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Happy Holidays!

Village offices will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in honor of the Christmas Holiday. Village offices will reopen on December 26 for regular business hours. **There will be no garbage collection on December 25, and it will resume on December 26, with pick-ups delayed by one day throughout the week.**

Village offices will also be closed on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 in honor of the New Year's Holiday. Village offices will reopen on January 2 for regular business hours. **There will be no garbage collection on January 1, and it will resume on January 2, with pick-ups delayed by one day throughout the week.**

RecPlex will be **closed** on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Ice Arena will be open from Noon till 4:00 p.m. on New Year's day for Open Skate.

The Village wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season! ☐





Police Department joins 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Campaign

To help deter impaired driving, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department will join law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin during the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" holiday campaign from December 14, 2018 through January 1, 2019.

"The goal of these comprehensive law enforcement efforts is to help make roadways safer for everyone by discouraging people from making the dangerous and irresponsible decision of getting behind the wheel impaired," said Chief David Smetana.

Last year in Wisconsin, alcohol-related crashes resulted in 169 deaths and more than 3,300 injuries. While alcohol-impaired drivers remain a concern, a growing problem involves drugged driving - people whose ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is compromised by legal or illegal drugs including prescription and over-the-counter medications.

To help combat impaired driving, Wisconsin has:

- 25 multi-jurisdictional high-visibility

enforcement task forces operating throughout the year, across the state

- About 3,800 police officers trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), enhancing efforts to detect and remove impaired drivers from the roadways
- 292 highly-trained Drug Recognition Experts - among the most in the nation

There are many ways that citizens can help:

- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911. Provide as much detail as possible on the driver, vehicle, and location;
- If you plan to celebrate, identify a sober designated driver. Never allow someone else to get behind the wheel impaired;
- Download the free "Drive Sober" mobile app from the WisDOT website. The app includes a "find a ride" feature to help locate

mass transit and taxi services;

- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons a safe ride home. Visit www.tlw.org/ and click on Safe Ride; and
- Make sure that everyone in your vehicle is buckled up – every trip. Watch your speed and eliminate distractions.

Chief David Smetana also stated, "To help ensure a safe, enjoyable holiday season, we need the cooperation of all motorists."

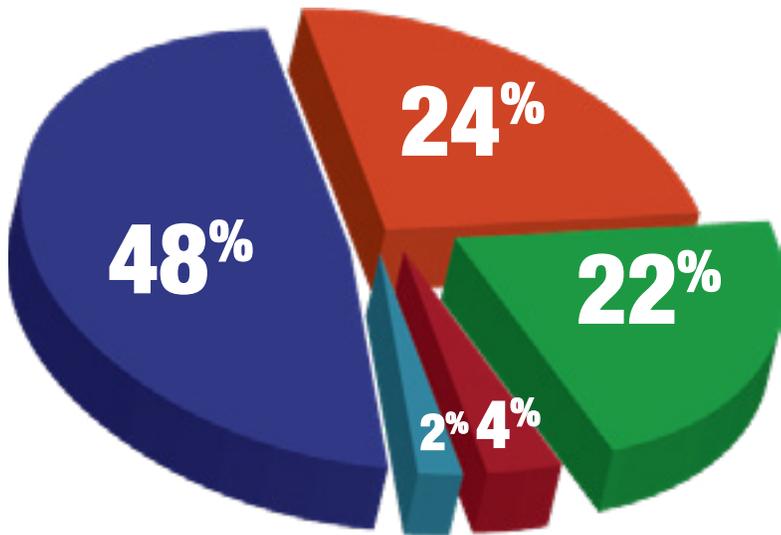
To learn more information about this campaign, contact Sergeant Aaron Schaffer at **262.694.7353** or

aschaffer@pleasantprairiewi.gov. □



A great place to live, work & play!

Where Does Your Property Tax Payment Go?



- Kenosha Unified School District will receive 48% of your tax payment.
- Kenosha County will receive 24% of your tax payment.
- The Village will receive 22% of your tax payment.
- Gateway Technical College will receive 4% of your tax payment.
- The Library will receive 2% of your tax payment.

What Happens to the 22%

The majority of 2019 budget dollars (approximately 68%) will be used to provide public safety services, such as police, fire and rescue, and public works services, such as snow plowing, road maintenance, and similar work. The remaining amount (roughly 32%) will be used to: pay down existing debt, finance General Government’s day-to-day operations, operate a Community Development Department, and maintain the Village parks. Percentages* for each area are shown below.



48% will be invested in public safety services, including police, fire and rescue



20% will be invested in public works services, such as snow plowing, road maintenance and similar work



8% will be used to pay down existing debt, and another 19% will be used for general government operations



5% will be used for the Community Development Department and the Village parks system

*Percentages are rounded.

2019 General Government Budget

On Monday, November 19, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered and approved the 2019 general government budget to the Village Board.

The budget will increase the tax levy from \$11,883,252 in 2018 to \$12,306,203 for 2019. The \$422,949 increase is the total allowed based on \$230 million of new construction during 2018. The 2018 municipal-wide revaluation added another \$240 million to the Village resulting in a total 2018 value of about \$3.6 billion. The total additional value of \$470 million will reduce the Village tax rate by about 7% from \$4.60 to \$4.28.

In 2019, the Village will receive about 22% of the total property tax payment, approximately \$1,015 for the median valued home, to cover Village services such as fire and paramedic, police, community development, road improvements, and snow

plowing. The proposed 2019 budget includes an addition of one police officer, the promotion of 7 part-time dispatchers to full-time, and fund annual removal and replacement of emerald ash borer infected street trees. Proposed capital purchases includes \$1.8 million for road improvements, the addition of one ambulance and one police fleet vehicle, and \$180,000 for a roof replacement at Roger Prange Municipal Building.

“The Village works to provide high quality municipal services for our residents and businesses including road improvements and high-quality public safety,” explained Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, “As a municipal government, the Village works diligently to prioritize annual projects to make sure that we are being fiscally responsible, while maintaining a stable and economically sound community.” □

Government Departments

General Government Departments receive income from property taxes, borrowing general obligation debt, grants, impact fees and other fees, the resale of capital equipment and donations. The funds received are used to cover operating expenses, capital purchases or projects, and to pay down general government debt.

These departments include:

Police	Municipal Court
Fire & Rescue	Public Safety Communications
Public Works	Parks
Engineering	Building Inspection
Assessing	Information Technology
Finance	Human Resources
Administration	Community Development

General Government Debt

Outstanding debt at the end of 2018 will be \$10.3 million after paying off \$1.5 million during 2018 and borrowing \$1.4 million for a fire truck, ambulance, and to finish a fiber ring. At the end of 2019, outstanding debt will be at \$8.9 million, after paying \$1.5 million and not borrowing additional funds. □

Dog Fee Increase

Starting in 2019



In an effort to help cover the cost of increasing expenses related to caring for stray animals in the community, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved an increase of \$5.00 per dog license issued in the Village that will go in effect in 2019.

Old Prices	Before March 31	After March 31
Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00	\$15.00
Not Spayed/Neutered	\$15.00	\$20.00
New Prices	Before March 31	After March 31
Spayed/Neutered	\$15.00	\$20.00
Not Spayed/Neutered	\$20.00	\$25.00

The Village’s stray animal cost has increased steady over the years to \$22,715 in 2017. This increase will help cover some of the additional cost the Village is spending on stray animal care, but not in total. A portion of the dog license fee is also paid to Kenosha County, \$2.25 per spayed or neutered dog license and \$7.25 per non-spayed or neutered dog.

The wording for the Pleasant Prairie Ordinance is in line with wording in the state statute that requires that half price licenses be charged for licenses issued to dogs that become five months of age after July 1 will remain the same. □

Water Service Agreement Pleasant Prairie & Bristol

On November 19, the Village Board considered and approved a Water Service Agreement between the Village of Pleasant Prairie and the Village of Bristol. This agreement would allow Bristol to purchase municipal water from the Village to accommodate development of approximately 535 acres of land located along CTH U and CTH Q (also known as Utility District No. 5). This Agreement is an amendment to the 1997 Cooperative Agreement between the Village of Pleasant Prairie and the Village of Bristol.

Bristol approached the Village in 2016 regarding the ability to service Bristol's Utility District No. 5 with municipal water. The Village evaluated its water system and incorporated Bristol's service demand in the Village's overall master water planning. The Village determined it is able to provide Bristol's water service demand. Under the agreement, Bristol will purchase water for the 535 acres of land exclusively from the Village of Pleasant Prairie. The Village is committing to provide a water supply rate of up to 500 gallons per minute. The Village Water Utility will continue to construct and maintain facilities within the Village to ensure that Bristol receives an adequate water supply. The water purchase rates for Bristol are still under review with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. □

2019 Village Calendar

The 2019 Village Calendar and Resource Directory should have arrived in your mailbox. If you did not receive a calendar in the mail, extra copies are available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) and the Roger Prange Center (8600 Green Bay Road) while supplies last.

The Village will no longer automatically send out the Village Calendar and Resource Directory to homes within Pleasant Prairie.

If you are interested in receiving future editions of the Village Calendar directly to your mailbox, please register at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the Calendar icon near the bottom of the page or call 262.925.6701. You only need to register once to receive future editions of the Village Calendar. You can also opt off the mailing list at any time if you no longer wish to receive the Village Calendar. □

2019 Capital Projects and Expenses

Department/Program	Cost	Project
Fire & Rescue	\$1,561,483	Rescue pumper fire engine, an ambulance, radios and pagers, and a CMD post communication vehicle
Information technology	\$177,625	Cyber security, enterprise software, and data center projects
Police	\$211,828	Vehicle fleet replacement, an additional vehicle, and automatic license plate recognition
Roads	\$65,000	Transportation plan
Roger Prange	\$325,000	Roof replacement, HVAC and boiler replacement, and rebuild salt shed wall
Parks	\$151,500	Rolling Meadows Park ADA compliant, additional parking at north ballfields, and a shelter at Prairie Springs Park

Watch for information related to the 2019 Paving Projects in the next issue of the Village Newsletter



Snow Removal Reminders

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCE

The Village's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance language specifies who is responsible for snow removal from sidewalks and the timing of removal; depositing snow onto streets and public property; and how the Village effects compliance with the ordinance.

The owner and occupant of a property is responsible for snow removal from adjacent sidewalks, anyone who may be in charge of a property is responsible for snow removal as well. Prompt removal of snow or ice each day from sidewalks is required within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate. If property owners fail to follow the Village ordinance, Village crews will clear the snow and the property owners will be billed. The ordinance requires those abutting sidewalks to sprinkle de-icing material in the event that ice has formed on a sidewalk. See tips toward the end of this article.

It is not permissible for people to shovel or blow snow into streets or onto public property. Language in the ordinance relates to how the Village will remedy snow placed into the street or onto public property and how the Village will recover the related expense.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance can be found at:

pleasantprairiewi.gov/government/laws_and_policies/local_ordinances.

CLEAN WATER, DE-ICING TIP

When heading to the hardware store to pick up a de-icer for your sidewalk or drive, instead of looking for a conventional salt de-icer, look for one that is pet-, child-, and/or plant-safe. Those that contain calcium magnesium acetate, potassium

chloride, or calcium chloride are typically a good alternative.

SNOW SHOVELING TIP

To lessen the amount of snow deposited at the end of your driveway after a pass from the snow plow, push or blow snow to the right side of your driveway as you face the street. Place as little snow as possible at the lower left hand side of your driveway where it meets the street. While this won't eliminate the pile of snow at the end of your driveway after a snow plow passes, it can make the pile more manageable and easier to clear.

Do not push snow into the street. Not only is this dangerous for traffic but it also creates more work for the snowplow operators as they try to clear the streets.

NEIGHBOR COURTESY

When shoveling off your car, form neat piles in areas that are not used by pedestrians.

If you live near the elderly, offer to help shovel their sidewalk, stoop, and driveway.

When using your snow blower do not throw snow onto your neighbors' property/driveway/sidewalk.

An internet search for tips for shoveling snow the end of your driveway should offer more ideas and options. □



Holiday Tree Drop-Off Sites



Sites will be open for Village residents from December 26 - January 31. Drop your holiday tree inside the fenced area. Only trees are accepted.

Remove all wreaths, garland, lights, ornaments, tree bags, stands, nails and other metal objects. Following these guidelines will prevent damage to the chipping machine and help keep costs lower for all residents. Sites are located at: **Village Hall** (9915 39th Avenue); **Pleasant Prairie Park** (Bain Station Road and 104th Avenue); **Carol Beach Park** (111th Street and 10th Avenue); **Ingram Park** (93rd Street and 57th Avenue); and at the **Residential Recycling Center** (Saturdays only from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 8000 128th Street). ☐

2019 Village Newsletters

The Village will begin issuing bi-monthly editions of the Village Newsletter starting in January 2019. Residents are encouraged to visit the News section at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and Village social media channels to stay up-to-date on announcements and news items in between issues. ☐

REC PLEX

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Jan. 2 - Jan. 9

NOTHING DUE UNTIL FEB. 2

- No Money Down
- No Facility Fee
- Fitness Quick Start Session
- 1 Year Free Tanning
- 10 Guest Passes
- Free Gift

*Some restrictions apply. 12 month minimum commitment.

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E-Newsletter: If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the newsletter icon near the bottom of the page. You can choose to opt off of the paper mailing list by emailing newsletter@plprairie.com. Include your name and postal mailing address along with the words "email only." ☐

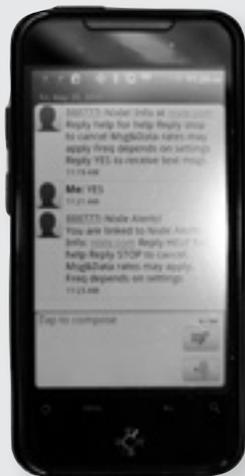
Dog Ownership Reminder



It is a violation of Village Ordinances to allow your dog to run at large, meaning that your dog must be properly leashed and under your control when away from your property. When taking your dog off of your property, please keep your dog properly leashed and please make an effort to keep your, and your neighbor's, property reasonably clear of dog waste. Thank you for your cooperation and responsibility as a dog owner. ☐

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The best way
to be prepared
is to sign up
before an
emergency
occurs.



In order to receive emergency text messages on your smart phone, text "53158" to 888777 or visit NIXLE.com.

Historical Society The Inspiration of "Elf on the Shelf"

In 2005, a children's picture book sparked a world-wide phenomenon. "The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition" has become a favorite holiday tradition for families across the nation, and even the world. Millions of these elves now reside among the Christmas decorations that come out each December. Every night, when the kids are fast asleep, these "scout elves" report back to Santa on who has been naughty or nice. Each morning when they return, children scour their homes to find their elf, who is sometimes in a funny or compromising situation!



These elves have become so popular that a second version has popped up: "Mensch on a Bench" was created so that Jewish children could also partake in the game of "hide and seek" every morning as a part of their

Hanukkah tradition. The "Elf on the Shelf" frenzy has become a tradition that transcends religious holidays.

Yet the elves you see pictured here came long before the "Elf on the Shelf" phenomenon began. Today's "Elf on the Shelf," in his classic red outfit, was inspired by vintage elf decorations such as these ones, which were produced in the 1960s. These "knee-hugger" elves were produced by a company called "Yuletide of Japan." So "Elf on the Shelf" not only transcends religious holidays, but also time! Old has become new again with this charming holiday tradition.

Whether you celebrate the holidays with an elf, a mensch, or your own unique family tradition, the Historical Society wishes you a very merry holiday season! You can get in touch with us at HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or 262-947-3600. ☐