

Celebrating the Closing of Tax Incremental District 2

On February 14, the Village Board unanimously approved the termination resolution authorizing the closure of Tax Incremental District No. 2 (TID 2 or the District). The Village is proud of the closing because it brings nearly \$1 billion of value to the Village tax base.

The District was created in 1999 for land associated with development. The project had a long-term goal of paying for expanded infrastructure in LakeView Corporate Park and diversifying the Village tax base through industrial expansion and high-quality economic development.

“TID 2 is an excellent example of how commitment to vision, investment, and planning can be beneficial to the Village’s future,” explained Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator. “TID 2 has brought new infrastructure, numerous jobs, and an improved tax base to the community.”

The property value of the land before TID 2 was approximately \$7 million. The Village invested nearly \$218 million in TID 2 to provide the public infrastructure needed to develop LakeView Corporate Parks (east and west), Prairiewood Park, and Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

The improvements within the District created new property values of nearly \$1 billion, which produced new tax increment to finance public infrastructure improvements such as new roadways, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, municipal water, site grading, and fiber optic lines. After 23 years, the District has reached its maximum lifespan and has collected sufficient funds to cover the final debt payment and administrative costs of nearly \$13.5 million.

The original boundaries of TID 2 initially included property generally located west

of Green Bay Road, east of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and to the north and south of 104th Street. Throughout its lifespan, the District underwent six amendments, which helped expand TID 2 east toward 39th Avenue and west of Interstate 94.

The investment in TID 2 positively impacts Pleasant Prairie and the greater area. Numerous businesses were created in the community, bringing over 10 million square feet of buildings and generating over 4,750 jobs in the manufacturing, warehouse, distribution, retail, service, office, restaurant, lodging, and health services sectors. The District has helped keep residential property taxes at reasonable levels and increased the Village’s tax base, which will provide a reliable revenue stream for many years to come. □



Invested in Community!

Public Safety Resolution



On January 10, the Village Board approved a resolution authorizing a referendum question that will ask taxpayers to allow the Village to exceed the state-imposed levy limit to hire additional public safety personnel. If a majority of voters approve the referendum, the Village would be allowed to exceed the limit and increase the levy starting in 2023 to hire and retain four additional police officers and 12 additional fire and emergency medical staff.

After developing an assessment of public safety funding options in 2021, the Village conducted a community-wide survey for resident input on how to proceed with maintaining high-quality fire and police services. The Village Board and administration received a presentation of the survey results on December 20. The highlights revealed that a majority of the 2,145 respondents support a referendum to increase local property taxes. Citizens are encouraged to review the survey results and options assessment online at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Referendum.

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 have been up 83% since 2010, and between 2012 and 2019 Pleasant Prairie Police Department (PPPD) calls were up 7.5%. As a result, it is becoming difficult to sustain the level of service the Pleasant Prairie community has come to expect. The Village must act to



preserve this level of police, fire, and emergency medical services. The Village has identified a need for additional police officers and fire/emergency medical staff to fulfill and preserve both department's response and preventative responsibilities.

The passed resolution allows the referendum question to be placed on the Spring Election Ballot. The question will ask voters to fund additional public safety personnel by increasing the tax levy. A public informational meeting is scheduled at Village Hall Auditorium, 9915 39th Avenue, on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for Village residents to ask questions about the public safety needs and receive educational information on the referendum question. The Spring Election takes place on April 5.

The formal resolution requesting permission to exceed the state revenue limit will appear as follows on the April 5 ballot:

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Pleasant Prairie for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 2.57%, which results in a levy of \$14,619,727. Shall the Village of Pleasant Prairie be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of hiring and retaining additional sworn police officers and fire and rescue personnel, by a total of 10.94%, which results in a levy of \$16,219,727, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$1,600,000 for each fiscal year going forward?" □



PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM

VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 5



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, March 16 | 6:00 p.m.

Visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Referendum to register to join via Zoom.

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM?



The referendum will ask Pleasant Prairie voters to decide if they will support increasing the Village's annual tax levy by \$1.6 million to cover the costs for hiring and retaining four additional police officers and 12 additional fire and rescue staff, beginning in 2023.

WHY IS THE REFERENDUM NEEDED?



Over the last decade, the Pleasant Prairie **POPULATION GREW NEARLY 16%**
3,147 NEW RESIDENTS
+ significant commercial & industrial growth



In 2021, Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue responded to **3,083 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE**
UP 83% SINCE 2010
+ 40% of calls overlap



Police have a low staffing-to-service area ratio
RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING 33-SQUARE-MILES
+ some shifts only have 3 officers on duty



Growth, demand, & inflation outpaced revenues
BECAUSE OF STATE LEVY LIMIT \$1.6M SAFETY NEED
+ better coverage & improve response times



The Village of Pleasant Prairie identified that the current public safety funding is insufficient to meet the community's growing service demands and needs.

The Village needs additional public safety personnel in the Fire & Rescue and Police Departments to ensure residents, visitors, and businesses have continued access to high-quality public safety services.

A MAJORITY "YES" VOTE

Approval of the referendum by a majority of voters would enable Pleasant Prairie to hire the necessary staff to maintain quality public safety services in the future.

+12
FIREFIGHTER/
PARAMEDICS

+4
POLICE
OFFICERS

\$1,600,000 tax levy increase beginning in 2023 Estimated Property Tax Impact		
Assessed Property Value	Year	Month
\$100,000	\$42.00	\$3.50

A MAJORITY "NO" VOTE

A failure to pass the public safety referendum would result in Pleasant Prairie not hiring the additional staff needed to meet the growing public safety needs of the community.

This may result in delayed emergency response times and insufficient coverage to patrol the community or respond to various situations at the same time.

LEARN MORE ONLINE

Make an informed decision by visiting:
PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Referendum



Kwik Trip Plans Reconstruction at Highway 50 and H



On January 3, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered a request from Brad Fry, agent for Kwik Trip, Inc., to reconstruct the existing Kwik Trip gasoline and convenience store located at 8800 75th Street. The Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit and 1st Amendment to the Digital Security Imaging System (DSIS) Agreement, Amended DSIS Easement, and the Site and Operational Plans for the reconstruction project. The following week, on January 10, the Village Board approved a Zoning Map and Text Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment.

In 2017, Kwik Trip purchased the existing PDQ gasoline, convenience store, and carwash that was constructed in 1997. In 2018, Kwik Trip removed the previously existing detached carwash and reconstructed a new 1,949 square foot, single-lane carwash facility in the same location.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation plans to remove Kwik Trip's driveway access along State Trunk Highway 50. Kwik Trip will raze the existing convenience store, canopy, and fueling dispensers to improve and maintain access to the facility. Then reconstruct a new 7,370 square-foot convenience store with eight fueling dispensers (16 fueling positions) under a new canopy. The fueling dispensers will be relocated to the east side of the property. The existing detached carwash on the west side of the property will remain in its current location, and the two existing access points on 74th Street will remain.

Construction is expected to begin this summer, with completion scheduled in December 2022. The facility will be open 24 hours. This facility is proposing to hire 20 full-time employees and eight part-time employees. This is one of five Kwik Trips operating within the Village of Pleasant Prairie. ☐

Fiduciary Development - Phase One Construction



Seasons at River View is underway in Tax Incremental District No. 8 (TID 8). The site is generally located between State Trunk Highway 50 (STH 50) and 79th Street from 104th to 115th Avenues. This development is one of four project zones that Fiduciary plans to develop in TID 8.

Seasons at River View consists of twelve 20-unit buildings, four 15-unit buildings, ten 8-car garages, and a clubhouse for resident use. The clubhouse and eight apartment buildings are currently being constructed. The apartment complexes will provide a transitional buffer between the existing Chateau Eau Plaines single-family subdivision to the south and the future commercial component planned to develop on the southern side of STH 50.

On January 24, the Village Board reviewed and accepted the first phase of public improvements for the Fiduciary Development, including water mains, storm sewers, and sanitary sewers. The completed 77th Street extension, between 115th and 105th Avenues, and a section of 109th Avenue, north of 77th Street, received approval. Village staff inspected the infrastructure before the approval and found it met all Village of Pleasant Prairie requirements.

Additional roadway improvements for the 115th Avenue extension north to STH 50 are underway. Underground infrastructure is in place and grading is complete. Construction crews plan to complete the section of the roadway by summer 2022. ☐



PRAIRIE HIGHLANDS CORPORATE PARK



On Monday, January 10, the Village Board approved an Exclusive Right to Sell Agreement between Colliers International (Colliers) and the Village of Pleasant Prairie to sell the remaining Village-owned undeveloped real estate in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park (PHCP).

On July 13, 2021, the Village solicited a real estate broker to represent the Village in marketing the sale of the remaining Village-owned real estate within PHCP consisting of: approximately 110 acres, located west of 128th Avenue, of remaining vacant land intended for industrial, manufacturing, office, and research use, and another 29.5 acres of remaining vacant land intended for commercial use, located between the West I-94 Frontage Road (122nd Avenue) and the southbound I-94 off-ramp.



Colliers is a leading diversified professional brokerage services and investment management company with more than 150 offices with 6,000 professionals, including offices in Milwaukee and Chicago, and has thorough knowledge of the southeast Wisconsin/I-94 real estate market.

PHCP consists of a total 458 acres of land at the northwest corner of County Highway Q and I-94. The Village purchased and began developing the corporate park in 2017 with a focus on manufacturing, office, and commercial uses. Today PHCP is home to HARIBO of America, Nexus Pharmaceuticals, and Advocate Aurora Health Care Center. □

New Park Equipment

During the February 1 Park Commission meeting, the Village Public Works Director, John Steinbrink Jr., shared three parks with newly installed playground equipment. It might still be a little cold to get out and enjoy them now, but the structures are complete and ready for the community to enjoy. All three parks featuring new equipment are open to the public from sunrise to sunset, year-round.



Becker Park: Intersection of 76th Street and 48th Avenue

This neighborhood park is on nearly 1.5 acres, offering playground equipment, a youth softball field, and open green space for recreational activities.



Carol Beach Park: Intersection of 111th Street and 9th Avenue

On nearly 2.9 acres, Carol Beach Park offers a softball field, an open-air pavilion and adjacent picnic area, a basketball court, playground equipment, and open green space for recreation.



Creekside Park: North of 93rd Street at 62nd Court

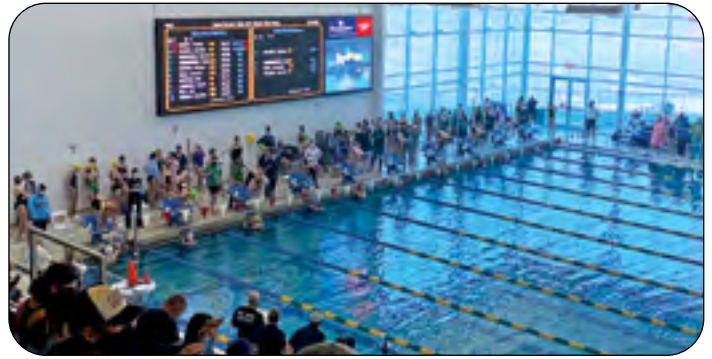
On nearly 1.7 acres, Creekside Park offers playground equipment and open green space for passive recreation. □

RecPlex Reveals New Aquatics Scoreboard



In January, the RecPlex Aquatics Department revealed an updated scoreboard, approximately 33-feet wide by 9.5-feet high. The new display is on the northern wall of the Aquatics Center, near the state-of-the-art 50-meter competition pool, in an area visible by athletes in the water and guests on the bleachers. This upgraded scoreboard was made possible by a generous \$128,000 grant from the Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau (PPCVB).

“A positive visitor experience is key in the success of maintaining and garnering events. The capabilities of this state-of-the-art scoreboard are essential to that experience and one we are happy to support,” said Michelle Williamson, PPCVB’s Executive Director. “When RecPlex hosts events, the impact is felt throughout the community. The economic impact extends beyond jobs at the RecPlex into the local area as athletes and spectators dine, shop, and stay overnight.”



The new scoreboard incorporates a vibrant digital screen that can divide into thirds to display videos, graphics, and animations. The enhanced display capabilities provide eye-catching opportunities for spectators at the facility. The scoreboard shows competition times, statistics, and sponsorships that can educate guests on local happenings, dining, and lodging.

“The Aquatics Center continues to be a great investment for the community. There are multiple events hosted at the facility throughout the year that have a positive economic impact, bringing competitive athletes and tourism to the area,” explained Steve Frye, RecPlex Aquatics Manager. “I want to thank the PPCVB for the support and contribution that brought the new scoreboard to the Aquatics Center. It is a wonderful upgrade that enhances the experience of guests watching and the athletes competing.”

The RecPlex Aquatics Center hosts numerous nationally recognized and high-level competitive swimming events each year, bringing approximately 22,000 competitive swimmers to the Aqua Arena throughout the year. In addition, the facility is home to Pleasant Prairie Patriots (PX3), a year-round competitive swim team. The swimming pool also serves the local community by providing opportunities for lap lane swimming, expanded swimming lessons, triathlon training programs, indoor triathlons, and more. □

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Statewide Tornado Drills



On Thursday, April 7, at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., the National Weather Service will conduct statewide tornado drills in Wisconsin, offering families and businesses the opportunity to test their severe weather emergency plans. For additional details, please visit the National Weather Service website at: Weather.gov/safety/events_calendar □

Winter Weather Activities and Ice Safety



Winter weather in Pleasant Prairie has brought the region a varied mix of bitter cold and snow, along with at and above freezing temperatures. In light of the wide range of temperatures, the Village would like to echo the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to remind people about safety during winter weather activities. A general rule of thumb is that no ice is safe ice.

Ice on lakes, ponds, and rivers is affected not just by temperatures but the physical attributes of the body of water, and ice should never be considered entirely safe. Therefore, winter enthusiasts who visit Lake Andrea, the ponds in Ingram Park, or other bodies of water in the Village for recreational purposes are asked to take the proper safety precautions before heading out onto the ice (or before letting a family member or pet play on the ice).

The Wisconsin DNR has ice safety recommendations posted online at [DNR.Wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety](https://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety) that can help prepare for winter weather fun. Safety tips include dressing warmly in layers, carrying safety gear, such as ice claws, a cellphone in a waterproof bag or case, a lifejacket, and a length of rope. In addition, recommendations include not going out alone and listing what to do if you or someone falls through the ice. There are also instructions on making ice claws that can help provide the extra traction needed to pull up onto the ice if an ice break-through happens. ❏

Pleasant Prairie Power Plant



We Energies initiated abatement plans for the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in July 2020. The razing project started with outbuildings and disconnecting utilities. The dismantling and restoration of the entire site continued throughout 2021 and is nearing completion. The main facility building is currently being dismantled and will bring a new look to the Pleasant Prairie horizon.

The Pleasant Prairie Power Plant went into service in 1980 and continued operations until 2018. It was known for being one of the biggest coal-fired power plants in the region. The power plant property covers nearly 570 acres, stretching north from 95th Street to Highway 50, taking up the area between the Union-Pacific and Canadian Pacific railways. We Energies plans to retain about 80 acres of land for substation and transmission lines to continue operations. The remaining property is being sold to support future developments. ❏

Solicitation Alert



Residents have contacted the Village regarding mailings from companies selling private water and sewer line protection. The mailings may be worded to make the offer appear collaborative between the company and Village. Please be aware that the mailings are not endorsed or contracted on the Village's behalf. The mailings are private insurance solicitations and are not authorized to use the Village name or logo.

Water service lines made out of copper or PVC tend to be more stable; therefore, most residents may not need water service line insurance. Residents who have clay or cast iron sewer service lines may wish to consider purchasing a service line warranty, particularly if the property has a history of backups or problems with roots. Participation in programs like these are strictly voluntary. The Village encourages residents to research the companies and their offers through the Better Business Bureau and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. ❏

Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire Thank you



The Pleasant Prairie Village Board and staff would like to thank all who participated and helped celebrate this year's Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire. Festivities included a holiday tree bonfire, caroling, fire pits, and a s'more station. This historic Village tradition takes place annually on January 6, along the shores of Lake Andrea Beach. The Twelfth Night is the traditional night to take down decorations and officially end the holiday season.

The public event was cold but had tremendous success thanks to all the visitors and the efforts of event hosts: Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and Village of Pleasant Prairie, including the Village Fire & Rescue, Public Works, RecPlex Facilities, and Information Technology Departments. Everyone's work directly supported a successful and safe tree burning for nearly 150 attendees. Thank you to all that attended. The Village looks forward to continuing the traditional Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire next year. □



Pleasant Prairie Police Act to Stop Reckless Driving

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has teamed up with other area law enforcement agencies to help prevent crashes and injuries by targeting high-speed and reckless driving on State Trunk Highway 31 (STH 31). The Pleasant Prairie Police Department utilizes the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WISDOT) Community Maps program to identify crash hotspots, allowing officers to focus on specific violations in specific areas.

Over the last two years, there have been 131 crashes on STH 31 in Pleasant Prairie. Of those 131 crashes:

- 37% resulted in at least one injury, with 67 total injuries reported
- 67% of crashes involving a failure to wear a seatbelt resulted in injury
- 16% were related to speed
- 8% involved a distracted driver
- 6% were drug or alcohol-related

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department is assisting the Wisconsin State Patrol, Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, and University of Wisconsin Parkside Police Department with aggressive enforcement of traffic violations that most often lead to crashes. In January, the combined efforts of this targeted enforcement resulted in over 150 citations being issued.

Pleasant Prairie Police Chief David Smetana explained that "The goal of this multi-jurisdictional effort is to ensure that the roadways within our community are safe for our traveling public. Proactive traffic enforcement, along with educating drivers on the leading causes of traffic accidents, can have a positive impact on this dangerous trend."



Most crashes are preventable, and drivers can remain safe by following basic rules:

- **Don't speed:** Speed increases the severity of crashes.
- **Driver sober:** Alcohol and drugs inhibit reaction times and make it harder for a driver to focus on safely operating a vehicle.
- **Buckle up, phone down:** Make driving the priority. Distracted driving such as phone use, putting on makeup, reading a paper, or eating, is considered inattentive driving and can be very dangerous. Wearing a seatbelt can greatly decrease the severity of injury in a crash. Make sure children are in a proper safety seat.
- **Most crashes occur at intersections:** Before proceeding through an intersection, check that all other traffic has cleared the intersection.
- **Don't follow too closely:** Keep a safe distance from other vehicles – at least two seconds (in good weather) – to allow for reaction to hazards.
- **Drive according to the weather:** Speed limits are meant for good weather conditions. ☐

New Garbage Truck, Despite Supply Issues

A new garbage truck has been added to the Department of Public Works (DPW) fleet. Garbage trucks are out all day, almost every day. The department has five trucks that are replaced on a five-year cycle. Like many other things in recent times, there are supply issues, and a truck chassis is tough to come by right now. Delays are up to a year and a half.

Fortunately, another municipality had ordered two garbage trucks but only took delivery of one. This provided an opportunity for the Village to add a new garbage truck to the fleet this year. Tom Hupp, DPW Manager of Technical Support, explained, "We can't even get quotes for new trucks right now. We're lucky that we were able to add this one to the fleet." ☐



Fix a Leak Week: March 14-20, 2022

Information courtesy of EPA WaterSense

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

Tips for Identifying Leaks

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

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

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



Simple Steps to Save Water

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

Inside the Home

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

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

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

Outside the Home

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

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

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

Contracts Awarded for 2022 Phase 1 Paving Projects



On February 14, Village staff presented bids for the 2022 Paving Program. Village Board members considered all submitted proposals and awarded phase 1 road improvements to Payne & Dolan Inc. The Village Board also reviewed five submitted bids for the 2022 Paving Program Utility Adjustments and Curb Repair project and awarded the contract to LaLonde Contractors Inc.

The Village received two bids for Phase 1 of the 2022 Paving Program, Payne & Dolan Inc. for \$2,048,500 and Stark Pavement Corp. for \$2,121,212. Village staff adjusted the initial proposal to keep the project within budget, reducing sections of the Lakeshore Drive overlay and eliminating the milling and resurfacing proposed for Cooper Road. The bid from Payne & Dolan Inc. was the lowest bid entered and was awarded the contract for \$1,849,642.

The projects in the first phase of the 2022 Paving Projects include:

- Ultra-thin overlay in the area of Prairie Ridge
- Pavement milling and resurfacing in a section of 104th Avenue
- Pavement milling and resurfacing in Prairie Village
- Ultra-thin overlay in Tobin Creek
- Overlay along Lakeshore Drive South of Barnes Creek
- Pavement milling and resurfacing of the parking lot at Roger Prange Municipal Building
- Asphalt patching in various locations throughout the Village of Pleasant Prairie

The 2022 Paving Program Utility Adjustments and Curb Repair project received bids, from LaLonde Contractors Inc. for \$905,028, Reesman's Excavating & Grading Inc. for \$1,128,866, Oakes & Son Inc. for \$1,281,460, All-Ways Contractors Inc. for \$1,296,476, and The Wanasek Corp. for \$1,484,650. Improvements include 224 curb inlet adjustments, adjusting 197 maintenance hole chimneys to grade, traffic controls, removing and replacing 2,850 linear feet of curb and gutter in Prairie Ridge, Prairie Village, and Tobin Creek. The bid from LaLonde Contractors Inc. was the lowest bid submitted and was awarded the project for \$905,028. □

2022 Spring Election Voting Reminders - Tuesday, April 5

The **2022 Spring Election** will take place on **Tuesday, April 5**. On Election Day, polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. **In-person voting** is 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from March 22 to March 31, with no Saturday or Sunday hours.

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

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

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

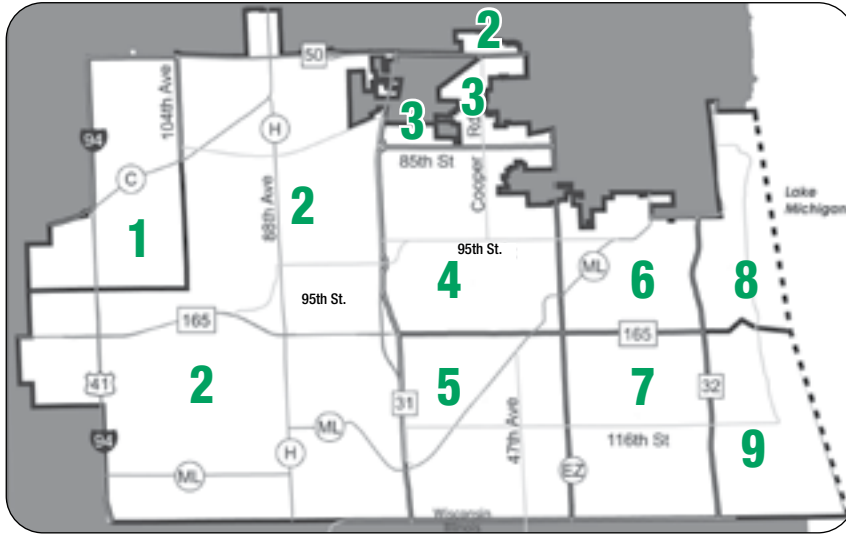


Village Polling Places

Redistricting in the Village of Pleasant Prairie created many Ward adjustments. Changes may or may not affect polling locations. Visit [MyVote.Wi.gov](https://www.myvote.wi.gov) and select "Find My Polling Place" from the main menu to ensure the correct polling location is visited on April 5.

- **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 □

Spring Residential Leaf Collection



2022 Spring Leaf Collection Schedule

Zone Number	Spring Round 1	Spring Round 2
1	April 4	April 18
2	April 5	April 18
3	April 6	April 19
4	April 7	April 20
5	April 8	April 20
6	April 11	April 21
7	April 12	April 21
8	April 13	April 22
9	April 14	April 22

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided to Village residents, crews collect loose, unbagged leaves directly from your curb or roadside. **Two rounds of leaf collection will take place this spring.** Weather permitting, leaf collection will begin on April 4. To have your leaves collected, please follow the steps below.

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

Do not mix other yard waste, such as potted/garden plants or branches, into your pile of leaves. Doing so can damage the leaf collection vacuum and may cause costly delays. Leaves mixed with other yard waste will not be collected.

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

If you miss your scheduled collection day, leaves and other yard waste may also be taken to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street. The site opens for on-season hours on March 21 and remains open through December 2 (weather permitting). The Residential Recycling Center is open on Saturdays year-round. On-Season hours for the Residential Recycling Center are listed below. Additional information can be found at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/services/garbage_and_recycling. ☐



Residential Recycling Center

Beginning March 21, the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street, will be open for On-Season Hours. The site accepts branches, garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, sod, stumps under 50 pounds, recycling, tree trimmings, and other yard waste. ☐

Residential Recycling Center On-Season Hours

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

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

Village Hazardous Waste Collection 1st Saturday of the Month

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

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

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



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

Accepted Hazardous Waste Products Include:

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

You may bring products that say:



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

Items not accepted:

- Biological material
 - Medical wastes
 - Commercial waste
 - Propane cylinders
- Explosives
 - Radioactive materials
 - Latex paint
 - Tires

Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Collection will occur at the Kenosha County Center (19600 75th Street) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. Everyone who lives in Kenosha County can dispose of their household hazardous waste at this event. Kenosha County will also accept electronic waste (e-waste) and refrigerant waste (items containing freon).

Household hazardous waste items include: Household cleaners, aerosol cans, bug sprays, vehicle maintenance-related fluids, oil-based paints, paint removal products, fluorescent bulbs, pool chemicals, and garden/outdoor related products.

Accepted e-waste items include: Computers, laptops, fax machines, keyboards, mice, stereos, scanners, iPods, TVs, VCRs, DVD, CD and MP3 players, printers, phones, copiers, power tools, toner cartridges, electronic toys, hairdryers, and vacuums.

Refrigerant waste items include: Refrigerators, water coolers, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters, dehumidifiers, microwaves, and other household appliances.

The following items will NOT be accepted: Latex paint, tires, infectious or biological waste, propane cylinders, explosives, radioactive waste, medical and pharmaceutical waste, and commercial or business waste.

This is the only countywide household hazardous waste collection date scheduled for 2022. There is no fee for collecting any hazardous waste or e-waste material. For more information regarding household hazardous waste, e-waste, and refrigerant waste collection day, please visit Kenosha County's website at KenoshaCounty.org or contact the Extension Kenosha County Office at 262-857-1945. ☐

Retirements

RecPlex Maintenance Supervisor Terry Thorlton



After 21 years, RecPlex Maintenance Supervisor Terry Thorlton has retired. Thorlton joined the Village in November of 2000, just after the RecPlex opened to the community.

Thorlton has been involved with every facility expansion, numerous projects, and events. He has held

many certificates and licenses, including pool operator, first-class boilers, resurfacing ice, forklift, skylift, CPR, and first aid.

The Village thanks Thorlton for his many years of service and wishes him the best in his retirement. RecPlex will miss his professional approach to all situations, his dedication to always maintaining high standards, and the quality conditions he sustained at the facility. □

Administrative Police Sergeant Scott Durkee



Police Sergeant Durkee started his career with the City of Jefferson Police Department in 1993. He joined the Pleasant Prairie Police Department six years later, in 1999.

During his time with the Pleasant Prairie Police Department, Sgt. Durkee had the opportunity to be a K-9 handler, Field

Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and DAAT (Defense And Arrest Tactics) Instructor, among many other responsibilities.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie wishes Sgt. Durkee the best of luck as he pursues this next chapter of his life. The Pleasant Prairie Police Department appreciates Sgt. Durkee for his many years of service and dedication to the Pleasant Prairie community. □

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Historical Society Museum Exhibits and Events

OPEN NOW: The newest exhibition at the Pleasant Prairie History Museum, *More Than a Thousand Words: The Photography of Al Fredrickson (1951-2021)*, is open now through August. Featuring



54 of his photos, the exhibit showcases Fredrickson's unique 45-year photojournalism career and own life, beginning with his boyhood home in Pleasant Prairie. It highlights his work photographing professional sports teams, NASA Space Shuttle launches, U.S. Presidents, and other well-known personalities. Most of the photos have not been displayed publicly before. The

exhibit distinctly focuses on 15 rediscovered photos submitted by Fredrickson with his own original captions to Reuters, many of which were circulated across the U.S. and worldwide.

OPENING MAY: The Museum is excited to announce a new exhibition about Pleasant Prairie local Jack E. Thomsen, who passed away in 2020. Thomsen owned Transcendental Golf (now Pineway Golf), the golf range located at 1621 116th Street in Pleasant Prairie. In his life, Thomsen was many things—golfer, painter, writer, business owner, and inventor. Most notable among his many U.S. Patents for golf products is the Pyramid Tray and Stacker. If you have ever seen a pyramid-shaped stack of golf balls, it was probably stacked using Thomsen's invention.



Special thanks to Pineway Golf Co. for partnering with the Historical Society for the upcoming Thomsen exhibit and the Historical Society's annual fundraiser, which will be held at Pineway on Tuesday, June 21. More details to come.

The Pleasant Prairie History Museum is located in the historic Dublin School at 3875 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie, WI. 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](https://www.facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety).

Village Shred Event Saturday, May 14

On Saturday, May 14, between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Village residents can bring unwanted personal documents to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street for on-site document destruction by Paper Tiger. They provide trucks with custom-built shredders that efficiently destroy confidential paper documents and CDs.

Destroying old documents with personal information helps protect against fraud and identity theft. For more information about the Village's Shred and Recycle Event, please call Public Works at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700) or email pw@plprairie.com. Learn more about Paper Tiger by visiting YourPaperTiger.com.

E-Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the Village Newsletter's email version, visit the Village website at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the newsletter sign-up icon near the bottom of the page.

Village Offices Closed Friday, April 15

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Good Friday, April 15. Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, April 18, and the **Residential Recycling Center will resume regular hours on Saturday, April 16.**

Garbage and recycling collection will occur as regularly scheduled on Friday, April 15. Electronics and white goods will not be collected on Friday, April 15; these collections will instead be scheduled for Thursday, April 14.

RecPlex will be closed Easter Sunday, April 17.

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

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