has been trained in narcotics detection, tracking, article searches, handler protection, and criminal apprehension. K-9 Chase replaces K-9 Echo who retired late last year after eight years of service to the Pleasant Prairie Police Department.

“Having a K-9 Unit with so many capabilities has proven to be an extremely valuable resource for the department over the years,” said Chief Smetana, “Obtaining K-9 Chase was a high priority.” ☐



(Pictured above from left to right: Village Deputy Clerk Vesna Savic, Officer Algiers, and K-9 Chase)

Pleasant Prairie in Bloom Photo Contest

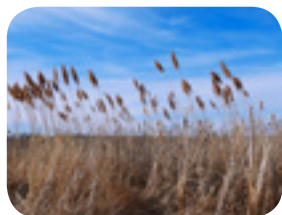
Winners

The Village wants to thank all of those who participated in the Pleasant Prairie in Bloom Photo Contest. There were over 90 photo submissions. Residents voted for their favorite photos. Nine honorable mentions (pictured below) were also selected.

The three winning photos are to the right with titles and entrant names listed below. The black and white images do not capture the true beauty of these photos. If you want to view them in all their glory, you can see the color version at PleasantPrairieWi.gov. Otherwise you will see them in the 2020 Village calendar that will be released at the end of October. ☐



Patriotic Petals by Lauren Duncan



*Photo Contest
Honorable Mentions*



Summer Blooms by Margaret Russell



Corn at Sunset by Carolyn Gage

Camera Partnership




The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has an ongoing crime fighting partnership with Village residents. The initiative, known as the **Community Camera Partnership** enables residents to share video footage with the Police Department from home security cameras, aimed outdoors, if a crime or suspicious activity occurs in their neighborhood.

The department sees the partnership as a modern day extension of the Neighborhood Watch Program. The plan is to use this shared footage to solve crime in our community more efficiently, and to deter future crime from occurring.

Through a short questionnaire on the Village website, residents can log their home as a location where a camera may be able to provide assistance should a crime or suspicious activity occur. The locations will be marked on a map. If a crime is reported near one of the locations, officers would know that they could contact a resident in the area to ask them to look at their camera footage.

It is important to note that all aspects of this program are completely voluntary, and that at no time would the police have any remote access to the home security system. The home owner remains in complete control of their personal camera system.

Residents who wish to participate can access the online questionnaire at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Departments/Police, by clicking on “**Community Camera Partnership**” in the left-hand column. Residents with questions about the partnership, or those who would like to share video evidence without completing the questionnaire, can email police@plprairie.com. 

Safety Day in the Prairie

Saturday, September 21



Please join members of the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue at the fourth annual Safety Day in the Prairie. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at Fire Station #1 (3801 Springbrook Road).

This is a **free** event and is open to the public.

Safety Day in the Prairie will feature:

- Fire station tours and safety house exhibit
- Tours of fire apparatus equipment
- Meeting your Pleasant Prairie firefighters
- Flight for Life helicopter scheduled to land at 10:30 a.m.
- Two bounce houses
- Information booths by Public Works, RecPlex Aquatics, Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and Pleasant Prairie Police.
- Complimentary refreshments
- K9 police dog demonstration starring the new K9 Unit, Chase

Safety Day in the Prairie is sponsored by the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue in partnership with Pleasant Prairie Police, Public Works, and Pleasant Prairie Firefighters Local 3785. We would like to thank the numerous organizations that contributed to making the event a success. Individuals looking for more information can email firerescue@pleasantprairiewi.gov.

Safety Day is being held in advance of Fire Prevention month in October. Pleasant Prairie Fire and Rescue encourages all residents to have a fire safety plan and to discuss fire safety with all members of their households.

Pleasant Prairie Police Host Ice Cream Social

Families with children from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to a special ice cream social at the Pleasant Prairie Police Station (8600 Green Bay Road) on Saturday, October 5, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This ice cream social will allow young children and their families to meet the community police officers, participate in fun activities, and enjoy ice cream. Activities will include an introduction to the new K-9 Unit, Chase. The children can create welcome signs for him. The welcome sign will read "Hello Chase" and will be displayed in the Police Station.

Police Chief David Smetana and Community Officer Mikel Sexton will introduce the new Pleasant Prairie Police Officer Trading Card Program. Children can collect the trading cards which contain a photo, biography, and list of hobbies of the officer. The card is similar to a baseball trading card. Families will have the opportunity to learn more about the trading cards at the event.

Come enjoy ice cream with your community police officers. Families are asked to register for the event, sponsored by the Pleasant Prairie Police Appreciation Association, by emailing pppoafriends@gmail.com. □



2019 Lake Andrea Dragonfest



The Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau (PPCVB) and the Village of Pleasant Prairie would like to extend its thanks to all of the participants and spectators of the 2019 Lake Andrea Dragonfest.

The event took place on July 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and involved both community and regional races. Hosted by The United Way of Kenosha County, community races included seven boats sponsored by Uline, UW-Parkside, Bane Nelson Inc., Commercial Plastics, CCB Technology, Kenosha Community Health Center, and the PPCVB. Ten regional American Dragon Boat Association teams traveled from as far away as Texas and Colorado to compete for a berth at the 2020 IDBF Club Crew World Championships in Aix-Les-Bains, France. PanAm Dragon Boat hosted the regional races along with providing the dragon boats for the event.

"I would like to thank Village employees, residents, and friends

of the PPCVB for paddling and attending the 2019 Lake Andrea Dragonfest," said PPCVB Director Michelle Williamson, "It was wonderful to be part of this amazing event and it would not have been possible without the generosity of the companies that donated boats, paddlers, tents, and time to make it a success." The PPCVB would like to thank the following event sponsors: Pleasant Prairie Parks & Recreation, the Village of Pleasant Prairie, Uline, Bane Nelson Inc., Culver's, Niagara Bottling, and Guttormsen Recreation Center.

Plans for 2020 Lake Andrea Dragonfest are underway. Consider entering your company, community group, or friends to complete in dragon boat racing as an opportunity to bring co-workers and community members together for a fun teambuilding event. Local businesses and community groups interested in sponsoring a boat in the 2020 Lake Andrea Dragonfest can contact Michelle Williamson by calling **262.925.6745** or email michelle@visitpleasantprairie.com. □

Fall Residential Leaf Collection

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided in the Village, crews collect loose, un-bagged leaves directly from your curb or roadside. Four rounds of leaf collection will take place this fall. Weather permitting, leaf collection will run from **Monday, October 7 through December 4**. To have your leaves collected, please follow the steps below.

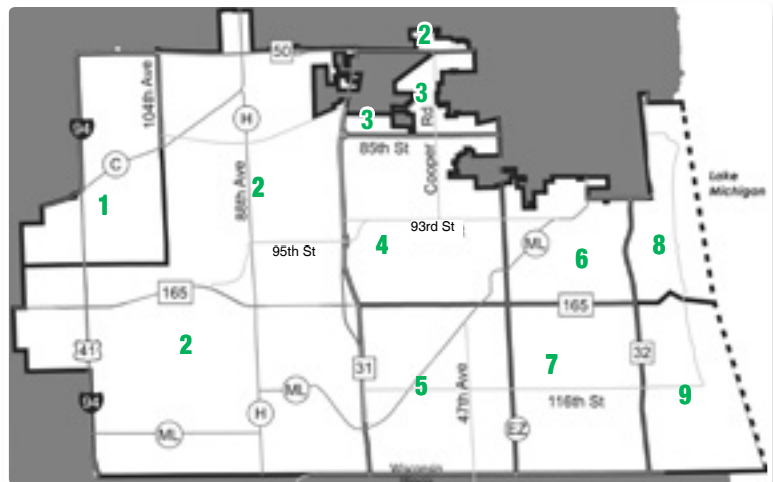
- Identify your collection zone on the map at the right. Then see the schedule to determine your collection dates.
- To prepare your leaves, rake your loose, fallen leaves into a pile at your curb or on your roadside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection dates. Because leaves are collected with a vacuum, they must be piled loose.
- Please keep leaves off of the asphalt.
- Residents with curbs and gutters, place loose leaves on the grass by your curb.
- Residents with a ditch line, place loose leaves on the grass along the roadside of the ditch.
- *Leaves must be within six feet of the road.*
- Bagged leaves or grass, branches and other yard waste will not be collected.
- **Do not mix other yard waste, such as potted/garden plants or branches, into your pile of leaves. Doing so can damage the leaf collection vacuum and may cause costly delays. Leaves mixed with other yard waste will not be collected.**

Please keep in mind that though collection staff abides by the schedule, there are certain circumstances that may delay leaf collection by one or more days. These circumstances include: delays due to weather, emergency situations that may draw staff away from their regular duties, or damage to collection equipment that would require repair or unscheduled service.

If you miss your scheduled collection days, leaves may also be taken to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street. The center will be open for on-season hours through December 7, weather permitting. The Residential Recycling Center will remain open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. throughout the off-season (December through March). If you have additional questions, please call **925.6700**. ☐



The image above shows how crews use a vacuum to collect loose leaves. Please follow the guidelines to the left to help prevent damage to the leaf vacuum and to make collection as effective as possible for all.



2019 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

Zone Number	Fall Round 1	Fall Round 2	Fall Round 3	Fall Round 4
1	Oct 7	Oct 18	Nov 4	Nov 20
2	Oct 8	Oct 22	Nov 5	Nov 21
3	Oct 9	Oct 23	Nov 6	Nov 22
4	Oct 10	Oct 24	Nov 7	Nov 25
5	Oct 11	Oct 25	Nov 11	Nov 26
6	Oct 14	Oct 28	Nov 13	Nov 27
7	Oct 15	Oct 29	Nov 14	Dec 2
8	Oct 16	Oct 30	Nov 15	Dec 3
9	Oct 17	Oct 31	Nov 19	Dec 4

Watch **How To: Prep Leaves for Collection** video at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov/How_Do_I/View/How_To_Video_Gallery](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov/How_Do_I/View/How_To_Video_Gallery).



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Veterans Day Ceremony

November 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.



The Village will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony to pay special tribute to America's service men and women at the Veterans Memorial on the southeast side of Prairie Springs Park. You, your family and friends are invited to join us as we recognize the sacrifices and contributions made by our service men and women. New bricks and benches in the memorial will be dedicated, and a moment of silence will be observed. **Free and open to the public.**

To learn more about the dedication of a brick or bench, please visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov under the Services tab, at the Prange Municipal Center (8600 Green Bay Road) and Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue). To reach us by telephone, please call **262.925.6765**.



Recycling Tips

Reduce the amount of trash placed in landfills

The Village would like to thank the many households who consistently sort recycled materials out of their garbage stream. Your help truly makes a difference in the amount that our community pays towards landfill costs and on the impact that our trash has on the environment. The Village would like to encourage more households to do the same.

In order to make recycling as easy as possible the Village would like to remind residents of how to recycle certain items.

Curbside Recycling

Do not bag your recycling. *Keep recyclables loose in your blue cart. This includes plastic recyclable and bio-degradable bags. This new rule now in effect at sorting facilities restrict bagged recyclables and consider it contaminated.*

Rinse/wash and recycle the following items in your blue covered recycling cart:

- clear plastic containers, bottles and lids **marked with numbers 1-7**
- glass bottles, jars, and containers
- aluminum or steel (tin) cans

Please recycle the following paper items in your blue covered recycling cart:

- cardboard, newspapers, and magazines
- catalogs, flyers, and junk mail
- boxboard (unlined merchandise boxes)
- telephone books and paperback books
- typing, copy and printer paper
- stationery, envelopes, and bills
- brown paper bags

For a second recycling cart, please call the Village at 262.925.6700. There is no additional fee for the second recycling cart.

A helpful quick reference guide for garbage recycling and hazardous waste can be found on the Village website at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Services/Garbage_and_Recycling. 

Historical Society

Springbrook Cemetery

On a small plot of land on Springbrook Road, west of Green Bay Road, rest the souls of some of the first families who settled in Pleasant Prairie. Springbrook Cemetery is the oldest established cemetery in Pleasant Prairie. It may also be the last remaining private cemetery in the State of Wisconsin. Due to lack of funding most cemeteries have become public, but Springbrook Cemetery is still managed privately by the Springbrook Cemetery Association. John and Byron Dowse (President and Treasurer of the Association, respectfully) are descended from one of the first settlers of Pleasant Prairie, James C. Dowse, who is buried at the site.

James C. Dowse, born in England, immigrated to America at the age of twenty-two, arriving in New York in 1837. In 1838, James and his brother John bought 240 acres of land from John Dexter, sight unseen. After traveling to Pleasant Prairie, it is presumed that James and John stayed with Dexter and his family until they built a cabin of their own.

The land now occupied by Springbrook Cemetery was originally owned by Dexter. Due to its strange triangular shape (see map to the right), Dexter decided to share the plot with nearby families such as the Dowse's for use as a cemetery. Dexter himself was among the first people buried at the site when he died in 1862, eight years after the cemetery was officially established on May 4, 1854. His grave is still honored with an American Flag for his service during the War of 1812. He is one of 17 veterans buried at Springbrook Cemetery, but the only veteran from the War of 1812 at the site.

The most recent addition to Springbrook Cemetery occurred one year ago. Robert Dowse was just four days shy of his 103rd birthday when he passed in September 2018. He is the oldest person to be buried at Springbrook.



(1873 Plat Map courtesy of UW-Parkside Archives)

There are many other stories to be told of the lives of these families who lived, worked, served, and played in our Prairie. Please reach out to us if you have anything you would like to share! You can reach us at HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or **262-947-3600**.

Check out our website PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org and follow us at Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety. ☐

Eagle Scout Project

Boy Scout Troop 583 Mason Kiernan collaborated with the Village to build a bridge in Brookside Gardens for an Eagle Scout project. Mason sold brats and organized car washes to earn \$1,100 towards construction materials for the project.

Public Works installed the pylons and main beams and, with Mason's leadership, Troop 583 built the bridge. Utility employees Paul Aiello and James Kleinmark volunteered their personal time to assist the scouts on the project. The bridge was completed on the end of July. The Village extends its thanks to Mason and Troop 583 for their hard work to enhance Brookside Gardens. ☐



Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat in the Village of Pleasant Prairie will be held on **Sunday, October 27 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Trick or Treat dates have routinely been set for the Sunday afternoon prior to Halloween. The Village cited safety and order as reasons to continue this practice. This decision gives families the opportunity to trick or treat during daylight hours. If you are participating in Trick-or-Treat, please leave a light on to indicate that you are passing out treats.

The Village would like to remind all residents to be safe during Trick or Treat times. ☐