



Pleasant Prairie's Inaugural National Night Out Event

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is thrilled to share the remarkable success of its inaugural National Night Out event, held on August 1, 2023, at Prairie Springs Park. Hosted collaboratively by the Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments, the event brought together residents, public safety agencies, and local organizations in an evening dedicated to camaraderie and neighborhood safety.

From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., families and individuals of all ages gathered at the Ball Field Pavilion. The turnout surpassed expectations, showing the community's collective commitment to safety and unity. David Smetana, Chief of Pleasant Prairie Police Department, expressed his appreciation for the event's turnout, stating, "The turnout and enthusiasm from our community members is genuinely heartwarming."

Echoing this sentiment, Fire & Rescue Chief Craig Roepke added, "The event truly facilitated positive interactions between our public safety teams and the community."

The evening had a number of engaging activities, including safety vehicle tours, captivating live demonstrations from the Pleasant Prairie Police drone and K9 Chase, along with bounce houses, a friendly youth spin the wheel prize games, and a musical backdrop. The Village's thoughtful provision of complimentary food and beverage providers contributed to the festive atmosphere, reinforcing dedication to the event that supports the community's well-being.

At its core, National Night Out serves as a platform for promoting safety awareness, inspiring the establishment of Neighborhood Watch programs, and

encouraging emergency preparedness planning. "This community event focuses on community collaboration to create stronger neighborhoods, elevate public safety, and shape a brighter future for Pleasant Prairie," explained Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch.

As the sun set on the evening, it became evident that the inaugural National Night Out event achieved success. Pleasant Prairie looks forward to continuing to nurture the spirit of community engagement, fostering relationships that enhance the quality of life for all its residents. The event laid the foundation for continued collaboration between public safety agencies and the community, strengthening the bond that makes Pleasant Prairie a safe and vibrant place to call home. □



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Community!*

Pleasant Prairie Launches Online Survey to Update the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan

The Village of Pleasant Prairie invites all community members to participate in an online survey to shape the future of its parks and open spaces. The survey is part of the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan and intends to gather essential information on the frequency of park visits, the overall condition of existing amenities, and the community's recreational needs. By participating in the survey, residents will play a crucial role in guiding the development of future parkland, recreation trails, and natural areas.

The primary purpose of updating the plan and surveying the community is proactively planning for the Village's future park and recreation needs. The policy recommendations and

programs presented in the plan will guide the acquisition, preservation, and development of land for parks, recreation trails, and other open spaces in the Village to meet the needs of a growing and changing population.

The Village Park Commission encourages everyone to participate in the survey. Once the survey is complete, Village staff will present the collected data at the Park Commission and Village Board meetings. The 2023 Park and Open Space design team will use feedback from the survey, community meetings, and public engagement to create an updated plan that includes features reflective of the community's interests and needs.



Take the Survey

To take the online survey, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Survey or scan the QR code on the right. The survey will be available until Friday, September 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.



For those without internet access, paper copies of the survey are available at Village Hall, 9915 39th Avenue.



PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Survey



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The Impact of Community Development



Community growth plays a vital role in the sustainability of Pleasant Prairie. The Village Community Development team maintains a Comprehensive Plan and vision for community growth. New development in Pleasant Prairie has many positive impacts, including generating new tax revenue that supports critical community services.

The Community Development Department strives for sustainable Village growth and uses strategies to ensure a bright future for its residents and businesses. A stagnant community may face economic decline, limited job opportunities, and a lack of investment. While a thriving and growing community presents numerous benefits, including expanded economic opportunities, improved infrastructure, and enhanced services to create an environment that reflects the goals and values of the community.

New development projects in Pleasant Prairie bring physical changes and tax revenue growth. As new residential, commercial, or mixed-use developments emerge, they enhance the Village tax base. The influx of new tax revenue from new construction allows the Village to strengthen and expand community services. With a growing population and increased financial resources, the Village can use the funds to invest in essential items like public safety, infrastructure improvements, parks, and other vital services that benefit the community.

The new development process in Pleasant Prairie involves a comprehensive and collaborative approach. It requires months of diligent planning involving developers, community members, and Village staff to achieve the necessary approvals from the Plan Commission and Village Board. New developments go through multiple approval stages as proposed projects gradually take shape. The process represents a significant investment in time and resources, going through various concept stages, preliminary reviews, and public hearings to attain final approvals.



Pictured above are members of the Community Development Department (left to right) Miranda Steinmetz, Carrie Borland, Jean Werbie-Harris, and Peggy Herrick.

Public comments are taken at multiple stages throughout the planning process. The community collaboration process benefits the overall project. Public input is carefully considered, and aspects are often incorporated into subsequent iterations of a project plan to help address public concerns.

As Pleasant Prairie grows, the Community Development team actively works to balance growth and preserve the unique identity of the Village. Thoughtful development practices prioritize maintaining green spaces and the community's character. The Village maintains large natural green spaces around the Des Plaines River and offers a robust prairie area along Lake Michigan in the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area, one of the state's largest natural stretches of preserved prairie land.

Community growth is the key to driving progress and ensuring a bright future for the Village, its residents, and local businesses. By avoiding stagnation and embracing responsible development, Pleasant Prairie professionally works towards creating a vibrant and sustainable future. □

Safety Day in the Prairie **Saturday, September 9**



This event is **free** and open to the public. Safety Day in Pleasant Prairie is Fire & Rescue's annual fire prevention awareness event. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Fire Station #1, located at 3801 Springbrook Road.

Safety Day in the Prairie is sponsored by the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department and made possible through the generous donations of individuals, groups, 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. ☐

Saturday, September 9

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fire Station #1, 3801 Springbrook Road
Free and open to the public.

Flight for Life

Special appearance from the Flight for Life helicopter. See the life saving aircraft up close and meet the pilots who fly it.

Rescue Demonstrations

Guests will be able to observe safety professionals perform rescue demonstrations.

Emergency Vehicles

Check out fire engines, ambulance, police squads, and Public Works equipment vehicles inside and out. Also a great photo opportunity.

Meet Sparky and More!

Say hi to the mascot of fire safety, kids can enjoy bounce houses, and meet Pleasant Prairie public safety professionals. Refreshments will be available at the event.



HARIBO Facility Begins Production

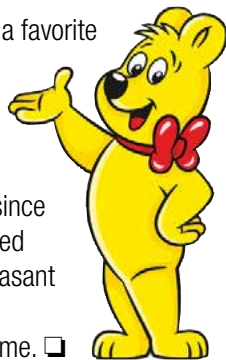


HARIBO of America announced the commencement of Goldbears gummi candy production at the company's first-ever North American manufacturing factory in Pleasant Prairie. The 500,000-square-foot factory includes production areas, an administrative building, and a warehouse. HARIBO plans to expand the site further in the coming years with additional buildings.

The facility currently employs nearly 200 people, and the company aims to add hundreds more as expansions continue. HARIBO officials cited shared values of quality, trust, and independence, along with the area's work ethic and welcoming attitude, as reasons for choosing Pleasant Prairie for U.S. production.

There has been a lot of excitement and interest surrounding the candy factory development from area guests and residents. Many people on social media asked if the facility would offer tours or if a factory retail store would be available to the public. Village staff reached out to HARIBO and the company has yet to announce any public-facing elements. Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch stated, "Good things take time, and we know that HARIBO will tell us when there's news to share."

The iconic Goldbears have been a favorite since their launch in 1960 and are now officially recognized as a registered trademark. HARIBO candies have been imported into the United States since 1982, and the company expressed its long-term commitment to Pleasant Prairie, aiming to be part of the community for generations to come. □



Village Administrator Receives ICMA Credentialed Manager Designation



Eric Rindfleisch, Village Administrator of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Rindfleisch is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and lifelong learning and professional development.

"Eric's achievement of Credentialed Manager from ICMA shows his commitment to excellence in local government management," said Village Trustee Michael Pollocoff. "His dedication to professional development sets a great example for the staff, and we are proud to have him as the Village Administrator in Pleasant Prairie. His collaborative approach to local government management and vision for the community's future shows his commitment to achieving the highest quality standards for our municipality."

Rindfleisch is qualified with almost 13 years of professional local government executive experience. Before his appointment in 2022 as Village Administrator of Pleasant Prairie, he served as City Administrator in Onalaska, Village Administrator in McFarland and Edgar, and Director of Administration in Lodi, Wisconsin. Rindfleisch holds a Wisconsin Certified Public Manager designation from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a master's degree in Public and Nonprofit Administration from Metropolitan State University, and previously served Sheboygan, Wisconsin, as Common Council President and Alderperson. □

Proposed Shell Gasoline Facility



The Village of Pleasant Prairie is reviewing requests from a developer that intends to bring a new Shell Gasoline facility with a convenience store, car wash, and Dunkin' Donuts (Dunkin') to Pleasant Prairie. The development area is at the northeast corner of State Trunk Highway 32 (Sheridan Road) and 128th Street. Robert Stambolic has presented the proposal on behalf of Trevor RE LLC.

The development will remove the four structures on the properties to construct a Shell Gasoline facility with 16 fueling positions, a 4,020-square-foot convenience store with a Dunkin' drive-through, and an outdoor seating area. The project also plans to have a detached car wash facility spanning 2,200 square feet.

To safely maintain traffic flow in the area, the project will include adjustments to roadways and the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Sheridan Road and 128th Street. Additionally, RS Fuels will make the necessary public enhancements on a segment of 128th Street to ensure the seamless execution of the project.

The site has the potential to generate new employment opportunities, creating 15 full-time and ten part-time positions, all of which will be operational across two shifts. The project's design includes provisions for electric vehicle parking spaces. There is also a commitment to maintaining ambient noise levels and to having site lighting that meets dark sky requirements. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2023 and be completed in spring of 2024. □



Café Zupas



Café Zupas proposes renovating and occupying the vacant drive-thru restaurant formerly home to Corner Bakery at 9250 76th Street in the Prairie Ridge development. The company is headquartered in Sandy, UT, has been operating since 2004, and owns 70 restaurants across multiple states. Café Zupas is growing and intends to have 78 company-owned restaurants by the end of 2023, including three in the Milwaukee and Madison markets.

Café Zupas is known for daily-made soups, salads, and sandwiches using fresh ingredients and chef-crafted recipes. Locations typically operate from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with extended weekend hours, and are closed on Sundays. The new Pleasant Prairie site intends to have 80 seats, employ up to 12 staff during peak periods, and have 40 new hires. The renovation plans intend to complement the existing shopping center while incorporating the Café Zupas brand identity. A detailed rendering is pictured above. □

Tank of the Year Nomination

The newest municipal water tower, situated near HARIBO's North American Manufacturing site in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park has been nominated for the Tnemec 2023 Tank of the Year competition. As community members, you play a crucial role in this nomination. From October 2 to 13, your participation can make a difference by casting your vote to support and celebrate the water tower's nomination.

Since 2006, Tnemec has recognized exceptional water tank projects in North America through this annual contest. Voting opens October 2, closes October 13, and the winner is announced on October 20. Contest and voting details are online at [tankoftheyear.com](https://www.tankoftheyear.com).

This water tower showcases the iconic HARIBO Goldbears gummy candy. Muralist Eric Henn's expertise brought the artistic vision to life, with the iconic HARIBO Goldbears at the base and a trail of gummy bears leading to the main tank. □



Highland Estates Zoning Amendments

Receive Village Board Approval

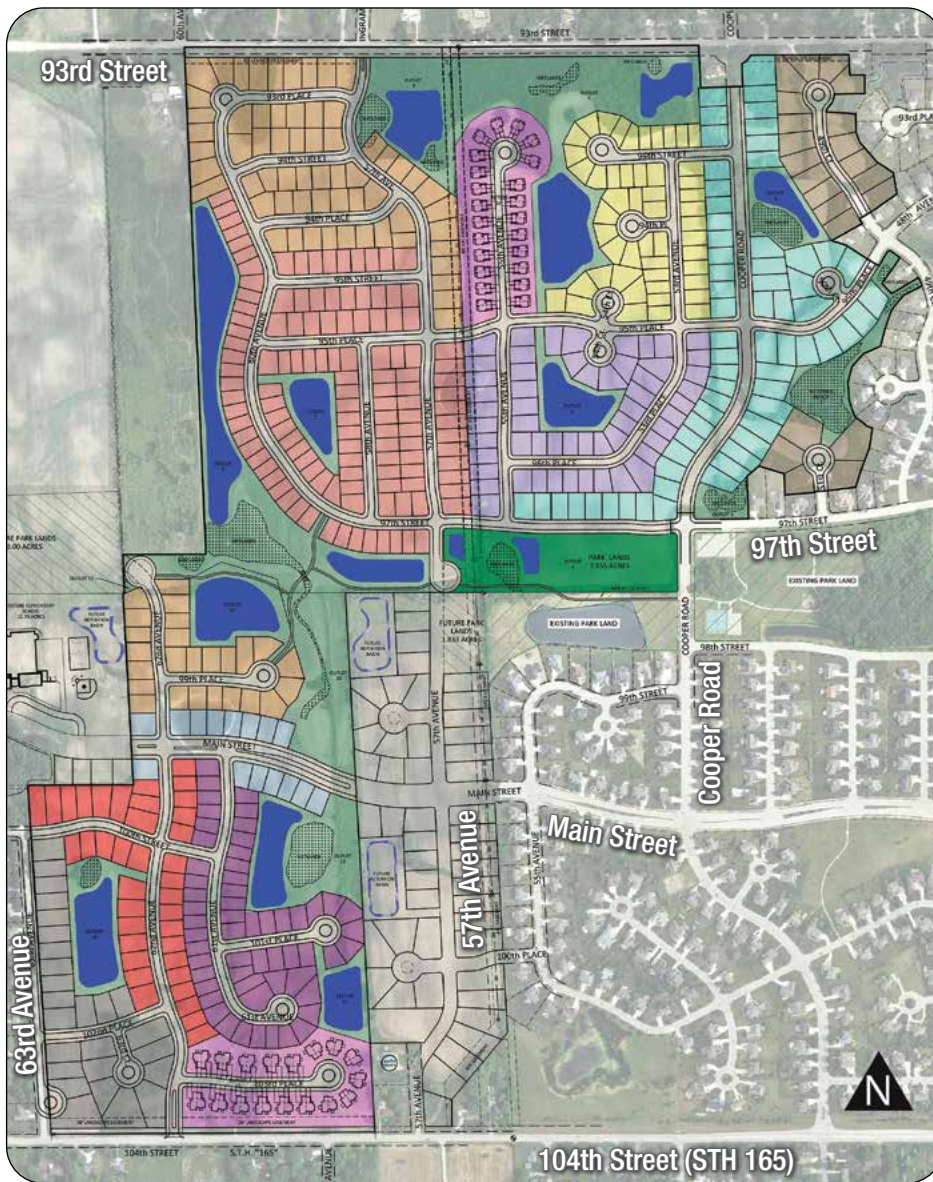
An updated Highland Estates Master Development Plan of approximately 275 acres between 93rd and 104th Streets, west of the existing Devonshire and Village Green Heights subdivisions, received Village Board approval for the requested Zoning Text Amendments. The support aligns with the favorable recommendations provided by the Plan Commission on August 7. It includes Zoning Map Amendments to rezone areas for the proposed development. The approval also creates three Planned Unit Development Ordinances for each residential area, single-family, two-family duplex, and two-unit condominiums.

Since the initial public hearing on May 1 and Village Board Master Conceptual Plan approval on May 8, the development team has worked diligently with Village staff to modify the proposed plans to address the concerns voiced by residents. A public informational progress meeting was held on August 7 at the Village Hall to communicate the changes made to the Master Conceptual Plan. During the meeting, the developer, Sanjay Kuttemperoor of ZL River Development LLC, explained how community input was considered and how adjustments were made to better align with residents' expectations.

To address concerns surrounding the project density, the number of lots, initially proposed at 735, has scaled down to just over 700. Additionally, lot sizes and widths increased for many properties, along with road layout adjustments, to enhance the development's overall functionality and aesthetic appeal. Beyond housing plans, the revised plan includes nearly eight acres of zoned public park space to provide an expanded recreation and community gathering area. Additionally, the developer responded to citizen concerns about the proposed single-family rental units and has eliminated them from the project.

Traditionally, Southeast Wisconsin witnessed the establishment of one-third or half-acre lots; however, the changing economic landscape, characterized by construction costs, industry standards, and engineering expenses, is changing the size of new housing developments. The developer's adjusted plans intend to develop lot sizes that offer quality housing options that are anticipated to range from \$400,000 to \$650,000. The updated plans for Highland Estates has single-family lots ranging from 6,900 to 30,321 square feet, two-family lots from 8,624 square feet to 21,178 square feet, and about 40 two-unit condominiums on approximately 17.56 acres of land.

The proposed subdivision development has taken significant strides with the approval of the Master Conceptual Plan and Zoning Text Amendments. The Village Community Development Department will remain engaged in the planning process, collaborating with the developer over the upcoming six to eight months, during which essential stages such as Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for the first phase will be pursued. The project will develop in multiple phases spanning a decade. Initial construction is slated to commence at Cooper Road and 93rd Street's intersection, gradually expanding in a southwesterly direction. □



LMI Packaging Expands 50,000 Sq. Ft. Facility Addition



On July 19, LMI Packaging held a groundbreaking ceremony for its 50,000-square-foot packaging facility expansion at 8911 102nd Street in LakeView Corporate Park. Third-generation owner and CEO J.P. Moran expressed his excitement about the development, emphasizing his “love” for Pleasant Prairie and the company’s commitment to the state since relocating to Wisconsin in 1993.

LMI will primarily use the new expansion for internal warehouse space, which became necessary due to the company’s significant growth. The company mainly manufactures heat-seal lids for the food and beverage markets, about 3.6 billion pieces annually. LMI Packaging has doubled its manufacturing machinery within the last year and a half. Owners anticipate it will happen again and expect to expand product lines at the facility within two years. This building expansion will add to the west side of the 70,955-square-foot LMI Packaging facility. The company will construct the nearly 50,000-square-foot addition with precast panels and paint that matches the existing facility. Construction crews anticipate completion by early December.

Moran thanked his workers for their efforts and acknowledged Pleasant Prairie Village Community Development Director Jean Werbie-Harris for her essential role in the expansion project.

“We are excited to see the growth of LMI Packaging and their continued investment in Pleasant Prairie,” said Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. “The facility expansion will create additional job opportunities for the community and contribute to the overall economic development of Pleasant Prairie.” □



U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris Visit Announces Nokia and Sanmina Partnership Bringing 200 New Jobs



On August 3, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, joined by U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, visited the Sanmina Corporation, a local manufacturing company located at 8701 100th Street in Pleasant Prairie. The purpose of the visit was to emphasize the Biden Administration’s commitment to revitalizing American manufacturing and to announce a partnership between Nokia and Sanmina that aims to bring jobs to the community.

During the visit, Vice President Harris highlighted the Biden



Kamala Harris

Administration’s efforts to improve high-speed internet access, promote domestic manufacturing, and generate employment opportunities. Finnish telecom equipment leader Nokia revealed plans to produce broadband network electronics products within the U.S. under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. This new production endeavor at Sanmina’s Pleasant Prairie facility is expected to create up to 200 new jobs.

Nokia’s choice to collaborate with Sanmina in manufacturing broadband electronics in the U.S. signifies a crucial moment. Commencing in 2024, Nokia will become the first telecom company to manufacture broadband electronics products in the United States domestically. This strategic move underscores the potential of both domestic and international collaborations in driving innovation and progress.

Vice President Harris acknowledged Senator Tammy Baldwin’s role in advocating for projects that contribute to Wisconsin’s economic growth. The event celebrated the alignment and collaboration among federal, state, and local entities, all working together to cultivate a thriving economic environment for Pleasant Prairie and beyond. □

New Businesses Open at Premium Outlets



Five Below is a chain of specialty discount stores that offers an extensive selection of value-priced items for all ages. The company was founded in 2002 and has nearly 1,200 stores in 40 states. Most of the store's products are between \$1 and \$5. The new 9,198-square-foot store is in the southern section of Premium Outlets near the Kate Spade Outlet. The new store anticipates having three full-time and 11 part-time employees.



Sunrise Boutique is dedicated to fashion and offers a collection of special occasion dresses, from bridal and bridesmaid gowns to prom and Quinceañera attire. The store also offers special occasion accessories including crowns, veils and jewelry. The boutique is 3,750 square feet, with one full-time and two part-time employees. The shop is near the Johnston & Murphy Factory Store in Premium Outlets.



Forefront Dermatology focuses on beautiful and healthy skin. The company's mission is to be the dermatologist of choice in every community they serve. Forefront Dermatology has over 195 independent dermatology locations, with 210 board-certified dermatologists across 24 states. The new location has 3,497 square feet of space for dermatology exams and labs. The dermatologist center is near LOFT Outlet and plans to employ ten full-time staff.



Spirit Halloween is returning to the space where Victoria's Secret was, between Clarks Shoes and Le Creuset. The store is utilizing 5,000 square feet of space and has three part time staff. Spirit Halloween has been bringing the Halloween Spirit to communities for over 30 years. The company started in San Francisco and has grown to over 1,300 stores across all 50 states plus Canada. The store offers a selection of costumes, masks, wigs, accessories, makeup, decorations, and more. □

Village Calendars

If you are interested in receiving future editions of the Village Calendar directly to a home or business mailbox, visit the Village website at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Calendar](https://pleasantprairiewi.gov/Calendar) or scan the QR Code with your mobile device. 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.

Scan this QR Code



The 2024 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 Building (8600 Green Bay Road) while supplies last. □

Shred Day Event

Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Visit the **Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street** on September 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, for the Pleasant Prairie Shred Day Event. Dispose of unwanted documents safely and for free. Paper Tiger's specialized shredders will destroy your confidential papers and CDs on-site.

This service is **free of charge for residents**. Shredding old personal documents can help protect against fraud and identity theft. Plus, Paper Tiger recycles all shredded material, helping the environment. □



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 2 and November 29**.

To have leaves collected, follow these steps:

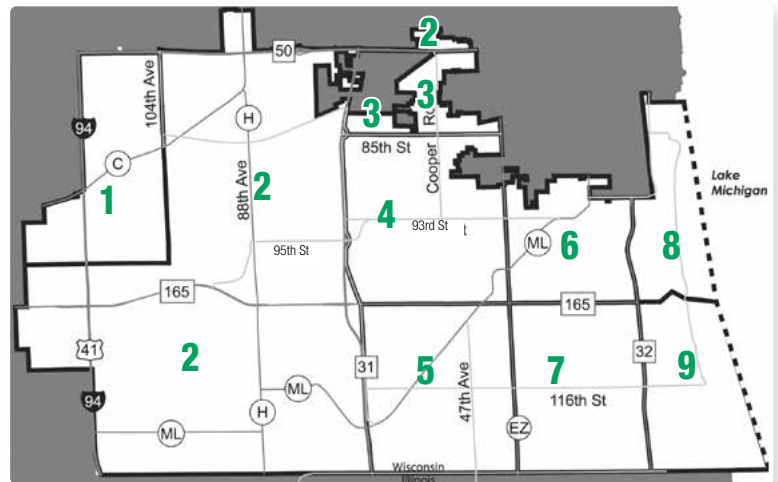
- Identify your collection zone on the map at the right. Then see the schedule to determine your collection dates.
- To prepare leaves, rake all loose fallen leaves into a pile at the curb or roadside by **7:00 a.m.** on the collection dates. Because leaves are collected with a vacuum, the leaves must 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 1, weather permitting. The Residential Recycling Center will remain open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 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.



2023 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

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

Watch **How To: Prep Leaves for Collection** video at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/How_Do_I/View/How_To_Video_Gallery.

Public Safety Teams Compete in Trike Competition



On July 20, first responders met for a thrilling competition at the Washington Park Velodrome. Local law enforcement officers and firefighters came together for the annual First Responders Night. The event at the historic velodrome in Kenosha at 1821 Washington Road held a heated competition among Kenosha County public safety personnel.

In this year's edition of the Battle of the Trikes, the age-old rivalry between fire and law enforcement personnel took center stage. With remarkable determination and sportsmanship, the participants raced lime green trikes. The competition unfolded through three exhilarating heats: one dedicated to the law enforcement teams, another featuring the fire departments, and a final round between the top performers from both groups.

A lineup of individuals for the law enforcement heat included Kenosha Police Chief Patrick Patton, Pleasant Prairie Chief David Smetana, Sergeant Colin Coultrip of the Sheriff's Department, and Twin Lakes Interim Chief Katie Hall. With a touch of humor, Chief Smetana revealed his aspiration to keep up with the competition, acknowledging the challenge of the race. Ultimately, Sgt. Coultrip emerged as the victor.

In the fire departments' heat, competitors such as Cade Kuebler of Kenosha Fire and EMS, Sergio Henby of Somers Fire and Rescue, Zach Keller of Pleasant Prairie Fire and Rescue, and Nick Keller of Bristol Fire and Rescue demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship. Zach Keller secured first place with the added thrill of competing against his brother, Nick. "I think it's just cool we got to do it together," Zach Keller said.

The final lap of the competition saw Zach Keller, Patton, Coultrip, and Kuebler compete for the title of 2023 Battle of the Trikes champion. The race was a neck-and-neck battle, but Zach Keller emerged as the ultimate victor. Expressing his delight, he humbly remarked, "I was just happy to be here and have fun."

The annual First Responders Night at the Washington Park Velodrome showcased Kenosha County's dedicated public safety teams and underlined their collaboration and commitment to the community's well-being. The event was a testament to the extraordinary individuals ready to serve and protect. □

Children's Health Fair

Families gathered at the Aurora Health Center in Pleasant Prairie for a fun-filled morning on August 5. Advocate Aurora Health hosted a Children's Health Fair for the community. The Village's Public Works Department collaborated with Aurora to bring Pleasant Prairie vehicles to the event's touch-a-truck experience. Guests had an opportunity to explore heavy-duty vehicles, including a Pleasant Prairie snow plow and front-end loader.

"We are delighted with the enthusiasm shown by guests as they interacted with our municipal vehicles," explained Director of Public Works Thomas Hupp. "The event gave families an opportunity to climb aboard and explore the equipment, providing insight into the Public Works Department's vital machinery. Seeing the smiles of children and adults while they engaged with the equipment was gratifying. Events like these foster a sense of community connection and help raise awareness about the Public Works Department's essential services and the heavy-duty equipment used to maintain public infrastructure, keep the roads safe, and ensure a well-functioning community." □



Pleasant Prairie Photo Contest Winners

The Village wants to thank those who participated in the 2023 Pleasant Prairie Photo Contest. The Village received over 140 photo submissions of scenic views, landscapes, natural areas, and wildlife in Pleasant Prairie. Photo submissions were accepted until August 11, and the Village hosted open voting between August 14 and 18, 2023.

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 2024 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. ☐



Bath Time by Heather Emery



Sandhill Cranes by Dale Milkus



Heron Silhouette On Smokey Sunrise by Michael Middleton



Photo Contest Honorable Mentions

RecPlex Indoor Water Park Maintenance and Wubit

The RecPlex indoor water park is undergoing essential maintenance beginning September 4 and continuing through September 15, 2023. The annual fall shutdown aligns with the facility's commitment to maintaining a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment. The maintenance concentrates on specific areas, including the whirlpool, warm water lap lanes, current channel, play structure, and purple slide.

The Aqua Arena, featuring an Olympic-sized swimming pool, will remain open throughout maintenance. RecPlex also maintains access to family changing rooms, locker rooms, and saunas. The Village Recreation Department is thrilled to announce that the Wubit, an inflatable water play structure, will be set up in the Aqua Arena and available for family swim hours during the maintenance shutdown. The Wubit offers an interactive and exciting aquatic feature with various obstacles, creating an entertaining activity for individuals and families.

Due to the varying water depths within the Aqua Arena, lifeguards will staff the Wubit during family swim. Anyone looking to use it will need to pass a short swim test without a life jacket. All participants must be at least six years old and are required to wear a life jacket. A few life jackets are available on a first-come-first-served basis; however, it is recommended that users bring their own.



While the indoor water park undergoes maintenance, all other facility amenities at RecPlex will remain fully operational, including the field house, indoor running track, ice arenas, fitness center, childcare services, sports programming, and therapeutic recreational programs.

Director of Recreation Programming Brett Christopher explained, "The water park provides a year-round indoor setting for young swimmer development, family swimming, birthday parties, and more. These annual improvements are a strategic investment aimed at extending the longevity of the popular asset."

The annual closure maintains the water park's quality standards by cleaning and conducting refurbishments that help extend the life of the water park, providing a fun experience to members, families, and guests. Village Recreation staff anticipates the refreshed water park will reopen on September 16. □

Join the Village Team as a Senior Civil Engineer Shape the Future of Pleasant Prairie

Do you know a passionate and experienced Civil Engineer looking to make a meaningful impact on the community?

The Village of Pleasant Prairie invites qualified candidates to consider an exciting opportunity to join the Pleasant Prairie Engineering Department as a Senior Civil Engineer. The selected candidate for this role will play an instrumental part in shaping the landscape of the Village, contributing to growth and development, and ensuring the investments in infrastructure remain resilient.



The selected candidate will apply their expertise in civil engineering principles to a diverse range of projects encompassing roadways, stormwater systems, sanitary sewer systems, and water system infrastructure. The work spans project planning, design, specification, and bidding, making the position an integral part of the community's progress.

Candidates should possess a degree in civil engineering or a related field, a professional engineer license or the ability to obtain one, and have strong experience in civil engineering project management and design.

The Village offers competitive compensation, comprehensive benefits, and a collaborative work environment that values innovation and teamwork. As a member of the Engineering Department, the Senior Civil Engineer will have an opportunity to shape Village infrastructure and support community growth. Join Village for a rewarding career in public service. Apply today at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Employment. □

Visit Pleasant Prairie News and Updates

Pleasant Prairie Harvest Fest Coming September 22-24

Visit Pleasant Prairie, in partnership with Lake Andrea Beer Garden and Pleasant Prairie HarborMarket, will host the inaugural Pleasant Prairie Harvest Fest from September 22 to 24. In addition to a daily lineup of food trucks and the Lake Andrea Beer Garden serving up an assortment of beer, wine, cocktails, and other beverages, visitors will find activities each day of the event.

- **Friday, September 22:** The Harvest Fest events will kick off between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy live music performed by award-winning singer/songwriter Jay Matthes at 6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 23:** The festivities continue between noon and 9:00 p.m. with a free Movies in the Park Double Feature. Coco will play at 3:00 p.m., and Hocus Pocus will follow at 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 24:** Events begin with Pleasant Prairie HarborMarket from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., then live music by Listening Party beginning at 2:00 p.m. The event will continue until 8:00 p.m.

More festive fall activities are being added to this event! Find updates and more information at [VisitPleasantPrairie.com/events](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/events).



Pleasant Prairie Halloween Lights Tour Back for 2023

The Pleasant Prairie Halloween Lights Tour will take place again this October. Follow Visit Pleasant Prairie on Facebook or Instagram for more details on how to submit your home for inclusion in this family-favorite experience starting October 1.

Reminder to Maintain Right of Way

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is reminding residents, including those with new sidewalks in recently constructed areas, about the importance of maintaining the right of way within the community. The right of way is the publicly owned space between private properties and the road, encompassing sidewalks, areas by the curb, and adjacent strips of land. Residents are responsible for several tasks to uphold the right of way:

- **Trimming Trees:** Property owners should ensure that trees and branches from their property don't obstruct the right of way, especially overhanging branches that could interfere with pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles.
- **Cutting Grass:** Regular upkeep of grassy areas within the right of way is essential for appearance and functionality. Property owners need to mow the grass, remove weeds, and maintain the tidiness of the area.
- **Shoveling Sidewalks:** During winter, residents must promptly clear snow and ice from the sidewalks bordering their properties within the right of way. This guarantees safety and accessibility for pedestrians, including those with mobility challenges.



Maintaining the right of way benefits the community by improving aesthetics, safety, and quality of life. It also fosters a sense of pride and shared responsibility among neighbors, enhancing the overall community atmosphere.

Historical Society Pleasant Prairie's First Fire Engine



In March of 1935, a local tragedy motivated the Pleasant Prairie community to form their own Fire Department. When the Town Board received the petition signed by 502 residents, they immediately ordered a 1935 Peter Pirsch Model 21 fire engine. By August 22, 1935, the Pleasant Prairie Fire Department was officially operational.

That first fire engine was in service in Pleasant Prairie until 1961, when it was sold to Fire Department member James Harman. In 2008, the fire engine was owned by the Paris Fire Department, when it was re-purchased by the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Association charity organization. Through several fundraising efforts, the Association raised \$28,457 for the fire engine's restoration.

Before dissolving in 2021, the Association donated the fire engine and restoration funds to the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society. The Historical Society agreed to continue efforts to restore the fire engine to its original working condition. The Historical Society has since raised an additional nearly \$5,000 for the restoration, bringing the total raised funds over halfway to the estimated \$65,000 needed to restore the fire engine.



You can support this effort by purchasing "Pirsch Merch"—unique, high-quality t-shirts, sweatshirts, and stickers, which are for sale for a limited time at the Pleasant Prairie History Museum, or by making a monetary donation to the Historical Society for the fire engine restoration.

You can also fill out and send back an order form, which can be found on the Historical Society website PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org, under the support tab, and fire engine restoration. Contact the Historical Society at [262.577.5115](tel:262.577.5115) or info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org. □

Trick-or-Treating Sunday, October 29

Trick-or-treat in the Village of Pleasant Prairie will take place the weekend before Halloween, on **Sunday, October 29, 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 5 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**. □

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