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## Village Offices Closed Friday, March 30 Good Friday Garbage/Recycling Collection

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Good Friday, March 30. Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, April 2, while the **Residential Recycling Center will be open for regular hours on Saturday, March 31.**

**Garbage and recycling collection will take place as regularly scheduled on Friday, March 30.**

Electronics and white goods will not be collected on Friday, March 30. These collections will instead be scheduled for Thursday, March 29.





## Property Values Have Rebounded

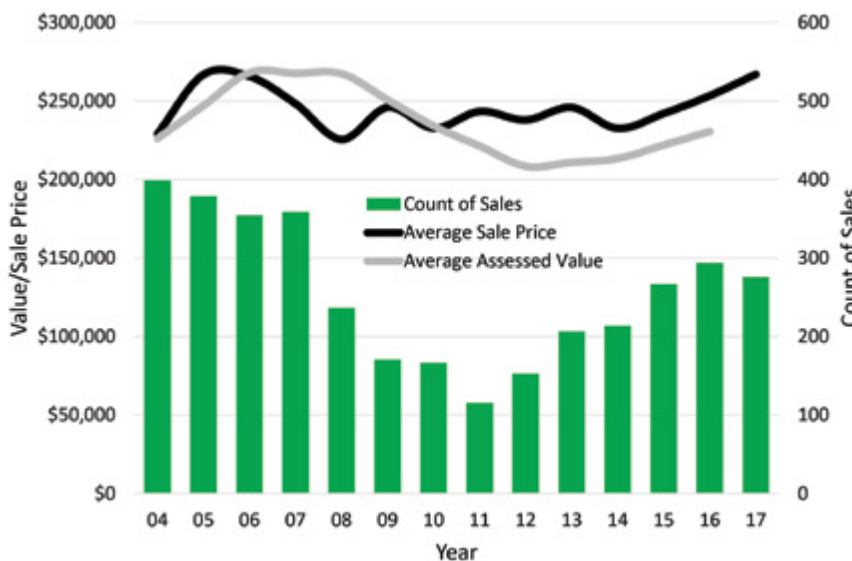
This is good news for local homeowners. During the past recession, home values within the Village began falling during 2008 and continued to decline through 2012. Year 2013 marked the beginning of a turnaround in the Village as home sales began increasing. As this real estate season begins, market indicators point to continued growth for home values.

Here in the Village we update property assessments every two years, during the even years, which means your current assessed value was determined as of 2016 using sales information from 2014 and 2015. This also means the assessed value of your residential property will change for 2018. Today, residential homes are selling for more than their

assessed values. These values are now two years old. In most instances the changes will be positive which is a reflection of increased home prices overall.

During 2017, the most recent year for which the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has statistics, 259 homes changed hands in Pleasant Prairie and, on average, these homes sold for 16% more than their current assessed value. This means the typical increase of a residential home value would be about 16% as a result of the revaluation.

While the specific degree of change will vary depending on property characteristics and property location within the Village, the resulting property tax won't change significantly for most. Similar to 2010 and 2012 when values were sharply reduced, property taxes remained stable as the applied tax rate is adjusted according to Wisconsin law. ☐



## Aurora Healthcare Land Purchase



At a February 22, 2018 special meeting, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered and approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement between 2200 Polk Street, LLC and the Village in the amount of approximately \$14.5 million. This agreement was for the sale of property located at the northwest quadrant of County Trunk Highway Q and the 1-94 West Frontage Road in the Prairie Highlands development.

At a previous Board meeting on February 19, the Village Board approved an ordinance for a Zoning Text Amendment that allowed new permitted uses and auxiliary uses in the M-5 Production Manufacturing District. These new uses included the option of a medical office facility which paved the way for the purchase and sale agreement allowing Aurora Health Center to start the planning process to build an ambulatory surgery center and physician's office building in the Village.

Interim Village Administrator, Tom Shircel stated that, "We welcome Aurora Health Care a not-for-profit organization that strives to put people first and that gives back to their community through sponsorships and partnerships to the Village of Pleasant Prairie and look forward to working with them as they expand their footprint in Kenosha County." □

## New Website Coming Soon!

The Village is on track to launch it's new website by the end of the first quarter of 2018. The site will have a new look and feel and has been developed with resident's in mind with audience centered headings, search options, and mobile friendly design. □

## Lynch Chevrolet Expansion



On Monday, February 26, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered several items including a Conditional Use Permit, Site and Operational Plans, an amendment to the Digital Security Imaging System (DSIS) Agreement, a DSIS Access Easement, a Comprehensive Land Use Map Amendment, Zoning Map and Text Amendments, and a Certified Survey Map for Lynch Chevrolet.

The request for these approvals was made by Tim Lynch, P.E. of Lynch & Associates on behalf of Lynch Chevrolet. The Commission approved the Conditional Use permit which includes Site and Operational Plans for properties located at 10901 75<sup>th</sup> Street and vacant property to the west for the proposed expansion of the Lynch Chevrolet dealership. The expansion will include the construction of two additional parking lots adding 136 parking spaces to the dealership. The parking area to the west will be used to display cars for sale/lease. Behind the building, 116 parking spaces will be added for employee parking and car storage.

Lynch also plans to expand the on-site storm water basin to handle any additional runoff from the paved surfaces. The parking lot expansion includes a landscape and lighting plan that will be aesthetically pleasing and consistent with their current site design. The amendment to the DSIS Agreement is a safety related improvement that provides the necessary camera coverage of the commercial area to local public safety departments. The Certified Survey Map will then combine the properties into one parcel.

The Village Board approved the Comprehensive Land Use Map Amendment, Zoning Map and Text Amendments, and Certified Survey Map at their March 5 meeting. □

# Voting Reminders

The 2018 Spring Election will take place on Tuesday, April 3. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you have not already registered to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie, or if you have recently had a name or address change, you can save time at the polls by registering to vote ahead of time at the Village Hall through March 29 during normal business hours. You also need to be registered if you plan to vote absentee. You can learn where to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie by visiting [pleasantprairiewi.gov](http://pleasantprairiewi.gov).

Please remember that you will need photo identification to vote with an absentee ballot at Village Hall or at the polls on election day. To keep up to date on the latest voter ID requirements, visit [BringItWisconsin.com](http://BringItWisconsin.com).

A sample ballot for the April 3 election has been posted to the [homepage](http://pleasantprairiewi.gov) at [pleasantprairiewi.gov](http://pleasantprairiewi.gov). Information related to voting in Pleasant Prairie is also available in your [2018 Village Calendar and Resource Directory](#) or by contacting the Village Clerk's office at [262.694.1400](tel:262.694.1400) or [clerksoffice@plprairie.com](mailto:clerksoffice@plprairie.com). ☐



## Village sUAS (a.k.a drone)

The Village recently purchased a DJI Phantom 4 Pro sUAS, most commonly referred to as a drone. sUAS stands for small unmanned aircraft system.

The drone will be utilized for a variety of uses including; assisting with search and rescue, assessing damage in hazardous conditions, providing awareness to support officers and firefighters in emergency situations, documentation of traffic accidents, firefighting coordination, survey mapping, construction management and other business-related uses.

All Village staff pilots will be required to pass the aeronautical knowledge exam at an FAA-approved knowledge testing center to receive their remote pilot

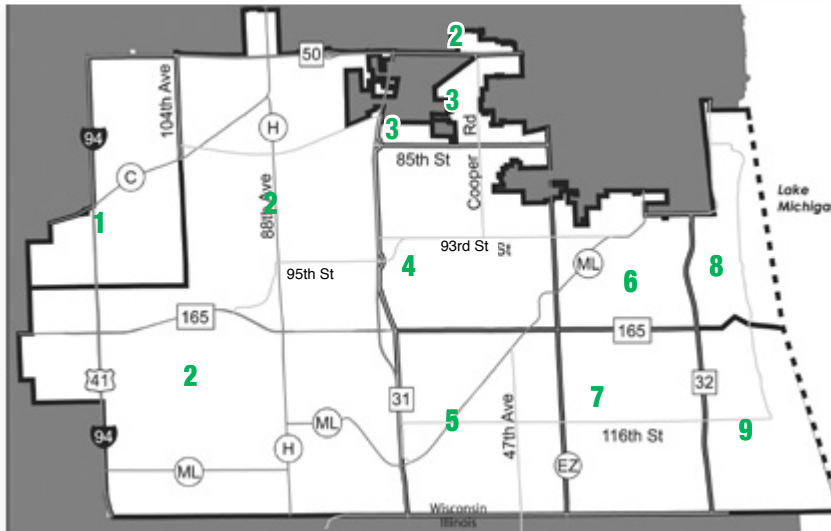


certificate before they are allowed to fly. Drone training will occur throughout the year in a variety of conditions and situations so that pilots are familiar with how the aircraft handles. An interdepartmental team of pilots will be certified from the Police department, Fire & Rescue, Public Works and Information Technology.

This team will create policies and procedures before any official non-training flights take place. Policies will ensure compliance with the Constitution of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, as well as with the Federal Aviation Administration's Part 107 rules regulating the uses of these aircrafts. Policies and procedures will clearly define how personnel are permitted to use the drone technology, assure legal and ethical use of the technology and will provide a vehicle for accountability.

There will be a page on the Village website dedicated to the transparency of this program. It may include items such as a log of flights, future flight plans when available, a portal for asking questions, and informational links. The Village has joined the UAS Advocacy Network, a public-private organization serving as a unified voice to promote education and outreach and the benefits of safe, legal and ethical operation of drones. ☐

# Spring Residential Leaf Collection



## 2018 Spring Leaf Collection Schedule

Zone Number	Spring Round 1	Spring Round 2
1	April 2	April 16
2	April 3	April 16
3	April 4	April 17
4	April 5	April 18
5	April 6	April 18
6	April 9	April 19
7	April 10	April 20
8	April 11	April 20
9	April 12	April 23

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided to Village residents, crews collect loose, un-bagged 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 2. 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.*
- Keep leaves off of the asphalt.
- For residents with curb and gutter, place loose leaves on the grass by your curb.
- For residents with a ditch, place loose leaves on the grass along the roadside of the ditch.
- Because leaves are collected with a vacuum they must be piled loose.
- Bagged leaves or grass, branches, and other yard waste will not be collected.

*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 128<sup>th</sup> Street. The site will open for on-season hours on March 26 and remain open through December 1 (weather permitting). The site will remain open on Saturdays year-round. Hours for the Residential Recycling Center are available on page 11 of your *2018 Village Calendar and Resource Directory* or at [pleasantprairiewi.gov](http://pleasantprairiewi.gov). □

## Public Information Meeting: April 25

Mark your calendars and plan to attend an informational meeting hosted by the Parks Commission on **Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comments about future and existing parks as well as to discuss possible improvements of existing locations. Information gathered at this meeting will help inform the creation of the **Park and Open Space Plan** which is prepared/updated every five years and ensures that planning goals, objectives and policies are current. □



# Hazardous Waste Collection

## 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

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

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

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

**You may bring any products that say:** caution, combustible, corrosive, danger, flammable, pesticide, poison, reactive, toxic or warning. Products will be recycled or disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

**Items not accepted include:** biological material or medical wastes, commercial waste, propane cylinders, explosives, radioactive materials, latex paint (not considered hazardous), or tires (please see page 11 of your [2018 Village Calendar and Resource Directory](#)).

If you have questions about monthly hazardous waste collection, please email [pw@plprairie.com](mailto:pw@plprairie.com), call **925.6700**, or visit [pleasantprairiewi.gov](http://pleasantprairiewi.gov). □

### Accepted Hazardous Waste Products Include:

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



## Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Program

### Saturday, May 5

### 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

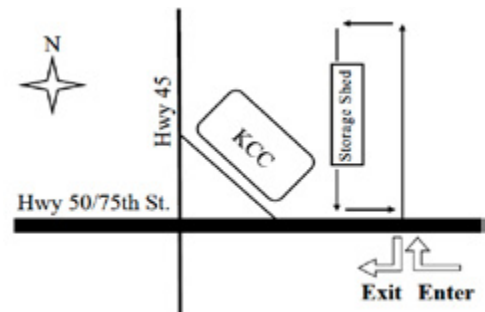
Kenosha County will provide Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Kenosha County Center (19600 75<sup>th</sup> Street) on Saturday, May 5. In addition to hazardous wastes, Kenosha County will collect e-waste and refrigerant waste (items containing freon).

**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, and electronic toys.

**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:** lead acid batteries, vehicle and power tool batteries, latex paint, tires, infectious or biological waste, compressed gas cylinders, explosives, radioactive waste, medical and pharmaceutical waste, and commercial or business waste.

The driveway for the Kenosha County Public Works Garage is located on the north side of Highway 50 (19600 75<sup>th</sup> Street), east of the main entrance to the Kenosha County Center. Please watch for signage on Highway 50.



Information is also available at [KenoshaCounty.org](http://KenoshaCounty.org) or by calling the UW-Extension at **262.857.1945**. □

## Pleasant Prairie Police Department Accreditation



On Monday, March 6 the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) presented a plaque to the Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Department for the completion and approval of their accreditation.

***The following is a message from WILEAG in regards to the Police Department's accreditation process which also defines the process and what it requires.***

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The key to any successful accreditation system lies in the consensus of published standards obtaining a clear statement of professional objectives. WILEAG promotes excellence in law enforcement through participation in a voluntary law enforcement agency accreditation program. Accredited agencies demonstrate compliance with applicable standards covering all aspects of law enforcement administration and operations.

On December 12, 2017 the Governing Board of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group announced that the Pleasant Prairie Police Department achieved the status of being an accredited law enforcement agency in the State of Wisconsin.

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department began the process of obtaining accreditation in 2016. The department was evaluated by independent assessors on the existence of prescribed professional law enforcement standards, as well as compliance with these standards. Agency employees and members of the community were also given an opportunity to offer comments at a public information session. Out of the 235 standards, the department met 217 which is the maximum for an agency of this type.

Holding a status of accreditation demonstrates to the community that the police department makes sure that best practices are followed and that they are recognized as the best police practices in the State of Wisconsin. □

## Save the Date!



Mark **Saturday, November 3** on your calendar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plan to attend the 2018 Pleasant Prairie Mini Maker Faire at the Pleasant Prairie RecPlex.

In February the planning committee reconvened and started to make plans for this year's faire. The committee is seeking new members who would like to help plan and participate in the event. If you are excited about the Maker Movement and would like to share your talents please send an email to [PleasantPrairieMiniMakerFaire@gmail.com](mailto:PleasantPrairieMiniMakerFaire@gmail.com). You will then be added to the committee list and will be notified of upcoming meetings. □

## Statewide Tornado Drills



On the afternoon of Thursday, April 12, at 1:00 p.m. the National Weather Service will conduct a statewide tornado drill 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:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/severewxcal.shtml>. □

## PPCVB Director Search

The Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitor's Bureau is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director of Tourism for the PPCVB. The Executive Director will be responsible for 4 strategic initiatives:

1. Establish and develop this newly established Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive performance based marketing, promotions, advertising, media and public relations program for the Village of Pleasant Prairie.
3. Represent the PPCVB Tourist Commission with the WI Department of Tourism, and other local, state, and regional tourism organizations.
4. Work closely with the Village to ensure elected and appointed officials, the media, business, community and taxpayers understand the economic importance of tourism.

**Education Required:** Bachelor Degree in Marketing, Public Relations, or closely related field.

### Required Experience

- Minimum of 5 years of Senior Level experience in tourism or hospitality sales industry; Understanding and experience with the policies and procedures, organization and function of a Tourism Department is important for success in the role.
- Excellent organizational skills; Strong attention to detail.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; previous experience in public relations and public speaking.
- Demonstrated success in short and long-term planning.
- Strong background in marketing and sales including digital and social media.
- Ability to travel.
- Work in a self-directed, independent environment.
- Proactive, innovative approach to business; energetic, imaginative, and self-motivated.
- Technology Savvy.
- Capable of exercising independent judgment, discretion and initiative while utilizing tact and courtesy in frequent contact with business and industrial representatives, government officials and the public.

For a complete explanation of the duties, responsibilities, preferred experience, and salary information click on the employment tab at [pleasantprairiewi.gov](http://pleasantprairiewi.gov) or email: [hr@plprairie.com](mailto:hr@plprairie.com). ☐

## Phase 1: Museum Renovations to Preserve Dublin School



*Lower level demolition work and utility improvements are underway to renovate the 1927 two-room school house into a local museum. The Society appreciates all of the hard working and retired building trade volunteers, as well local businesses who have provided assistance for the construction work.*

The Dublin School, originally part of School District #7 in Pleasant Prairie, has always stood at the intersection of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 116<sup>th</sup> Street. The first school was referenced in a letter that gave a summary of the districts in Pleasant Prairie in 1844. The first building constructed of pine operated almost 40 years, but was in such poor condition that a second school house, also named Dublin, replaced it on October 1, 1883 at the southwest corner of of the property at cost of \$600. The second building was also used for community events. According to the journal of Eva Riley Thomey, "It is told that the school desks and seats of this school were fastened to boards forming skids that would pass through the front entrance door. This was to make it possible to clear the school room and convert it to a dance hall." According to local resident Floyd Beine (Class of 1943), "the second school building was used until it began to need repairs in 1927. At a meeting on March 2, 1927, town residents voted 58-20 to build a new school rather than to repair the old building. The second school was sold to John Beine who moved the building east on Tobin Road midway to the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad tracks (presently the bike trail). He converted it to a two-story family residence." The third and final Dublin School was built out of brick at the southeast corner of the property, complete with indoor plumbing (the previous schools had outhouses). The Town of Pleasant Prairie spent \$15,000 to build the third school, which opened on October 12, 1927 and operated for almost 45 years.

To share information about community history, contact the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society at [262-947-3600](tel:262-947-3600). ☐