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Thanksgiving Holiday

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in honor of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Village offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday morning, November 26. There will be no recycling or garbage collection on Thursday, November 22.

Garbage and recycling collection will resume on Friday, November 23 with scheduled pickups delayed by one day.

White goods and electronics will not be collected during Thanksgiving week but may be brought to the Residential Recycling Center on the days it is open. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and will reopen for regular business hours on Friday, November 23.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday. ☐





Village Green Center Purchase and Sale Agreement

On Monday, October 15, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered and approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement for approximately 72 acres of vacant land from Land and Lakes Development Co. to the Village in the amount of approximately \$3.7 million. This agreement was for the vacant property located along both sides of Springbrook Road and west of 39th Avenue, also known as the Village Green Center.

As part of fostering a sense of identity for the Village, planning originally began in 1994 for a “downtown” style Village center that would become a destination location. The project was given the name Village Green Center. In the late 1990s, planning was put on hold until residential growth could accommodate a retail-based community center. In late 2007, planning resumed. Throughout 2008 and 2009 community planners and the developer of the property have continued

work on plans for the Village Green Center but at a slower pace due to the impacts of the economic recession. With the housing market and economy now recovering from recession struggles, renewed planning efforts for the area are taking place.

Earlier this year, Land and Lakes Development Co. approached the Village about selling the property. Those discussions resulted in a mutual agreement that the development of the Village Green Center would be easier if the property came under the Village’s control.

“We are eager to get this project started and put the Village of Pleasant Prairie on the map by creating a sense of space and place for our community,” said Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator, “This downtown area will also create a central location for residents to enjoy community events and activities. ☐

What’s Next?

- Village-wide housing study (Sept. - Dec. 2019)
- Developer Selection (Dec. 2019)
- Village citizen driven planning process (Jan. - May 2019)

If you have ideas for the Village Green or interested in learning more, contact us at VillageAdmin@plprairie.com.

2019 Village Newsletters

The Village will begin issuing bi-monthly editions of the Village Newsletter starting in February 2019. Residents are encouraged to visit

PleasantPrairieWi.gov

and Village social media channels to stay up-to-date on announcements and news in between issues.



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Aurora Health Care

Stage 3

On Monday, October 22, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved the Stage 3 Preliminary Site and Operational Plans for the building shell of the Aurora Health Care ambulatory surgery center and physician office building in Pleasant Prairie. The request was made by John Huggett of the Boldt Co. on behalf of Aurora Health Care for the development of 64 acres located at the northwest corner of CTH Q (104th Avenue) and 120th Avenue (West Frontage Road) in the Prairie Highlands Corporate Park. Stage 3 plans include the exterior build-out plans. Later this fall, Stage 4 Final Site and Operational Plans that will be presented and will include a Zoning Map and Zoning Text Amendment for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay related to signage and landscaping, final building/site plans along with the DSIS Agreement.

The proposed \$130 million development will include a 100,000 square-foot ambulatory care center and a three story 100,000 square foot office building. The facility is proposed to be open from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will offer services to meet the growing health care needs of area residents including; primary care, orthopedics and urology, outpatient surgery, rehabilitation services, imaging, laboratory services, occupational health and a



pharmacy. There will be a variety of other specialty care services, as well as Aurora Children's Health Services. The facility will house operating rooms, imaging rooms, prep/recovery rooms, clinic exam rooms, food service, and a laboratory, along with all of the equipment used to support the mentioned services.

It is estimated that there will be 260 full-time and 28 part-time employees at this new Aurora Health Care facility with 140 of the full-time, professional health care positions being newly created jobs. The new facility will operate on two shifts. The project will also bring hundreds of construction jobs to the area as the site is developed and the facility is being built.

Public roadways and utilities for the site are currently under construction by the Village. Facility construction started in July with anticipated completion during the summer of 2020. □

2019 Water & Sewer Budget

On November 5, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered and approved the 2019 water and sewer utilities budgets. These budgets have been forwarded to the Village Consultant, Baker Tilly, to evaluate Village sewer rates and review the application that will be sent to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a water rate study. Once the rates are determined the Utility rates will be updated.

Pleasant Prairie's water and sewer rates are based on the size of the meter and the volume of water used. Water rates are tiered based on the number of gallons consumed; while sewer rates are calculated with a winter-based average to account for water used on lawns or in yards that will not pass through the sanitary sewer system. Pleasant Prairie posts rates (utility fees) and more detailed information at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Departments/Sewer_and_Water_Uilities/Utility_Bill_Rates.

During 2019, the water utility will continue upgrading water meters and make upgrades to the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) to manage the sewer and water

facilities. SCADA is a computerized control system that reports information to Utility supervisors. The Water Utility also plans to paint the Ladish water tower.

As part of the sewer utility budget, staff will rebuild the Slaters Lift Station in 2019. The old lift station has exceeded its useful service life. The new lift station will have new pumps, a back-up generator connection, safety grating, controls, and monitoring devices. An ongoing goal is to reduce the amount of Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) that leaks into the sewer system. In 2019 the Village plans to line all the old clay sewer mains, seal the sewer lateral connections on those clay mains, and grout sewer manholes. This cost effective rehabilitation technique eliminates the need to dig up the roadways because all the work can be completed by through the sewer manholes.

Utility staff will continue to implement new technology to streamline operations and improve efficiency to help control costs. The water utility remains debt free and the sewer utility will be debt free by 2020. At the end of 2018, the sewer utility has \$2.4 million in outstanding principal, with \$300,000 to be paid in 2019 and \$2,175,000 in 2020. □

Watch for information related to the 2019 General Government Budget in the next issue of the Village Newsletter

Police Names Deputy Chief



The Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Department announced the promotion and appointment of Police Lieutenant of Detectives Randal Myles to Deputy Chief of Police. Last month Deputy Chief Myles started his law enforcement career 23-years-ago as a Deputy Sheriff with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. In 1996, he began his career in the Pleasant Prairie Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Deputy Chief Myles was selected to be a Field Training Officer in 1999, promoted to Detective in 2003, Detective Sergeant in 2013, and Lieutenant in charge of the Investigative Bureau in 2016.

Deputy Chief Myles holds a Master's Degree from Marquette University, and successfully completed Northwestern University's 10-week School of Police Staff and Command in Evanston, Illinois, where he was also selected by a national group of law enforcement executives to be Class #433 President.

Deputy Chief Myles began his new role on October 28. □

2019 Fleet Budget



The Fleet Internal Service Fund purchases, manages, maintains and repairs; vehicles, equipment, attachments, and tools for Village departments (except for Police and Fire & Rescue) through a pay-per-use system. Maintenance and replacement costs are factored in for each participating Village department. This system allows the Village to avoid borrowing. The fund manages all of the vehicles and equipment used to provide services to the residents of Pleasant Prairie.

The Fleet Internal Service Fund has accrued a replacement fund to purchase vehicle replacements. The fund also helps the Village track the cost of maintaining the fleet. A majority of equipment and vehicle maintenance is performed in-house by four full-time mechanics.

During 2019, the Fleet Internal Service Fund has plans to replace a sanitation truck, a zero turn mower, a combination backhoe, and out-of-service fleet vehicles, along with building a plow truck with used cab and chassis totaling \$650,000 in vehicles and equipment. To keep up with the costs, a 2% increase in the charge-out rate was approved. □

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Residential Recycling Center and Hazardous Waste Collection



Starting December 1 the Residential Recycling Center will only be open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The site will resume Monday through Friday hours on March 25, 2019.

Hazardous Waste Collection will continue on the first Saturday of every month year-round. □

2019 Solid Waste Utility Budget

What Is the Solid Waste Utility

The Solid Waste Utility provides curbside garbage, recycling, and leaf collection for approximately 8,350 homes. The utility also operates the Residential Recycling Center (RRC). It offers hazardous waste collection the first Saturday of each month, free compost and mulch, shred events, and Christmas tree drop-off sites.

What to Expect During 2019

As part of the 2019 Solid Waste Budget, the Village is proposing to install lights along Greenway Court (drive to the RRC) and increase recycling volumes and decrease garbage volumes from residents by providing educational materials. The RRC will continue to accept the same items. A few changes for 2019 are as follows: the first cubic yard (a pile 3 feet wide, 3 feet long, and 3 feet tall) of solid waste, cement, and dirt can be dropped off free of cost. Any additional cubic yards will be charged \$7.00 per cubic yard. The cost for white goods, electronics recycling, and tires will increase to cover the cost to dispose of those items. Unlimited volumes of recycling, household hazardous waste, leaves, and residential brush can

still be dropped off at no additional charge

The Village will increase the monthly solid waste charge by \$1.00 to cover the cost of daily operations and increased disposal costs at the landfill.

Recycling Education

Changes in the recycling industry and tipping fees will be the largest challenges for the future. For this reason, the Village will focus on encouraging and educating residents about the benefits of recycling. Increased recycling by Village residents increases the tonnage diverted from landfills, which reduces the cost to the Village residents and is better for the environment.

Where to Learn More About Solid Waste Services

You can find more information about solid waste services on pages six through eleven of your Village Calendar. You will also find more information about solid waste services online at PleasantPrairieWi.gov under the **Services** tab.

2019 Clean Water Utility Budget



What is the Clean Water Utility

The Clean Water Utility, operating since 2006, was created to protect lakes, streams, rivers, and groundwater from contaminated storm water runoff. Federal mandates require municipalities to improve storm water quality. Storm water comes from rain or melting snow which collects contaminants and transports them through the storm sewer and into our waterways. The Public Works department works to reduce these items

and keep our waterways clean.

Maintenance and replacement of existing of storm water infrastructure are funded by the Clean Water Utility. New storm water projects that improve drainage in a specific drainage area are funded by affected property owners. The Village collects a storm water fee from property owners based on how a property generates storm water runoff. All properties contribute to storm water runoff to varying degrees based on soil type and surface and property use. Funds collected are used to pay for: maintenance of Village-owned storm water infrastructure, maintaining catch basins, and preserving natural

drainage systems like streams and buffers. Infrastructure maintained by the Clean Water Utility is valued at more than \$23 million dollars. The Clean Water Utility does not hold any debt.

What to Expect During 2019

The Clean Water Utility will continue to perform street sweeping, outfall inspections, behind the curb sump drain inspections, and catch basin cleaning. Planned projects for 2019 include shoreline protection at Lake Andrea, study drainage improvements of outfalls into Lake Michigan, asset repair of clean water infrastructure, Greenway Court culvert replacement, and the holding of public hearings for construction of storm water improvements in Beverly Woods and Chateau Eau Plaines. No Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) increases are proposed for 2019.

More information about the Clean Water Utility, including an informational video, is available under the **Services** tab at PleasantPrairieWi.gov.

Winter Weather Snow Safety



When 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.

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

- Please avoid driving or parking on the road during heavy snowstorms. Our 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.
- 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.
- Do not shovel or blow snow into public streets. This not only defeats the purpose of our snow plowing, but it is a violation of Village Ordinances because it causes unsafe conditions for all drivers. All shoveled or blown snow must be piled in your yard or parkway.
- 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.
- The Village encourages all residents to please assist your elderly neighbors with snow removal tasks whenever possible.

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

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 <http://www.511wi.gov>. □

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." □

Veterans Day Ceremony Thank You!

Thank you to all who joined us on November 11 for Pleasant Prairie's Veterans Day Ceremony and honored our service men and women. Your presence was a tribute to all those who have served and are serving in our country's military. November 11 also marked the 100th Anniversary of Armistice. If you missed the ceremony, it is never too late to thank a veteran. Everyone knows a veteran. Take the time to converse with a veteran and acknowledge them for the sacrifices they made for our freedom.



Special thanks go to the following organizations for their role in the ceremony: Pleasant Prairie VFW Post 7308; Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans; Pleasant Prairie Police Department Honor Guard; American Legion Paul Herrick Post 21; Bugles Across America; Warriors' Watch Riders; Jimano's of Pleasant Prairie; Culver's of Pleasant Prairie; Paielli's Bakery; Ruffolo's Pizza of Pleasant Prairie; InVEST of Pleasant Prairie; Miss Pleasant Prairie, Junior Optimist Club, and Girl Scout Troop #31593. □

Utility Bills & Payments Online

Save on postage and request an email version of your utility bill. The Village also has options of paying your utility payments online by credit card. There is a 3% convenience fee for online credit card payments. Paying by e-check is still free.

To request an e-bill go to PleasantPrairieWi.gov > How Do I > Pay > Utility Bills > Request Email Bill and follow prompts. To pay utility bill online follow the same instructions listed above until you click on Utility Bills and follow prompts. □

SPECIAL RUNS:
Friday, Nov. 23-Sunday, Nov. 25

BLACK FRIDAY RECPLEX MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL



OPTION A: Help us feed those in need this Holiday Season!
Please donate 3 *non-perishable food items* to receive **NO FACILITY FEE** and **KIDS FREE** for one year. Items will be donated to the Women's Horizon Center & the Shalom Center.

OPTION B: Give the gift of year-long fun, fitness, health & happiness to your entire family.
Kids are **FREE** & get **1/2 OFF** the facility fee.

*Some restrictions apply.



Items Needed:
canned meats, beans, pastas, soups, rice, puddings, canned veggies & fruits, granola bars, cookies, juices, breakfast cereals



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Pleasant Prairie Historical Society

History: It matters!

Village Administrator, Nathan Thiel, was the guest speaker at the recent Historical Society Annual meeting that was held on November 8. In his introductory remarks he claimed, "History: it matters!" During the meeting, he reminded those present "A picture is worth a thousand words." And followed with, "But you need to know the story and name behind the picture to relate. Unfortunately, memories fade, events are forgotten, buildings are torn down, communities change, and traditions disappear." There are many great local stories in pictures and we can relate to them. Whether it is a family story or a community event, there is a rich history worth telling. If we don't it will be lost unless time is taken to record and share it. Thiel stated, "A good story transcends time, is relatable, provides meaning and purpose, doesn't always need explanation and makes us care."

Thiel closed by saying, "Remember it isn't about creating history. It is about discovering history, our history; and when we do, we can get a glimpse into the future."

The Historical Society agrees and needs your help. Please share your favorite event, local story, or family memory at HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or 262-947-3600. ☐



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

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) or the Roger Prange Center (8600 Green Bay Road) while supplies last. If you are interested in receiving future editions of the Village Calendar via mail, please register at PleasantPrairieWi.gov. ☐

Pay a Citation Online

There is another option when paying a citation. You can now use your credit or debit card for a **hassle free** way to pay online or by phone.

Online: Go to PleasantPrairieWi.gov > Click on the online payments tab near the bottom of the screen or Click on How Do I tab > Pay > Traffic/Ordinance Citations and follow prompts.

Phone: Call 844.399.5255 and follow prompts or 262.694.8923 for assistance. ☐



NIXLE

The best way to be prepared is to sign up before an emergency occurs. With the winter months approaching it is time to sign-up. In order to receive emergency text messages on your smart phone, text "53158" to 888777 or visit NIXLE.com.

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, and all are asked to sled safely and responsibly. ☐

