



RecPlex Member Completes Hawaii Channel Swim

In late March 2022, RecPlex member Marcia Cleveland completed an approximately 27-mile open water swim across Hawaii's Moloka'i Channel, which spans Hawaii's Moloka'i and O'ahu islands. Cleveland combated water currents with five to 16-mile-an-hour winds and five to eight-foot-high waves. She crossed the channel swim in 17 hours and 45 minutes. Cleveland originally planned her channel swim in 2020; however, the pandemic delayed her timeline.

During the pandemic area lockdowns in Illinois restricted pool space and limited Cleveland's ability to train in the area. The limitations led her to begin training at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex. To prepare for the Moloka'i Channel Swim, she regularly drove 40 miles from her home in northern Illinois to train in the Olympic-size pool at RecPlex.

Cleveland knew she would be swimming through the night in the Pacific Ocean with just a kayaker next to her and needed to learn how to thrive in isolation mentally. Her time at RecPlex allowed her space to hone her focus and swim alone. RecPlex has a family waterpark pool area and a 10-lane, 50-meter pool, which is often bisected at mid-pool to create 25-yard courses and 20 lanes. The significant number of swimming areas, combined with the limited number of swimmers on site when Cleveland trained, provided a sense of solitude and helped condition herself for the Pacific Ocean swim.

As part of the training program to prepare for the Moloka'i Channel swim, Cleveland swam 153 miles at RecPlex between December 2021 and mid-March 2022. She trained between two and a half and four hours three days a week to build a solid foundation for the Moloka'i Channel swim.

Cleveland's training at RecPlex included dryland exercises, where she practiced strength, endurance, and flexibility techniques on the swim deck. She adopted these dryland exercises during the pandemic, which she found stimulating, and continued the routine. Most of her workouts at RecPlex began with an hour or longer straight swim to simulate the first leg of the Moloka'i Channel. Then she would follow up with half-hour sets to learn how long 30 minutes felt like while swimming at a faster pace.

Cleveland explained, "I always love swimming at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex. Being able to train there for my Moloka'i swim in the conditions I set up for myself made the difference for me in having a successful swim." □



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Creekside Crossing Condominium Development

On October 10, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered the request of Matt Hedstrom, the agent on behalf of BTR Way LLC, for approval of a Development Agreement and related documents to complete the remainder of the Creekside Crossing Condominium Development, located north of 93rd Street and east of Creekside Circle. The plan includes public and private improvements associated with 66th Avenue and a private cul-de-sac. The proposed project will prepare the north side of 66th Avenue to construct two new eight-unit condominium buildings. The Village Board received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission and, after reviewing the drafted Development Agreement, unanimously approved the agenda item.

The condominium project dates back to 2005, when the Village entered a Development Agreement with Regency Hills Creekside Crossing LLC to construct public and private improvements for 15 single-family lots and Creekside Crossing Condominiums that included 23 buildings. All the condominium units and roadway improvements were completed, except for two 8-unit condominiums and upgrades planned for 66th Avenue.

“We are delighted to see this investment in Pleasant Prairie and the final two condominium buildings at Creekside Crossing advancing,” stated Director of Community Development Jean Werbie-Harris. “There is a need for new housing in the community, and it is exciting to see the Creekside Crossing community plan come to fruition.”



The property’s new owners are proposing to construct the two remaining 8-unit buildings and complete the required public utilities and private improvements for the 66th Avenue cul-de-sac. The petitioner submitted Construction Plans to achieve the necessary 66th Avenue improvements, which have been reviewed and approved by the Village Engineer. The developer intends to begin construction of the remaining two condominium buildings this fall and complete all the required improvements referenced in the Development Agreement and illustrated in the approved Construction Plans in the summer of 2023. □



What to do with your PUMPKIN?

Bring unwanted pumpkins to:
Residential Recycling Center
8000 128th Street

Pumpkins are considered compost. Village residents are welcome to drop off their unwanted pumpkins at the Residential Recycling Center **free of cost.** □

2023 Village Calendars

The 2023 Village Calendar and Resource Directories are starting to arrive at homes that have previously registered to receive a copy by mail.



Village Calendars are also available for pick up at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) and Roger Prange Municipal Building (8600 Green Bay Road) while supplies last. A digital copy can be found at PleasantPrairieWi.gov. □

Wild Birds Unlimited Grand Opening Ceremony

On September 16, the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Wild Birds Unlimited to celebrate the grand opening of the Pleasant Prairie store at 9755 76th Street, Suite 710, in the Prairie Ridge Shopping Center.

The store specializes in the hobby of backyard bird feeding, offering a variety of bird feeders, bird seeds, birdhouses, and many other bird feeding supplies. The business owners, Kimberly and Tom Elliott, are Pleasant Prairie residents and a husband-and-wife team. The two are bird feeder enthusiasts that enjoy engaging with customers, offering advice, and sharing their joy for backyard bird feeding with others.

“The Village is delighted to welcome Wild Birds Unlimited to the business community,” said Kathy Goessl, Interim Administrator. “It is wonderful to see residents investing in the community, pursuing their passions, and having the entrepreneurial drive to turn their hobby into a business that can help them share their interests of feeding birds with others.”



The owners at Wild Birds Unlimited are an excellent resource for anyone looking to get into the hobby of bird feeding. They are happy to answer questions and provide resources to assist anyone interested in finding specific food to attract different species of birds. The store has a variety of feeder designs available and can explain the various types of food that can be used with each bird feeder. ☐



HARIBO Phase One Development Progressing

Phase One of HARIBO of America, Inc.'s first-ever North American manufacturing plant has received temporary conditional occupancy from the Village Departments. While HARIBO is still working towards production and operation, this is a significant milestone for the project that allows the company to bring in equipment and personnel to set up and start commissioning the facility. ☐



Merrell and Sperry Open



On October 13, companies Merrell and Sperry opened a joint footwear store in the northeast section of the Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets shopping center. The two locations are adjacent to each other, connected by a walkway that runs between both stores.

“The Village welcomes both Merrell and Sperry stores to the Pleasant Prairie business community,” stated Interim Village Administrator Kathy Goessl. “We look forward to seeing the two footwear companies succeed in the new locations. With the number of parks and natural areas in our community, Pleasant Prairie is known for having numerous guests and residents that enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle and will benefit from having these two footwear companies in the community.”

Sperry is known for being an American brand of boat shoes founded in 1935 by avid sailor, inventor, and explorer Paul Sperry. Merrell makes active outdoor footwear and high-performance hiking boots. The company was created by Clark Matis, Randy Merrell, and John Schweizer in 1981. Wolverine World Wide, Inc., one of the world’s leading marketers and licensor of branded footwear and apparel, now owns both companies.

“We at Merrell and Sperry are excited to open our doors to our newest location at the Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets,” said David Meyer, Wolverine Worldwide Director of Stores. “The Merrell and Sperry store teams are thrilled and eager to serve the Pleasant Prairie community and surrounding areas.” □



Former Extended Love Daycare Will Operate as KinderCare Under New Ownership

On October 17, the Village of Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission held a Public Hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit, including Site and Operational Plans, Digital Security Imaging System (DSIS) Agreement, and DSIS Access Easement. The request was made by Mark Warren, an agent on behalf of KinderCare Learning Companies, Inc., to operate the former Extended Love Daycare facility located at 9191 80th Street.

KinderCare intends to modify the primary monument sign and install the now-required DSIS. The property dates back to November 1999, when the Plan Commission gave conditional approval to construct an 11,399-square-foot daycare facility at 9191 80th Street. Later, in May 2004, the center received a 6,100-square-foot addition and interior remodel. KinderCare purchased the Extended Love Child Development Center and will continue running the facility as a child care center.

KinderCare provides high-quality early childhood education for children from six weeks to 12 years of age throughout 40 States. The company is committed to providing each child with the very best start in life through a high-quality educational experience in a nurturing and engaging environment. Current enrollment at the facility consists of about 135 children, with the total allowed per State License being 226 children. KinderCare intends to maintain the current team of 16 full-time and 14 part-time employees. In addition, the new owners plan to grow the staff by adding five or six full-time employees and five to six part-time employees. □



Proposed 2023 General Government Budget



Village staff presented the proposed 2023 General Government Budget to the Village Board during the October 10 meeting, including proposed revenues and expenses for operating, capital, and debt service. The presentation reviewed the impact of the 2023 budget on the Village's tax levy. The budget proposes raising the tax levy from \$14,252,940 in 2022 to \$17,912,503 for 2023, an increase of \$3,659,563.

The levy change will have a small impact on the property tax bill. The Village tax adjustment is associated with the public safety referendum that a majority of Pleasant Prairie voters approved in April 2022, enabling Pleasant Prairie to hire the necessary staff to maintain quality public safety services in the future. The Village initially estimated the public safety referendum tax impact would be \$42 for \$100,000 of assessed property value; however, recent calculations reveal a lower amount of \$26 for \$100,000 of assessed property value. As a result, the median residential home in the Village valued at \$322,500, or \$237,200 in 2021, will translate to an estimated \$83.22 increase in the Village portion of the tax bill.

The funds will cover Village services such as fire & rescue, police, community development, road improvements, and snow plowing. The proposed 2023 budget includes full-time positions for 12 firefighter paramedics and four police officers and inflationary increases across most departments. Proposed capital purchases include \$2.5 million for road improvements, \$15.5 for a new law enforcement facility, \$9.2 million to construct Fire & Rescue Station #3, and \$1.5 million for a replacement fire engine and an additional ambulance. Additional investments include upgrading the municipal phone system, designs for 93rd Street reconstruction between 63rd and 39th Avenues, an updated Park and Open Space Plan, frisbee golf course improvements at Pleasant Prairie Park, replacing shop hoists in the maintenance bays, fleet vehicle replacements, a new plow truck, and continuing Ash Tree replacement in right of ways.

A public hearing to adopt the 2023 General Government Budget and property tax levy, including operating, capital, and debt service, is planned for Monday, November 28, at 5:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Auditorium at 9915 39th Avenue. ☐

Veterans Day Thank You!

Village staff thanks all the United States Armed Forces military veterans in advance of the November 11 Veterans Day holiday. To help honor America's servicemen and women, the Village holds an annual Veterans Day ceremony. The 1:30 p.m. event on November 6, 2022, observes the 15th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial in Prairie Springs Park.

Village Board President John Steinbrink Sr. annually acknowledges the sacrifices made by those who risked their lives in the First and Second World War, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, the Village gives special thanks to the following organizations for their role in the ceremonies: Pleasant Prairie VFW Post 7308, Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans, Pleasant Prairie Police Department Honor Guard, American Legion Paul Herrick Post 21, and Bugles Across America.

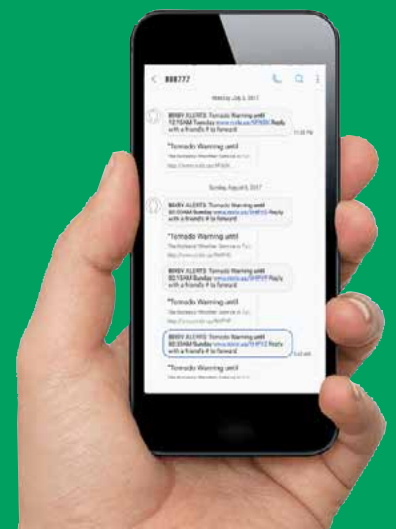
The presence of everyone at these annual ceremonies is a tribute to all that served and are serving in our country's military. It is never too late to thank a veteran or take the time to converse with a veteran and appreciate them for the sacrifices they made for our freedom. ☐



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Police and Fire & Rescue Honor Five Citizens



During the Village Board meeting on September 26, Pleasant Prairie Police Chief David Smetana, along with Aaron Longrie and Dave Wilkinson from Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue, presented five citizens with a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin. The acknowledgment shared stories of hope and recognized the selfless actions of citizens during two separate incidents in May 2022. Although both instances ended in a loss of life, these individuals felt called upon to stop and help aid others needing immediate life-saving assistance.

The first incident acknowledged, occurred while three individuals were passing by a residence. Jaclyn Turner of Kenosha, Samuel Wulterkens of Kenosha, and off-duty Pleasant Prairie Officer David Kelly, pictured above, all saw a mother needing help and rushed to render aid to an unconscious toddler that was not breathing. They all worked together to perform CPR and coordinated life-saving efforts with arriving Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue personnel.

"It would have been easy for these community members to continue their evening travels, but these dedicated individuals stopped to assist," said Police Chief Smetana. "It is gratifying and heartwarming to know that we have community members and neighbors such as these honored individuals willing to step forward and help in life's most devastating moments."

The second incident that was acknowledged, occurred when two citizens, Christopher Strangberg of Pleasant Prairie and Valerie Dangerfield of Kenosha, pictured below, witnessed a motorcycle accident in the Village. Both citizens jumped into action without concern for their safety to help aid the motorcycle victim. They administered CPR and tried to save the life of the young man that was fatally injured. Safety personnel recognized their selfless actions to help a stranger, their aid gave the individual the best chance of survival.

"One of the best ways to measure the quality of a community is by how well its residents take care of each other," explained Village Trustee Dave Klimisch. "Based on the five honored citizens, I am reminded that we all live in a very good community. To stop and help a complete stranger is a testament to how we live in this part of the world."

After the recognition presentation, Village President John Steinbrink Sr. thanked Police Chief Smetana for bringing these acknowledgments forward to the community and said, "I appreciate the individuals efforts that are being honored here tonight. You all went above and beyond, and the Village thanks you." □



Another Successful Safety Day in the Prairie

The Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department would like to thank everyone that attended the annual Safety Day in the Prairie on September 10. It was a beautiful day for the free community event, which welcomed hundreds of guests to learn about fire prevention and safety.

“Safety Day promotes safety awareness and encourages all residents to share a fire safety plan with household members,” said Fire Chief Craig Roepke. “The overall goal for this annual event is to educate the community about fire safety and prevention in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.”

Families gathered to meet safety personnel and participate in activities that shared information on safety services. During the event, community members could get inside firetrucks, ambulances, police squads, public works equipment, an armored vehicle, and the Flight for Life helicopter. Guests also had the opportunity to engage in rescue demonstrations and experience presentations from law enforcement. In addition, the event had many fun events for youth that included a bounce house, fire hose extinguishing simulations, rope lowering and hoisting, a safety house exhibit, face painting, and more!

Fire & Rescue thanked all the groups and agencies that contributed to Safety Day and helped make the event a success. Fire Chief gave special thanks to the Wisconsin State Patrol, Kenosha Sheriff’s Department, Froedtert South, Aurora Health Center, and Flight for Life of Burlington for partaking in the event. Other recognized community groups included Journey Disaster Response Team, Pleasant Prairie Police Appreciation Association, Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and Olivia Keller for the kid’s face painting.

Additionally, the Fire & Rescue Department acknowledged Costco, Culver’s of Pleasant Prairie, HARIBO, Niagara Bottling, and the Pleasant Prairie Woman’s Club for supporting the event. Fire Chief also showed appreciation for the many Village groups, including Public Works, Information Technology, Pleasant Prairie Police, the Village’s Recreation Department at Recplex, and the Fire & Rescue Department staff, for making the event a reality.

If you missed this year’s Safety Day in the Prairie, be sure to mark your calendar for next year’s annual fire prevention and family safety event, which will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Fire Station #1. □



Grass is Always Green at RecPlex

The Village Recreation Department is thrilled to share images of the new artificial turf field coming to court four in the RecPlex Fieldhouse. The turf area will maximize and expand indoor training space for Phenom Wisconsin, allowing athletes to train in a climate-controlled environment during the colder months.

The enhanced space has approximately 5,040 square feet of performance turf and two batting cages. The durable turf delivers open space for players to field ground balls and practice batting, pitching, or catching. RecPlex plans to also offer fitness, sports, training, and additional programs as scheduling allows. ☐



Run with the Turkeys 5K

Members of the community are invited to participate in the annual Run with the Turkeys 5K event on November 12. The run is a family walk and run held along the shores of Lake Andrea inside Prairie Springs Park. The event is open to people of all ages and abilities. The race will begin at 9:00 a.m. with preregistration taking place at 8:00 a.m. at the Donald Wruck Beach Pavilion.

Race day registration and packet pick-up begin at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the race. The registration fee for the event is \$30. Preregistration is currently underway at RecPlex (9900 Terwall Terrace) ☐

Rock Body Challenge 8-Week Community Weight Loss Challenge

All are invited to participate in the Rock Body Challenge, an eight-week community weight loss competition at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex. The program will run from Monday, November 14, until Thursday, January 19. Those interested can register as individuals; however, organizers encourage people to register as a team for the experience of camaraderie and the added support from colleagues.

Registration for the program is open now and will run through Monday, November 14. Teams and individuals can register in person at RecPlex or online at RecPlexOnline.com. The fee per participant is \$29 for members and \$89 for non-members and includes:

- An individual RecPlex membership throughout the challenge
- A 3D body scan at the beginning and end of the program
- Nutritional guidance
- Weekly workout suggestions
- Access to 50+ fitness classes
- A chance to win a one-year RecPlex membership

Personal training specials will also be available for participants. Initial weigh-ins will occur on Monday, November 14, and Tuesday, November 15, while final weigh-ins must occur by Thursday, January 19, 2023. RecPlex will determine the winner based on the most significant weight loss percentage instead of the total number of pounds. The overall individual winner will receive a one-year individual membership to RecPlex. To learn more, call [262.947.0437](tel:262.947.0437) or email fitness@plprairie.com.

“Families, friends, co-workers, and anyone who wants a little camaraderie or motivational competition is welcome to join us in pursuing a healthier lifestyle,” said Sandy Wiedmeyer, Village of Pleasant Prairie Operations Superintendent. “The Rock Body Challenge is structured to help you succeed and can help you meet a wellness goal you’ve been working toward or give you the motivation to turn your fitness in a healthier direction.” ☐

RecPlex FITNESS

ROCK BODY CHALLENGE

Nov. 14-Jan. 19
\$29/\$89
Commit. Achieve. Win!

Challenge Highlights

- 2 Styku Body Scans**
Pre & Post Challenge (\$75 value)
- Fitness/Nutrition Guidance**
Weekly Emails with Training Advice
- Full RecPlex Access**
Fitness, Aqua, Fieldhouse & More for 8 Wks
- Big Prizes**
Winner Receives 1 Year RecPlex Membership

REGISTER TODAY:
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3D Styku Scan

Ingram Park Sledding Hill

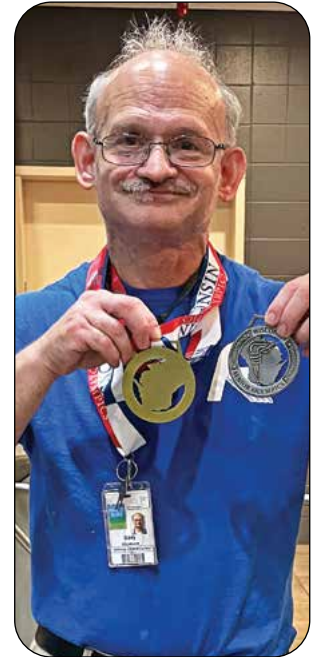


The sledding hill at Ingram Park is ready for use, pending an adequate amount of snowfall. **Ingram Park is located at 5724 93rd Street.** Rules for the park are posted on-site; all guests are asked to sled safely and responsibly.

Ingram Park has adequate parking east of the sledding hill, near the two dog parks. The sledding hill has lighting for evening use. The park remains open until 10:00 p.m. seasonally for sledding. ☐

Medals Won at Wisconsin Senior Olympics

Congratulations to Pleasant Prairie's Recreation Custodian Gary Noosbond for winning gold and silver medals in the 55 to 59 category at the 2022 Wisconsin Senior Olympics. The event occurred on September 18 at the Rameriz Aquatic Center in Milwaukee. He accomplished first place in 50-yard Backstroke and second place in 50-yard Freestyle. ☐



RecPlex Offers Indoor Pickleball A Fun Racket Game for All

Pickleball is easy to learn, play, and appropriate for most ages and abilities. The Village Recreation Department currently offers two indoor pickleball courts in the RecPlex Fieldhouse. Due to the wide popularity and interest around the sport, the Recreation Department intends to add lines to create four more pickleball areas to provide six playable pickleball courts.

The game is easy for beginners to learn, and the sport can quickly develop into fast-paced competitive play as players progress. For those new to the game, pickleball can be described as a mix of tennis, racquetball, and ping pong. Players use special wooden paddles and a small wiffle ball. Pickleball is similar in size to a badminton court, 20 feet by 44 feet, and competitions often occur on tennis courts with specific lines and lower nets for pickleball.

On October 1, RecPlex opened registration for a membership special for pickleball that will provide access to the indoor pickleball courts in the RecPlex Fieldhouse Monday to Friday from 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. between November 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023. The pickleball-specific membership does not include access to any other facility areas. Membership options include six months for \$80, three months for \$45, or drop-ins for \$5. Registration for this special offer is only available in person at RecPlex, 9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie. ☐

RecPLEX
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**PICKLEBALL
MEMBERSHIP**

Questions? Contact Kacie:
kecchi@pleasantprairiewi.gov

Nov. 1-Apr. 30
Monday-Friday
6:00a-12:00p

RecPlex Fieldhouse

Membership Options

- \$80 / 6 months
- \$45 / 3 months
- \$5 / Drop-in

This membership is for pickleball only and does not include access to any other areas of the facility.

Schedules and times are subject to change.



Sign-up Today!

Registration Opens: Oct. 1
In-Person Registration Only.

Proposed Amendments to Allow Beer Gardens



Members of the Plan Commission met on October 17 for a public hearing that considered Zoning Text Amendments for the PR-3, Regional Park-Recreational Zoning District regulations. The amendments propose allowing permitted uses, such as food trucks that do not serve alcoholic beverages and beer gardens with or without live entertainment, to exist in designated areas within Prairie Springs Park. Following a presentation from Village staff and the public hearing, the Plan Commission unanimously approved the Zoning Text Amendments and sent favorable recommendations to the Village Board.

Interest in having a permanent beer garden at Prairie Springs Park grew following the success of the Pop-up Biergarten that took place earlier this summer on the west end of Lake Andrea. The event featured German and craft beer, ciders, hard seltzer, live music, and food vendors. The proposed Zoning Text Amendments expand the possibility of creating an establishment and making a beer garden in the Village a future reality.

“Village staff has received requests to establish a permanent beer garden and allow food trucks in Prairie Springs Park; however, the current Village Zoning Text does not allow this type of use,” stated Director of Community Development Jean Werbie-Harris. “Since the pandemic, outdoor eating in open spaces and beer gardens have become extremely popular, and these proposed adjustments will accommodate the local interest in establishing these types of amenities.”

Additional amendments in the Zoning Text include adjustments to setbacks for buildings, parking lots, driveway maneuvering lanes, and fire lanes. Due to the unique size, site characteristics, and need to provide directional information to the site amenities at Prairie Springs Park, the Zoning Administrator can approve sign permits that vary from an article in the Zoning Ordinance. □

Holiday Lights

Halloween Holiday Lights Tour

Visit Pleasant Prairie is proud to collaborate with the Village of Pleasant Prairie to showcase many remarkable homes in the Pleasant Prairie community. Appreciation goes out to the many homeowners who submitted photos of their outdoor decor for the inaugural Halloween Holiday Lights Tour. The event was limited to 20 featured homes and gained media coverage from CBS 58’s news crew, who stopped at a few houses to share the spooky scenes with viewers live on TV.



The two homes above are great examples of the festive and creative houses featured in the 2022 Halloween Holiday Lights Tour.

Winter Holiday Lights Tour

Seeing the favorable responses from residents and community guests for the October event, Visit Pleasant Prairie is proud to announce the fun will continue with an inaugural Winter Holiday Lights Tour. Outdoor home decor submissions will be accepted online at [VisitPleasantPrairie.com/HolidayLightsTour](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/holidaylights2022) between November 25 and December 10. The Holiday Lights Tour will then run from December 12 to December 26 and consist of a tour map and voting for tourgoers to select their favorite homes on tour. □



17th Annual Shop With a Cop and Firefighter Event

The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association is proud to announce the 17th Annual Pleasant Prairie Shop with a Cop and Firefighter charity event that will be held on December 10, 2022. Shop with a Cop and Firefighter is a way for members of Pleasant Prairie's Police and Fire & Rescue Departments to give back to the community by helping local families who may not otherwise be able to celebrate the holidays in a traditional manner.

Children from underprivileged families pair off with a Police Officer or Firefighter and select gifts for their family members. The Shop with a Cop program not only helps families celebrate during the holidays, but it allows families to meet first responders outside of crises. The Association is accepting donations in support of this year's **Shop with a Cop and Firefighter**. 100% of every donation directly supports the event.



Those wishing to donate may do so in person or by mail at Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association; Shop with a Cop; 8600 Green Bay Road; Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. □

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- Mechanic (*full-time*)
- Maintenance Workers (*full/part/seasonal*)

Fire & Rescue

- Firemedic (*full-time*)
- Firefighter/EMT (*part-time*)

Recreation Department

- Aquatics Coordinator (*full-time*)
- Head Swim Coach (*full-time*)
- Youth Services Coordinator (*full-time*)
- Maintenance Technician (*full-time*)
- Custodian (*full-time*)
- Various Support Positions (*part-time*)

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To Pass or Not to Pass?

Q: Are automobiles allowed to drive in a bicycle lane?

A: There are limited times when an automobile may merge into a designated bike lane. According to state statute, "No operator of a motor vehicle may drive upon a bicycle lane or bicycle way except to enter a driveway, to merge into a bicycle lane before turning at an intersection, or to enter or leave a parking space located adjacent to the bicycle lane or bicycle way."

It is illegal for a motor vehicle to enter a bike lane to pass another vehicle.

Vehicles passing in the bicycle lane are a continual problem, especially on 85th Street between 39th Avenue and Green Bay Road. Drivers often pass on the right when a driver slows to make a left-hand turn. To avoid a ticket from the police, or worse, hitting a cyclist, **please do not pass in a bike lane.** □



Public Works Valve Pressure Management Training

The Pleasant Prairie municipal staff consists of many hard-working individuals who regularly undergo training to ensure staff has the knowledge and resources needed to maintain the vital infrastructure that provides residents with essential services.

On September 21, the Public Works Department received a full day training seminar from Mueller Water Products. There were 16 utilities and technical support members that participated in the training, which focused on valve pressure management, utilizing pressure reducing, pressure sustaining, and pressure relief valves. The course also provided instruction on hydraulic fundamentals for valve operation, applications, and preventative maintenance.

The training was held at the Roger Prange Municipal Center and consisted of classroom theory training, hands-on training, and troubleshooting. Training Specialist Jarred King led the seminar using mobile training equipment from Mueller Water Products. The training and equipment was provided to Public Works free of charge. □



Tree Drop-Off Sites

Prairie Springs Park
West side of Park Drive
by Lake Andrea Beach
(Preferred drop-off location)

Village Hall
9915 39th Avenue

Pleasant Prairie Park
8400 104th Avenue

Carol Beach Park
111th Street and 10th Avenue

Ingram Park
93rd Street and 57th Avenue

Residential Recycling Center
(Saturdays only)
8000 128th Street

Holiday Tree Drop-Off Sites and Fire Safety

The Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department would like to remind residents to dispose of trees after the holiday or when they become dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the house or garage or placed outside against the home.

Listed to the left are six holiday tree drop-off locations available for residents from December 25 through January 31. **Only trees are accepted.**

Please remove all wreaths, garland, lights, ornaments, tree bags, stands, and nails before placing the holiday tree inside the fenced area.



National Fire Protection Association Facts:

- Holiday trees are combustible items that become increasingly flammable as they continue to dry out in your home.
- 44% of home holiday tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- 25% of holiday tree fires are due to heat sources being too close to the tree. □

Winter Weather Snow Safety



When the snow starts to fall, the Public Works Department activates its **Snow and Ice Removal Plan**. Exactly what happens under the plan depends on the amount of precipitation that has fallen, is predicted to fall, the temperature, duration of the storm, and moisture content.

Remove your vehicles from public streets when approximately **2 inches** of snow has fallen or is predicted to fall. Vehicles parked in the road not only make it more difficult to clean the streets, but it also endangers safety by forcing drivers to zigzag in and out of traffic on slippery roads. *As a reminder, the Village will ticket violators.*

Snow emergencies are announced on Time Warner Cable Channel 25, at PleasantPrairieWi.gov, by text or email through Nixle.com, via Twitter and Facebook, and through local television, radio, and print media.

More information related to **Pleasant Prairie's Snow and Ice Removal Plan** is available at PleasantPrairieWi.gov.

There are also steps you, as a resident, can take to ensure that snow removal operations run safely and smoothly:

1. Please **avoid driving or parking on the road** during heavy snowstorms. The primary purpose is to clear streets for emergency vehicles. If you must be out, please use extreme caution and do not drive too fast for conditions, wear a seat belt, drive sober, and avoid distractions.
2. Use caution when you encounter a snowplow. State law requires that you **stay at least 200 feet** behind a working snowplow. When following a snowplow, make sure that you can see the driver's mirrors so the driver is able to see you.
3. All shoveled or blown snow must be piled in your yard or parkway. **Do not shovel or blow snow into public streets**. This not only defeats the purpose of snow plowing, but it is a violation of Village Ordinances because it causes unsafe conditions for all drivers.
4. If you live in a portion of the Village where sidewalks have been installed, please remove snow and ice from your **sidewalk within 24 hours** of a snowfall. Clear snow and ice away from fire hydrants located on or near your property. Keeping hydrants clear will help save valuable time, should a fire emergency occur in your neighborhood.
5. The Village encourages all residents to please **assist your elderly neighbors** with snow removal tasks whenever possible.

Find winter road conditions and traffic information at 5-1-1. Via phone, text or online, 5-1-1 can help you plan for safer travel during the winter weather season. Learn more about this Wisconsin Department of Transportation service at www.511wi.gov. □

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Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire January 6, 2023



The Village of Pleasant Prairie invites the community to participate in the historic Twelfth Night event that began in 1980, continued through 1993, and resumed in 2020. The ceremony will be held on January 6, 2023, with the traditional holiday tree burning bonfire. Area communities are welcome to attend to help celebrate the Twelfth Night tradition.

"I'm incredibly honored and excited to announce the return of the Twelfth Night Tree Burning Ceremony," said Interim Village Administrator Kathy Goessl. "Be sure to mark your calendars for this fantastic event and come out to enjoy a tradition that dates back to the 1980s, by celebrating the customary Twelfth Night tradition in a way that is unique to Pleasant Prairie."

The 2023 Twelfth Night ceremony will take place on Friday, January 6, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Donald Wruck (Beach) Pavilion, located along Park Drive on the west side of Lake Andrea in Pleasant Prairie. The Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau (PPCVB), Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and Village of Pleasant Prairie are hosting the event. To name just some of the highlights, guests can enjoy hot chocolate, s'mores, fire pits, cookies, holiday caroling, and a large holiday tree bonfire. Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue and Police staff will be at the event with fire truck and police squad tours available.



The Village utilizes the historic Twelfth Night ceremony to dispose of dried holiday trees. If you would like to contribute your holiday tree to the event, the preferred drop-off location is inside the fenced-in area along Park Drive, near the beach, on Lake Andrea's west side. The holiday tree drop-off site opens for Village residents starting Sunday, December 25.

Public safety at the event is a top priority. The bonfire area will be at least 100 square feet and is subject to the Fire Chief and onsite Public Safety Personnel's judgment. Community members are encouraged to follow COVID-19 recommendations. Parking along Park Drive will be reserved for Fire & Rescue to keep safety trucks and equipment closest to the fire. Guests may park in lots on either side of the Wruck Pavilion.

The Twelfth Night Celebration is free and open to the public. The Village, Historical Society, and PPCVB look forward to seeing guests attend the event. Festivities will kick off at 5:30 p.m. with a welcome from PPCVB Interim Executive Director Sarah Howard. The holiday tree bonfire will start at 6:15 p.m., followed by hot chocolate outside the Wruck Pavilion. Donations for the Twelfth Night are welcome to support the Historical Society's efforts to restore a 1935 Peter Pirsch Model 21 Fire Engine, the first fire engine the Fire Department purchased when formed in 1935. □

This historic Pleasant Prairie tradition is presented by:



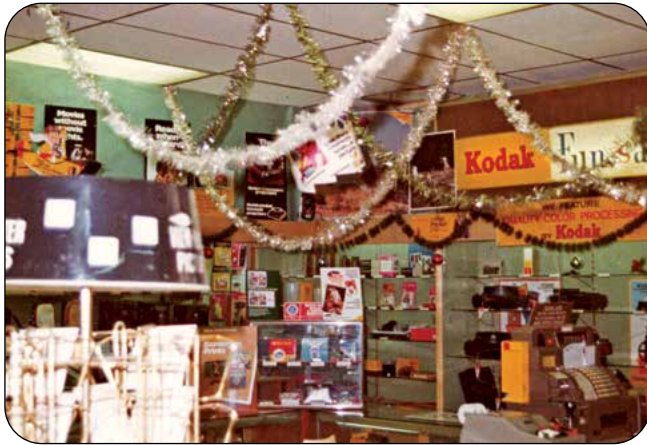
Historical Society Exhibit Will Make You “Say Cheese”



A new special exhibit opened at the Pleasant Prairie History Museum on November 2, Say Cheese: A History of Photography from Daguerreotype to Digital. The display features the museum's collection of 1970s-era camera supplies, reminiscent of the old Town 'N' Country Camera Center located in the old Ace Hardware basement on 75th Street in Pleasant Prairie.

How was photography invented? Why does no one smile in old photographs? What on earth is a Daguerreotype? Learn the answers to these questions and more when you visit the exhibit.

While preparing this exhibit, the curator rediscovered some seasonally appropriate photos of Santa Claus on a visit to Ace Hardware in Pleasant Prairie in November 1973. The second photograph depicts the Camera Center decked out in holiday decorations.



To view the exhibit and learn more about Pleasant Prairie's history, visit the Pleasant Prairie History Museum in the historic Dublin School at 3875 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. The museum is open Wednesday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

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. □

Thanksgiving Holiday

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, in honor of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Village offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, November 28. There will be no recycling or garbage collection on November 24. Collection will resume on November 25, with pick-ups delayed by one day.

White goods and electronics will not be collected during Thanksgiving week but may be brought to the Residential Recycling Center. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and will reopen for regular business hours on Friday, November 25.

Residential Recycling Center

Starting December 3, the Residential Recycling Center will only be open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The site will resume on-season hours in March 2023.

Hazardous Waste Collection continues on the first Saturday of every month year-round, except in January and May.

Winter Holidays

Village offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, in honor of the Christmas Holiday. Village offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 27, for regular business hours. No delay to weekly garbage pick-up. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 24.

Village offices will also close on Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2, 2023, in honor of the New Year's Holiday. Village offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, for regular business hours. There will be no recycling or garbage collection on January 2, 2023. Collection will resume on January 3, with pick-ups delayed by one day. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 31.

RecPlex will be **closed** on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Have a safe and joyful holiday season.

Safety Training

Village Hall will be closed for safety training on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, between 11:45 a.m. and approximately 2:00 p.m. □

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