



2018 Village Photo Contest Honorable Mention Carolyn Gage

Index

- page 1
Village Welcomes New K-9 Unit
- page 2
Chabad of Kenosha
PPCVB Update
Nixle
- page 3
Residential Recycling Center Sticker
Women's Suffrage Event
Police Promotions
- page 4
Pleasant Prairie Triathlon
Village Calendars
- page 5
2019 Water Quality Report
Dog Park Information
Bicycle Lanes
- page 6
Simple Steps to Save Water
Camera Partnership
- page 7
Photo Contest
Rummage/Garage Sale Reminders
E-Newsletter
Historical Society

Village offices closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day. There will be no garbage collection on Memorial Day. **RecPlex** will be open from 6:00 a.m. until noon on May 27.

Village offices will reopen for regular business hours and garbage collection will resume on May 28 with scheduled pick-ups delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Independence Day, July 4

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. Village Offices will reopen for regular business hours on July 5. There will be no garbage collection on July 4. Collection will resume on July 5 with scheduled pickups delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

RecPlex will be open from 6:00 a.m. until noon and Lake Andrea Beach will have Open Swim times between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on July 4.

Lake Andrea Beach Opens Saturday, June 1

Daily and seasonal park passes are sold at the entrance to the beach and at RecPlex. To learn more, visit RecPlexOnline.com. □

Let's Get Social

Twitter [@PIPrairieWI](https://twitter.com/PIPrairieWI)

Facebook [@villageofpleasantprairiewi](https://www.facebook.com/villageofpleasantprairiewi)



printed on recycled paper 



Village Welcomes New Pleasant Prairie Police K-9 Unit

During the month of April, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department welcomed its new K-9 Unit, Chase, to the community. Current Village Police Officer Mike Algiers will be Chase's handler. Chase is a German Shepherd and is 16 months old. Chase replaced the department's former K-9 Unit, Echo, who retired in the fall of 2018. Echo lives with his handler, Detective Scott Beaumier.

The Police Department decided to launch the welcome of the new police dog to the community by supporting the animals currently living at Safe Harbor Humane Society. The department asked fifth-grade classes at Prairie Lane, Pleasant Prairie, and Whittier schools to donate food, toys, and supplies for the animals at the humane society. The class that collected the most donations would have the opportunity of naming the dog.

The combination of schools collected a

total of 872 items in less than two weeks. The winning class was teacher Heidi Tobalsky's fifth-grade class at Prairie Lane School, which collected 210 items. The students were given three choices for names — Onyx, Kilo, or Chase. The students chose the name Chase.

Chase is considered a multi-purpose police dog trained in drug detection, tracking, and officer safety. The K-9 Unit will assist officers with various cases that include: drug cases, tracking lost children, tracking adults with dementia, search warrants, home and business searches, school drug sniffs, and criminal apprehensions. Chief David Smetana explained, "Having a K-9 with so many capabilities has proven to be an extremely valuable tool for the department over the years. Obtaining a new K-9 who was also multi-purpose, was a high priority."

Chase and Officer Algiers, will receive

eight weeks of specialized training at TOPS Kennel in Grays Lake, Illinois. They train together daily on alternating skills whether on duty or off. When Chase isn't training or working, he will be living with Officer Algiers at home with his family.

A group of anonymous local business owners made donations to purchase the new K-9 and related training. All of the expenses related to the maintenance and care for the dog, including veterinarian costs, food costs, and training supplies are paid for through donations received directly from concerned citizens.

Chief Smetana added, "If it wasn't for the generous donations from the public and our K-9 unit supporter apparel fundraiser, it is likely we would not be able to continue the K-9 program. Their contributions are greatly appreciated." □



A great place to live, work & play!

Chabad of Kenosha Master Conceptual Plan



On Monday, April 15, the Village Board considered and approved a Master Conceptual Plan for the construction of Chabad of Kenosha Synagogue/Learning Center. The petitioner, Rabbi Betzalel Wilschanski is requesting to develop the approximate 4 acre property located at 6939 88th Avenue with a synagogue that will serve as a place of worship and study center.

The proposed development will consist of a 5,200 square foot Jewish synagogue as a place of worship and study center. The main building would include a gathering space, library, classrooms, a mikvah, two guest rooms, restrooms and a kitchen. It will also include a 3,000 square foot hospitality home which will serve as a place for members who need a place to stay in order to observe religious practices and who need access to a kosher facility. The facility will be completed in four phases. During phase one the land will be purchased and the existing home on the property will be renovated. Installing the municipal water main will be phase two. The third phase will be the construction of the synagogue, parking lots and storm water retention facility. Phase three would likely be completed within the next five years, and the final phase will be to construct the hospitality house.

Chabad of Kenosha's mission is to serve Jewish people living in Kenosha and its surrounding communities and will continue to be a partner and resource to the surrounding community. The facility will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays with activities and worship being held on Saturdays. There will be one full-time and 4 part-time employees at the facility. The prayer hall is proposed to have regular seating for 50 people, but they anticipate that actual number to be lower. On special events the facility will be able to accommodate up to 100 people. □

PPCVB Update

Attracting visitors and providing them with information on available opportunities, activities, events, and experiences in Pleasant Prairie is the focus of the Pleasant Prairie Convention & Visitors Bureau (PPCVB). It is the PPCVB's mission to enhance the economy through tourism by promoting amenities, shopping, recreational and commercial opportunities within the Village – in all seasons – regionally and beyond.

Branding and establishing promotional materials have been a high priority for the PPCVB. Having established a partnership with Simpleview Inc., PPCVB Executive Director Michelle Williamson is working closely with their website content creation team to develop a professional and eye-catching site that will inform the community and visitors alike about the hotels, attractions, businesses, and fun things to do throughout the Pleasant Prairie community. The website is scheduled to launch at the end of summer. A splash page is currently available at VisitPleasantPrairie.com which will redirect you to the visitor information page on the Village website.

Events in the Village have continued while the PPCVB has been getting established. Williamson collaborates with multiple departments at the RecPlex to support them where possible. In January, the organization received its first Ready Set Go grant from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism for the first ever UANA PanAm Junior Open Water Swim Championship for the Western Hemisphere to be held at Lake Andrea on August 16-18, 2019. This event will draw swimmers from throughout the US and Canada.

As this year progresses, Williamson will work to find a more visible location for the PPCVB and visitors center which will also provide the space needed to expand her staff. Success will come with strong partnerships with community businesses and hotels. "One of the main driving forces behind enhancing the economy is the connection to the area that the community and visitors feel," stated Williamson, "We will get the word out about all the great attributes we have in Pleasant Prairie that make us who we are." □

NIXLE

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

Receive emergency text messages and emails on your smart phone, text "53158" to 888777 or visit NIXLE.com.



Residential Recycling Center Sticker

Recycling stickers are available at the Residential Recycling Center, **free of charge for residents**. These stickers help the recycling center material drop off process move quickly and efficiently.

Pleasant Prairie residents that pay a monthly solid waste fee are eligible to obtain a sticker. If you are interested in a sticker please bring proof of Village residence to your next visit to the Residential Recycling Center.

The stickers are valid for three years. The recycling attendant on duty will place the sticker on the inside of the windshield of the vehicle and it should not be removed. If a resident happens to lose a sticker, they need to go to the Residential Recycling Center to obtain a new one.

The Residential Recycling Center is located at 8000 128th Street and open year round on the first Saturday of every month from 7:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. On season hours (March - December) are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and closed on the first Wednesday of each month for grinding operations. ☐

100 Year Anniversary of Women's Suffrage Event

The Pleasant Prairie Historical Society and Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club are teaming up to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Women's Suffrage along with the grand opening of the newly renovated Dublin School. The school is currently under renovations to become a local museum, historical society office, and community gathering space.



August 20, 2020
Dublin School
3875 116th Street

The celebration event will be in the evening along with tours of the Dublin School which will feature exhibits of the women's suffrage movement in Pleasant Prairie and the history of the Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club.

More information for this event will become available in the Village Newsletter and PleasantPrairieWi.gov as time progresses closer to the event date. ☐

Police Department New Members & Promotions

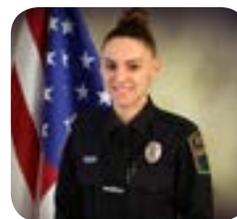
On Tuesday, April 9, a swearing in and recognition of promotion ceremony took place to welcome recently recruited Police Officers and honor recently promoted department members. Please welcome the three newest members of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department:



Officer Ana Quiroz



Officer Zachary Dutter



Officer Brianna Czarny

Congratulations are in order for four individuals who were promoted within the Police Department:



Sergeant Chad Brown



Detective Andrea Brey



Lieutenant Barry Ollila

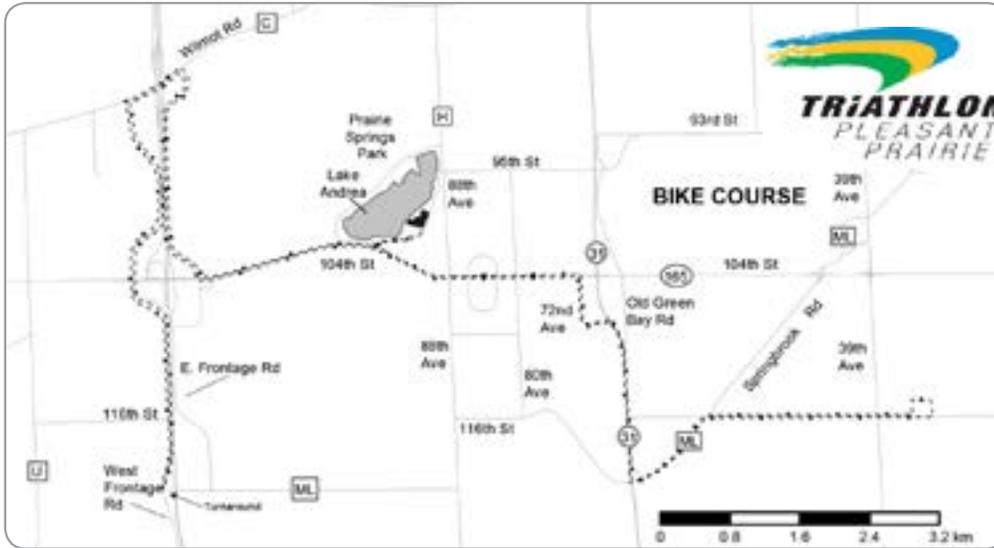


Deputy Chief Randal Myles

Pleasant Prairie Triathlon

Road Closures Planned

Sunday, June 23 between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.



The Village will host the Pleasant Prairie Junior and Adult Triathlons on June 22 and 23, with proceeds helping to support the Dare to Tri program for paratriathletes. The swim and run courses will be held entirely within Prairie Springs Park, however, on Sunday, June 23, athletes will bike through the Village on the route shown above.

Bike route roads will be closed to through traffic only between 6:00 a.m. and noon.

Car traffic for businesses along the bike route will be able to travel on the closed roadways, provided extreme caution is exercised and the shortest route to and from your destination is used. For safety sake, all are asked to please leash all outside pets adjacent to the bike route.

Truck Traffic

Truck traffic should not use Highway 165 west of Highway 31 and will not be allowed to cross it during the closure. Truck traffic from businesses located south of Highway 165 should travel south to Russel Road to access I-94. Truck traffic from businesses located north of Highway 165 should travel north on 80th Avenue, east on 95th Street, north on Highway 31, then west on Highway 50 to access I-94. Roads will be marked with appropriate detours, and intersections will be monitored for safe bicycle and vehicle flow.

In addition to bike route roads, the following roads will also be closed to through traffic:

- Highway H (88th Avenue) between 95th Street and Highway 165 (104th Street);
- Highway 31 (Green Bay Road), both north and southbound lanes between Highway 165 and the State Line (except for truck traffic); and
- Highway 165 between 118th Avenue and Highway 31.

If you have questions regarding these road closures, please call the Pleasant Prairie Police Department at [262.694.7353](tel:262.694.7353). To learn more about the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon, visit PleasantPrairieTri.com. □

Village Calendars

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](tel: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 Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2019 Water Quality Report is now available at PleasantPrairieWi.gov or can be picked up at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) or the Prange Municipal Center (8600 Green Bay Road).

To learn more about drinking water safety you can also visit the Wisconsin DNR website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/drinkingwater/.

If you have questions regarding Pleasant Prairie's Water Utility or water quality, you can reach Public Works by telephone at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700) Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ☐

Dog Park Information



The dog park at Ingram Park (5724 93rd Street) features two sections, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. The dog park is open from dawn until dusk daily. Fees for dog park tags follow. The fees collected are used for upkeep and future improvements to the dog park.

ANNUAL

Village resident for first dog	\$20
Senior (60+)/disabled	\$10
Non-resident for first dog	\$25
Additional tag for each dog (up to 2)	\$5
Annual tag replacement fee	\$5

DAILY

Village resident per dog/per day	\$2
Non-resident per dog/per day	\$5

A pay station, similar to those used in State parks has been placed at the entrance to the dog park for those who would like to pay for their dog park tag on a daily basis. Those wishing to purchase an annual dog park tag can visit Village Hall at 9915 39th Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The related rules are also posted at the entrance to the dog park. Please remember that based on Village Code 119-7, it is the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their pet. The Village would like to thank dog owners for their consideration of others as their dogs engage in play. ☐

Bicycle Lanes To Pass or Not to Pass

Occasionally questions arise relating to the responsibilities of bicyclists and motorists who are sharing the road. One of the questions asked most frequently is whether or not an automobile can drive in a bicycle lane.



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.

The Village would like to remind drivers to please use extra care when sharing the road with bicyclists. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation reminds motorists that:

- Bicycles are vehicles. They belong on the road.
- Cyclists need room to get around potholes, sewer grates and other obstructions.
- Leave at least three feet when passing bicycles, more room at higher speeds.
- Change lanes to pass any bicycle in a narrow lane.
- Train yourself to scan for fast moving bicycles and motorcycles, and for pedestrians, when making a turn and before leaving a stop light or stop sign.

The Village would like to thank both drivers and bicyclists for obeying traffic safety rules and respecting other travelers on the roadway. ☐

Simple Steps to Save Water

Information courtesy of EPA WaterSense

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

Consider installing a WaterSense labeled toilet and faucet. This is one of the most cost-effective ways to save water. WaterSense labeled toilets could save a family of four more than \$90 annually on its water utility bill, and \$2,000 over the lifetime of the toilets.

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. You will increase the lawn's need for water.

Raise your lawn mower 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.

Use mulch around trees and plants to help reduce evaporation and control water-stealing weeds.

Garden plants that are native to where you live and group plants together by water requirements. Try not to overwater your landscaping.



Camera Partnership



The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has an ongoing crime fighting partnership with Village residents. The initiative, known as the **Community Camera Partnership** enables residents to share video footage from home security cameras, aimed outdoors, if a crime or suspicious activity occurs in their neighborhood with the Police Department.

The department sees the partnership as a modern day extension of the Neighborhood Watch Program. And will use this footage to solve crime in our community more efficiently, and to deter future crime from occurring.

Through a short questionnaire on the Village website, residents can log their home as a location where a camera may be able to provide assistance should a crime or suspicious activity occur. The locations will be marked on a map. If a crime is reported near one of the locations, officers would then know that they could contact a resident in the area and potentially ask to look at their camera footage.

It is important to note that all aspects of this program are completely voluntary, and that at no time would the police have any remote access to the security system. The home owner remains in complete control of their personal camera system.

Residents who wish to participate can access the online questionnaire at pleasantprairiewi.gov/departments/police/ by clicking on "**Community Camera Partnership**" in the left-hand column. Residents with questions about the partnership, or those who would like to share video evidence without completing the questionnaire, can email police@plprairie.com.

Photo Contest



The **Pleasant Prairie in Bloom** photo contest began on May 1 and runs until August 16, 2019. The Village is seeking photos of flowers, trees, and plants in one of Pleasant Prairie's many parks or residential gardens.

Photos must have been taken within the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Photos could appear in the Village calendar, website, or in other Village publications. You can access a complete list of rules on the Village website at PleasantPrairieWi.gov by clicking on the photo contest icon at the bottom of the homepage or at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue). Three winners will receive a gift certificate to a Pleasant Prairie place of business. ☐

Rummage/Garage Sale Seasonal Reminders

The Village has specific guidelines that must be followed when you consider having a rummage/garage sale.



Rummage/garage sales may be held no more than six calendar days, whether or not consecutive, within any calendar year per property.

Rummage/garage sales cannot be held between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and can only sell personal property. One unlighted temporary sign of not more than 18 square feet per side and less than five feet in height is permitted on the property having the sale. The sign may only be displayed for three days and must be removed within 24 hours of close of sale.

If you have any questions related to rummage/garage sales ordinance, contact the Village Clerk by email at clerksoffice@plprairie.com or call **262.694.1400**. ☐

E-Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the 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." ☐

Historical Society Uihlein Barn Fire

Photographs of the Uihlein Barn Fire were recently provided by Dennis Kammerzelt. After speaking with Dennis and his brother, Ron, the Historical Society learned more about the fire and the history of the farm after the Uihlein Brothers (owners of Schlitz Brewery) sold it.

The Uihlein stock farm was located roughly where Menards stands today on Highway 50. Around 1910, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad was built through the middle of the Uihlein's land, making it unfit for a stock farm. The Uihlein's sold the farm



to Matt Rassmussen, a prominent farmer in the area known as the "cabbage king." Sadly, Rassmussen committed suicide after losing his money to the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The land was sold to William Zand, who Dennis believes is the one who tore the decorative wings off the Uihlein barn. At some point Zand must have lost the land to the bank, since in 1948 the Kammerzelt Family bought part of the land from the bank for \$60 an acre. At that time, the bank owned a lot of the farm properties throughout Kenosha County. A portion of the land that was previously the Uihlein Farm became the Fred and Rudy Farm, which is now Southport Plaza (this land was boundary adjusted to the City of Kenosha following the Village's incorporation in 1989).

The land that the Kammerzelt's purchased included the large and striking Uihlein barn, and it remained on their land until 1963 when it burned down. Even though the barn was located directly behind a Fire Station, the fire spread so quickly that there was nothing the firemen could do to stop the flames. The barn, which was full of potatoes at the time, burned down in a matter of minutes. The only thing to survive the fire was a tractor, which Jacob Kammerzelt (Dennis' father) drove out of the burning barn while the seat was on fire.

Dennis and Ron took over Kammerzelt farm in 1976 and continued farming the land until the early 1990s when they developed the property.

Do you have a story about Pleasant Prairie's history to share? Contact us at HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or **262-947-3600**. Check out our website at PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org. ☐