



## Former Power Plant Site Improvements Planned

On August 8, the Village Board approved the Master Conceptual Plan to redevelop a portion of the former We Energies Power Plant site. Neal Driscoll made the requests with DPML 95th Street, LLC (Dermody Properties). The Certified Survey Map (CSM) that intends to subdivide the property at 8000 95th Street into three lots received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission on July 18. The Master Conceptual Plan proposes redeveloping Lot 2 of the CSM into a 198-acre industrial park known as LogistiCenter.

Out of the three lots in the CSM, Wisconsin Electric Power Company plans to retain the 102 acres in Lot 1, the 100 acres in Lot 3, and the existing utility substations on the two lots. The remaining 198 acres Wisconsin Electric Power Co. owns in Lot 2 will be sold to Dermody Properties for industrial development.

The Master Conceptual Plan proposes constructing three industrial buildings on Lot 2, generally located north of 95th Street, between the Canadian Pacific Railway and Union Pacific Railway. The first facility will be approximately 550,000 square feet, the second around 620,000 square feet, and the final building about 1,116,000 square feet. Dermody Properties and its partners intend to own the real estate long-term, leasing the buildings to future tenants. Vertical building development will likely occur in two or three phases, dependent on market conditions. The first of the three buildings is proposed to be complete by January 2024.

As part of the project, Dermody Properties will extend 80th Avenue into Lot 2 from 95th Street, ending in a cul-de-sac. The extension will include public sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main.

Other stormwater management facilities, including four stormwater basins will be constructed on the site. Municipal water will be looped in from the north, along with a private road extending south from Bain Station Road, through Lot 3, and surrounding site developments to ensure alternative access for emergency services.

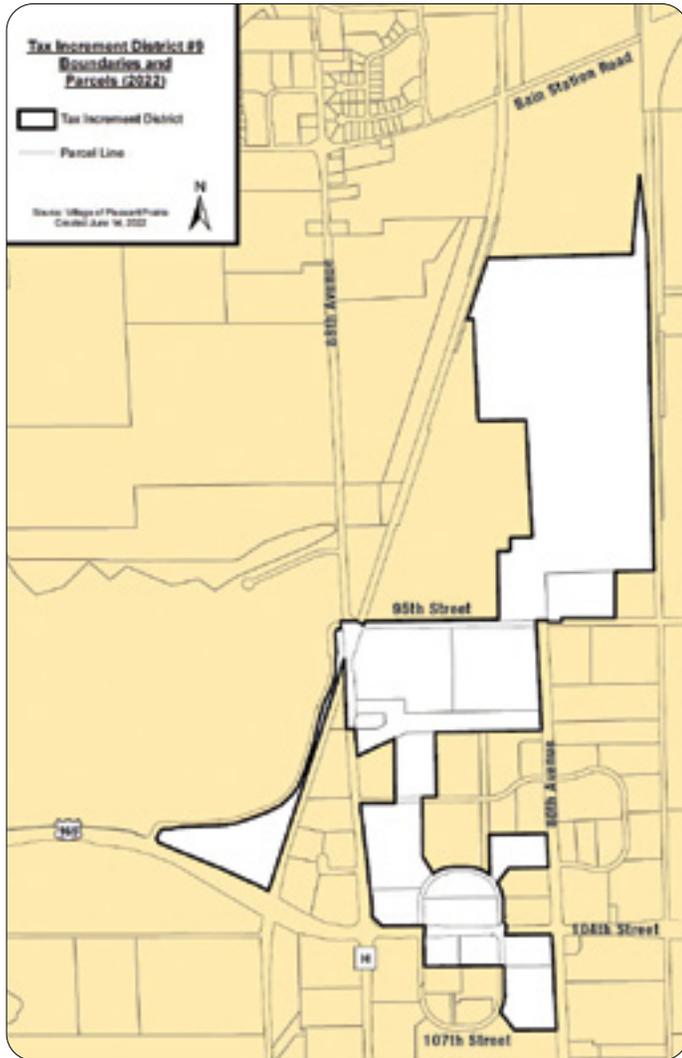
“The development of Lot 2 will provide opportunities for new industrial buildings similar to the adjacent structures in LakeView Corporate Park,” said Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. “The Master Conceptual Plan also proposes dedicating a 2-acre park to the Village at the northwest corner of 80th Avenue and 95th Street that the Village would use to tell the story about the history and economic impact We Energies had on Pleasant Prairie.” □



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# Boundaries Established for Tax Incremental District No. 9

On August 8, the Village Board approved Resolution 22-28, designating the Boundaries and Project Plan for Dermody Properties Tax Incremental District No. 9 (TID 9). The property in the District has industrial-related land use designations, with land comprised of 17 parcels, generally located between 80th and 88th Avenues and 85th and 107th Streets. The new District intends to attract new industrial businesses, spur economic development, and create jobs.



"The proposed TID 9 will aid in bringing new industrial development to the area and includes a portion of the former We Energies Power Plant, with additional surrounding properties that total approximately 417 acres," explained Kathy Goessl, Interim Village Administrator. "The developer-funded TID will provide financing for public infrastructure improvements that will not only benefit the redevelopment of the former power plant site but will also provide benefits to the entire community."

Proposed public infrastructure improvements for TID 9 include extending 80th Avenue north from 95th Street, ending in a cul-de-sac with stormwater and sanitary sewer management systems. Other improvements include a water main loop and a private roadway from Bain Station Road south to provide an alternate emergency access route. Additional projects include a multi-use path on 95th Street, sidewalks along 80th Avenue, several intersection enhancements, and Bain Station Road connection with 85th Street at Green Bay Road.

Over the lifespan of TID 9, the District will collect sufficient value to finance and cover the proposed public improvements in and around TID 9. The District takes the debt and finance cost burden for public improvements off the taxpayers. The total improvement cost attributed to TID 9 is estimated at \$16,945,000, including design, construction, financing, administration, and other expenses. Dermody Properties intends to develop 198 acres of TID 9 and has agreed to fund a portion of the public and private infrastructure improvement costs through a Private Municipal Revenue Obligation (MRO), estimated at \$6,845,000. The privately financed improvements are eligible for reimbursement from TID 9 following building construction.

The approval process to create TID 9 was done in three phases and required approval from the Joint Review Board (JRB), Village Plan Commission, and Village Board. The first JRB meeting was held on July 12. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on the proposed creation of TID 9 and the Project Plan on July 18. The Village Board approved the TID 9 proposal on August 8. The second and final JRB meeting took place on August 23, 2022. □

## Power Plant Site Cleanup

The Wisconsin Electric Power Company (We Energies) has razed the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant that operated between 1976 and 2018. We Energies began decommissioning the building and site infrastructure in 2020.

On August 6, the We Energies demolition contractor, Brandenburg, took down the last section of the coal bunker. The ground cleanup and removal activity of steel and debris continued in the following weeks. The estimated completion of the abatement project is anticipated in October 2022. □



# We Energies Water Pipeline Agreement



Throughout the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (We Energies) abatement process of the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant, the Village has worked on a plan with We Energies for the in-place abandonment of water pipelines that connect the former power plant to Lake Michigan.

During the Village Board meeting on August 8, the Village Board approved an amendment to Article III of Chapter 234 of the Village Municipal Code that allows the Board to review and approve alternative abandonment plans of water transmission lines. In addition, the Board approved an agreement between We Energies and the Village of Pleasant Prairie for the in-place abandonment of three water pipelines, including:

- An original 30-inch intake line that was shut down and ceased operations in 1988.
- A replacement 30-inch intake line that served the facility until the power plant closure in 2018.
- An 18-inch line that was used intermittently to discharge stormwater after the plant was shut down.

We Energies provided a pipeline abandonment plan to the Village. The approved agreement allows We Energies to abandon the waterlines without fill or removal. We Energies made a one-time payment to the Village, totaling \$412,500, and the Village will assume ownership and responsibility for portions of the retired pipelines within Village public rights of way. Additionally, the agreement specifies that We Energies will retain responsibility and obligations for the sections of retired waterlines within private property easements.

“The Village plans to remove the abandoned water pipelines as needed,” explained Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. “The water lines are well constructed and not at risk of failure, which gives the Village sufficient time to approach the project cost-effectively.” □

# Kroger Fulfillment Center Launch



On June 28, Pleasant Prairie representatives were honored to congratulate Kroger and help celebrate the launch of the 336,840-square-foot Kroger Pleasant Prairie Fulfillment Center. The company intends to bring nearly 250 jobs to the new high-tech facility at 9091 88th Avenue.

“We could not be happier to have Kroger join our community and bring their new Fulfillment Center to Pleasant Prairie,” said Village President John Steinbrink Sr. “The new facility is a tremendous example of how a company’s vision and collaboration with the Village can provide new jobs to the region.”

During the development period, Village staff worked with Kroger, Kenosha County, and Wisconsin DOT on a Transportation Economic Assistance Grant that helped widen Highway H by adding turn lanes. The road improvements represent a significant investment that will ensure traffic surrounding the facility continues to flow smoothly.

Kroger's Fulfillment Center is cooled and refrigerated to store food products. Customer orders are fulfilled on-site by automated and manual product selection methods and delivered to homes by refrigerated vans, serving customers in Wisconsin, northern Illinois, and northwest Indiana. □



## Café Relocating to Village



Following a public hearing on August 1, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit and Site and Operational Plans for Daily Dose Café. The City of Kenosha-based restaurant and coffee shop intends to relocate from its current location at 6010 40th Avenue to a much larger building at 4512 75th Street (former Garbo Motor Sales used vehicle dealership) in Pleasant Prairie. Plans for the property include a building addition, remodeling, and site improvements for the café, including an outdoor dining area and a drive-through.

Daily Dose Café owners Tom and Jennifer Capponi have operated out of the Kenosha location since 2007 and, after nearly 15 years, have outgrown the current 800-square-foot location. The new site consists of a 1,935-square-foot building; however, a 1,217-square-foot addition is planned for the north side of the primary structure to expand the building area to 3,152-square-feet. As a result, the new location will be three times as large as the original location when renovations are complete.

The new Daily Dose Café location is less than two miles away from the previous site, allowing the café to continue serving its existing customer base,” said Community Development Director Jean Werbie-Harris. “In addition, the building improvements will bring a visually appealing look to the existing structure while providing opportunities for the restaurant to accommodate additional customers in a larger space with additional seating and drive-through or pick-up opportunities.”

Daily Dose serves coffee drinks and offers a full breakfast, lunch menu, and desserts. The café will be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and accept deliveries between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The new location for Daily Dose anticipates having eight full-time and 14 part-time employees working two shifts. □



## 75th Street Commercial Building Improvements



On August 15, the Plan Commission approved Site and Operational Plans and sent a favorable recommendation to the Village Board for Zoning Map and Text Amendments for the property at 4721 75th Street. The property's new owner, Larry Jouett with TGI Holdings LLC, made the request. Site enhancements include redeveloping the location's 7,830 square foot multi-tenant office building and razing the property's eastern residential house for expanded parking.

The property zoning is B-2, Community Business District, which allows a multi-tenant commercial building for office-related uses. The zoning does not allow residential use; therefore, the existing residential home on the property is considered legal nonconforming use. Razing the house will bring the parcel to a legal conforming use, providing more space for parking lot improvements that establish better site access, parking, and circulation.

The parking lot modifications incorporate two access points, one on 75th Street and another on 49th Avenue. Plans for the improved lot include a curb and gutter, storm sewers, and a newly created green space in front of the building with a monument sign. The lot proposal comprises 22 parking spaces, which includes one handicapped-accessible parking space. Additional site improvements incorporate a new dumpster enclosure, fencing, landscaping, and an updated commercial building exterior with minor interior alterations.

“The proposed redevelopment of this site, tied with the reconstruction of 75th Street, will revitalize and bring a fresh look to the existing building and area,” said Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. “I look forward to seeing the completion of this project and the other business improvements on this stretch of road. The investments that are being made will significantly enhance this section of the Village.”

The primary tenant within the building will be The Gratz, Inc., a website builder and digital marketing company. Other tenants include Century 21, Sound Investment Solutions, and Jouett Holdings LLC. □

# Governor Evers Announces \$400,000 TEA Rail Grant

On June 14, a release on behalf of Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), announced a \$400,000 Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) grant to build a rail spur in Pleasant Prairie that will help Balcan Innovations, Inc. add 80 manufacturing jobs.

“Balcan is making a major investment in Pleasant Prairie to grow their business and add good jobs to southeast Wisconsin,” Gov. Evers said. “We are pleased to work with the Village of Pleasant Prairie to support this growing business by investing in transportation infrastructure.”

Balcan is a leading North American producer of flexible packaging and lamination films. In 2021, Balcan acquired a manufacturing plant that had ceased operations earlier in the year, resulting in the loss of 40 full-time jobs. In addition to the cost of acquiring the property, Balcan plans to further invest in the facility for site improvements and new manufacturing equipment. Balcan expects to create 80 new jobs at the facility.

The TEA grant will help construct a turnout from the Union Pacific Railroad mainline and about 1,760 feet of new spur track to allow Balcan to receive rail shipments of plastic resin, the primary raw material used in their manufacturing process. Construction is expected to begin this year.

“The TEA grant and rail spur connectivity allows Balcan to supply the facility in the most economic and environmentally friendly manner,” explained Balcan CEO Dano Lister. “It is the next crucial step in developing our US flagship manufacturing location. We are thrilled to be in Pleasant Prairie, and grateful for the support of the State of Wisconsin.”



“The Village is delighted that WisDOT is awarding a TEA grant to help fund the rail spur improvement project at Balcan Innovations,” said Community Development Director Jean Werbie-Harris.

“The company has created manufacturing jobs and continues to enhance an existing industrial building. The investment in the Pleasant Prairie facility will allow the company to use the rail system to deliver raw materials and reduce the number of trucks visiting the facility each day.”

The WisDOT TEA program provides financial assistance to communities to support transportation infrastructure improvements that will help attract new employers or encourage existing employers to expand. A municipal or county unit of government must sponsor a TEA application. The project must have the local government’s endorsement, and must benefit the public. □

## Area Businesses Host Grand Opening Events

### Buffalo Wild Wings ‘GO’ (4623 75th St Suite #12)

A new takeout and delivery-focused model for Buffalo Wild Wings is located in the Center 50 strip mall in Pleasant Prairie. The carryout restaurant held a grand opening ceremony on July 8. The



Pleasant Prairie ‘Go’ location is the first in Wisconsin. It features a walk-up counter, digital menu boards, limited seating and offers traditional and boneless wings, all 26 sauces/dry rubs, and more. □

### Mathnasium of Pleasant Prairie (6935 75th Street Suite D)

The math learning center that borders the Village, in the City of Kenosha, held a grand opening on July 12. It serves students in grades 1-12 and teaches mathematics from addition and



subtraction to calculus. The program offers resources for all levels, building on what students already know and helping ensure students develop a real understanding of math. □

# 2022 General Election Voting Information

## Polling Places

The Village will have all five polling places open for General Election voting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Voters can visit [MyVote.Wi.gov](https://www.mylvote.wi.gov) and select “Find My Polling Place” from the main menu at the top of the page, or contact the Village Clerk’s office at **262.694.1400** to ensure they visit the correct polling location on Election Day.

## Village polling places are as follows:

- **Wards 1, 2, 3**  
Village Hall – Auditorium (South entrance)  
9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards 4, 5**  
Village Hall – Courtroom (North entrance)  
9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards 6, 7**  
Caterpillar College Preschool  
8411 Old Green Bay Road, Pleasant Prairie
- **Wards (8, 9, 10) (12, 13, 14, 15, 16)**  
RecPlex (South entrance)  
9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie
- **Ward 11**  
Pleasant Prairie History Museum (West entrance)  
3875 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie

## Voter Registration

- You must be a citizen of the United States;
- A resident of Wisconsin and have resided at the registered address for at least 28 consecutive days prior to Election Day;
- 18 years old;
- Not have been convicted of treason, felony, or bribery, and if you have, your civil rights are restored after completion of your sentence or a pardon;
- Not have been found by a court to be incapable of understanding the objective of the electoral process;
- Not have voted at any other location, if registering on Election Day.

## To register:

- Online at [MyVote.Wi.gov](https://www.mylvote.wi.gov) up to 20 days before Election Day. After 20 days, complete, print, and either bring the printed application to the Clerk’s office or to your polling place on Election Day.
- In-person at the Clerk’s office up to the Friday before Election Day, 7:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall.
- Acceptable proof of residency is required.



## Absentee Voting by Mail:

Absentee ballot requests must be made in writing and received by the Village Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before Election Day. You can request an absentee ballot online, by mail, by fax, or by email. Online requests can be made at [MyVote.Wi.gov](https://www.mylvote.wi.gov). Absentee Ballot Request forms can be found on the Village’s Website under the [Election/Voting tab](#). The voter will need to download, complete the application, and return it to the Village Clerk’s office (9915 39th Avenue) with acceptable Photo ID.

The Village Clerk’s office will mail your absentee ballot once printed ballots are received from the Kenosha County Clerk’s office. This is approximately six weeks prior to the Election. When returning your ballot, seal your voted ballot in the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope, complete Section 3, Certification of Voter with your signature and date, complete Section 4, Certification of Witness by having your witness sign and write their address. ***If any of the required information above is missing, your ballot will not be counted.***

Your voted ballot must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. You may return it by US Mail, drop it off at the Village Clerk’s office until 4:30 p.m. or drop it off at the Village’s central count location on Election Day by 8:00 p.m.

## In-Person Absentee Voting:

If you would like to vote in person but not on Election Day, the Village will be offering in-person absentee voting at Village Hall Auditorium (9915 39th Avenue) beginning October 25 through November 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and November 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A photo ID is required.

There is no registering to vote or voting conducted on the Monday before Election Day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Village Clerk’s office at **262.694.1400** or by email at [elections@pleasantprairiewi.gov](mailto:elections@pleasantprairiewi.gov). ☐

## Grant to Develop Public Shoreline Protection

The Village of Pleasant Prairie was awarded \$24,500 in grant funds from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. The funds will be used to develop a planning report that outlines findings, analyses, conclusions, and recommendations to restore Prairie Shores Beach into a conservation area.

The grant funding process began in June 2018 with a land survey evaluating erosion conditions along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The assessment was conducted by Clark Dietz Inc., which provided maps identifying what parcels have good, fair, or inadequate erosion protection. The information from the evaluation helped Pleasant Prairie seek the grant funds needed to design and develop wave mitigation methods that can reduce wave energy to protect against public shoreline erosion.

Erosion is a natural process, and Lake Michigan's shoreline continually changes shape. Waves eat away at the lakeshore and cause havoc along the southeastern Wisconsin Lake Michigan shoreline. The lake is at near-record-high levels, and waves frequently attack the coastline resulting in the Kenosha Sand Dunes within Chiwaukee Prairie losing an estimated 80 feet of shoreline due to erosion in the last several years.

The \$24,500 grant will provide the Village with a shoreline restoration plan that includes preliminary engineering to stabilize the dunes and enhance existing natural features. In addition, the research will contain habitat restoration plans for re-vegetation in the shoreline area to re-establish native flora. It will also include engineering focusing on shoreline protection to prevent further erosion from rising lake levels.

With the help of grant funding, the Village plans to install offshore submerged breakwaters or stills that will trip waves earlier, lower wave energy, and protect the public coastline from future erosion. This project focuses on conserving public lake frontage and is still early in the planning, research, and design stages; protection efforts that develop the wave tripping methods will not begin until later. ☐



## Village Financial Statements Available

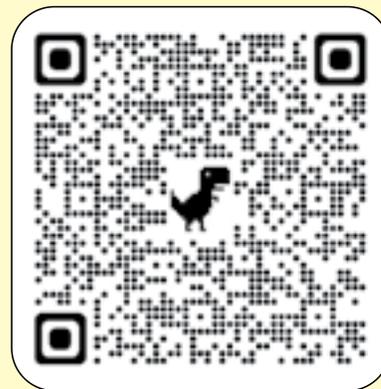


Each year, the Village of Pleasant Prairie conducts annual financial audits that are completed by an outside accounting firm. The independent audit and financial statements from the last eight years are available on the Village website under [PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Departments/Finance](https://PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Departments/Finance).

The Village financial audits are an objective examination and evaluation of the Village's financial statements to ensure the financial records are a fair and accurate representation of the transactions they represent. Cash receipts and expenditures are a significant component of the financial audit. Beyond the yearly audit, the Village also has financial policies and procedures, workflows for approvals of expenditures, and timely bank reconciliations. ☐

## Village Calendars

If you are interested in receiving future editions of the Village Calendar, 2023 and beyond, directly to a home or business mailbox, please register at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Calendar](https://PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Calendar). Registration is only needed once to receive future editions of the Village Calendar. If you have previously registered and received a Village calendar, then no action is need.



Calendar Registration QR Code

The 2023 Village Calendar and Resource Directory will be delivered to registered homes later this year. Calendars will also be available for pickup at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) and Prange Municipal Center (8600 Green Bay Road) while supplies last. ☐

# Future Prairie Highlands Shared Use Path Project



On July 25, The Village Board reviewed bids for the Prairie Highlands Corporate Park (PHCP) shared use path and awarded the contract to the low base bid submitted by A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc. of Racine, Wisconsin. The project is part of the site plan for the PHCP development, which incorporates sidewalk and shared use path pedestrian improvements. The path designs have already been created, and the project funding is being provided by TID 2 escrow and TID 5. After constructing the trail, the PHCP owners association will be responsible for path maintenance.

The new path fits in with the Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Plan that guides the creation of a safe, comprehensive, and integrated bicycle and pedestrian trail network that encourages the use of bicycles and walking for commuting, recreation, and other trips. The network includes a well-connected system of on-street bicycle lanes and off-street shared use pathways that tie together neighborhoods, recreational areas, commercial areas, and employment centers.

The Village accepted public bids for the PHCP path until 2:30 p.m. on July 14, 2022. Two bids were received and publicly read aloud, one from A.W. Oakes and Son, Inc., totaling \$1,196,733, and another from Bradford Contractors, LLC, for \$1,325,383. The project will provide a shared use path along the west frontage road (122nd Avenue) and County Trunk Highway Q.

Countywide plans also call for Pleasant Prairie's bicycle and pedestrian trail system to integrate and connect with other trail systems throughout Kenosha County. For example, the future path in PHCP will connect with the County Highway C path, bringing connections to Prairie Farms and Donald Hackbarth Trails. These trail systems connect Prairie Springs Park, County Highway C, and Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

The Prairie Highlands shared use path is also planned to connect to future trails to the west in the Village of Bristol. This shared use path project is only one step toward creating a more comprehensive trail system throughout Pleasant Prairie and Kenosha County. □



# Village Welcomes Baseball Operations Coordinator

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is pleased to announce the hiring of Sean McSheffery as the new Baseball Operations Coordinator. McSheffery brings his extensive baseball background to the Recreation Department and his many years of coaching experience at the youth, college, and professional levels to Phenom Wisconsin Baseball. This past season, McSheffery was the field manager for the Kenosha Kingfish and an assistant baseball coach at Chipola College in Marianna, Florida. McSheffery has spent time on the coaching staff at Florida International University, Phoenix College, and the University of Dallas and has many connections with college coaches across the country.

In addition to his college coaching experience, McSheffery spent the 2012-14 seasons with the San Diego Padres, working with the organization's short-season Single-A and AAA affiliate teams. He handled day-to-day operations, managed scouting reports, and worked with infielders, hitters, and baserunners.

McSheffery has also worked for several youth travel baseball organizations, including Cangelosi Baseball Academy and Chicago Bulls White Sox Academy.

"We are excited to welcome Sean McSheffery as the new Operations Coordinator of Phenom Wisconsin Baseball," said Brett Christopher, Pleasant Prairie RecPlex Athletics & Recreation Manager. "Sean's baseball knowledge and his proven ability to help players improve their skills will help advance our athletes to the next level."



McSheffery looks forward to building relationships with players and their families, elevating the program's in-season and out-of-season player development, taking advantage of the RecPlex's top-tier facilities, and helping Phenom teams succeed on the field.

Phenom Wisconsin Baseball trains at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex at 9900 Terwall Terrace in Pleasant Prairie. The competitive youth travel baseball organization offers teams at the 8U-17U levels. The program focuses on player development with the explicit goal of successfully getting athletes to the next level of play, whether high school baseball, college baseball, or beyond. □

# Jacob Swisher Wins Jr. National Championship

The Village congratulates Jacob Swisher on his achievement at the 2022 National Physique Committee Junior Nationals in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Swisher is a national men's physique bodybuilding competitor and personal trainer at RecPlex. In June, he won first place in Men's Physique Class D, and earned his International Federation of BodyBuilding Pro Card, which allows him to compete as a professional bodybuilder.

Swisher is a Village of Pleasant Prairie employee that works in the Recreation Department. Community members may have seen Swisher working with clients in the

fitness center at RecPlex.

Swisher is an International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA) Certified Personal Trainer and Specialist in Strength and Conditioning. Swisher's areas of expertise are training for strength, bodybuilding, weight loss, athletic, and conditioning.

"I want to congratulate Jacob on this great achievement and applaud him for all his hard work and dedication to the sport of bodybuilding and our fitness center," said Sandy Wiedmeyer, Recreation Fitness Manager at RecPlex. "If you see Jacob around RecPlex, please congratulate him on this achievement." □



# Safety Day in the Prairie

## Saturday, September 10

Safety Day in Pleasant Prairie is Fire & Rescue's annual fire prevention awareness event. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Fire Station #1, located at 3801 Springbrook Road.



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

### Safety Day in the Prairie will feature:

- Fire station tours and safety house exhibits
- Rescue demonstrations
- 100-foot aerial ladder truck tours
- Ambulances, police squads, and Public Works equipment vehicles
- Special appearance from Flight for Life helicopter and the flight crew
- Fire & Rescue meet and greet
- Presentations from law enforcement
- The Historical Society 1935 Fire Truck Restoration Fundraiser
- Complimentary refreshments and more!

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 held in advance of Fire Prevention Month in October. Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue encourages all residents to have a fire safety plan and discuss fire safety with all members of the household.* □

## Firemedic Ron Weavel Retires

On July 3, the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department wished Firemedic



Ron Weavel all the best as he entered retirement and ended his last shift at Fire Station #1. His C-shift crew gathered together for what Weavel called "The Last Supper" and watched him take his last ride in the Aerial Platform Truck.

Weavel started working for the Village in May 1991, and utilized his expertise in SCUBA diving and water rescue throughout his 31 years with the department. He shared his knowledge and skills and instructed countless surface water and ice rescue training exercises. Weavel also had a passion for the Fire & Rescue Department's history that was invaluable to the organization. He was the "go-to guy" for anything historic. He collected and managed an overwhelming amount of aged equipment, documents, and stories dating back to the Fire Department's inception.

The Village wishes Weavel all the best in his future endeavors. He will certainly be missed at the station and remembered as a valued paramedic, firefighter, historian, and instructor. □

## New Public Safety Personnel

In June, the Village swore in five new Fire & Rescue members. The Fire & Rescue recruits underwent an extensive eight-week fire training academy and attended a graduation ceremony on August 12. Please join the Village in welcoming these new Fire & Rescue members who are motivated and ready to serve the Pleasant Prairie community. □

### New Fire & Rescue Members



Coda Fernhout



Brian Flitcroft



Greg Kite



Josh Thompson



John Waupoose



## Flight For Life Training Visit



On July 20, Flight for Life came to Ingram Park as part of the 2022 Recruit Academy Training. The Fire Department requests aeromedical transport for many incidents, from trauma to neurological and cardiac emergencies. The new Fire & Rescue academy recruits practiced setting up landing zones, radio communication, and loading and unloading patients from the helicopter.

Flying out of the Burlington Base, Flight for Life landed their new \$8.1 million aircraft into the landing zone the recruits established. Upon arrival, the Flight team discussed the new air ambulance with the members of the fire department and the Village employees on site.

This unique training opportunity was organized by Village Firemedic Nate Konkol, who also works as a flight medic. ☐

## E-Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](http://PleasantPrairieWi.gov) and click on the newsletter sign-up icon near the bottom of the page.

You can choose to opt out of the paper mailing list by emailing [newsletter@plprairie.com](mailto:newsletter@plprairie.com). Include your name and postal mailing address along with the words "email only." ☐

## Real or Fake Gun?



Could you tell in a split second if the weapon pictured above was real or fake?

On July 29 at 11:20 p.m., Pleasant Prairie Police Officers were called to the 1800 block of 104th Street for multiple reports of shots fired. Officers located four males who matched the description given by callers. One male had the gun, pictured above, in his hand at the time of the encounter. The four males complied with the officer's orders and were taken into custody. All were under 18 years old, and it turned out the weapon was an airsoft gun, not a real firearm.

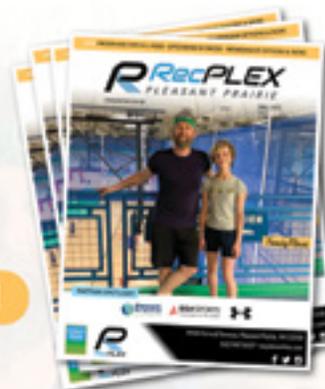
The Police Department urges parents not to allow children to play with weapons like this, except at an approved airsoft range. Police are so thankful the response did not end in tragedy and that these teenagers complied with on-scene officers. The Pleasant Prairie Police Department Facebook page expressed appreciation for the callers who reported the suspicious activity, stating, "The community is our eyes and ears out there. Thank you also to our brave police officers who have no idea what they'll face on a daily basis." ☐

PROGRAM GUIDE

Fall 2022

DIGITAL PROGRAM GUIDE

Check out for upcoming programs/events!



AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
[RECPLXONLINE.COM](http://RECPLXONLINE.COM)



# Fall Residential Leaf Collection

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided in the Village, crews collect loose, unbagged leaves directly from your curb or roadside. Four rounds of leaf collection will take place this fall. Weather permitting, Fall Residential Leaf Collection will run between **October 3 and November 30**.

## To have leaves collected, follow these steps:

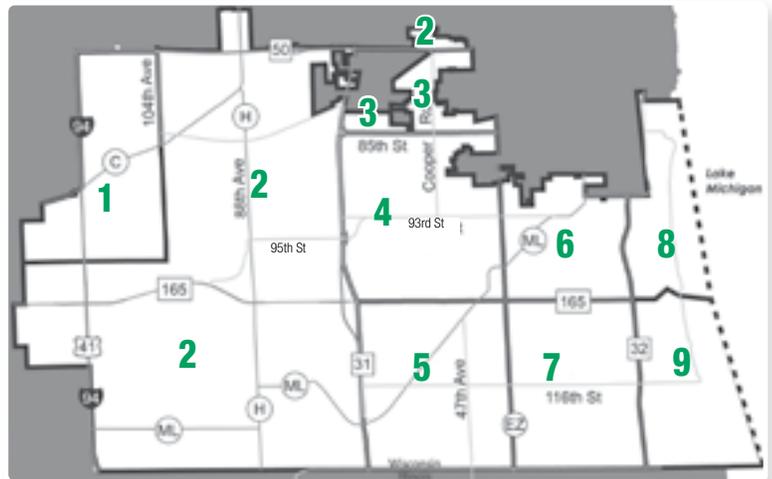
- Identify your collection zone on the map at the right. Then see the schedule to determine your collection dates.
- To prepare leaves, rake all loose fallen leaves into a pile at the curb or roadside by **7:00 a.m.** on the collection dates. Because leaves are collected with a vacuum, the leaves must be piled loose.
- **Leaves must be within six feet of the road and kept off the asphalt.**
- Residents with curbs and gutters, place loose leaves on the grass by your curb.
- Residents with a ditch line, place loose leaves on the grass along the roadside.
- Bagged leaves or grass, branches and other yard waste will not be collected.
- **Do not mix other yard waste, such as potted/garden plants or branches, into your pile of leaves. Doing so can damage the leaf collection vacuum and may cause costly delays. Leaves mixed with yard waste will not be collected.**

Please keep in mind that though collection staff abides by the schedule, there are certain circumstances that may delay leaf collection by one or more days. These circumstances include: delays due to weather, emergency situations that may draw staff away from their regular duties, or damage to collection equipment that would require repair or unscheduled service.

If you miss your scheduled collection days, leaves may also be taken to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street. The center will be open for on-season hours through December 2, weather permitting. The Residential Recycling Center will remain open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. throughout the off-season (December through March). If you have additional questions, please call **262.925.6700**. ☐



The image above shows how crews use a vacuum to collect loose leaves. Please follow the guidelines to the left to help prevent damage to the leaf vacuum and to make collection as effective as possible for all.



## 2022 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

<b>Zone Number</b>	<b>Fall Round 1</b>	<b>Fall Round 2</b>	<b>Fall Round 3</b>	<b>Fall Round 4</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Oct. 3</b>	<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>Oct. 31</b>	<b>Nov. 16</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>Nov. 17</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Nov. 18</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Nov. 21</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>Nov. 7</b>	<b>Nov. 22</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Oct. 10</b>	<b>Oct. 24</b>	<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>Nov. 23</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>

Watch **How To: Prep Leaves for Collection** video at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov/How\\_Do\\_I/View/How\\_To\\_Video\\_Gallery](https://PleasantPrairieWi.gov/How_Do_I/View/How_To_Video_Gallery).

# Interim Public Works Director Appointed

On July 7, the Village of Pleasant Prairie announced the succession plan for the Department of Public Works following the June 28 retirement of the former Public Works Director.

To ensure a smooth transition for Public Works and residents moving forward, the Village has appointed a leadership team to share the duties of the department. Tom Hupp, Public Works Manager of Technical Support, has been named Interim Public Works Director. He is assisted in leadership by Rick Greeno, the Superintendent of Operations. Both Hupp and Greeno have accepted new responsibilities and will maintain the department goals and priorities while the Village searches for the next Public Works Director.

The Village is now in full summer mode, a time in Pleasant Prairie when the Public Works Department and Village truly shine. The Village offers year-round community services that maintain local parks for recreation, sports, and fitness. Prairie Springs Park comes to life each summer with beachgoers, competitive sporting events, and nationally known triathlons. Village staff are busy planning for the future in Pleasant Prairie, and we look forward to sharing those plans. ☐

# Planned Retirement

On August 5, after 17 years of public service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie, Human Resources Director Carol Willke entered retirement. Carol joined the Village in 2005 and was tasked with establishing a Human Resources Department. In 2008 she was again challenged with becoming the Interim Recreation Director and served dual roles for eight years.

Willke announced her intention to set aside her duties in advance and worked toward a succession plan that spanned four years. The strategy helped progress Tracy Hennessey, the Village Human Resources Manager, into the role of Director.



“The succession planning process allowed me time to assist in the transition and fill my vacancy before retiring,” said Willke. “I enjoyed working for the Village of Pleasant Prairie and worked to leave my legacy of professionalism in qualified hands. I am grateful for the opportunity to have contributed to an amazing Village and collaborate with so many wonderful people.”

The Village appreciates Willke for her many years of service and dedication to Village staff and the Pleasant Prairie community. ☐

# Trick-or-Treating Sunday, October 30

Trick-or-treat in the Village of Pleasant Prairie will take place the day before Halloween, on **Sunday, October 30, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



The Village would like to wish everyone a happy Halloween and remind all residents to be safe during trick-or-treat times. Anyone interested in giving out candy or other treats should turn on the front light to indicate they are participating in trick-or-treating. ☐

# Veterans Day Ceremony Sunday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m.



The Village will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony to pay special tribute to America’s servicemen and women at the Veterans Memorial on the southeast side of Prairie Springs Park. Guests are invited to join to recognize the sacrifices and contributions made by our servicemen and women. New bricks and benches in the memorial will be dedicated, and a moment of silence will be observed. This event is **free and open to the public**.

To learn more about the dedication of a brick or bench, please visit the Veterans Memorial page on [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](http://PleasantPrairieWi.gov) under the Services tab or call **262.925.6765**. ☐

# Pleasant Prairie Photo Contest Winners

The Village wants to thank those who participated in the 2022 Pleasant Prairie Through Your Frame Photo Contest. The Village received over 50 photo submissions of scenic views, landscapes, and natural areas in Pleasant Prairie. Photo submissions were accepted until August 12, and the Village hosted open voting between August 15 and 19.

The three winning photos that received the most votes are on the right, with titles and entrant names listed below the pictures. The Village would also like to acknowledge the honorable mentions shown below. These photos will be displayed in the 2023 Village Calendar, which will be available for pick up at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) or Roger Prange Municipal Building (8600 Green Bay Road) in November. ☐



*Bridge Reflections* by Ashlee Niefert



*Photo Contest Honorable Mentions*



*Hawk* by Debra Vieth



*Heaven and Earth* by Debra Webster

# Historical Society Potter's Field: Here Lies the Unknown



When you drive down 88th Avenue (CTH H), south of Bain Station Road, you'll notice a small cemetery on the east side of the road called Kenosha County Cemetery. Humble headstones mark the final resting place of nearly 300 people who died between 1924 and 1972; however, if you take a closer look at the tombstones, you'll notice that quite a few are marked unknown. It is not an ordinary cemetery and is known as a potter's field, pauper's grave, or common grave.

A potter's field is where the unknown, criminal, or impoverished who could not afford a cemetery plot were buried. The term potter's field comes from the Bible, specifically the book of Matthew in the New Testament. In the story, Judas, remorseful after betraying Jesus, returns the money he was paid to the high priests. The priests then use the money to purchase a potter's field (a field owned by a potter) to use as a burying place for unidentified people. The term potter's field caught on as English translations of the Bible were made available in the late 14th century and persist today.

The Kenosha County Cemetery in Pleasant Prairie is owned and maintained by Kenosha County. Since it is a potter's field, the cemetery has only two styles of simple headstones. Earlier tombstones had engraved names and dates of death; later gravestones had metal plates affixed, and many are now missing.



Kenosha County Cemetery is one of five cemeteries in Pleasant Prairie. The others are Springbrook Cemetery, All Saints Cemetery, Saint John Chrysostomos Greek Orthodox Monastery Cemetery, and Good Sheperd Mausoleum. Vale Cemetery was also located in Pleasant Prairie until 1989 when a land boundary adjustment moved it into the City of Kenosha.

To learn more about Pleasant Prairie's history, visit the Pleasant Prairie History Museum in the historic Dublin School at 3875 116th Street in Pleasant Prairie. The museum is open Wednesday to Friday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Admission is free.

The Historical Society can be reached at [262.577.5115](tel:262.577.5115) or [info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org). Check out the website, [PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org](http://PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org), and follow at [Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety](https://Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety). □

## New Park Equipment

The Village thanks Public Works and volunteer team members from Ryder System Inc. for helping get the new playground equipment at Rolling Meadows Park set up and ready for the community to enjoy.

Rolling Meadows Park is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, year-round. The 3.5-acre neighborhood park is at the intersection of 100th Street and 32nd Avenue, with parking available on the street that runs alongside the park. The park offers playground equipment, a picnic area, open green space for recreational activities, and direct access to the southern end of the Kenosha County Bike Trail. □



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