



Fire & Rescue Receive High Commendations

The Froedtert South EMS Team, pictured above on the left in the back, presented EMS Commendations to Pleasant Prairie Firemedics during the Village Board meeting on December 6. The praise was in recognition of the Fire & Rescue members' life-saving efforts that helped save the life of 7-year-old Emma, pictured in the teal jacket above.

The rescue response took place in August 2021. Fire & Rescue members received a call reporting a child having seizures, vomiting, and trouble breathing. When rescue crews arrived on the scene, the unconscious 7-year-old girl was brought out to the ambulance. EMS crews quickly assessed the situation and provided anti-seizure medicine to get the seizures under control. However, the patient was still not breathing effectively, had low oxidization levels, and was at risk of respiratory arrest.

Fortunately, in 2018, all Village ambulances were budgeted and updated with an improved video laryngoscope better suited for pediatric emergencies. The device made it possible for EMS crews to prepare a tube to help the patient breathe effectively. The procedure is challenging for an adult, let alone a child; however, rescue members worked calmly and professionally through the procedure checklist to perform the function safely. The Laryngoscope was used to successfully place an endotracheal tube into the lungs to restore breathing.

Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue personnel undergo extensive training to provide the highest skilled response to the community and those visiting the area. Although EMS trains for situations like this, responding to a respiratory arrest of a child is a high-risk, low-volume situation that requires experienced care.

Crews received a thank you from the family, pictured above front left, for their efforts. The team utilized the utmost skill and judgment in a timely, decisive manner to intervene on behalf of the patient. The result was a successful resuscitation. The child's parents, who work in public safety, indicated they had not seen a group work so professionally and demonstrate their skill level under such a stressful situation.

"I am proud of the crew's commitment to being professional, prepared, and well trained," said Craig Roepke, Fire & Rescue Chief. "This emergency response had the best possible outcome and is an excellent example of how Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue crews remain ready to respond quickly to various emergencies throughout the community." □



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Community!*

Updated Master Conceptual Plan



On December 6, the Village Board reviewed the Village Green Center (VGC) Master Conceptual Plan, which received favorable recommendations from the Plan Commission on November 8. RINKA (architects, planners, and designers) presented an updated plan that incorporated Plan Commission recommendations to reduce the number of housing units at the perimeter of the VGC, adjacent to existing single-family and two-family developments. The updated plan includes larger lot sizes and reduces the number of housing units. The overall plan received Village Board support; however, Village Board members requested further Plan Commission review of the revised density, consideration of public and private financing, and market demand for retail.

RINKA developed the overall Master Conceptual Plan from ideas generated in 2019 by the Community Collaboration group and the 2020 Draft Master Conceptual Plan feedback. Over the past year, Village staff has worked with RINKA to ensure key design drivers were maintained and determine the viability of project components, public infrastructure, and stormwater management facilities. The Vision for the VGC is to establish an inclusive, vibrant community core that connects people, celebrates nature, and provides compelling opportunities for sustainable development in an authentically Pleasant Prairie environment.

RINKA's Master Conceptual Plan update includes a combination of high, medium, and low-density residential housing and mixed-use, civic, commercial, and hospitality developments. The downtown development consists of approximately 180 acres of land, generally located at Springbrook Road, 39th Avenue, and State Highway 165. The plan includes a central green space with pedestrian-friendly connections that provide walkable access to housing, commercial, and event spaces. The blocks in the plan provide flexibility in architecture and help attract various business types. Higher-density commercial developments are in the central area of VGC. Density will step down utilizing multiple housing types, offering different price points, to fit into the surrounding community.

Public discussion for a Village Center began more than twenty-five years ago when population counts in the surrounding areas did not support the center's development. Today, the Village has grown to 21,250 residents, and a strategic commercial marketing analysis shows the community can support mixed-use development. □

Direct Metals



Direct Metals (DM) plans to relocate distribution and fabrication from Waukegan, Ill., to Pleasant Prairie. The company will occupy an existing 72,324 square foot building in the LakeView Corporate Park at 7844 102nd Street.

Following a public hearing and Village staff presentation, on Monday, December 13, the Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit, including Site and Operational Plans for the building DM will occupy. The approval allows DM to operate out of the building and construct an outside storage area, 30 feet by 60 feet, on the northwest corner of the facility. The storage area will utilize 13-foot-tall panel walls to enclose and screen a carbon scrap trailer and dumpsters for aluminum scrap, stainless steel scrap, broken pallets, and trash.

"I am pleased Direct Metals is joining the Pleasant Prairie business community; area businesses will appreciate the high-quality specialty metals and fiberglass products the company provides," said Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. "I look forward to seeing the company grow in the new location and the quality metalwork jobs the facility brings to Pleasant Prairie."

DM will utilize the new space as a distribution and fabrication center. The company anticipates having 30 full-time employees working two shifts at the facility. Proposed operating hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., with potentially expanded hours in the future. Facility operations will include sawing, shearing, and welding carbon steel, stainless steel, and aluminum to meet customer needs. In addition, the location will warehouse bar grating, wire mesh, perforated metal, expanded metal, plank grating, and fiberglass grating. □

EMCO Chemical Distributors Expanding Operations



EMCO Chemical Distributors plans to expand operations to an additional building in LakeView Corporate Park. In late November 2021, the Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit, including Site and Operational Plans, to occupy and modify the existing building located at 10303 80th Avenue. The company will use the new facility to store equipment, raw materials, and finished products, from empty metal drums to finished chemical products.

The building EMCO will occupy was last used in late 2019 by Fair Oaks Farm for warehousing storage. The property is zoned M-2, General Manufacturing District, and storage of High-hazard Group H uses within the district are allowed. Proposed site changes will increase the parking lot, adding 59 new semi-truck trailer stalls on the eastern and southeastern ends of the building. There will also be improved landscaping on the site with added berms, trees, and plants to screen the additional semi-truck parking area. In addition, EMCO plans to build an interior truck maintenance area to service EMCO's fleet vehicles. Upon completion, EMCO anticipates hiring ten additional full-time employees.

The new storage facility will extend EMCO's corporate operations, which relocated to Pleasant Prairie from North Chicago in 2013. The corporate facility, at 8601 95th Street, also has planned alterations. In early November 2021, the Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit and Site and Operational Plans for EMCO to modify a western-facing section of the corporate facility. The interior modifications will create an unloading area for trucks, a tank farm storage area, and a blending room to manufacture products.

The alterations will not change the square footage of the corporate building or change the number of employees working at the facility. The modifications will improve the shipping and handling capacity of the industrial distribution division, which receives chemicals in bulk, unloads chemicals into storage tanks, and packages chemicals into smaller containers. The EMCO corporate alterations and expanded warehouse location expect to begin in February 2022 and be complete by spring of 2022.

EMCO is one of the leading providers of chemicals and chemical-related products and services in North America. The company blends chemicals, utilizing solvent and water-based formulas, and packages them into desired containers to meet customer requirements. The company was founded 50 years ago, in 1971, by EMCO President Edward Polen and joined the Pleasant Prairie Business Community in 2010, purchasing a 30-acre site located at 8601 95th Street. The Pleasant Prairie facility was perfect because it was specially outfitted for chemical operations and contained the substantial infrastructure needed for a chemical distributor. □

Trifinity Specialized Distribution Plans Warehouse

On November 8, 2021, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the Site and Operational Plans for Trifinity Specialized Distribution (Trifinity). The company plans to operate a warehouse located at 8505 100th Street in LakeView Corporate Park. The location has approximately 147,877 square feet of commercial space that Trifinity will use to warehouse and distribute over-the-counter vitamins, health, and beauty products.

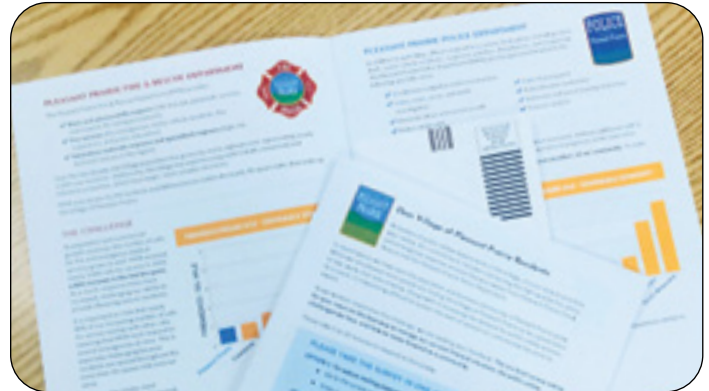
The new location expands on the 250,000 square feet of storage that Trifinity has within the Business Park of Kenosha. The primary monument sign outside the Pleasant Prairie facility will be updated, replacing the former tenant's name with Trifinity Specialized Distribution. No additional interior or exterior building modifications are anticipated. Trifinity anticipates having the new Pleasant Prairie facility operational by December 2021, employing approximately 48 full-time employees, working between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



Trifinity has over 26 years of experience operating a state-of-the-art Electronic Data Interchange Distribution Center that provides third-party logistics solutions and services to significant retailers, including Walmart, Sam's Club, Target, Costco, and drug chains. □

Community Survey Shows Majority of Pleasant Prairie Supports a Referendum to Fund Public Safety Services

Over 2,145 residents provided feedback on public safety funding options.



The Pleasant Prairie Village Board and administration received a presentation on December 20 summarizing the results of a community-wide survey on public safety funding. The highlights revealed that a majority of the 2,145 respondents support a referendum to increase local property taxes in order to maintain existing police, fire and emergency medical services and hire four additional police officers and 12 fire emergency medical staff.

“The community members of the Village of Pleasant Prairie’s participation in the survey reaffirms how much our residents value the first-class fire and police services we offer,” said Craig Roepke, Village of Pleasant Prairie Chief of Fire & Rescue. “This feedback will help the Village make an educated decision on how to address the budget challenges we face as we move forward.”

The continued growth in population and development in Pleasant Prairie has caused an increase in the demand for public safety services. Pleasant Prairie Fire and Rescue (PPFR) calls are up 62% since 2010 and Pleasant Prairie Police Department (PPPD) calls are up 12.5% since 2019 with an increase in call complexity. As a result, it is becoming difficult to sustain the level of service the Pleasant Prairie community has come to expect. The Village must take action to preserve this level of police, fire and emergency medical services. The Village has also identified a need for additional police officers and fire/emergency medical staff to fulfill both department’s response and preventative responsibilities.

Community Perceptions, an independent Wisconsin-based research firm with expertise in conducting community surveys, was hired to administer and analyze the survey. The firm’s president, Bill Foster, shared the findings with the council on December 20. Survey results are available on page 5 and on the Village website at pleasantprairiewi.gov.

Highlights from the presentation include:

- 89% of respondents said that maintaining the current level of emergency services is important to them and their families.
- Over 60% of the respondents encouraged the Village to explore additional funding options to maintain the current level of EMS services rather than reducing services to balance the budget.
- A majority of respondents support a referendum to increase local property taxes to fund public safety.

The Village has developed an assessment of public safety funding options to provide additional details on the decisions facing local leaders. Citizens are encouraged to review the assessment, which can be found on the Village’s website: pleasantprairiewi.gov/public-safety-options.

The Village Board will evaluate the community’s feedback in January. If a referendum is scheduled, it would be in April 2022. □

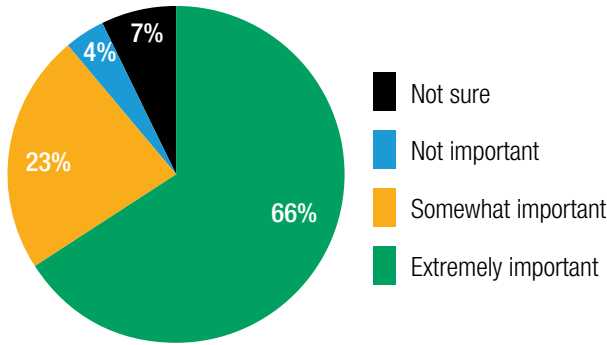


2022 Village Calendars

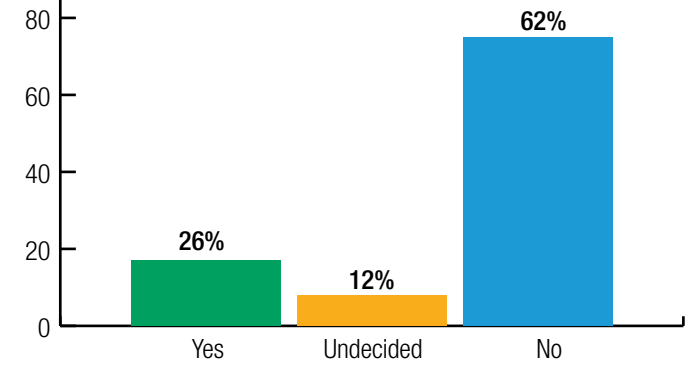
If you did not receive a 2022 calendar in the mail, extra copies are available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) and Roger Prange Municipal Building (8333 90th Street) while supplies last. If you are interested in receiving future editions of the Village Calendar directly to your mailbox, please register at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the Calendar icon near the bottom of the page or call **262.925.6701**. □

Community Survey Results

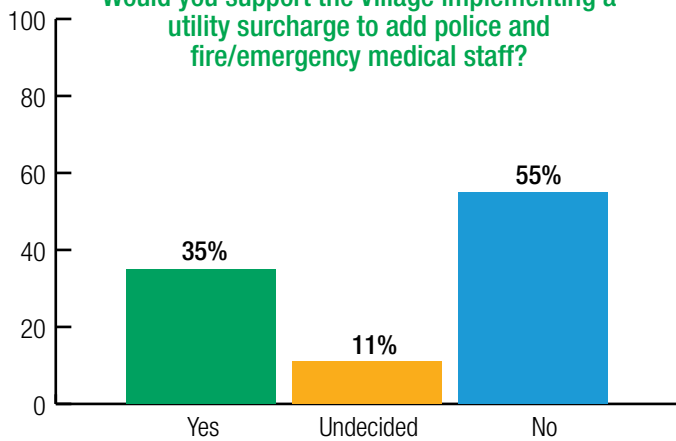
How important is it to you and your family for the Village of Pleasant Prairie to maintain the current level of emergency services?



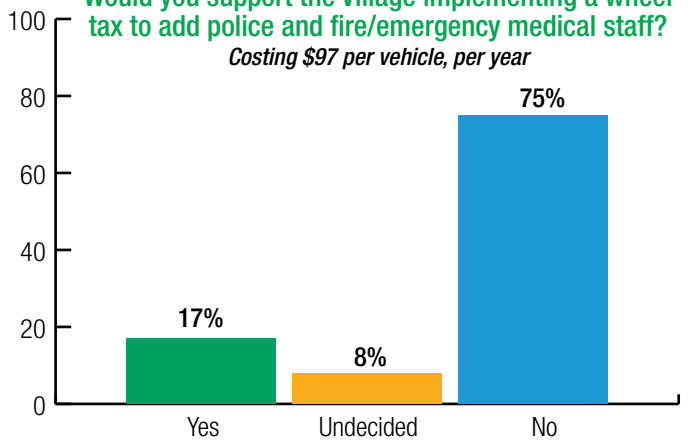
Would you support the Village making budget cuts to street and park maintenance to add a portion of the police and fire/emergency medical staff?



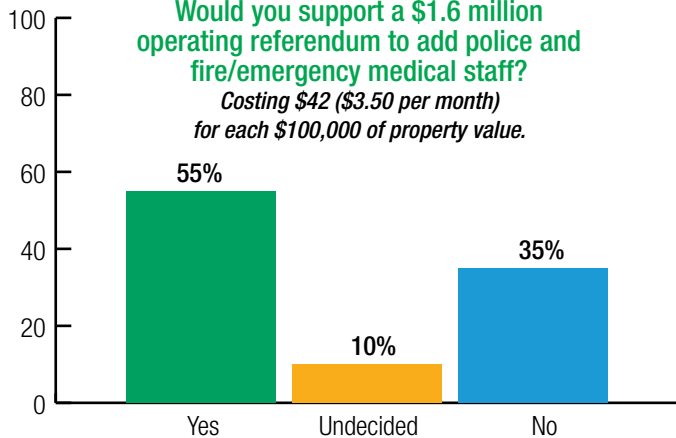
Would you support the Village implementing a utility surcharge to add police and fire/emergency medical staff?



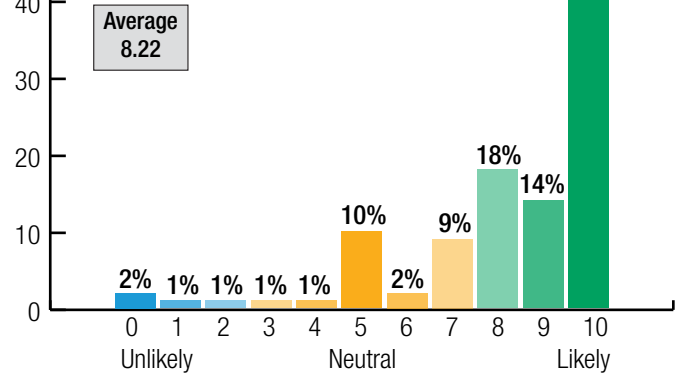
Would you support the Village implementing a wheel tax to add police and fire/emergency medical staff?
Costing \$97 per vehicle, per year



Would you support a \$1.6 million operating referendum to add police and fire/emergency medical staff?
Costing \$42 (\$3.50 per month) for each \$100,000 of property value.



On a scale of 0 - 10, how likely would you be to recommend living in the Village to a friend or family member?



Pleasant Prairie Welcomes Legacy Fitness



On December 18, Legacy Fitness held a soft opening for the new fitness facility in Pleasant Prairie at 4623 75th Street. The gym is the latest addition to the Center 50 Development. The introduction of the local fitness gym allowed visitors to come in, ask questions, and check out the facility. Kai Zachow-Moody, the owner of Legacy Fitness, offers guidance, motivation, and fitness instruction. The company started in January 2020 with a focus on building members' confidence through fitness. ☐

2022 General Fund Budget Approved

In November, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved the 2022 General Fund Budget. The budget includes general government operating, capital, and debt service, along with incremental tax districts, capital improvements, and special revenue.

The tax levy is budgeted to increase from \$13,796,940 in 2021 to \$14,252,940 in 2022, an increase of \$456,000. The levy change will have a small impact on the property tax bill, slightly increasing the Village mill rate from \$4.64 in 2021 to of \$4.68 per thousand of assessed value in 2022. The Pleasant Prairie portion of the property tax bill for a median valued home in the Village (\$237,200) will be \$1,109, an increase of \$8.44 over the 2021 amount.

Village general operating expenses will be approximately \$19.4 million. The budget includes a full-time deputy clerk position and inflationary increases across most departments. Capital purchases include: road improvements of \$2.2 million, Fire & Rescue Station #3 designs and Station #2 second phase dorm remodel, new community development and regulations application, Ingram Park improvements, police fleet vehicle replacements, portable radios, a plow truck, transportation plan, and continuing Ash Tree replacement.



“As a municipal government, our work is to provide high-quality municipal services to our citizens,” explained Village Administrator Nathan Thiel. “The Village prioritizes annual projects to make sure that we are fiscally responsible while maintaining a stable and economically sound community. We are extremely grateful for the residents and strong corporate partners that are supporting our efforts.” □

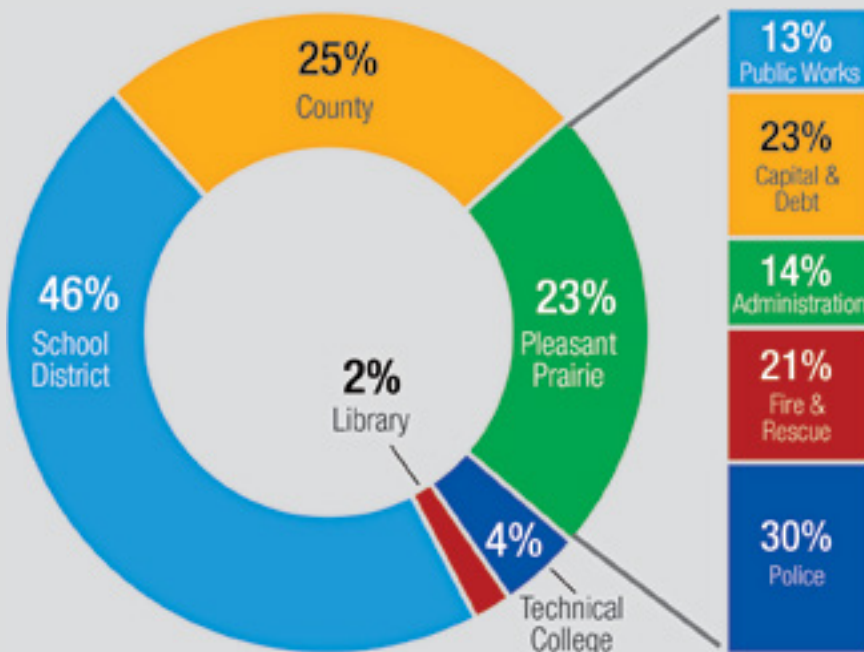
How is Your Property Tax Payment Distributed?

Property Tax Payments

The total property tax collected is distributed to Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha County, Village of Pleasant Prairie, Gateway Technical College, and Kenosha Public Library. Pleasant Prairie receives approximately 23% of a resident’s total property tax payment.

What Happens to the 23%?

The majority of the 2022 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 57% of the yearly General Government budget. The remaining 43% of revenue is generated from state aids and through services provided by Village Departments, like building permits and rescue squad earnings. □

No Increase to Solid Waste and Clean Water Utility Bills

In November, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board unanimously approved the Solid Waste Utility and Clean Water Utility budgets. Both utilities will maintain the current services offered and keep rates steady throughout 2022.



What Is Solid Waste Utility?

The Solid Waste Utility provides curbside garbage, recycling, and leaf collection for approximately 7,540 homes. The utility also operates the Residential Recycling Center, which offers hazardous waste collection the first Saturday of each month, along with free compost, mulch, shred events, and holiday tree drop-off sites.

In 2021, the Village saw a reduction in single-stream recycling costs due to decreased contamination fees and a better recycling market. The Village plans to maintain the current waste and recycling fees in 2022 at \$21.50 per month. Village staff anticipates recycling disposal costs savings to continue, conservatively budgeting \$60,000 less for recycling collection. These savings will help offset the increased operating costs for the garbage and recycling trucks and build cash reserves.

“Village residents are helping bring the cost of recycling down by keeping recyclables loose, not bagged, in the recycling cart,” said John Steinbrink Jr., Public Works Director. “Recyclables in plastic bags are considered contaminated, and the Village incurs fees to dispose of contamination found in the recycling stream. Over the past year, the community has done a fantastic job keeping recyclables loose in their recycling bins; the increased effort helps the environment and reduces collection costs.”



What is the Clean Water Utility?

The Clean Water Utility, operating since 2006, was created to protect lakes, streams, rivers, and groundwater from contaminated stormwater runoff. Federal mandates require municipalities to improve stormwater quality. Stormwater comes from rain or melting snow that collects contaminants and transports them through the storm sewer and into local waterways. The Public Works department's efforts reduce pollutants and keep the waterways clean.

All properties contribute to stormwater runoff in varying degrees based on soil type, surface, and property use. Funds collected by the stormwater fee fund daily operations, maintain and replace existing Village-owned stormwater infrastructures, and preserve natural drainage systems like streams and buffers. The infrastructure supported by the Clean Water Utility is valued at more than \$29.6 million. New stormwater projects that improve drainage in specific areas are funded by the affected property owners. The Village collects a stormwater fee from property owners based on how a property generates stormwater runoff.

The approved 2022 budget for Clean Water Utility includes operating, capital, and debt service. The Clean Water Utility budget adoption does not require increasing the current \$6 per month Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) charge. The Clean Water Utility will continue to perform street sweeping, outfall inspections, and catch basin cleaning. The proposed budget includes \$2.2 million in revenue and \$2.3 million in expenses. The fund has sufficient reserves to cover 2022 operating expenses and capital requests. □

New and Improved Utility Bill Pay Service

On December 1, the Village launched a new and improved bill pay solution for utility billing (water, sewer, garbage/recycling, clean water bills), offering more ways to pay, view statements electronically, and choose to go paperless. Residents have the option to pay by text or by phone and receive email reminders. Customers currently enrolled in autopay or paperless billing are still enrolled.

Users can make a quick, one-time payment without registration or create an account to enjoy more features like setting up automatic payments, saving payment information, and viewing history (June 2021 and beyond). Payments can be made 24/7 by phone or pay by text with a credit card. There is a 3% convenience fee for credit and debit card payments; however, paying by e check is still free. Visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov/how_do_i/pay to access. □

2022 Water Utility and Sewer Utility Budgets

The Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved the 2022 Water and Sewer Utility budgets on December 6. Adopted budgets will keep Sewer Utility rates steady throughout 2022 and increase Water Utility rates to accommodate a rise in water costs from Kenosha Water Utility.

Pleasant Prairie Water Utility is a wholesale customer and purchases all water from Kenosha Water Utility. Currently, Kenosha has a rate case pending with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to increase Pleasant Prairie wholesale water rates in early 2022. The 2022 Water Utility Budget adoption includes a budgeted 4% increase in rates to cover the increased cost of purchased water.

Pleasant Prairie's water and sewer rates are based on the meter's size and water volume used. Water rates are based on the number of gallons consumed, measured by the water meter. Sewer rates are calculated with a winter-based average to account for any water used on lawns or yards that might infiltrate and pass through the sanitary sewer system during the summer months.

As part of the 2022 Sewer Utility budget, the Village Board approved a \$1 million capital expense that will cover costs for items like, Sewer Utility adjustments associated with the Highway 50 reconstruction project and adjusting 103 utility holes to prepare for repaved roads. The funds will also be used to raze a decommissioned sewer treatment plant, rebuild a lift station, and conduct sewer rehab to reduce the amount of Inflow and Infiltration that leaks into the sewer system.



In 2022, the Water Utility will continue upgrading water meters and MXU radio communication devices to eliminate outdated equipment. The utility will also make water repairs and adjustments to 160 valves to prepare for the road paving. In addition, the utility will replace water mains above the Barnes Creek drainage culvert to prepare for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to repave Sheridan Road in 2023. Other projects include replacing industrial and residential water meters, installing meters on new homes, and replacing obsolete fire hydrants. □

New Digital Budget Book



On December 20, the Village Finance Director unveiled the 2022 Pleasant Prairie Budget Book that Village Staff put together during the 2022 budget process. The agenda item announced the launch of a new website-based budget book that residents can view at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Budget. The Digital Budget Book is powered by ClearGov, a cloud-based budget and performance management software provider for local governments.

The 2022 Digital Budget Book link is published on the Village of Pleasant Prairie website for residents, businesses, and guests to view. The website presents Pleasant Prairie's financial data in an intuitive, mobile-friendly format with more manageable navigation than traditional PDF or printed budget books. Visitors interacting with the Digital Budget Book can quickly review Village finances using tables and graphs that make complex financial data easier to comprehend.

"I am pleased to introduce this modern website-based budget book that makes Village financial data easy to understand," said Kathy Goessl, Village Finance Director. "The new software is helping the Village take an important step towards educating and explaining local government finances to the public."

The Digital Budget Book has five sections, Introduction, Budget Overview, Fund Summaries, Departments, and Capital Improvements. These sections provide areas where Village staff can provide context to explain and clarify budget items. The published data communicates the approved 2022 budget. For the 2023 budget, Village staff intends to use the Digital Budget Book as a communication tool throughout the budget process. The vision behind the new software is to provide the community with a better understanding of how the Village utilizes tax dollars. The Digital Budget Book delivers another level of transparency, demonstrating how the annual budget impacts community services and shows the public how tax funds are allocated and used to preserve community investments.

"I am proud of all the Village departments for the time they spent preparing this new digital solution," said Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator. "The adoption of the new software helps the Village be more transparent and engage with the community. I encourage residents to visit the Digital Budget Book, so they can see how their tax dollars are being utilized and put to work." □

2022 Fleet Budget

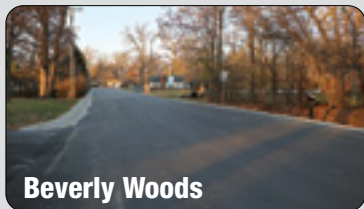


The Fleet Internal Service Fund purchases, manages, maintains, and repairs; vehicles, equipment, attachments, and tools for Village departments (except for Police and Fire & Rescue) through a pay-per-use system. Maintenance and replacement costs are factored in for each participating Village department. This system allows the Village to avoid borrowing. The fund manages all of the vehicles and equipment used to provide services to Pleasant Prairie residents.

The Fleet Internal Service Fund is a separate internal service fund which vehicles and equipment are purchased. The fund also helps the Village track the cost of maintaining the fleet. A majority of equipment and vehicle maintenance is performed in-house by four full-time mechanics.

In 2022, the Fleet Internal Service Fund will grow revenue by increasing charge-out rates to 80% of state rates, generating an estimated \$145,357 from general government departments and enterprise funds. Additionally, vehicles replaced by leased vehicles will be sold at public auction and generate an estimated \$693,250. Contractural service expenses will expand to cover the cost of leasing vehicles. Capital Purchases will consist of \$940,00 to purchase a sanitation truck, excavator, mini loader, outfit leased vehicles, and purchase a replacement plow truck, wood chipper, and trailer. ☐

Completed Paving Projects



Beverly Woods

Located north of 85th Street between 43rd Avenue and Cooper Road, Beverly Woods Subdivision received an improved stormwater system and pavement rehabilitation. Construction efforts on the stormwater system began in summer 2021 and were followed by paving. The road improvements were completed in November 2021.



Chateau Eau Plaines

The Village also completed road improvements in Chateau Eau Plaines, located south of Highway 50 and west of 104th Avenue. Construction began in 2020 with stormwater improvements. Crews found corrosive water main leaks and simultaneously replaced the original iron pipes from 1977. Repaving the subdivision's roadways followed. Construction completed in November 2021. ☐

Lease Agreement



Village staff brought a new vehicle leasing strategy to the Village Board on November 1, with plans to replace some Village-owned cars, trucks, and vans with leased vehicles. The proposal received unanimous approval from the Village Board, giving the Village Administrator authorization to enter into a Master Equity Lease Agreement, Indemnity Agreement, and Consignment Auction Agreement between Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

“Historically, the Village would purchase new vehicles at the government rate and keep them for 20 or more years,” said Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator. “The new lease agreement affords us up-to-date vehicles with the latest safety technology and other enhancements that help the vehicle perform more efficiently, with less maintenance, fuel, and little to no cost.”

The Village of Pleasant Prairie began investigating the idea of leasing mid-size and light-duty vehicles because a number of municipalities in Wisconsin have had success with similar programs. The program will reduce the amount of maintenance and costly repairs associated with owning a vehicle for over 20 years. The agreement allows Enterprise to buy vehicles at a government rate, which is less expensive than the general public purchase price. Enterprise will lease the vehicles to the Village and resell the vehicles on public auction at the end of the lease cycle. The Village will retain the proceeds from the vehicle sales, essentially recouping the leasing fees paid to Enterprise.

Enterprise has experience selling vehicles at wholesale auctions and will assist Pleasant Prairie in selling approximately 55 Village-owned vehicles from Public Works, Village Hall, and RecPlex. In addition, the Village will begin leasing pickup trucks, one-ton flatbed trucks, mid-size SUVs, transit vans, passenger vans, and ADA vans with lease cycles between one and five years. If the agreement goes well, the Village could expand the leasing program to additional mid-size and light-duty vehicles in Police and Fire & Rescue. ☐

2022 Election Cycle

Election Dates

- Spring Primary: February 15, 2022
- Spring Election: April 5, 2022
- Partisan Primary: August 9, 2022
- General Election: November 8, 2022

Voter Registration

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must be a Wisconsin resident that has resided at the registered address for at least 28 consecutive days before Election Day.
- You must be 18-years-old.
- You must not have been convicted of treason, felony, or bribery, and if you have, your civil rights are restored after completing your sentence or receiving a pardon.
- You must not have been found by a court to be incapable of understanding the objective of the electoral process.
- You must not have voted at any other location if registering on Election Day.

To register

- Online at [MyVote.Wi.gov](https://www.MyVote.Wi.gov) up to 20 days before Election Day. After 20 days, complete, print, and bring the printed application to the Clerk's office or your polling place on Election Day.
- In-person at the Clerk's office up to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day at Village Hall.
- Acceptable proof of residency is required.

Absentee Voting by Mail

Absentee ballot requests must be made in writing and received by the Village Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before Election Day. You can **request an absentee ballot online, by mail, by fax, or by email.** Online requests can be made at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://www.MyVote.wi.gov). Absentee Ballot Request forms can be found on the Village's Website under the [Election/Voting tab](#). The voter will need to download, complete the application, and return it to the Village Clerk's office (9915 39th Avenue) with acceptable Photo ID.

The Village Clerk's office will mail absentee ballots once printed ballots are received from the Kenosha County Clerk's Office, approximately four weeks before an Election. When returning your ballot, seal the voted ballot in the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope, complete Section 3, Certification of Voter with signature and date, complete Section 4, Certification of Witness by having your witness sign and write their address. ***If any of the required information above is missing, your ballot will not be counted.***

The deadline to return a completed ballot is no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots can be returned by United States Postal Service, Village Clerk's office, or Central Count on Election Day.



In-Person Absentee Voting

In-Person absentee voting will begin 14 days before Election Day and be held at Pleasant Prairie Village Hall, 9915 39th Avenue.



In-Person Absentee Voting Dates and Times

- **Spring Primary**, in-person absentee voting will be February 1 - February 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and February 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *
- **Spring Election**, in-person absentee voting will be March 22 - March 31, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and April 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *
- **Partisan Primary**, in-person absentee voting will be July 26 - August 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and August 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *
- **General Election**, in-person absentee voting will be October 25 - November 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and November 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *

* No Saturday or Sunday hours

There is no registering to vote or voting conducted on the Monday before Election Day. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Clerk's office at [262.694.1400](tel:262.694.1400) or by email at elections@pleasantprairiewi.gov. ☐

Pleasant Prairie Polling Location Changes

Every ten years, to align with County, State, and Federal redistricting, the Village Clerk redraws ward maps. The process involves adjusting the lines of voting wards to account for the convenience of voters, population shifts, and other standards.

For the upcoming 2022 Election Cycle, two new local electoral wards have been established with one additional polling location. The new voter redistricting map was created from the 2020 Census data.

Village Polling Places

The Village will have all polling places open for voting during the 2022 Election Cycle. Redistricting in the Village of Pleasant Prairie created many Ward adjustments. Changes may or may not have affected your Election Day polling place. Visit [MyVote.Wi.gov](https://www.myvote.wi.gov) and select "Find My Polling Place" from the main menu at the top of the page, or contact the Village Clerk's office at **262.694.1400** to ensure you visit the correct polling location on Election Day.



- **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**
Caterpillar College Preschool
8411 Old Green Bay Road, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16**
RecPlex (South entrance)
9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie
- **Ward 11**
Pleasant Prairie History Museum (West Entrance)
3875 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie ☐

Fire & Rescue Conduct Wide Area Search Training



On November 15, 2021, the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department began conducting wide area search training in the woods south of 82nd Street, near the 11200 block. The wide area search drill is a collaborative training effort between the Fire & Rescue, Police, and Information Technology Departments. The three-day training went through November 17, 2021.

The training course was designed to exercise first responder's knowledge of drones, GPS mapping, and practical search methods. The training reviewed systematic searches over large areas with safety staff. The three-day training course included:

- Challenging exercises that mirror real-life scenarios.
- Demonstrations on approved practices and procedures.
- Expectations that help standardize the safety response needed to perform wide area searches.

"When the need to organize a large-scale search arises, having the ability to effectively mobilize our safety resources is crucial," explained Aaron Longrie, Assistant Chief of Fire & Rescue. "Whether it is for a missing child, injured hunter, or those affected by a natural disaster, the training offered will give safety staff the knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively mobilize, organize, and deploy resources when emergencies like these occur." ☐

2022 Public Meetings

The Village of Pleasant Prairie will continue holding hybrid public meetings in 2022, featuring both in-person and virtual options. Community members can choose to attend in person or connect virtually using Zoom's online meeting software. The hybrid method combines the benefits of live and virtual interaction between presenters, in-person attendees, and virtual attendees.

The monthly meeting order has been revised for 2022. Moving forward, the Plan Commission will meet at 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month. Village Board meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. ☐



Snow Removal Reminders



Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance

The Village's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance language specifies who is responsible for removing snow from sidewalks and removal timing. There is also information about depositing snow onto streets, public property, and how the Village approaches compliance with the ordinance.

The owner and occupant of a property are responsible for snow removal from adjacent sidewalks; anyone in charge of a property is also responsible for snow removal. Prompt removal of snow or ice each day from sidewalks is required within 24 hours from when the snow ceases to accumulate. If property owners fail to follow the Village ordinance, Village crews will clear the snow, and the property owners will be billed. The ordinance also requires abutting sidewalks to be sprinkled with de-icing material if ice has formed on a sidewalk.

It is not permissible for people to shovel or blow snow into streets or onto public property. Language in the ordinance relates to how the Village will remedy snow placed into the street or onto public property and how the Village will recover the related expense. The Village of Pleasant Prairie's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance can be found at: pleasantprairiewi.gov/government/laws_and_policies/local_ordinances.



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." ☐

2022 Triathlons at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex

Prairie Springs Park and Lake Andrea are planning to host the Pleasant Prairie Cup Jr. Triathlon on Sunday, June 5, and the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon is on Sunday, June 26. The RecPlex will be the host site for the Iron Girl Pleasant Prairie women's triathlon event on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

The dates for this year's events are tentative, but RecPlex staff is looking forward to cheering on these amazing athletes as they push to meet their goals. Each year, sporting events in Pleasant Prairie draw thousands of visitors to the community. These are great opportunities for the community and visitors to get involved in challenging and rewarding athletic events.

Seasonal sporting events at RecPlex positively affect the local economy by bringing tourism dollars into the community, which benefits local businesses, including retail establishments, restaurants, and hotels.

Commuters near Prairie Springs Park can expect limited road closures on Sunday, June 26, and Sunday, August 14. More information will be available closer to the event dates; when racecourses and logistics are finalized. To learn more about the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon, go to PleasantPrairieTri.com and for a complete list of triathlons and special events, visit RecPlexOnline.com/Events. □



Date	2022 Event
Jan. 30	Indoor Triathlon
April 24	Indoor/Outdoor Triathlon
May 8	RecPlex 5k Run
June 5	Pleasant Prairie Cup Jr. Triathlon
June 26	Pleasant Prairie Triathlon
July 10	RecPlex 5k Run
Aug. 14	Iron Girl Triathlon
Sept. 3	Experience Triathlon
Sept. 3	NCAA Triathlon
Sept. 17	Discovery Walk, Roll, & Run 5K
Oct. 22	Scary in the Prairie 5K/10K
Nov. 12	Run with the Turkeys 5K/10K
Nov. 13	Indoor Turkey Triathlon

Twelfth Night

The January 6, Twelfth Night holiday tree burning ceremony is a delightful tradition in Pleasant Prairie that marks the last night of the Twelve Days of Christmas, a traditional night to take down decorations and officially end the holiday season.

The Village annually welcomes visitors to help celebrate the Twelfth Night tradition in Prairie Springs Park by Lake Andrea Beach, at 9999 Park Drive in Pleasant Prairie. The Twelfth Night event, hosted by the Village of Pleasant Prairie, Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau, is an annual celebration used to dispose of old holiday trees in a very visible way. The event is free and open to the public. □



Outdoor Furnaces



An Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace (OWBF) is prohibited in the Village unless the unit is an existing nonconforming OWBF in full compliance with Village Ordinance 180-25. An existing OWBF requires a yearly operating permit. It is the owner's responsibility to acquire the \$20 permit annually. A permitted OWBF is not authorized to be operated in a manner that is hazardous, harmful, or offensive to the surrounding neighborhood as determined by the Village Building Inspector or Village Fire & Rescue Chief. The Fire & Rescue Chief shall have the authority to revoke a permit for a nonconforming OWBF under the ordinance.

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. □

Shop with a Cop and Firefighter Thank You



The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association and the Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments would like to express their gratitude for those who supported the 16th annual Shop with a Cop and Firefighter charity event that took place on December 11. The event is a way for members of the public safety departments to help struggling families during the holiday season and foster positive relations between local youth and officers.

Children were paired with officers and firefighters at Meijer and had an opportunity to pick out holiday gifts for their loved ones. Each year Meijer provides a generous donation; however, most of the program is funded through donations from the community. The Police Association also provided families with a \$50 gift card to Woodman's to ensure they could have a family holiday meal. □

Modern Extensions of Community Watch Programs



Ring Neighbors App

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department is on Ring Neighbors, a network that allows residents to share safety concerns about local crime with the community. Users can post videos captured from cameras, distribute photos, post text, and receive real-time safety alerts with the Neighbors app.

“There are numerous Ring cameras in our community, and we understand the value those cameras can provide during investigations,” said Dave Smetana, Police Chief. “Being able to reach out on the Neighbors app when there is a crime or incident and ask the community to share footage and information is incredible. The technology allows public safety agencies to create safer communities by connecting with residents in a new way.”

Residents do not need a Ring device to join Neighbors. Anyone can participate by downloading the Neighbors app to their smartphone. Devices with the app can receive updates and post photos, text, or videos. All posts are anonymous, and a user's name or address will only be shown if a user chooses to display it.



Community Camera Partnership

The Neighbors app works in tandem with the Community Camera Partnership. The ongoing crime-fighting partnership enables residents to share video footage from home security cameras if a crime or suspicious activity occurs.

Through a short questionnaire on the Village website, residents can log their home as a location where a camera may assist police if a crime or suspicious activity occurs. Police will mark the locations on a map. If a crime is reported near a camera location, officers will know they can contact the resident and ask to review the footage. Residents who wish to participate should access pleasantprairiewi.gov/departments/police and click on “**Community Camera Partnership**” in the left-hand column.

The two platforms are modern extensions of community watch programs. All aspects of the programs are entirely voluntary. The Police Department does not have remote access to security systems or Ring devices. The homeowner remains in complete control of their camera systems. □

Historical Society Museum Hours & Exhibits

As of January 1, 2022, Pleasant Prairie History Museum has expanded its hours and is now open Wednesday through Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 3:00 p.m. Visitors can find the History Museum inside the historic Dublin School building, located at 3875 116th Street.

The museum has three galleries that exhibit stories on local history and features historical, archaeological, and cultural materials. Both long-term and temporary exhibits at the History Museum get rotated out several times a year. The newest exhibition, *More Than a Thousand Words: The Photography of Al Fredrickson (1951-2021)*, is scheduled to open on February 17, 2022.

Al Fredrickson is a native of Pleasant Prairie that had an impressive and versatile photojournalism career. Over his lifetime, he worked for several newspapers, owned his own freelance photography business, and served as a Special Photo Correspondent for several entities, including Reuters International News Agency. The exhibit will feature photos taken in Pleasant Prairie and surrounding areas. In addition, the exhibition will display notable Fredrickson images that highlight his work photographing professional sports teams, NASA space shuttle launches, U.S. Presidents, and other well-known personalities.



The Historical Society can be reached at [262.577.5115](tel:262.577.5115) or info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org. Check out the website, PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org, and follow at Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety. □

Police Officer Promotion

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department congratulates Officer Brianna Kraus for the recent advancement to the rank of

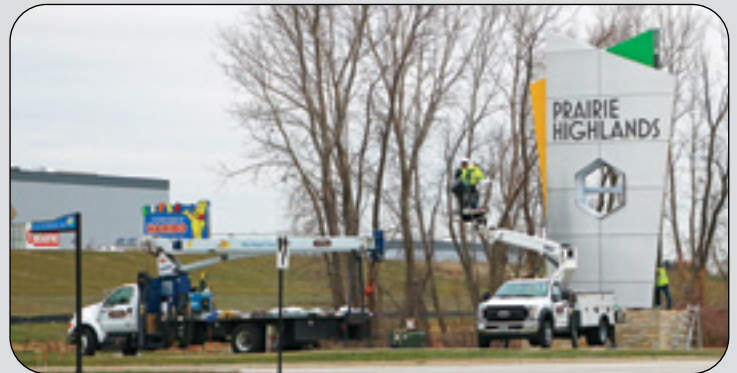


Sergeant. The promotion was effective January 1, 2022. Sergeant Kraus has joined the Third Shift supervision team.

"I would like to congratulate Brianna on this career advancement," said Police Chief David Smetana. "I would also like to thank all the applicants for this position. We are fortunate to have many qualified officers who have an interest in these formal leadership roles." □

New Prairie Highlands Signs

On December 9, work crews were out at Prairie Highlands Corporate Park installing the largest of three new signs that are being constructed in the commercial



development park. The signs are backlit, and illuminated at night to enhance the visibility of the park from Interstate 94, 122nd Avenue, and 104th Street. The signs are designed to improve aesthetics, increase visibility, and landmark the development. □

Happy New Year!

Village staff would like thank residents and businesses for their resilience, patience, and understanding throughout 2021. Providing essential Village services would not be possible without mutual support from the community. Our staff wishes you and your family a peaceful, safe, and happy New Year. □

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