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Vacation Home Checks

If you are planning to be away from home for a vacation or for an extended period of time, you can contact the Pleasant Prairie Police Department at **262.694.7353** to schedule a Vacation Home Check. Department staff will take some basic information in regards to your absence so that officers on patrol would be able to identify situations that are out of the ordinary.

NIXLE

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**.



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Park and Open Space Plan Update

The Purpose of the Park and Open Space Plan is to prepare and plan for the Village's future park and recreation needs. Parks and natural spaces not only promote a healthy lifestyle for those who use them, but also enhance the beauty of the area, attract visitors, shape community development patterns, and increase property values. In order to create a high-quality living environment, park land, trails and natural areas need to be maintained.

As these plans are created, the Village takes into account the needs of the region and looks for ways to protect the environment by preserving ecosystems and watersheds.

The Park and Open Space Plan is prepared every five years as a requirement of the Wisconsin Department of Administration to make sure that planning goals, objectives and policies are current.

Updating the plan ensures that it reflects the current needs of the community. This plan fits within the guidelines set forth in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, and is created in accordance with guidelines set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

By updating the plan, it maintains eligibility for the Village to qualify for grants through the DNR and qualify the Village for matching grant funds through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON) and the State of Wisconsin Stewardship Fund.

The plan includes general background information and demographics to establish the context surrounding the plan. The document also inventories existing park and recreational facilities in the area, and addresses public input and feedback received in regards to parks and open spaces in the Village. Data gathered is analyzed and used to create

policy and conceptual recommendations to guide future work within the park system.

As new development occurs in the Village, funds from these developments are allocated to parks and open spaces to pay for the future extension of trail connections and parks that would serve the new development. For this reason, feedback from the community is essential to the success of this plan and needed as the updated plan is being shaped. You are invited to attend the Tuesday, March 6 Park Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium where the schedule and the timeline for updating the plan will be discussed.

For more information email the Department of Public Works at pw@plprairie.com or visit pleasantprairieonline.com and search Park and Open Space Plan. □



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Uline Warehouse

Site and Operational Plans



On Monday, January 22, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved Site and Operational Plans on behalf of Uline for interior building modifications and occupancy of a 417,384 square foot building owned by LakeView XVIII Venture, LLC which is currently under construction by CenterPoint Trust.

The plans are for a fulfillment warehouse located at 11559 80th Avenue in LakeView Corporate Park which is known as Uline I3 Box Depot. The entire building will be used for warehousing and storage of shipping supplies. It is projected that 70 employees will be working at this location, 40 working on first shift and 30 working on second shift. Interior improvements are being made including the addition of a cafeteria, management offices and the addition of 36 dock doors to name a few.

Uline currently operates two corporate headquarter buildings, a conference center, and four distribution warehouses in Pleasant Prairie. Uline is a community partner that believes in high quality customer service and quick delivery of its products. They sell thousands of products through their catalog service to businesses across North America.

“The Village is proud that Uline, a business that is the leading distributor of shipping, package, and industrial supplies is a corporate resident. They are a company that not only offers quality products, but is a responsible employer and is a catalyst for economic growth in the Village,” said Jean Werbie-Harris, Village of Pleasant Prairie Community Development Director.

Uline intends to occupy the space when construction is complete by May of 2018. □

TID #6 Update

On Monday, February 5, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered and approved Resolution #18-03, the project plan and boundaries for the creation of Tax Incremental District No. 6 (TID #6). The second and final meeting of the Joint Review Board to create TID #6 will take place on February 15, 2018. During December and January meetings, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved the project plan and boundaries of TID #6 and held a public hearing so interested parties could express their views in regards to the district.

The Main Street Market development will be located on a 21 acre mixed-use district, at the northeast corner of the intersection of Highway 165 (104th Street) and Highway 31 (Green Bay Road). Main Street Market could include a grocery store, restaurants, a clinic, a pharmacy, and a gas station/convenience store. The first use, Froedtert South, Inc. has received approvals to build a four-story medical office building and clinic at this location.

If approved by the Joint Review Board, TID #6 will fund public infrastructure improvements on Highway 165, 102nd Street and Old Green Bay Road that will include; roadway extensions and intersections, signal modifications, lane modifications, a water main extension and other utilities. The first phase will be funded with general obligation debt paid with tax increments from the development of Froedtert South, Inc. The second phase will be funded by the developer with no risk to taxpayers.

Anticipated project expenses for work detailed in TID #6 are estimated at \$7,214,750. TID #6 will be established with the purpose of capturing incremental taxes to pay the public debt and Developer Revenue Bond for public infrastructure costs. The expenditure period is 15 years with a maximum life of 20 years, without extensions. The Village will apply revenue from TID #6 to pay off administrative costs, debt services and finally the Developer Revenue Bonds. The Village is proposing to retire TID #6 in 2038. The Project Plan promotes the orderly development of the Village and is in-line with the Master Plan of the Village. TID #6 will help the Village meet goals and objectives set forth in the plan to attract workers and businesses including industrial, commercial and mixed use developments to the Village. □

Medication Drop Box

Both anti-drug forces and environmental activists are encouraging people to properly dispose of unused pharmaceuticals. Disposing of pharmaceuticals can make them inaccessible to children or addicts. Disposing of them correctly also keeps them from further contaminating our local drinking water supply.

A permanent medication drop box (**available 24/7**) is located in the lobby of the **Pleasant Prairie Police Department at 8600 Green Bay Road.**

A list of acceptable items is printed on the outside of the drop box. **Do not deposit inhalers, needles or sharps in the box.** Please visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com/services/garbage/quickreference.asp for information about disposal of needles and sharps.

Please keep medication in its original container, and cross off any personal information, leaving the name of the medication visible.

Thank you for taking care when disposing of medication. ☐



E-Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com and enter your email address in the box 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." ☐

Residential Recycling Center

Beginning March 25, the Residential Recycling Center will be open for On-Season Hours. The site will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of the site being closed the first Wednesday of each month. The site will continue to be open from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Residential Recycling Center is located at 8000 128th Street. ☐



Village Clerk

Jane M. Romanowski retired as Village Clerk on January 31, 2018, after twenty-six years of service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Jane also served in roles as Clerical and Executive Secretary, and Assistant to the Administrator. She represented the Village as Secretary and District Director of the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association. The Village sincerely thanks Jane for her dedication and extends a congratulations on her retirement.



On February 1, 2018 the Village swore in Jane Snell as the new Village Clerk. Jane has been an employee of the Village of Pleasant Prairie since March of 2007 as a Human Resource Coordinator/ Executive Assistant. Prior to coming to the Village, Jane was employed by Abbott Laboratories and also has 17 years of experience as a legal secretary/ assistant for local law firms. If you have questions regarding records, elections, Village Board meetings, licenses or permits, Jane Snell can be reached at ClerksOffice@PIPrairie.com. ☐

If Residential Street Lights are not working...

Village staff requests your help to report non-working street lights in residential neighborhoods. A street light is considered non-working when it is flickering continually, not lighting in the dark, or if the light is on during daylight hours.



Determining Who to Contact

Because some street lights in the Village are maintained by We Energies and some are maintained by Village staff, the first step is determining who to contact for repair. The Village maintains most street lights in

residential neighborhoods. Village street lights should have a numbered sticker affixed to the base of the light pole displaying the words Village of Pleasant Prairie. We Energies street lights have a numbered metal tag on their pole.

Report a Non-Working Street Light

To notify the Village when a street light needs repair, please contact us at pw@plprairie.com or at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700). If you're unsure if a non-working light is a Village street light, you can



also contact us. Staff will refer to a street light map and notify the appropriate repair personnel. When you call, we will need to know the intersection or the address of the home nearest the light pole. If visible on the sticker, the pole number is useful as well. To notify **We Energies** when a street light needs repair, you can reach them at **800-662-4797** or at **www.we-energies.com** by clicking "Report a streetlight out" at the bottom of the page. ☐

Fix a Leak Week: March 19-25, 2018

Information courtesy of EPA WaterSense

The Environmental Protection Agency celebrates **Fix a Leak Week** each March to remind you to check household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes. A one gallon per minute leak can add more than half a million gallons per year. Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easily fixed, requiring only a few tools and hardware.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium has a video on detecting household leaks that you may find helpful <http://www.conserveh2o.org/how-to-videos-water-conservation>. Additional information about fixing household leaks, both indoors and outdoors, is available at http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html.

Tips for Identifying Leaks

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you may have a leak.

Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)

Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.



Examine water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there may be serious leaks inside your home from a fixture such as a toilet. ☐

Pleasant Prairie Police Appreciation Association



In 2016 Chief Smetana met with Roger Mayer and Howard Cooley at their request regarding the welfare of the officers of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department. The reason they approached the Village was because during that time frame there was a seemingly endless stream of struggles between law enforcement across America and the public that they served. That meeting was the catalyst of the Pleasant Prairie Police Appreciation Association.

The group grew and other community partners joined the team, including Rick Waller, Rosalie Villano, and Kathy Barker. The main mission of the group is to support the men and women of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department.

The first project of the association was to create and distribute Police Appreciation yard signs throughout the Village to fill as many front yards with signs as possible. The purpose of the signs is to serve as a reminder to the officers that they are appreciated and supported by the people that they serve.

The group also funded the purchase of 32 body cameras for officers and volunteered for a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in 2017, started by Village resident, Sara Borst.

Future plans of the association include sponsoring a cookout for the officers and sponsoring a mental health wellness meeting for the officers and their families.

At the Village Board Meeting on February 5, the Police Department formally acknowledged their tireless work with a plaque. These supportive citizens strive to make sure that each officer who wears the uniform in our community understands they don't serve alone, they have a grateful community behind them that supports them. □

Sidewalk Reminders



It is the responsibility of every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of property in the Village to maintain and remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of a building or property.

The Village requires removal of snow and ice within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate. The ordinance still requires that you sprinkle de-icing material in the event that ice has formed on a sidewalk. Please do not shovel or plow snow and/or ice into Village streets, onto any public sidewalk, or obstruct any fire hydrants. □

Police Honor Guards

Two new members to the Pleasant Prairie Police Honor Guard were installed on February 5, 2018 and were presented with an Honor Guard Badge. Officer Patrick Gainer (*top*) has been with the department for six years and serves as a patrol officer on first shift. Officer Neil Steinmetz (*right*) has been with the department for two years and serves as a patrol officer on 3rd shift. Honor guards assist when celebrating promotions and notable ceremonies in the community and throughout the State. They represent the police department during difficult times where their silent watch reminds us that they are always there, standing watch and prepared to honor those who serve. □



2018 Triathlons at the RecPlex

Prairie Springs Park and Lake Andrea will host the Junior Triathlon on Saturday, June 23 and the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon on Sunday, June 24. The RecPlex will be the host site for the Iron Girl Pleasant Prairie Women's Triathlon Event on Sunday, August 12, 2018.

Village staff would like to invite you to bring your friends and neighbors to cheer on these amazing athletes as they push to meet their goals. Each year, sporting events in Pleasant Prairie draw thousands of visitors to the community. These are great opportunities for people in the community and visitors to the area to get involved in challenging and rewarding athletic events.

Summer sporting events effect the local economy in a positive way by bringing tourism dollars into the community which benefits local businesses, including retail establishments, restaurants and hotels. In past years, it has been reported that these tourism dollars have exceeded \$1 million dollars.

Businesses and residents near Prairie Springs Park can expect limited road closures on Sunday, June 24 and Sunday, August 12. More information will be made available closer to these events, as race courses are finalized. Members of the community are invited to join us for these events as athletes, spectators and volunteers. To learn more about the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon and for a complete list of triathlons and special events visit <https://recplexonline.com/triathlons-special-events>.



- February 25** Indoor Triathlon
- April 29** Indoor/Outdoor Triathlon
- May 12** Do it for the Donuts 5K/10K
- June 23** Pleasant Prairie Junior Triathlon
- June 24** Pleasant Prairie Triathlon
- August 12** Iron Girl
- November 18** Indoor Turkey Triathlon

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Firefighter Promotions and Retirement



Michael Passafaro, along with his colleagues that were highlighted in the January Newsletter, was promoted to Lieutenant on Thursday, January 25 at Village Hall. Mike started as a full-time Firemedic in April of 2012.



Mike worked part-time with St. Francis Fire and with the Town of Paris in addition to working at St. Catherine's in Echocardiology until starting with Pleasant Prairie.

Lieutenant Thomas Clark retired in February after 27 years of service and commitment to the Fire & Rescue Department. Tom worked on numerous prevention programs and on countless building projects.



He was an immeasurable asset to the department. The Village extends a sincere congratulations to Tom Clark on his retirement. □

Historical Society Tools of the Trade



Work is now underway to renovate the 1927 two room Dublin School building and transform it into a local museum sponsored by the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society. The museum will feature displays of historical artifacts from the community as well as act as a meeting and event location.

Volunteers are in the demolition stage, preparing the basement for new utilities, bathroom, kitchen and an HVAC system. Among the many volunteers helping at the Dublin School is Jeff Hammelev, a local retired tradesman who recently donated his **Millers Falls brace chuck**, pictured above, that was handed down to him from his father.

The markings on the tool indicate a patent date of 1868 and patent records show the exact date to be January 14, 1868. These tools were made with a rosewood handle and at one time had nine tool bits that were stored in the handle. It is considered to be a woodworking tool and was the invention of Charles H. Amidon, one of the two original founders of Millers Falls Manufacturing Company, which was located in Millers Falls, Massachusetts. The chuck became one of the company's best-selling tools. Not long after its invention, the company began to outgrow its location and needed more waterpower to support the manufacturing of its products and they built a new factory in Greenfield, MA in 1869.

If you have any additional information about these tools and wish to add to this story, or you want to contribute to the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society collections, please contact HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or call (262) 947-3600. □