



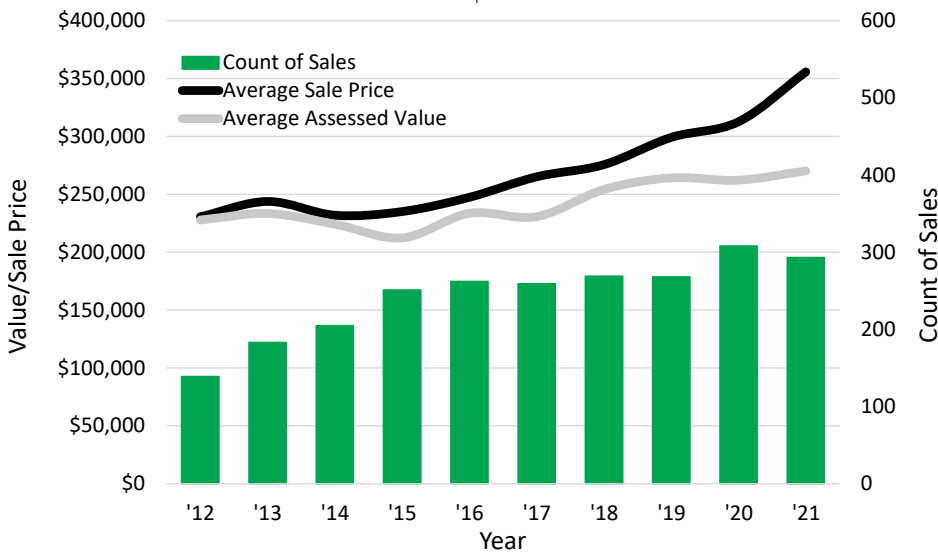
## Property Values Continue Their Positive Trend

Property values throughout Pleasant Prairie show strength and resilience as homes continue to sell on average for 32% over their assessed value. The positive trend is partially due to the strong demand for housing that exceeds the supply of available homes for sale. Additionally, the above-average real estate appreciation values throughout Kenosha County over the past six years have contributed to increased regional property values.

The current assessed property values in the Village are four years old, and the assessed value of all properties in the Village will change in 2022. The Village typically updates property assessments every two years during the even years; however, the Village postponed the revaluation planned for 2020 due to topics surrounding the pandemic. As a result, Village property values were last determined in 2018 using sales information from 2016 and 2017.

Residential homes have generally sold for substantial amounts more than their current assessed values in today's housing market. In 2021, the most recent year for which the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has statistics, 294 homes changed hands in Pleasant Prairie. On average, the homes sold for 32% more than their current assessed value.

While changes in value vary depending on the property characteristics and location, an increase in assessed value does not mean an increase in the property tax bill. Wisconsin law restricts the amount of property taxes a community can collect, and as property values rise, the tax rate falls. The resulting property tax will not change significantly for residential home values that increase at or close to the average of 32%. Similar to 2012, when property values sharply reduced, or in 2018 when values significantly increased, the property taxes remained stable. □



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# Great Lakes Warehousing Expands Storage



On June 6, the Plan Commission approved Site and Operational Plans for Tom Barnhill, President of Great Lakes Warehousing. The company plans to occupy an approximately 220,000 square foot portion of an existing building in Pleasant Prairie at 9201 Wilmot Road for food grade dry storage, warehousing, and distribution.

Great Lakes Warehousing will store low-hazard items such as medical face masks, cleaning wipes, plastic coolers, empty aerosol cans, COVID test kits, and plastic containers. The company services businesses in and out of the area. Some Pleasant Prairie businesses include Arvato, Pfizer, and Rehrig Pacific Company.

Great Lakes Warehousing has been in business for over 19 years to store items for manufacturers, wholesalers, importers, and exporters. The company currently has a warehouse located at 4200 39th Avenue in Kenosha and is expanding operations to the new location in Pleasant Prairie.

“The Village is glad to see Great Lakes Warehousing expand into Pleasant Prairie,” stated Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. “The company is known for its speed and accuracy, and we are proud to welcome them to our business community. We look forward to seeing the company continue to grow and succeed at this new location.”

The company is not planning any interior or exterior building or site modifications at the location. The facility will employ approximately eight full-time and two part-time employees working between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The site currently provides over 150 parking spaces, and the tenant space includes seven dock doors. The company anticipates being operational at this location by July of 2022. □

# Curbell Plastics Moves Chicago Operations to Village

On May 5, Curbell Plastics, Inc., one of the nation’s top suppliers of plastic sheets, rods, tubes, tapes, and fabricated parts, announced the company had moved its Chicago operations to a larger facility in Pleasant Prairie. Curbell Plastics is a privately held subsidiary of Curbell, Inc., based in Orchard Park, New York, with 21 locations nationwide. The new location at 8201 109th Street, Suite 300, provides a larger warehouse with twice the storage space to house increased inventory and more customer-specific materials.

“It’s a more functional warehouse,” said Dallas McLaughlin, regional director at Curbell. “The improved functionality offers efficiencies that will help us service our industrial and orthotic and prosthetic customers’ growing needs.”

The new space allows for future growth and improved fabrication capabilities. The company is enthusiastic about the new location being midway between Chicago and Milwaukee, and anticipates having increased access to major expressways will assist the company’s growing Wisconsin and Midwest markets.



Since its founding in 1942, Curbell Plastics has grown into one of the nation’s top plastic materials suppliers and has invested for the long term by focusing foremost on customer needs. The company supplies performance plastics to thousands of businesses, entrepreneurs, Fortune 500 companies, and government agencies. The company offers plastic film, adhesives, sealants, tapes, prototyping and tooling materials, and fabricated plastic parts. In addition, Curbell Plastics’ services include a nationwide team of material experts to help customers solve engineering and application challenges. □

## Asteroid Precision Joins Pleasant Prairie Business Community



Asteroid Precision, a contract manufacturing company, founded in 1966 with multiple locations in Illinois, recently moved into a new space in LakeView Corporate Park at 10550 86th Avenue. The company specializes in rapid manufacturing and complex high-precision machining for the medical, hydraulic, military, aerospace, and automotive industries.

Asteroid Precision is a building tenant occupying approximately 98,000 square feet within the overall 195,000 square foot industrial building. The company plans to employ 115 full-time employees and use the area for manufacturing, warehouse, and office space.

The company strategically selected the building in Pleasant Prairie for expansion because of the access to Interstate-94 and its location between Chicago and Milwaukee. □

## Rehrig Pacific Co. Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for Addition



On June 15, Rehrig Pacific Co. held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new addition coming to the Pleasant Prairie plant. The expansion will add 49,000 square feet of manufacturing to the facility located at 7800 100th Street within the LakeView Corporate Park.

Rehrig Pacific has occupied their LakeView Corporate Park facility since the building was constructed in 1996. The company is known for producing plastic products for manufacturing, mechanical systems, and technology. Many residents that live in the area use Rehrig Pacific products weekly. The company makes the plastic residential roll-out recycling and waste containers that fit into the Village's automated waste collection system.

The expansion project is scheduled to be completed by November 2022. The additional space at the facility will be used to house approximately 17 plastic injection molding machines. Production levels are expected to increase by seven to nine million units annually. As a result, the company plans to add up to 36 new jobs over three years to accommodate the fulfillment of orders for new customers. □

## The Addison of Pleasant Prairie Ribbon Cutting

On May 17, The Addison of Pleasant Prairie welcomed area guests to visit the senior living community, at 9651 Prairie Ridge Boulevard, to help celebrate the new internal management team.

The Addison provides assisted living that allows residents to continue living the healthy and active lifestyles they are used to with some added assistance when needed. Additionally, there is a memory care program at the facility that offers personalized support to keep resident dealing with memory loss safe. □



# Design Contract for Future Police Station

On June 13, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved an amendment to the Architectural and Design Contract, established on February 15, 2021, between the Village of Pleasant Prairie and Plunkett Raysich Architects LLP (PRA) for a new Police Station.

“We are excited to begin the new building project to enhance and support the law enforcement services provided to our community,” said David Smetana, Pleasant Prairie Police Chief. “The new Police facility will allow for more efficient workspaces and deliver a modernized building that is welcoming for the community.”

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. The Village considered relocating the Police Station near the proposed Village Green Center in 2018 and purchased 4.47 acres of land on the east side of 39th Avenue, south of Village Hall and 100th Street. However, the Village ultimately paused the initial efforts for this location.

Instead, the Village directed attention to the Conceptual Plan for the Village Green Center, which incorporates the Police Station at the corner of Springbrook Road and 39th Avenue between Village Hall and Fire Station 1. After reassessing this proposed location, Village staff determined the area would restrict the development in terms of space for parking and room for future growth.

Plans for the new Police Station have redirected back to the 4.47 acres of land initially considered for the development. The location has additional space for parking, future growth and provides room for an efficient site layout with easier access to major roadways. Plans for the new Police Station will address operational needs that include expanded storage space for evidence processing, improved security, additional female lockers, a large roll call room for training, an area for emergency management, extra meeting spaces, and sufficient parking for all agency vehicles. ☐



# AMP Robotics Site and Operational Plans

During a public meeting on June 20, the Plan Commission provisionally approved a Conditional Use Permit that includes Site and Operational Plans for AMP Robotics Corporation. The company plans to use the site for a secondary sortation facility to process recyclable materials, including paper, plastics, and metals. The new location is proposed for an existing building at 9501 80th Avenue in LakeView Corporate Park.

The project site will install specialized equipment that AMP Robotics will use to sort the recyclable materials delivered to the facility in enclosed trucks. The location will be a secondary recycling facility, there will be no outside storage, and the facility will not accept recyclables from the public. Most materials received at the site will come from a primary recovery facility that has already processed the materials. Recyclables will primarily consist of newspapers, magazines, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, tin cans, and aluminum beverage containers. The company anticipates hiring 25 local operational positions, working three shifts, and proposes being functional in late fall 2022.

“The automated technology AMP Robotics is bringing to Pleasant Prairie will aid the global recycling efforts and help recover discarded materials,” explained Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. “The company is known for its advancement in technology that brings speed and accuracy to the recycling industry. The Village staff looks forward to seeing the company succeed in Pleasant Prairie.” ☐



# Fire Station 3 Design Contract

In addition to the amended Police Station design contract, on June 13, the Village Board also approved an Architectural and Design Contract between the Village and Plunkett Raysich Architects LLP for Fire Station 3.

Village staff has considered adding a third Fire Station for several years to support the continued growth in population, ongoing development, and increased demand for public safety services. The proposed site for Fire Station 3 consists of approximately two acres of land strategically located in the southwestern quadrant of the Village at the intersection of State Highway 165 (104th Street) and Terwall Terrace within Prairie Springs Park. The location will improve Fire & Rescue response times to developments west of Interstate 94, the areas surrounding Lakeview Corporate Park, and support the overall public safety efforts in the Village.

“The continued growth in population and development in Pleasant Prairie has caused an increase in the demand for public safety services,” explained Fire & Rescue Chief Craig Roepke. “The Village has identified a need for the new station. In 2021, Fire & Rescue calls were up 83% since 2010. Sustaining the level of service the Pleasant Prairie community has come to expect has become difficult. Fire Station 3 will enhance response times and support Fire & Rescue’s Village-wide public safety efforts.” □



# Flashover Training



The Fire & Rescue Department conducts Flashover Training annually just over the border in Illinois at the LCARTA facility, which has a flashover simulator that allows crews to experience the intense heat of a flashover condition in a controlled environment.

A Flashover is a dangerous event that firefighters need to recognize. Because of the controlled environment, Fire & Rescue crews allow other Village staff to experience the Flashover event. In this round, Fire & Rescue personnel were joined by three Dispatchers and a member of the Village Communications Department. □



# Water Confidence Training

Fire & Rescue also underwent water confidence training while wearing full turnouts and a self-contained breathing apparatus. This training is necessary because firefighters across the country have lost their lives due to falling into pools, lakes, and other bodies of water. The goal is to help Fire & Rescue members gain confidence, become prepared, and know what to expect if a fall into water occurs. □



# Police Captain Paul Marik Graduates FBI Academy

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department (PPPD) is proud to announce the graduation of Captain Paul Marik from the FBI National Academy Program in Quantico, Virginia. Captain Marik completed the 10-week advanced training program as a member of the 282nd Session of the Academy. The session concluded on June 9, 2022, with Captain Marik and 254 other law enforcement officers graduating from the program. The graduating class consisted of men and women from 47 states, 37 international countries, four military organizations, and nine federal and civilian agencies.



Police Captain Paul Marik

Captain Marik joins Pleasant Prairie Police Chief David Smetana and retired Deputy Chief Daniel Reilly as PPPD members who have graduated from the FBI National Academy. Chief Smetana commented, "Captain Marik has established his commitment to the people of Pleasant Prairie throughout his career. The experience and knowledge gained from the FBI National Academy will be a critical component in how our leadership team delivers service to our officers, staff, and community by providing professional, competent, and compassionate service."

Marik has served the Village of Pleasant Prairie community for 24 years. Since being hired by the PPPD, Captain Marik has worked in various assignments, including Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Patrol Lieutenant, and recently Captain of Patrol. Captain Marik also served as an operator with the multi-jurisdictional Tactical Response Team. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Concordia University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Concordia University. □

## Emergency Preparedness Exercise

On June 12, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department participated with other law enforcement and emergency response agencies from throughout the region in a full-scale emergency preparedness exercise. The training took place at the Bristol Renaissance Faire and other nearby properties. Activities like these test officer capabilities in numerous areas. This training focused on large-scale events and communication during critical incidents. The department values continued training and enhancing preparedness to provide the Pleasant Prairie community with the highest level of emergency services. □



## Three New Officers Welcomed to the Police Department



Welcome Officer Mike Lodygowski, who joins the Police department with nine years of previous law enforcement experience.



Congratulations to Officer Tiffany Diaz on completing the Law Enforcement Academy, Gateway Class of 2022. The Village is excited to have Officer Diaz starting field training.



Help us welcome Officer Brandon Matz, who joins the Police Department with three years prior law enforcement experience. □

# Appreciation Association's Celebration at the Station



Since 2017, the Pleasant Prairie Police Officers Appreciation Association (PPPOA) has recognized and thanked officers for their service with a Celebration at the Station. The event provides meals for officers and staff. PPPOA takes time to meet and reinforce that residents and businesses of Pleasant Prairie support and appreciate their public safety efforts. Pictured above is an image of the daytime shift with PPPOA members at the 2022 Celebration at the Station.

The Association was formed in 2016 by Roger Mayer and Howard Cooley to counter adverse news reports about police. The Association is a 501c3 charitable organization that strives to demonstrate that the residents of Pleasant Prairie respect and understand the daily risks officers take to protect the community.

The events are a small way for the organization to say thank you to the Pleasant Prairie Police Department (PPPD). Some of PPPOA's past initiatives supported by community donations included:

- Placing hundreds of thank you signs throughout the Village.
- Purchasing individual body cameras.
- Funding for lightweight foldable fabric body shields to protect officers against bullets in dangerous situations.
- An innovative emotional well-being support program to help officers deal with the stress of the job.
- Hosting children's programs.
- Providing officer trading cards that support interactions with children.

Chief Dave Smetana commented regarding the partnership with PPPD, "Pleasant Prairie Police are humbled at the support that the Appreciation Association, in partnership with the community, has provided to our officers, staff, and families."



**Larry Nelson presents Chief Smetana with a check for the Police Department to support Officer Recognition Programs.**

PPPOA celebrations also often highlight neighborhoods or businesses that have worked closely with the PPPD. In May 2022, the association honored Larry Nelson, CEO and President of Bane Nelson, whose company and individual support have been fundamental to the Village and PPPD's growth. Nelson is a longtime Police and Fire Commission Member and is the current Chairman who supports many local charities. Nelson presented Chief Smetana with a check to fund an Officer Recognition program. PPPOA 2022 sponsors include longtime supporter Jockey International, Bane Nelson, Culvers, Paielli's Bakery, Jimano's Pizzeria, and CostCo.

To donate, or for more information on how to get involved, please email [PPPOAfriends@gmail.com](mailto:PPPOAfriends@gmail.com). □

# Prairie Springs Park

The Pleasant Prairie Convention & Visitors Bureau is proud to present the following event this summer within Prairie Springs Park.



**Pleasant Prairie BBQ in the Park**  
*August 27 – 28, 2022*

Enjoy tasty barbecue, play BINGO, compete in a bags tournament, and listen to live music. There will also be children's activities.

*Free Admission*

Go to [VisitPleasantPrairie.com/events](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/events) for more information. ☐

# Fireworks Reminder

While summertime and patriotic holidays are traditionally celebrated with lighting off fireworks, Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue would like to remind the public that fireworks are not allowed in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Village Police can cite those possessing or using fireworks in the Village. If the fireworks cause a fire response, those causing the response will be billed for responding fire apparatus and personnel.



"This strict policy is set for the safety of the residents of Pleasant Prairie," explained Chief of Fire & Rescue Craig Roepke. "We understand that recent years have been particularly challenging due to COVID-19 and hope that everyone will get out and enjoy the summer weather in a safe manner."

The Village of Pleasant Prairie defines fireworks as follows: Anything manufactured, possessed or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks or combustion which does not have another common use, including but not limited to any of the following; a device designed to produce an audible sound, whether or not it explodes, sparks, moves or emits an external flame; a device that emits smoke, whether or not it emits an external flame and whether or not it leaves the ground; any cylindrical fountain which emits sparks or smoke; any cone fountain which emits sparks or smoke; toy snakes, whether or not they contain mercury; such other devices which are defined as fireworks under § 167.10, Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time. ☐

# Safety Day in the Prairie **Saturday, September 10**

Mark your calendars to join members of the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue at the annual Safety Day in the Prairie. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 10** at Fire Station 1, located at 3801 Springbrook Road. The event is **free** and open to the public.

Safety Day in the Prairie will feature:

- Fire station tours and safety house exhibit
- Rescue demonstrations
- Firetruck tours with Pleasant Prairie firefighters
- Flight for Life helicopter landing
- Presentations from law enforcement
- Complimentary refreshments

Safety Day in the Prairie is sponsored by the Pleasant Prairie Fire Rescue Association, Inc. and made possible through the generous donations of individuals and corporations in the Village. More information is available by calling Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue at **262.694.8027**.



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



# Intersection Improvements Underway at State Highway 32 and 165



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) began improving the intersection of State Trunk Highway 32 (Sheridan Road) and State Trunk Highway 165 (104th Street) in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. The improvement project started on June 1, closing the intersection to through traffic. The closure is expected to last until the end of September 2022. Construction crews will maintain access for residents, school bus traffic, emergency vehicles, and local businesses throughout the project.

The intersection improvements involve resurfacing the deteriorated pavement in the construction area and providing traffic signals, updated signage, and turn lanes at the intersection. Work zone message boards are active, and a detour route has been established.

State construction projects detour vehicles along other state roads. The established detour route for this WisDOT project directs traffic along State Trunk Highway 158 (52nd Street), State Trunk Highway 31 (Green Bay Road), and Russell Road as the alternate north and south route. The WisDOT detour intends to keep traffic out of the construction zone for worker safety and to keep trucks off local roadways.

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has increased patrols in the construction area and is aggressively enforcing the no-through traffic designation. Those violating the traffic signage and driving through the construction zone are stopped and given citations. The priority is worker safety. Within the first week, approximately 80 citations were issued, with the first accident reported on the second day of construction.

The scheduled completion date for the work is weather dependent. If work is completed ahead of schedule, the road will reopen accordingly. Drivers in the project area are asked to abide by construction signage and drive with great care, patience, and thoughtful attention while this work is being completed. □

# Chateau Eau Plains South Water Main and Paving Improvements

The Village of Pleasant Prairie will continue a project that began in 2020 to replace the existing ductile iron water mains in the Chateau Eau Plains neighborhood. The native soils in the area are corrosive, and the original underground iron water main pipes from the 1970s are deteriorating. The Village replaced most of the existing ductile iron water mains along 79th Street, 115th Avenue, 79th Place, and a portion of 105th Avenue last year and has budgeted funds for further rehabilitation work in 2022.

The Village will improve the remaining ductile iron pipes along 105th Avenue and 77th Street. The project will also replace corroded bolts for all the old fittings and fire hydrants along 82nd Street, 109th Avenue, 80th Street, 111th Avenue, and 112th Avenue. After completing the water main improvements, the Village will pave the improved roadways except for 109th Avenue because it is currently a private roadway.

Public bids for the Chateau Eau Plains South Water Main and Paving Improvements were accepted until 2:00 p.m. on April 20, 2022. The project received two proposals: One from Reeseman's Excavating and Grading, Inc. for \$2,055,058 and another from Campanella and Sons, Inc. for \$2,559,096.

The Village Board considered and authorized the award of contract to the low bid submitted by Reeseman's Excavating and Grading from Burlington, WI, in the amount of \$2,055,058. The Village will allocate project costs to the following funds: \$1,172,755 from the Water Utility, \$73,950 from the Sewer Utility, \$5,100 from the Clean Water Utility, and \$803,253 from the Paving Program. □



## Prairie Springs Park Receives Lightning Detection System

The Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department at RecPlex recently installed a ThorGuardian system along the shores of Lake Andrea to help keep visitors at Prairie Springs Park safe. The technology is an advanced lightning detection and warning system equipped with a sensor that continuously monitors the atmosphere's electrostatic energy within a 15-mile radius of the park.

"The ThorGuardian system eliminates any confusion about when hazardous lightning conditions are present," stated Athletics & Recreation Manager Brett Christopher. "Lightning is often on the horizon around Prairie Springs Park. The system will only signal people in the area to seek shelter when a potential lightning hazard is within a two-and-a-half-mile radius of the park."

The lightning detection system operates daily, between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., from the northern side of Lake Andrea. ThorGuardian was tested at various points around the park to ensure area guests could hear the warning throughout Prairie Springs Park. The device has air horns that send alerts in a 360-degree pattern when lightning is detected.



The system signals with one 15-second air horn blast and strobing lights that continually flash to indicate everyone in the area should seek shelter. The system will stop flashing and signal with three five-second air horn blasts to notify when it is safe to return to normal activities.

The alerts are in place to warn people visiting the park of lightning hazards and notify them to look for a protected place to stay until the lightning has subsided. □

## Village Venue Agreement with LiveBarn Inc.



On May 23, the Village Board approved a Venue Agreement between the Village of Pleasant Prairie and LiveBarn Inc. The company specializes in live streaming amateur and youth sporting events. This agreement brings live event video streaming to the Village Recreation Department and enables RecPlex to broadcast sports tournaments on-demand.

LiveBarn plans to work directly with the Recreation Department to install streaming technology at key event spaces throughout RecPlex. The Recreation Department already utilizes LiveBarn technology in the two RecPlex ice arenas. The approved agreement with the Village will expand the streaming service to the field house, aquatics center, ball fields, and Lake Andrea Beach.

"The partnership with LiveBarn offers RecPlex a no-cost event streaming solution that allows viewers to watch remotely and spectate from anywhere," said Athletics & Recreation Manager Brett Christopher. "We tested the service in the ice arenas and are excited to expand the streaming services to give athletes, coaches, and event spectators a remote option that provides a different point of view."

LiveBarn will install all streaming equipment at their own expense. Therefore, the only cost to the Village-owned recreational facility is the increased internet bandwidth at the facility. In addition, the Village and LiveBarn also have a revenue-sharing agreement for the streaming service subscriptions. The deal creates an additional revenue stream for the Village Recreation Department.

LiveBarn provides live and on-demand broadcasting of amateur and youth sporting events. The company's patented technology and camera system automatically follow the flow of an event, similar to a traditional television broadcast. LiveBarn currently broadcasts from over 1,000 facilities, including hockey, baseball, soccer, and basketball venues. □

# Keegan Knott Sets American Record at RecPlex

On June 10, Pleasant Prairie Patriots Swim Team member Keegan Knott, a Tokyo 2020 Paralympian and USA National Team Member, set an American Record in the 1500 Meter S9 Freestyle event. Knott set the record at her home pool in the RecPlex Aqua Arena in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. She beat the previous American Record time of 20:25.67, established in June 2019, by finishing the event with a time of 19:50.45.

Knott is an internationally ranked swimmer who competed for Team USA in Lima, Peru, in 2019 at the Para-Pan American Games and in 2021 at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. Knott does her club swimming at RecPlex with the Pleasant Prairie Patriots (PX3), a team that emerged in 2011, originally known as the Kenosha Barracudas that started in 1969. PX3 is one of approximately 64 swim teams in Wisconsin registered with the state and national Wisconsin Swimming and USA Swimming organizations.

PX3 provides a year-round competitive swim team with high-quality professional coaching and technique instruction. The swim team operates out of a state-of-the-art 50-meter training pool located within RecPlex, the country's largest municipal-run recreation facility. The swim group promotes aquatic excellence in a safe, healthy, and positive environment.

"I want to congratulate Keegan on this great achievement and applaud her for all her hard work and dedication to the sport of swimming and our team," said Steve Frye, PX3 Head Coach/CEO, and RecPlex Aquatics Manager. "I would also like to share my gratitude for all the PX3 swim coaches who invested time with Keegan and the rest of our great swimmers over the years. They have done a remarkable job leading all the swim groups in our program to the highest levels of the sport." □



Keegan Knott Pictured at the April 2022 Para World Series Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## Recreation Department Receives Four Watercrafts



The Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department recently received four new watercrafts to aid events on the water. Guests visiting Lake Andrea Beach in Prairie Springs Park will see four Encore Electric Watercrafts. The crafts were made possible by a generous contribution from the Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau (PPCVB). The boats add another level of safety for all event participants. Recreation staff will use them on Lake Andrea during open water races, practice swims, and triathlons.

"There are multiple events hosted at Lake Andrea throughout the summer that have a positive economic impact, bringing competitive athletes and tourism to the area," explained Steve Frye, RecPlex Aquatics Manager. "The Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department appreciates the support and contribution from PPCVB that made the four boats possible. I want to personally thank the PPCVB and its board of directors for their investment. The four boats are a wonderful upgrade that will enhance events for athletes that travel to the area to compete on Lake Andrea."

The new watercrafts have seats to hold four people and a total weight capacity of 628 lbs. The crafts are made by Nauticraft, constructed from a molded polyethylene material, and feature a battery-powered electric trolling motor that can travel approximately four mph. The boats weigh about 400 lbs., are about 14 feet long, and are nearly 5 feet wide. They sit low on the water, and the limited speed ensures the crafts do not create a disturbing wake for the swimmers competing on the lake. □

# Who to Call During a Public Works Emergency

## During a Public Works Emergency

Pleasant Prairie operates a 24-hour emergency telephone line for Public Works emergencies. Calls are answered by Public Safety Dispatchers. When the situation warrants, dispatchers notify the appropriate personnel, and action is taken to address the emergency.

In order to effectively use the Public Works emergency number, it is important to understand what types of situations constitute a public works emergency. The list below is a guide to help you understand when it is appropriate to call the Public Works emergency number.

## What Constitutes a Public Works Emergency?

Call the **Public Works Emergency Number 262.694.1234**

- if you observe flooding in a certain area
- if you experience a sewer backup in your area or home
- if you observe what appears to be a water main break
- if you experience severe wind damage in public areas
- if you observe downed trees in the roadway or right of way
- if you observe major roadway damage that poses a danger
- if you experience a snow related emergency



Because the Public Works emergency number is answered by Public Safety Dispatchers, citizens are asked to use discretion when deciding to use the emergency number. When the emergency number is used for a non-emergency situation, dispatchers are distracted from their primary objective, assisting those with truly urgent emergencies.

By using the emergency number in a non-emergency situation, you could be costing someone valuable time in a life-threatening situation.



## For Non-Emergency Public Works Needs

For public works situations that need to be addressed but are not emergencies, residents are asked to contact the weekday telephone number for the Public Works Department. Calls to this number are answered by Public Works staff who can effectively and efficiently handle your call and direct relevant work to the next available crew member.

Call the **Public Works Department at 262.925.6700**

Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- to inquire about garbage and recycling collection
- to inquire about compost or leaf collection services
- to report potholes or areas in the roadway in need of repair
- if a mailbox has been damaged by snow plowing operations
- to make inquiries regarding snow removal operations

## For Municipal Updates During Emergency Events


During a severe weather or emergency event, the Village will post municipal updates as they become available to

- [PleasantPrairieWI.gov](http://PleasantPrairieWI.gov)
- [Twitter @PLPrairieWI](https://twitter.com/PLPrairieWI)
- [Facebook @PLPrairieWI](https://www.facebook.com/PLPrairieWI)
- [Spectrum Cable Channel 25](#)

The Village will also share information with local news media during a severe weather or emergency event.

Updates could include: emergency closures of locations or roadways; locations where public safety and public works operations are being concentrated; special actions residents should take and safety instructions during emergency situations; and a general overview or assessment of the emergency.

## Emergency Alerts Via Text/Email Available

During larger, Village-wide emergencies, public safety staff will also issue text and email alerts through [Nixle](#). In order to receive these alerts on your smart phone, residents must opt-in to [Nixle.com](#) through their website or quickly via text. Nixle is a free service for residents, and Nixle will respect your contact information. Learn more about Nixle at [Nixle.com](#). 

## National Public Works Week



The Village of Pleasant Prairie Public Works Department celebrated National Public Works Week on May 17 at the Roger Prange Municipal Building. The department held a competition where Village staff and Public Works crews could operate heavy machinery and undergo skill training.

“The annual Public Works celebration is always a fun event that brings the Village staff together,” said Tom Hupp, Public Works Manager of Technical Support. “The event provides staff from different areas an opportunity to experience the various duties within the Public Works Department.”

The annual event focuses on collaboration and provides a unique perspective to staff by allowing members with different specialties to work and learn together. For example, team members that do not typically interact with construction equipment have an opportunity to try operating heavy machinery; the process educates staff on the workload and skill sets used in the different areas of the Public Works Department. □

## In-Person Public Meetings

On June 13, the Village discontinued the Zoom hybrid public meeting software, and no longer has the option to receive comments virtually. Those wishing to watch the meetings virtually can still connect on the Village website, [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](http://PleasantPrairieWi.gov), at 5:00 p.m. to watch live. Community members that would like to make public comment may attend meetings in-person at the Pleasant Prairie Village Hall Auditorium, located at 9915 39th Avenue (South entrance). □

## Photo Contest

There's still time to submit your photos to the **Through Your Frame** Photo Contest. Your photos could appear in a Village Calendar, the Village website, or other Village communications. The Village of Pleasant Prairie is seeking photos that portray the beauty of the community throughout the year.



The entry form and contest rules are available at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Photo](http://PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Photo).

Entries must be submitted by August 12. Open voting will be August 15-19. The Village looks forward to seeing your photos! □

## Emergency Shelter



Advanced emergency preparation can help keep community members safe when severe weather or disaster strikes.

Through local media and other means, emergency management agencies work to provide advance notification and offer instructions to help protect the public during emergencies. Knowing where to go and having an emergency plan is essential.

At times, severe weather or disaster instructions may require seeking shelter. Not all homes and businesses in the area are equipped with a basement or other safe place to seek refuge. **RecPlex, located inside Prairie Springs Park at 9900 Terwall Terrace, is designated as an Emergency Shelter.** Through inclement weather or other emergencies, community members may come to RecPlex to seek protection in the locker rooms or family changing rooms, that are marked as shelter areas.

During regular operating hours, the doors to the facility remain open for the public to enter. Those seeking shelter should use the main entrance on the south side of the facility. Protection is also available outside of regular business hours, and staff will open the main door on the south side of the facility for anyone seeking refuge.

On rare occasions when the facility is not staffed, and shelter is needed at RecPlex during an emergency, contact public safety personnel at **262.694.7353**. They will be able to ensure that the appropriate staff reaches the facility to open it for everyone seeking shelter. □

# Olympic Coach Announces Open Water Championship

On June 17, the Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department welcomed 2008 Head Olympic Open Water Swim Coach John Dusliere at



**John Dusliere**

the Open Water Championship event at the Pleasant Prairie RecPlex in Prairie Springs Park on Lake Andrea. Dusliere shared his extensive knowledge on the sport and announced the competition, which is the Central Zone's most prominent 2022 open water swimming event. The swim featured open water swimmers from Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Dusliere is enthusiastic about the sport of open water marathon swimming. He has been essential to the competitive sport and played a critical role in producing America's first 10k Open Water Olympian. In addition, he led open water swim coaching for the United States Olympic Swimming Team at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The team that put the 2022 Central Zone Open Water Championships together has confirmed the event will return to Lake Andrea in 2023 and is hopeful Dusliere will return to announce the event next year. ☐



The Central Zone Open Water Championship had events for different age groups, ten and under swam 1.25K, ages 11 to 12 swam 2.5K, and ages 13 to 14 swam 2.5K. All events occurred on Lake Andrea, with swims starting and ending in the water at the Lake Andrea Beach. The main 5K open water event was open to all ages. It began at 8:30 a.m. and utilized a finishing slap board to decide the winner and placement of other racers.

## Voting in the 2022 Partisan Primary – August 9, 2022

Wisconsin does not require voters to declare party affiliation or designation at the time of Voter Registration; however, since the early 1900s, the Partisan Primary allows voters an option to choose which political party's primary they wish to vote in. The primary narrows down candidates for the November Election.

A sample ballot will be posted on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) and can be viewed by selecting "What's on My Ballot". A sample ballot will also be posted on [pleasantprairiewi.gov/vote](http://pleasantprairiewi.gov/vote) under "Election Notices" – Type B Notice of Partisan Primary and Sample Ballot. **Voters should pay close attention to the following August Ballot Sections:**

### Special Instructions for Partisan Primary Voting

- You may vote in only one party's primary.
- If you choose a party, votes cast in that party will be counted. Votes cast in any other party will not be counted.
- No votes will be counted if you do not choose a party and you vote in more than one party.

### Party Preference Section (Choose only one)

- Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, or Constitution

**Voter Registration:** The deadline for electors to register by mail or online to vote in the Partisan Primary is July 20, 2022. After this date, electors may register in person in the Clerk's office until the Friday before the election or on election day. Electors must be a US citizen, 18 years of age, and a resident of Pleasant Prairie.

**Residency Requirements:** The deadline for electors to acquire a residence in Pleasant Prairie for the Partisan Primary is July 12, 2022, or 28 days before an election.

**In-Person Absentee Voting:** Photo ID required. The location will be Village Hall (North Entrance), 9915 39th Avenue. The dates are July 26, 2022, through August 4, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and August 5, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No Saturday or Sunday hours.

**Election Day:** Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 9, 2022. To find your polling place, visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) and select "Find My Polling Place" or contact the Clerk's office. ☐



# Historical Society Museum Exhibits and Events

## Finding Center: The Life and Philosophies of Jack E. Thomsen

PGA Golf Professional, small business owner, golf product inventor, aspiring artist, writer, and philosopher are just a few of the ways to describe Jack E. Thomsen. "Finding Center," the new special exhibit at the Pleasant Prairie History Museum, explores Thomsen's life and philosophies, especially as they pertain to golf.


Thomsen, who passed away in 2020, owned Transcendental Golf (now Pineway Golf Co.), the golf range located at 1621 116th Street in Pleasant Prairie. The exhibit displays Thomsen's unique golf products, including the Pyramid Tray and Stacker and the Crooked Lies Circular golf mat. Some of the Thomsen golf products are in an interactive display, where visitors can practice their golf game with instruction from Thomsen's golf videos. The exhibit will be open through the end of 2022.

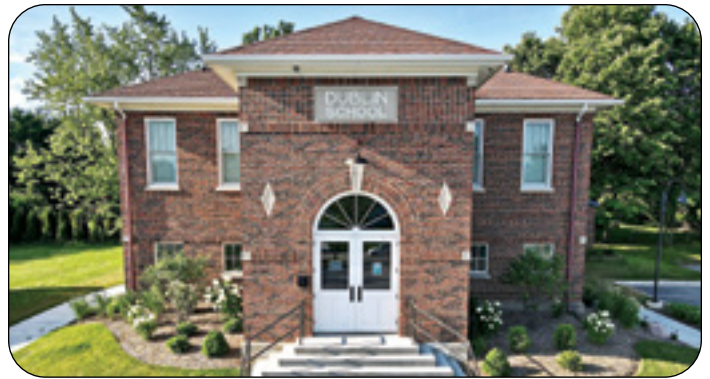


Self-portrait by Jack E. Thomsen, 1994.

Special thanks to Pineway Golf Co. for partnering with the Historical Society for this exhibit and the Historical Society's annual fundraiser, which took place on June 21. Thank you to our fundraiser sponsors and all who attended the event. The support helps to preserve our local history!

The Pleasant Prairie History Museum is located in the historic Dublin School at 3875 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. The museum features three galleries exhibiting locally important archeological, historical, and cultural materials and stories. The museum is open Wednesday to Friday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Admission is free.


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



Pleasant Prairie History Museum at 3875 116th Street

## Lake Andrea Beach




Lake Andrea Beach is open for the season through Labor Day, September 5. Additional details regarding hours of operation, available rentals, and more can be found online at [RecPlexOnline.com](http://RecPlexOnline.com). 

## Have a Safe Labor Day

### Labor Day is Monday, September 5.

Village offices, including RecPlex, and the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on **Monday, September 5**, in honor of Labor Day. Village offices, RecPlex, and the Residential Recycling Center will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday morning, September 6.

**There will be no garbage collection on Labor Day, September 5.** Garbage and recycling collection will resume on Tuesday, September 6. Scheduled pickups for the week will be delayed by one day.

Bulk item collections during Labor Day week will not change. Call the Sanitation Department by noon on Tuesday to schedule a pick-up for the following day, Wednesday. 

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