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Have a Safe Labor Day Weekend... Labor Day is Monday, September 3

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Monday, September 3 in honor of Labor Day. Village offices and the Residential Recycling Center will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday morning, September 4.

There will be no garbage collection on Labor Day, September 3. Garbage and recycling collection will resume on Tuesday, September 4. Scheduled pickups for the week will be delayed by one day. Bulk item collections, normally scheduled for Wednesday pick up, will instead be scheduled for Thursday during Labor Day week. Electronic and white goods collections will be scheduled for Friday pick up.

Lake Andrea Beach Closes for the Season

Lake Andrea Beach will close for the season at the **end of the day on Labor Day, September 3.** The beach will reopen during June of 2019. Thank you for another safe and fun beach season. RecPlex will be **closed** on Labor Day. ☐



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Groundbreaking at Prairie Highlands Corporate Park

On Tuesday, July 24, The Village of Pleasant Prairie held a groundbreaking ceremony inside Prairie Highland Corporate Park for the future development of HARIBO of America and Advocate Aurora Health Care Center to be located along West Frontage Road and STH 165. Infrastructure improvements and grading for the development is currently underway.

Village Administrator, Nathan Thiel, welcomed guests and introduced speakers. The speakers included representatives from HARIBO of America, Aurora Health Care, KABA, Milwaukee 7 and the Village Board.

HARIBO representative Wes Saber said, "We're coming here to make a home for us, it's not a building, it's not a factory, and we're going to be an active partner with the community."

"It's so exciting to be a part of this opportunity. In standing along with the Village leaders, and HARIBO and all the other leaders to come together and make

this a reality. We are excited to be adding 140 new jobs to the community adding to the economic growth that has taken place," stated Lisa Just, President of Advocate Aurora of Kenosha and Racine.

The ground breaking represented the public development of shovel ready sites within the Prairie Highlands Corporate Park including grading, storm water retention, street construction and improvements, and the installation of water and sewer service. Upon completion of these improvements and including the initial purchase of the 458 acres, the Village will have invested over \$60M into the park's development.

The Village is well on its way to fully recover this investment through land sales and the future tax increment generated by the site. Aside from the HARIBO and Aurora site, there are potentially six remaining lots totaling 124 acres of land for future development. The Village is encouraged to see the significant interest of potential developers and industry for these remaining sites.

The corporate park is zoned as an M-5 district, which allows for use of manufacturing and office space. The vision of Prairie Highlands Corporate Park is not only a place for industries to establish headquarters and provide family sustaining jobs for the Village, but to administer a visually pleasing campus full of greenery and modern buildings to showcase the national and international brands of business that make Pleasant Prairie stand out on the map.

"The Village of Pleasant Prairie and the CDA Board had the foresight along with Village staff to move forward and make this a welcoming place for our neighbors to come and locate from other areas. Businesses would see Pleasant Prairie as the gateway to Wisconsin and a great place to locate," Village President, John Steinbrink, followed up with, "This used to be a little sleepy town and look at us today." □



*A great place to
live, work & play!*

The Cottages Plans Move Forward

On Monday, July 23, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and sent a favorable recommendation to the Village Board to conditionally approve the Final Condominium Plat and Development Agreement for the second phase of The Cottages at Village Green Heights located north of Main Street at 47th Avenue.

The second phase includes 41 condominium units (29 single unit buildings and 6 two-unit buildings). When

all phases are complete the development will include 72 condominium units, comprised of 38 single-family buildings and 17 two-family buildings. The development is consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, including the Village Green Neighborhood Plan, the Conceptual Plan, and the Preliminary Condominium Plat.

"As the Village continues to grow with new family sustaining jobs we need to keep up with housing demand," says Jean Werbie-Harris the Community Development Director, "We are proud to see beautiful housing developments in the Village and we are looking forward to the families that will make a living here." □

Pedestrian Road Safety

Recently, pedestrian and road safety has been a significant concern within the Village. Pedestrian and driver safety is always a priority within the Village and fundamentally it is about increasing awareness. Whether it is driver awareness of surroundings, or pedestrian awareness of oncoming traffic, or child awareness of road safety, increased awareness reduces injuries and fatalities.

The information below is courtesy of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). In all cases, attentiveness, patience and respect for others on the road will make any driving situation safer and less stressful for all involved.

Drivers must

- Yield to pedestrians when crossing a sidewalk or entering an alley or driveway
- Yield to pedestrians who have started crossing at an intersection or crosswalk on a "walk" signal or a green light, if there is no walk signal
- Yield to pedestrians who are crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection where there are no traffic lights or control signals
- Not overtake and pass any vehicle that stops at an intersection or crosswalk to permit a pedestrian or bicyclist to cross the roadway safely

Pedestrians must

- Yield to drivers when crossing a road where there is no intersection or crosswalk or where the pedestrian does not have a green or "walk" signal and where vehicles have a green signal



- Not suddenly move into the path of a closely approaching vehicle that does not have sufficient time to yield for a pedestrian
- Walk on and along the left side of a highway when not walking on a sidewalk. Note: This law does not apply to bicycles. Bicycles operate under the same laws as other legal vehicles on the road and should always stay on the right side of the road.
- Pay attention. Make eye contact with the drivers if possible.
- Don't text and walk. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

While many of these points seem common sense, it is critical to share road safety awareness with young children. As an opportunity to increase awareness, the Pleasant Prairie Police department is willing to conduct Kid Safety Meetings for interested neighborhoods. For more information contact the Police Department at [262.694.7105](tel:262.694.7105).

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

Medication Collection Box Available 24/7

Please Do Not Flush Pills Down the Toilet

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, and 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 accepted items is printed on the outside of the drop box. **Do not deposit needles or sharps in the box.** Please visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Services/Garbage_and_Recycling/Medication_Collection.asp for information about the proper 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 your care when disposing of medication. ☐



Disposing of Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Smoke detectors are an important and required safety feature in buildings and homes of all types and sizes. However, once these devices have reached the end of their useful life, improper disposal of smoke detectors could pose a threat to health and our environment.

A majority of smoke detectors used today (approximately 80%) contain a small amount of radioactive material (Americium 241). When mounted to a wall or ceiling, these smoke detectors are safe to use; the plastic casing surrounding the detector is sufficient to block this small amount of radiation. However, if a smoke detector containing Americium 241 is broken open in a landfill, the radioactive material inside can pose a threat to our health and the environment.

How to Dispose of Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors that contain radioactive material must be labeled accordingly. Companies that manufacture detectors accept expired units. Before disposing of an expired detector, remove any batteries. Alkaline batteries may be thrown in your trash, while lithium batteries may be brought to the Village Residential Recycling Center during **Hazardous Waste Collection (the first Saturday of the month).**

Check the manufacturer's user manual or perform an online search for the detector's manufacturer to determine their mailing, delivery, or return instructions. Please be aware that the US Postal Service has strict requirements regarding the mailing of hazardous materials.



How to Dispose of Carbon Monoxide Detectors

While carbon monoxide detectors do not contain radioactive material, they do contain circuit boards and platinum, both of which are worth recycling. **Please recycle carbon monoxide detectors at the Residential Recycling Center.**

To learn more about solid waste disposal options in the Village, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov, call Public Works at **262.925.6700**, or email pw@plprairie.com. ☐

Progress in the Prairie



Earthmovers (pictured left) ready to work in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park prepping the ground for HARIBO of America located along West Frontage Road (120th Avenue) and STH 165.

Grading operations (pictured right) at The Gateway of LakeView Corporate Park. A giant hole has been dug in the ground for a water retention pond. KwikTrip will be the first tenant on the lot. The Gateway is located north of STH 165 along East Frontage Road (120th Avenue).



Land is leveled for Advocate Aurora Health Center (pictured left) located along West Frontage Road and STH 165. Photo was taken with the Village drone.

BACK TO SCHOOL

RecPlex Membership Special

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Special Run: **AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 10**

50M OLYMPIC SIZE POOL • INDOOR WATERPARK • 2 NHL SIZE ICE RINKS • FIELD HOUSE • FITNESS CENTER • SUSPENDED TRACK • LAKE ANDREA BEACH

OPTION 1:

BRING IN 3, NO FACILITY FEE!

Facility Fee will be waived with the donation of 3 items (see Donation List). Must bring at least 1 container of wipes/clorox.

- NO Facility Fee
- \$50 Fall Kids Program Voucher
- DISCOUNTED Rates on Programming
- 40+ FREE Weekly Group Fitness Classes
- FREE Fitness Quick Start orientation
- FREE Day Passes
- FREE T-Shirt or Hat

with purchase of membership:

DONATION LIST

(Donations will benefit Pleasant Prairie elementary schools)

- Wipes/Clorox
- Post-Its
- Kleenex
- Glue Sticks
- Velcro
- Folders
- Dry Erase Markers
- Head Phones - not earbuds

OPTION 2:

- 1/2 OFF Facility Fee
- \$50 Fall Kids Program Voucher
- DISCOUNTED Rates on Programming
- 40+ FREE Weekly Group Fitness Classes
- FREE Fitness Quick Start orientation
- FREE Day Passes
- FREE T-Shirt or Hat

Choose one option only. New members only. Some restrictions apply.

P: 262.947.0437

W: recplexonline.com

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Pleasant Prairie Recycles

The Village of Pleasant Prairie uses single stream recycling which is a process where all recycling materials are combined together and then later sorted at a remote transfer site. This allows you to combine paper, cardboard and other recycling materials into one recycling cart. Since recycled materials have a significantly reduced the tipping fee, compared to garbage, the Village saves when recycling.

In 2017 there was 7,260 tons of waste generated by the Village, and the tipping fees to dispose of this waste cost the Village \$303,821, which is based on a tipping fee of \$44.60 per ton. The Village recycled 2,234 tons of materials. Keeping more waste out of landfills is fiscally responsible for the Village.

Items to Place in recycling cart:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Chip paper (cereal boxes)
- Mixed paper (magazines and newspapers)
- Office paper
- Shrink/stretch wrap
- All plastic bottles, cans, containers that contain the the recyclable symbol
- Glass containers
- Aluminum cans and containers
- Steel cans and containers



Village Shred Event

Saturday, September 8
9:00 a.m. to noon
Residential Recycling
Center 8000 128th St.



On Saturday, September 8 between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Village residents are invited to bring unwanted personal documents to the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street (Russell Road), for on-site destruction.

Residents may bring as many personal documents as they can carry for on-site destruction by Paper Tiger. Paper Tiger provides trucks with custom-built shredders that can efficiently destroy confidential paper documents and CDs.

This service is free of charge for residents.

Destroying old documents containing personal information can be a simple and important step towards protecting yourself from fraud and identity theft. It prevents your confidential and personal information from falling into the wrong hands after you dispose of it.

After destroying your documents on-site, Paper Tiger will recycle all of the shredding it collects into a variety of paper products.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700) or email pw@plprairie.com.

To learn more about Paper Tiger, visit www.yourpapertiger.com. 

Better Earth Clothing and Textile Recycling Box

Available at the Residential Recycling Center

Residents interested in recycling clothing and household textiles will find a [Better Earth recycling box](#) at the **Residential Recycling Center (8000 128th Street)**. Used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, towels, blankets, and similar household textiles are accepted.

Items should be placed into closed plastic bags to keep items dry and protected from moisture, mold and mildew so that they can be shared with people in need worldwide. Overly worn or stained clothing/textiles will be re-purposed for other uses, such as polishing cloths, insulation, building material, and more.

Very little remains at the end of the recycling process. By using the box, you can help provide employment and affordable clothing to people in the U.S. and developing countries.

The Residential Recycling Center is open **Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** ☐



Village Commissions' Appointments

The Village would like to welcome the new and reappointed members to the following commissions:

Community Development Authority: John Steinbrink reappointed as chairperson, Mike Serpe reappointed as commission member, Gary Hutchins as new commission member and John Magnan as new commission member.

Police and Fire Commission: Jeff Flasch as new commission member and Mary Waldon as new commission member.

Park Commission: Christopher Bilik as new commission member.

Those appointed to boards and commissions are Village residents who have expertise related to their particular position along with a willingness to serve their community. Residents may apply for the following boards and commissions anytime and their applications will be kept on file for future openings: Police & Fire Commission, Parks Commission, Board of Appeals, Plan Commission and Community Development Authority. Village residents interested in using their expertise to serve in one of these capacities may see application instructions at PleasantPrairieWI.gov. ☐

Photo Contest

Open Online Voting begins Soon



Photo by Andrea Beyer-Bowden

Thank you to everyone for submitting their photos to the Animals on the Prairie photo contest.

The photo contest comes to a close on August 17. The Village has received over forty photos of pets and wildlife in Pleasant Prairie. Selected photos will be available to open voting via SurveyMonkey at PleasantPrairieWI.gov from August 20 to August 31. Only Village residents are eligible to vote. The photos with the top three highest votes will be the winners and 9 honorable mentions will be selected. Winners will be announced and contacted in September. ☐

Let's Get Social

Twitter @PIPrairieWI and
Facebook @villageofpleasantprairiewi



Safety Day in the Prairie

Saturday, September 22



Photo by Sabrina Childers Photography

Please join members of the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue at the third annual Safety Day in the Prairie. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 22 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at Fire Station #1 (3801 Springbrook Road).

This is a **free** event and is open to the public.

Safety Day in the Prairie will feature:

- Fire station tours and safety house exhibit
- Rescue demonstrations
- Tours of the 100ft ladder truck
- Meeting your Pleasant Prairie firefighters
- Flight for Life helicopter landing scheduled to appear early in the event
- Wisconsin State Patrol seatbelt demonstrations
- Presentations from law enforcement
- Complimentary refreshments

Safety Day in the Prairie is sponsored by the Pleasant Prairie Fire Rescue Association, Inc. and made possible through the generous donations of individuals and corporations in the Village. More information is available by calling Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue at **262.694.8027**.

Safety Day is being held in advance of Fire Prevention month in October. Pleasant Prairie Fire and Rescue encourages all residents to have a fire safety plan and to discuss fire safety with all members of their households. □

Pleasant Prairie Historical Society



In 1950, Don Higgins moved to Kenosha to work for Southport Lumber Company, but with him he brought dreams of opening his own greenhouse. Don learned the greenhouse trade while working for Maytag Gardens in Lake Geneva. After moving to Kenosha, Don bought land on Cooper Road in Pleasant Prairie, where he planned on opening his own greenhouse.

That plan became a reality when Don bought a greenhouse in Danville, Illinois, disassembled it, and brought it all the way back to Pleasant Prairie, where he reassembled it and opened Don Higgins Greenhouse, the "House of Geraniums," in 1954. Don and his wife Myrtle (pictured to the right) ran the business, with the help of their two children, Karen and Wayne. Wayne fondly recalls working at the greenhouse as a child. He helped out with every aspect of the business, from operating the cash register, to putting together bouquets with his mother. He specifically remembers sitting with his father for hours and hours making geranium cuttings. Wayne was only ten years old when the greenhouse opened, but when he was older he took care of the business while his parents were away. This was the only time Don and Myrtle had a break, since running the greenhouse required their daily, undivided attention.



After Don became ill and passed in 1972, Myrtle continued to run the business for a few years before selling the greenhouse. The greenhouse was then later resold, expanded and is currently operated by a local Pleasant Prairie resident. The greenhouse is now referred to as Anton's Greenhouse, at 9140 Cooper Road.

If you have more information or wish to share any local stories, photographs or objects relating to Pleasant Prairie history, please contact **HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org** or **262-947-3600**. □