Enclosed is your Real Estate Tax Statement for 2023. The Village of Pleasant Prairie mails your tax statement to you and collects your payment on behalf of Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha County, the Village, Gateway Technical College, and the public library system.

# **Contactless Payment Methods: Online, Mail, or Dropbox**

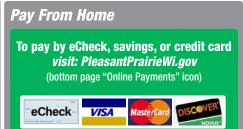


# General Information About Your Property Tax

Your entire real estate tax bill, or your first installment, is due by January 31, 2024. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the entire tax bill becoming due and payable. Additionally, interest and penalties at the rate of 1.5% per month will begin to accumulate as of February 1, 2024. Payments not receipted at Village Hall by February 7, 2024 or postmarked on or before January 31, 2024 are delinquent. There are several ways for you to make your real estate tax payment. We recommend the contactless payment methods.

#### Installment Plan Option

The Village offers a three-installment payment plan for your real estate taxes only. Please refer to your enclosed statement for the respective due dates and amounts for each of the installments. If an installment is delinquent, the total remaining unpaid tax becomes delinquent and interest and penalties are calculated back to February 1, 2024.



Payment convenience fees will apply: \$1 for check and savings payments; 3.15% (minimum \$2.95) for credit and debit card payments. While the credit card fee may seem high, it may be less than the delinquent interest and penalty of 1.5%. The Village of Pleasant Prairie contracts with Invoice Cloud to process our real estate and personal property tax payments.

#### Pay By Mail

Make your check payable to the Village of Pleasant Prairie, write your tax parcel number on the check and enclose the payment stub only (top portion of your Real Property Tax Statement).

### Village Hall Drop Box

For your convenience, a 24-hour drop box is available for payment of your tax bills. It is located on the north wall of Village Hall to the right (west) of the main entrance at 9915 39th Avenue. Please enclose your payment stub along with a check in an envelope before depositing. No cash please. Village Hall will be closed on December 29, 2023, and January 1, 2024. Payments deposited in the drop box on these days will be receipted in 2023.

#### Tax Receipts

If you would like a tax receipt, you will need to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope when making your payment.

### **Lottery Credit**

The maximum 2023 lottery credit is \$188.16. Only owners of a home in Wisconsin who used the home as their primary residence on January 1, 2023 qualify for the credit. If your tax bill does not reflect the credit but an owner qualifies, there is a form available online at *PleasantPrairieWi.gov > Departments > Finance > Property Tax Information* or at the finance counter at Village Hall. This form can be mailed along with your property tax payment.

#### Real Estate Taxes Paid?

Real Estate Tax payments and taxes due are available at *PleasantPrairieWi.gov* > *Departments* > *Finance* > *Property Tax Information*. Inquiry can be made by property address or parcel number. The site is maintained by Kenosha County and contains a considerable amount of information about your property. Tax payment information is updated a business day or two after your payment has been receipted by the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

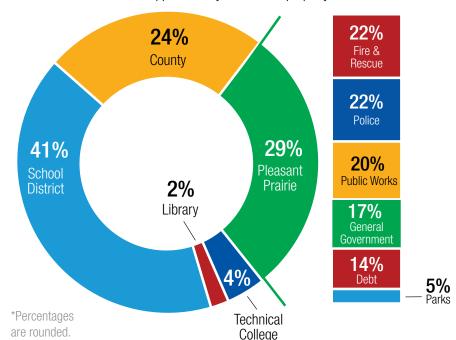
Village offices will be closed on December 22, 25, 29, and January 1.



# **How is Your Property Tax Payment Distributed?**

### **Property Tax Payments**

The 2023 property tax payment, collected in 2024, is distributed to Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha County, Village of Pleasant Prairie, Gateway Technical College, and Kenosha Public Library. Pleasant Prairie receives approximately 29% of the property taxes



#### What Happens to the 29%?

The majority of the 2024 property tax (approximately 64%) will be used to provide public safety services, such as police, fire and rescue, and public works services, including snow plowing, road maintenance, and similar work.

Pleasant Prairie uses the remaining amount (roughly 36%) to pay down existing debt, fund General Government day-to-day operations, and maintain the Village parks. A breakdown of percentages for the property tax payment distribution is displayed in the chart on the left.

The Village's portion of property tax, collected yearly from individual taxpayers, small businesses, and corporations, supports approximately 64% of the yearly General Government budget. The remaining 36% of revenue is generated from state aids and through services provided by Village Departments, like building permits and rescue squad earnings.

# **Understanding Mill Rate**

#### What is Mill Rate?

The mill rate is the total amount of the tax levy divided by the total assessed value for the taxing jurisdiction. The rate is expressed in the amount per \$1,000 of the assessed value of the property and can be used to calculate the amount of property tax.

2023 Village	Median	Village Tax
Mill Rate*	Home Price	Payment
\$4.29	\$322,500	\$1,382

\*Payable in 2024

### Historical Mill Rate Comparison: Looking Back on Previous Years

# Five Years of Village Tax Collection Year Mill Rates

#### \$19.41 \$19.19 \$18.24 \$17.90 \$4.64 \$4.68 \$4.28 \$13.87 \$4.28 \$3.71 \$13.96 \$13.62 \$14.77 \$14.51 \$10.16 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 Village of Pleasant Prairie Mill Rates

County / School District / Technical College / Library

#### Three Years of Village Median Home Values

