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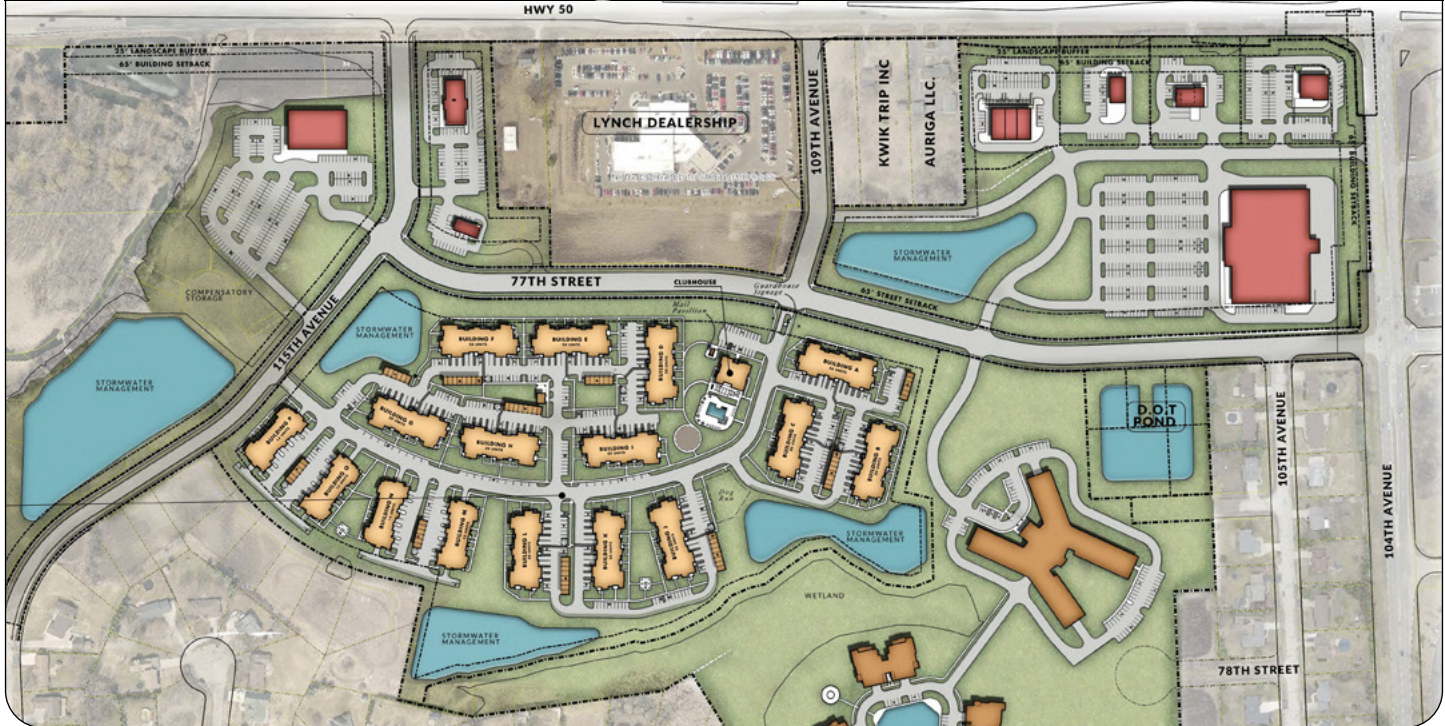
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Tax Incremental District No. 8 Receives Approval

On Monday, February 1, The Village Board approved Resolution #21-03 for Tax Incremental District No. 8 (TID 8), thereby authorizing the project plan, boundaries, district name, and mixed-use classification. The District consists of approximately 127 acres of land in the Village, generally located south of State Trunk Highway 50, north of 79th Street, between 104th and 115th Avenues.

“The creation of TID 8 will develop an area in the Village that has remained undeveloped for decades due to complicated environmental restrictions and a lack of coordination between multiple property owners,” said Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator. “TID 8 is necessary to finance public infrastructure improvements that will support the multi-phase developments planned for the area.”

The project plan for TID 8 promotes mixed-use developments, consisting of commercial and residential projects that will create approximately \$89.6 million in new value over the TID’s life. The valuation equates to nearly \$27.8 million in tax increment collections over the next 20-years. The new District enables public infrastructure improvements for the area, such as roadway extensions, intersections, traffic signals, turn lanes, municipal water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater management.

With design, construction, administrative, and other costs the proposed project total is estimated at \$15 million. The first phase of public improvements will extend 115th Avenue to State Trunk Highway 50, and complete 77th Street between 109th and 115th Avenues.

Fiduciary Real Estate Development requested TID financial support and plans to develop the District in four phases. The initial development phase, shown in the Conceptual Plan approved by the Village Board on February 3, 2020, will create multi-family housing consisting of 300 upscale apartments. The remaining development phases in TID 8 will consist of two commercial development sites in the northwest and northeast portions of the district, and senior housing in the southeast portion of TID 8. Fiduciary plans to begin construction on the apartments this year.

Construction on TID 8’s public infrastructure improvements could begin as early as April 2021 and be completed by December 2022. □



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TID 8 Developers Agreement



The Village of Pleasant Prairie entered a Developers Agreement with Fiduciary Real Estate Development (Fiduciary) for public improvements within TID 8. The map above shows the District's Project Plan, identifying four specific development components: Apartments, Senior Housing, Northwest Commercial, and Northeast Commercial sites. The Agreement formalizes both parties financial responsibilities and sets the schedule for repayment of public improvements.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is responsible for financing the majority of public improvements within TID 8, about \$6.5M, which includes 77th Street (west of 109th Avenue), 109th Avenue, 115th Avenue, corresponding utilities, stormwater, and right of way improvements. The Village will apply General Obligation (GO) bonds to finance these public improvements, using the increment generated by the Apartment site. The developer will also secure this GO bond repayment with a 10-year letter of credit.

"Pleasant Prairie has been working on this Agreement for some time and is enthusiastic to see it executed," said Nathan Thiel, Pleasant Prairie Village Administrator. "Fiduciary is respected in the industry and is committed to making a large investment in the community that will bring new value to an undeveloped area of the Village."

Fiduciary will be responsible for the management and construction of all public improvements, and is committed to developing the Apartment, Senior Housing, and Northwest Commercial sites. Fiduciary will also privately finance a portion of public improvements totaling \$1.5M, including the extension of 77th Street east of 109th to 104th Avenue. The Village will repay Fiduciary for these improvements with TID 8 increment using a Municipal Revenue Obligation (MRO) Bond that is conditional on the developer creating a minimum of \$6.0M in new value at the Northwest Commercial site.

"Fiduciary is excited to see this truly unique development become a reality. It has been a true partnership with the Village of Pleasant Prairie to get to this point," said Tony DeRosa, Vice President of Development for Fiduciary. "This development represents the last large developable tract of land in the area. The mixed-use development will attract national retailers and senior living users that all complement the 300 market-rate apartments." □

HARIBO Celebrates 100th Anniversary with Groundbreaking



Congratulations to HARIBO on breaking ground in Pleasant Prairie for the company's first North American manufacturing facility. In early December 2020, HARIBO held a private groundbreaking to celebrate HARIBO's 100th anniversary. The company was planning a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate with the Pleasant Prairie community but decided to postpone until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The manufacturing facility represents more than a \$300 million development, HARIBO's largest capital investment in its history. One of the largest direct investments by an international company in Wisconsin history. The first phase of construction is scheduled for completion in late 2022.

The U.S. facility will initially produce HARIBO's iconic Goldbears with more fan favorites to follow. Located off 122nd Ave. and Goldbear Dr., HARIBO's future state-of-the-art facility will incorporate the latest technology to optimize overall productivity and quality. The facility will be built on 137 acres and will be approximately 500,000 square feet. □

E-Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the Village Newsletter's email version, visit the Village website at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov) and click on the newsletter signup icon near the bottom of the page.

You can also choose to opt-out of the paper mailing list by emailing newsletter@plprairie.com. Include your name and postal mailing address along with the words "email only." □

Highway 50 Reconstruction Project

On February 4, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) began the reconstruction project for State Trunk Highway 50 (STH 50), a major east-west route serving Kenosha County communities. This project consists of reconstructing over four miles of STH 50, from 117th Avenue in Pleasant Prairie to just west of 43rd Avenue in Kenosha. It also includes reconstructing some adjacent sideroads and access points along the corridor. Initial work consists of installing temporary traffic signals, temporary roadway widening, storm sewer, and bridgework.

What to Expect

- Access to businesses and residences will be maintained.
- The majority of STH 50 will have two open lanes in each direction during peak travel hours.
- To help minimize traffic impacts, multiple lane closures and detours may be used during the overnight hours.



The project improvements include

- Widening the roadway from four to six lanes between 117th and 57th avenues.
- Reconstructing the existing four-lane road between 57th and 43rd avenues.
- Implementing access management measures, including safer driveway and median modifications.
- Adding sidewalk and bicycle accommodations.



Scheduled to take place in 2021

117th Avenue to 88th Avenue

- Expanding to six lanes (three in each direction).
- New intersection configuration at STH 50 and 109th Avenue.

88th Avenue to 70th Avenue

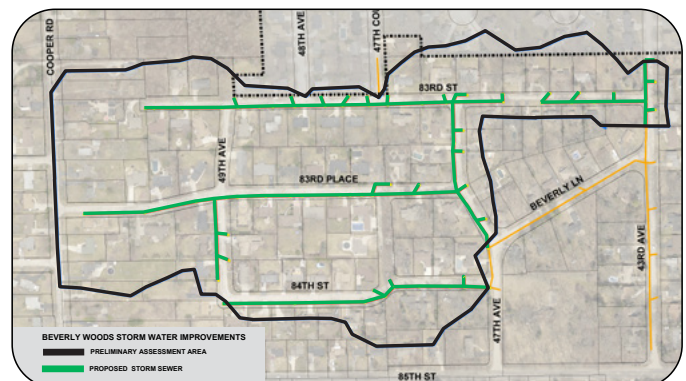
- Bridge improvements at Union Pacific Railroad, Canadian Pacific Railroad, and 77th Avenue.
- Construct retaining walls and ponds near STH 50 and Green Bay Road intersection.
- Service interchange at 77th Avenue.

The contractor, Zignego Company, is planning on completing the \$88 million contract by early 2023. □

Beverly Woods Repaving and Stormwater Project

Beverly Woods Subdivision, located north of 85th Street between 43rd Avenue and Cooper Road, was platted with rural cross-section roadways and inadequate roadside drainage in the 1970s. Area residents petitioned the Village Board in 2017 to repave the streets, and in response, the Public Works Department has scheduled the subdivision road improvements.

The current roadway pavement is at the end of its lifecycle and requires repaving; however, before pavement rehabilitation can move forward, the subdivision's stormwater system needs to be improved. On Monday, January 18, the Village Board approved Preliminary Resolution #21-01, declaring intent to exercise special assessment for the stormwater improvements to the benefited area.



The Preliminary Resolution approval initiates the process for the special assessment. The Village Engineer will prepare an assessment report and schedule, then set a public hearing date for the assessment. The proposed stormwater improvements for Beverly Woods Subdivision include new storm sewers, roadside ditching, and sump pump laterals. The Village has included the project in the 2021 Clean Water Utility Capital budget. □

Village Green Center Timeline

- Dec. 2018** The Village purchased 72 acres of Village Green Center (VGC) property from Land & Lakes.
- Jan. 2019** Visioning for VGC began when the Village hired Community Collaboration Kick-Off (Planning & Public Engagement Process and Exercise) to lead a citizen-run discussion to design the downtown.
- July 2019** The citizen committees, organized by Community Collaboration, held a Public Open House and presented the Designing Downtown vision.
- Oct. 2019** The Village then contracted RINKA to develop a Draft Concept Master Plan based on the community vision.
- June 2020** RINKA unveiled a preliminary Concept Plan to the community during a Virtual Open House.
- Aug. 2020** The Village, with support from RINKA, solicited Master Developer interest, interviewed developers.
- Oct. 2020** The Village completed preliminary engineering, site survey, and infrastructure cost estimates.
- Dec. 2020** Staff submitted comprehensive comments to RINKA for a re-evaluation of the VGC Concept Plan.

Village Green Center Exclusivity Agreement

On February 15, the Village Board approved an Exclusivity Agreement between the Village of Pleasant Prairie and F Street Development Group, LLC (FSDG) to negotiate to develop a central portion of the Village Green Center Development (VGC). The agreement provides both the Village and FSDG 18 months to determine the feasibility of constructing a mixed-use development that incorporates rental and commercial spaces.

"F Street Development Group is excited to work in partnership with the Village of Pleasant Prairie to help create a stunning housing development, with first floor retail, for the newly planned downtown community," said Scott Lurie, FSDG's Founder and President. "The vision for this amenity-rich housing will be to enhance the new VGC and to provide residents with a modern mixed-use residential lifestyle."

This agreement came after the Village solicited Letters of Interest from the development community and conducted several interviews with potential developers. As part of the deal, the Village will not market the VGC Master Plan's central portion, blocks identified as A1-A4 on the plan. FSDG has agreed to conduct a Market Study to determine the project site's physical and financial feasibility. The agreement timeline will also provide the Village time to complete the VGC Master Concept Plan and enact a Planned Development Ordinance. The desired outcome is for the Village and FSDG to enter into a Developers Agreement by December 31, 2021.

"The Village looks forward to a productive and successful relationship with FSDG, and this agreement establishes the Village and FSDG's commitment to each other and this project," said Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator. "The development of this central site would be a catalyst to the entire VGC, and this agreement brings the Village one step closer to realizing the community vision for a downtown."

RINKA and Village staff continue to refine the Master Concept Plan to address infrastructure costs and appropriate phasing. They intend to bring the plan before the Plan Commission and Village Board for final approval this spring. □



Village Contracts Architect to Design Police Station

The Pleasant Prairie Village Board awarded an Architectural and Design contract to Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP (PRA) to develop new police station designs. The Architectural and Interior Design firm provided similar services for the creation of Fire Station #1. The awarded contract will equate to approximately \$847,500 or 5.65% of the total construction, estimated at roughly \$15M. The Police Station design costs are budgeted for 2021, using collected impact fees.

Consideration for a new Pleasant Prairie Police Station began in 2016 to address inadequate and limited space for a growing workforce and department. Pleasant Prairie built the current police facility in the early 1990s when the force was considerably smaller.

"While celebrating our 50th year of policing in the Village of Pleasant Prairie, we are excited to begin this new building project to enhance and support the law enforcement services we provide to our community," said David Smetana, Pleasant Prairie Police Chief. "The new facility will allow for more efficient workspaces while delivering a modernized building that is welcoming for the community."

The Village initially considered relocating the station along 39th Avenue and purchased 4.47 acres of land to the south of Village Hall in 2018. Those preliminary efforts were paused as the Village directed attention and resources towards the master planning of the Village Green Center (VGC).



The VGC Master Conceptual Plan now incorporates the Police Station to the north of Village Hall. With the VGC Master Conceptual Plan almost complete, Village Staff has re-engaged with Riley Construction for construction management and PRA for architectural and design.

The operational needs addressed by the new Police Station will include:

- Evidence processing and more storage space.
- Additional female lockers.
- A large roll call room for training, emergency management, and extra meeting space.
- Indoor parking of all agency vehicles and equipment.
- Improved facility security. □

Pleasant Prairie Police Welcome New Officer



Officer Scullion, left, is pictured with Police Chief Smetana during the Gateway graduation ceremony on February 11.

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has welcomed a new member, Officer Ryan Scullion. Officer Scullion earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology, Law, and Justice from the University of Illinois - Chicago. He recently graduated from Gateway's Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy.

Officer Scullion was newly sworn in as an official Police Officer for the Village of Pleasant Prairie and will now complete the Pleasant Prairie Police Department field training program. Be sure to say hi if you see him on patrol.

To learn more about the Pleasant Prairie Police Department's history, functions, and ongoing efforts on behalf of the community, please visit:

PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Departments/Police. □

Three New Fire Department Members



On January 4, Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue welcomed three new members. The recruits entered an eight-week academy that began at Fire Station #1. The training is specific to Pleasant Prairie and moves to various local venues as the curriculum advances.

The three new academy members, William "Billy" Gore, Trevor Schoenfeld, and Dominic Piscioti, were recruited to fill vacancies in the Fire Department. All three are progressing through the training program, learning various firefighting methods, emergency medical services, fire code enforcement, salvage operations, physical fitness, and associated topics to prepare them to become official Firemedics for the Village. □

Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department reminds those shoveling to also clear snow from around fire hydrants. Fires can spread quickly. Having hydrants clear and easily accessible improves efficiency and helps Fire & Rescue effectively put out fires.



Maintaining road access and keeping a three-foot radius around fire hydrants, clear of snow and ice debris, is essential. The time it takes a firefighter to dig out hydrants is time that could be spent fighting flames and helping get people out of a building safely.

"Shoveling out a fire hydrant might seem like a small task, but seconds matter in a house fire," said Craig Roepke, Fire Chief. "Having a clear hydrant can help keep area homeowners safe and saves valuable time during an emergency fire response." □

Outdoor Furnaces

Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace (OWBF) may provide an economical alternative to conventional heating systems. However, the use of wood-fired boilers and furnaces is prohibited in the Village unless the unit has been determined to be an existing nonconforming OWBF and is in full compliance with Village Ordinance 180-25.

An existing OWBF requires a yearly operating permit, and it is the owner's responsibility to acquire the \$20 permit annually. A permitted OWBF is not authorized to be operated in such a manner that the unit becomes hazardous, harmful, or offensive to the surrounding neighborhood as determined by the Village Building Inspector or Village Fire & Rescue Chief. The Village Fire & Rescue Chief shall have the authority to revoke a permit for a nonconforming OWBF under the ordinance guidelines.

The Village adopted the ordinance on October 19, 2009. Any OWBFs before this date would be considered an existing unit. OWBFs moving forward and after October 19, 2009, are considered prohibited and in violation of this ordinance. □



2021 Village Calendars

If you did not receive a 2021 calendar in the mail, extra copies are available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) while supplies last. 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. □

Voting Reminders

The **2021 Spring Election** will take place on **Tuesday, April 6**. On Election Day, polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. **In-person voting** is 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from March 23 to April 1, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 2.

Residents that are not registered to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie, or have recently had a name or address change, can save time at the polls by registering to vote ahead of time online, 20 days before the election day, at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) or Village Hall until 5:00 p.m. the Friday before Election Day.

Residents can learn where to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie by visiting [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov).

Please remember that photo identification is required to vote either by absentee ballot or at the polls on election day. To keep up to date on the latest voter ID requirements, visit [BringItWisconsin.com](https://bringitwisconsin.com).

If you are interested in becoming a Poll Worker, please contact the Village Clerk at **262.694.1400** or clerksoffice@plprairie.com.

Village Polling Places

The Village will have all five polling places open for voting. Voters in Wards 13 & 14 will not be able to use the Addison of Pleasant Prairie for their polling place due to COVID-19 safety concerns for their residents. **Wards 13 & 14 have moved to RecPlex.**

- **Wards 1, 2, 3**
Village Hall – Auditorium (South entrance)
9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards 4, 5**
Village Hall – Courtroom (North entrance)
9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards 6, 7, 12**
Caterpillar College Preschool
8411 Old Green Bay Road, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards 8, 9, 10, 11**
RecPlex (South entrance)
9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards 13, 14**
RecPlex (South entrance)
9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie □

Prairie Photo Contest

Do you love living in Pleasant Prairie? Did you pick up a photography hobby during 2020? Show off your photography skills and your love for this community by entering your photos to the **Pleasant Prairie Home Pride Photo Contest**.

Your photos could appear in a Village Calendar, on the Village website, or in other Village communications. We are seeking photos that portray the beauty of our community throughout the year.

Photos will be judged based on content and quality. We ask that all photos be taken within the Village of Pleasant Prairie and that no people are in the pictures.



Minors must have parental consent to enter the contest. Entry form and a complete list of contest rules are available on the website at PleasantPrairieWi.gov by

clicking the photo contest icon at the bottom of the homepage.

Entries must be submitted between May 3 and August 13 and will be judged in late August. Three winners will be selected, along with nine honorable mentions. The Village looks forward to seeing your photos! □

Kenosha County COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center

Kenosha County has set up a call center to help schedule COVID-19 vaccinations. The call center is available Monday to Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Kenosha County COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center can be reached at **262-605-6799**.

Appointments can also be made online at bit.ly/KCCCOVIDHub

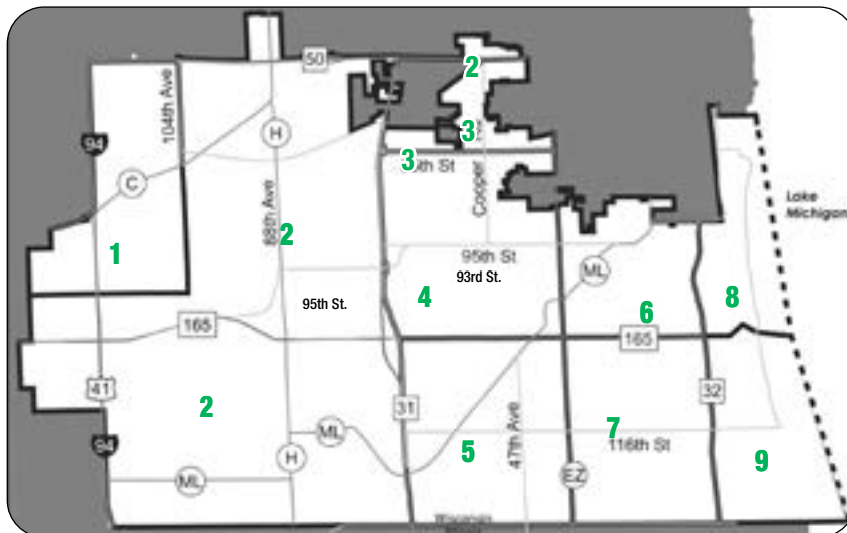
Appointments are limited to people that live or work in Kenosha County and meet the current Wisconsin Vaccine Group priority. □

262-605-6799

8 a.m.–5 p.m. • Monday–Friday • Hablamos Español



Spring Residential Leaf Collection



2021 Spring Leaf Collection Schedule

Zone Number	Spring Round 1	Spring Round 2
1	April 5	April 16
2	April 6	April 16
3	April 7	April 19
4	April 8	April 20
5	April 9	April 20
6	April 12	April 21
7	April 13	April 21
8	April 14	April 22
9	April 15	April 22

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided to Village residents, crews collect loose, unbagged leaves directly from your curb or roadside. **Two rounds of leaf collection will take place this spring.** Weather permitting, leaf collection will begin on April 5. To have your leaves collected, please follow the steps below.

- See the map above and identify your collection zone.
- See the schedule above to identify your collection dates.
- Have leaves ready by **7:00 a.m.**
- Rake leaves into a pile at your curb or on your roadside.
- **Leaves must be within 6 feet of the road.**
- Please keep leaves off of the asphalt.
- For residents with curb and gutters, please place loose leaves on the grass by your curb.
- For residents with a ditch line, please place loose leaves on the grass along the roadside of the ditch.
- Because leaves are vacuumed into the collection truck, they must be piled loose.
- Bagged leaves or grass, branches, and other yard waste will not be collected.
- Watch a *How To: Prep for Leaf Collection* video at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov) or on YouTube.

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 above, there are certain circumstances that may delay collection by one or more days. These circumstances could include: unanticipated 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 day, leaves and other yard waste may also be taken to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street. The site opens for on-season hours on March 22 and will remain open through December 4 (weather permitting). The site remains open on Saturdays year-round. On-Season hours for the Residential Recycling Center are listed below. Additional information can be found at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov/services/garbage_and_recycling](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov/services/garbage_and_recycling). □



Residential Recycling Center

Beginning March 22, the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street, will be open for On-Season Hours. The site accepts branches, garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, sod, stumps under 50 pounds, recycling, tree trimmings, and other yard waste. □

Residential Recycling Center On-Season Hours

Mondays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Wednesdays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fridays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

***The site is CLOSED on the first Wednesday of each month**

Village Shred Event

May 8, 9:00 a.m. - noon

On Saturday, May 8, between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Village residents can bring unwanted personal documents to the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street, for on-site destruction. Residents may bring as many personal documents as they can carry for shredding by Paper Tiger.

Paper Tiger provides on-site document destruction. They provide trucks with custom-built shredders that can efficiently destroy confidential paper documents and CDs.

Destroying old documents containing personal information is a simple step towards protecting yourself from fraud and identity theft. Recycling the shredded documents is also an easy way to protect the environment.

For more information about the Village's Shred and Recycle Event, please call Public Works at **262.925.6700** or email pw@plprairie.com.

You can learn more about Paper Tiger by visiting YourPaperTiger.com. ☐



Reminder to Clean Up Pet Waste

Pet waste is a pollutant. When left on the grass, rainwater eventually washes it into storm sewers that take it directly to our lakes and rivers.



In the lake or river, pet waste can release ammonia as it decays, which along with low oxygen levels and warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth, and it carries contaminants and diseases that can make the water unsafe for people and pets.

Be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet. Learn more at RespectOurWaters.org. ☐

Hazardous Waste Collection

1st Saturday of the Month

Household hazardous wastes are common products found in the home. People usually store these materials for a time and eventually discard the unwanted items and their containers. When products are used according to label directions, most are not hazardous.

Environmental problems can arise, however, if items are not disposed of properly. ***Do NOT burn, bury, dump (in any yard, toilet or down a storm sewer) or mix leftover products.*** Chemical containers should not be reused for any other purpose.

Hazardous Waste Collection takes place at the Residential Recycling Center (8000 128th Street) on the first Saturday of every month from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

You may bring products that say:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Flammable
- Pesticide
- Poison
- Reactive
- Toxic
- Warning

Items not accepted:

- Biological
- Material or medical wastes
- Commercial waste
- Propane cylinders
- Explosives
- Radioactive materials
- Latex paint (not considered hazardous)
- Tires

If you have questions about monthly hazardous waste collection, please email pw@plprairie.com, call **262.925.6700**, or visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov. ☐

Accepted Hazardous Waste Products Include:

Aerosol cans
Bug sprays
Floorcare products
Metal polish
Furniture polish
Oven cleaners
Drain cleaners
Bathroom cleaners
Tile cleaners
Disinfectant
Batteries
Old gasoline
Gasoline/oil mixed
Brake fluid
Auto repair products
Transmission fluid
Other oils/cleaners
Oil paints
Paint thinner
Paint stripper
Varnish
Antifreeze
Chemical fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat poison
Artists' paints
Fiberglass epoxy
Gun cleaning solvents
Mothballs
Pool chemicals
Photographic chemicals
Fluorescent bulbs



Fix a Leak Week: March 15-21, 2021

Information courtesy of EPA WaterSense

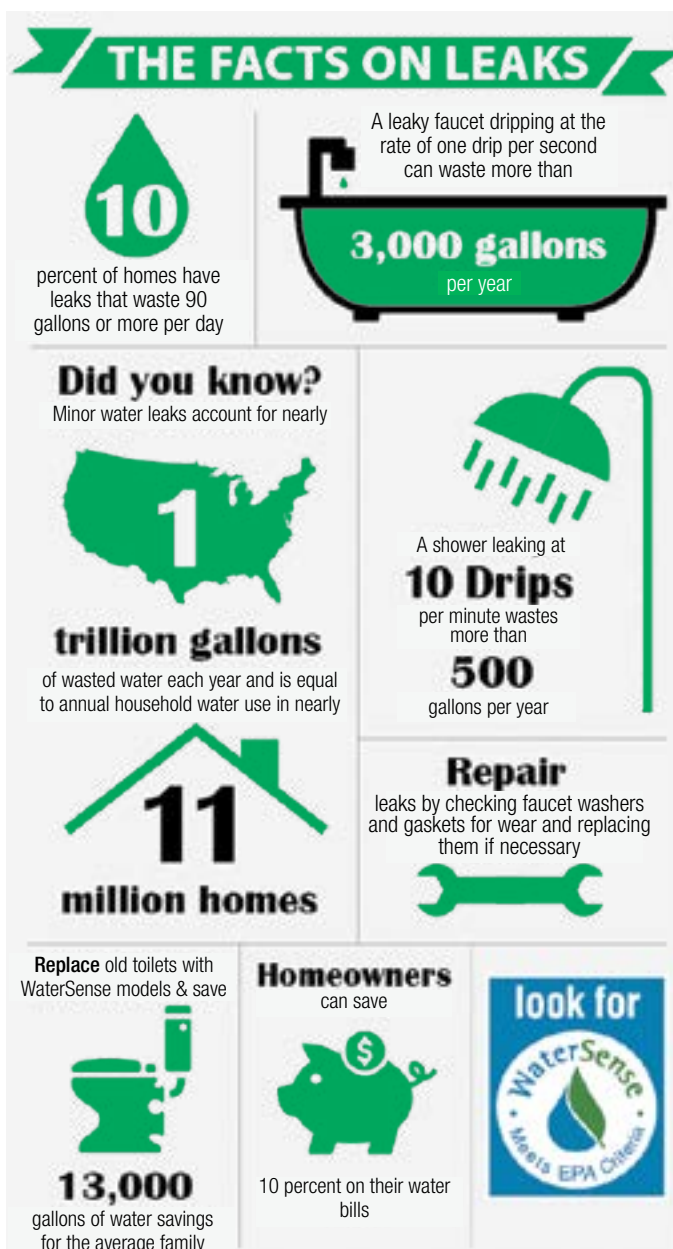
The Environmental Protection Agency celebrates **Fix a Leak Week** each March as a reminder to check household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes. Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easily fixed, requiring only a few tools and hardware.

Tips for Identifying Leaks

- **Check your water meter** before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you may have a leak.
- **Identify toilet leaks** by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- **Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings** for any water on the outside of the pipe, to check for surface leaks.
- **Examine water usage during a colder month**, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there may be serious leaks inside your home from a fixture such as a toilet.

Additional information about fixing household leaks, both indoors and outdoors, is available at:

www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week. 



Simple Steps to Save Water

Saving water around the home is simple and smart. The average household spends as much as \$500 per year on its water and sewer bill but could save about \$170 per year by retrofitting with water-efficient fixtures and incorporating water-saving practices.

Inside the Home

Repair dripping faucets and showerheads. A drip rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.


A full bathtub can require up to 70 gallons of water while taking a 5-minute shower uses only 10 to 25 gallons. Turning off the tap while you brush your teeth can save 8 gallons per day.

Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes or lower the water settings for smaller loads. Replace your old washing machine with a high-efficiency, ENERGY STAR® labeled model, which uses up to 50 percent less water and electricity.

Outside the Home

Water your lawn or garden during the cool morning hours, as opposed to midday, to reduce evaporation. Use sprinklers that produce droplets, not mist.

Don't over-fertilize, it will increase the lawn's need for water. Raise your lawnmower blade to at least 3 inches. Taller grass promotes deeper roots, shades the root system, and holds soil moisture better than a closely cropped lawn.

Try not to overwater landscaping; use mulch around trees to help reduce evaporation and control water-stealing weeds. 

Historical Society Prairie's Marina Through the Years

Nestled into the most southeastern corner of Wisconsin is Prairie Harbor Yacht Club—a “dockominium” style marina with a history dating back to 1938. That was the year Walter H. Mayer, Sr. built “Pompeii Del Lago” (Pompeii on the Lake), a Roman-style villa inspired by the ruins of Pompeii (a Roman city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D.). The complex included a marble bathhouse, gazebo, and formal gardens. The cornerstone of the garage was inscribed “AS OUR DREAMS ARE, SUCH ARE WE” and dated “10/27/38.” That cornerstone now resides in the front of the present-day Prairie Harbor Yacht Club.

After Mayer died in 1954, his wife sold Pompeii Del Lago. In 1965, Kenosha County approved controversial plans for a large marina development at the location, called “Pompeii on the Lake.” The proposed plans included a 1,000-boat capacity marina, which would use the existing villa as a clubhouse. After the county’s approval, Pompeii on the Lake moved forward with their plans. But the grand plans for the marina were not as speedy as anticipated.



Pompeii Del Lago, before it was developed into a marina.

In 1967, Pompeii on the Lake only had 40 boat slips—a far cry from the 1,000 planned. The slowed progress of the marina was due to several lawsuits resulting in financial distress for the corporation, along with the efforts of a concerned local conservationist group wanting to protect the prairie environment. This group would later become the Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund, Inc, which continues work today to acquire, restore, preserve, and manage prairie lands in the Chiwaukee Prairie – Carol Beach area.

Pompeii on the Lake was eventually sold and became “Trident Marina.” The new owners had similar grand plans, but with similar luck. After a harsh storm in March of 1987 the owners were left with an estimated \$200,000 worth of damages and the marina filed for bankruptcy. The following year the marina was sold to investors who opened Prairie Harbor Yacht Club in 1991. The Yacht Club featured a new clubhouse and 159 “dockominiums,” which are privately owned parking spaces that represent individual boat slips. It is one of the few marinas on Lake Michigan set up this way. Prairie Harbor Yacht Club celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and will begin a project to replace their docks this fall. They will be the first marina on this side of Lake Michigan to replace docks at this scale. To learn more about the Yacht Club, you can visit PrairieHarborYachtClub.com.

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Statewide Tornado Drills



On the afternoon of Thursday, April 15, at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., the National Weather Service will conduct statewide tornado drills in Wisconsin, offering families and businesses the opportunity to test their severe weather emergency plans.

For additional details, please visit the National Weather Service website at: Weather.gov/safety/events_calendar □

Village Offices Closed Friday, April 2

Village offices*, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Good Friday, April 2. Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, April 5, and the Residential Recycling Center will resume regular hours on Saturday, April 3.

Garbage and recycling collection will occur as regularly scheduled on Friday, April 2. Electronics and white goods will not be collected on Friday, April 2; these collections will instead be scheduled for Thursday, April 1.

RecPlex will be closed Easter Sunday, April 4. □

*Village Clerks Office, 9915 39th Avenue, will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2 for in-person voting.