



2024-2028 Park and Open Space Plan

On January 22, the Village Board adopted the Pleasant Prairie Park and Open Space Plan for 2024 through 2028. The Plan's primary objective is strategically addressing the future Village park and recreation needs. The Plan recognizes the impact parks and natural spaces have on enhancing the area's aesthetics, attracting visitors, influencing community development patterns, and increasing property values. The Plan also emphasizes the importance of maintaining parkland, trails, and natural areas to foster a high-quality living environment.

The Plan undergoes an update every five years to develop goals, objectives, and policies, and to ensure adherence with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements. The Village Parks Department and Park Commission developed the Plan with the assistance of Parkitecture, a landscape architecture firm.

A comprehensive analysis was conducted by comparing the Village's parks with local, regional, and state parks. It also considered population size, demographics, trends, projections, existing parks, open spaces, future park elements, and facilities. The outcome from the research is a five (5) year plan that offers a set of general recommendations that will be used to direct the acquisition, preservation, and development of land for future park and recreation needs.

As part of the Plan, site inspections were conducted at every park in the Village to ensure safety and make recommendations on the park system. The findings, ranging from good to poor conditions, were accompanied by corresponding cost estimates to correct any concerns. The Plan includes an implementation strategy and funding forecast to address the recommendations.

Background information, demographics, and an inventory of existing park and recreational facilities are integral components of the Plan. As new developments occur, some funds are allocated to parks and open spaces, ensuring the continued funding and expansion of trail connections and parks to serve the evolving community. To align with the intentions of the Parks and Open Space Plan, the Village intends to undergo Conceptual Master Plans for Ingram Park and Prairie Springs Park in mid to late 2024.

Another benefit of updating the Park and Open Space Plan is that it positions the Village to remain eligible for grants from the DNR and matching grant funds through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON) and the State of Wisconsin Stewardship Fund. ☐



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Community!*

Welcome Rob Hanson to Community Development

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is pleased to announce the appointment of Rob Hanson as the new Director of Community Development. Rob is a Racine, Wisconsin, native who brings experience and qualifications to this pivotal role.

The hiring of Rob aligns with the Village's strategic succession plan, aiming to secure a successor for Jean Werbie-Harris, who anticipates retiring in mid-2024. Jean has advocated for community growth and development over her 35-year tenure with the Village, overseeing planning, zoning, and development efforts. During the transition, Rob will work closely with Jean to manage departmental operations, familiarize himself with ongoing projects, and grasp the Village's long-term vision for economic development and community growth strategies.

Rob is a University of Wisconsin Milwaukee graduate with professional certifications in Geographic Information Systems from Milwaukee Area Technical College and Economic Development Finance from the National Development Council. For the past six years, he has served as the Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota. Before that, he was Executive Director at a Minneapolis-based business development non-profit organization.



Excited to return to Southeastern Wisconsin, Rob looks forward to positively impacting the Village of Pleasant Prairie and neighboring communities. His extensive background and commitment to community development make him an excellent fit for the role. □

Robin Way Facility Renovations

Congratulations to Robin Way on completing renovations at their Pleasant Prairie facility. The recent facility upgrades were celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

Located at 7377 88th Avenue, Robin Way provides personalized care to residents, helping them maintain independence and providing assistance with daily tasks like housekeeping and laundry services. □



Introducing Café Zupas

Welcome Café Zupas to the Pleasant Prairie community. The grand opening was so popular that the drive through line circled through the parking lot all the way to Chick-Fil-A. Café Zupas is located in Prairie Ridge at 9250 76th Street, Pleasant Prairie.

The first Café Zupas opened in 2004 in Provo, Utah, by two friends who had a passion for exploring and eating. Café Zupas has house-made soups, salads, and sandwiches, prepared daily with high-quality ingredients and flavors from around the world. □



Uline Headquarters (H4) Master Conceptual Plan

On January 15, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved a Master Conceptual Plan to develop an approximate 45-acre property in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park. The approved plan outlines the construction of a 325,000-square-foot Uline Headquarters Office Building (H4). The office building will be three stories with a basement and is proposed to be developed on vacant property north of 104th Street (CTH Q) on the west side of 128th Avenue, immediately north of Nexus Pharmaceuticals.

The project will expand Uline's presence in Pleasant Prairie. Construction of H4 will bring a fourth Uline headquarters office building to the area. The approved plans include offices, conference rooms, dining areas, and a fitness area. There is also a detached 4,000-square-foot utility building proposed. The corporate office building development adheres to the uses within the M-5 zoning district.

The building design will be similar to the existing Uline Headquarters buildings, featuring extensive landscaping, green spaces, and an architectural layout and scale that aligns with the other Uline buildings. The facility anticipates employing over 700 full-time and 20 part-time employees, with many positions relocating from existing Uline facilities. The site will provide 1,061 parking spaces, including 21 handicapped-accessible parking spaces. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024, with occupancy expected by late 2025.

"The development approval shows the Village's commitment to facilitating responsible and strategic growth within Pleasant Prairie," stated Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. "The Master Conceptual Plan for the corporate headquarters reflects the collaborative efforts between Uline and the Village of Pleasant Prairie to create an attractive and functional space that positively expands the job market in southeastern Wisconsin." □



LMI Packaging Ribbon Cutting

Congratulations to LMI Packaging (LMI) on the opening of its 50,000 square foot expansion at the 8911 102nd Street Pleasant Prairie facility. LMI celebrated the opening of the expanded space on February 16. The investment showcases the company's commitment to continued growth. As a third-generation, family-owned advanced manufacturer and supplier of custom flexible packaging, LMI recognized the need for increased production space to meet growing demand. The expansion will integrate new equipment to support company growth and meet customer demand. □



WestRock to Open Cutting-Edge Converting Facility



Atlanta-based WestRock company, a leading manufacturer of paper and corrugated packaging products, plans to construct a state-of-the-art corrugated box plant in Pleasant Prairie. The project received unanimous approvals. Preliminary Site and Operational Plans were approved during the January 15 Plan Commission meeting. Subsequently, during the January 22 Village Board meeting, the Board authorized the submission of a Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) Grant Application. The intentions are to seek a state grant to help fund railway enhancements in the development area.

“The Village is excited about WestRock choosing Pleasant Prairie for their new industrial building on the former We-Energies site,” announced Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. “The LogistiCenter at Pleasant Prairie is actively preparing the site for this development, which represents a significant investment in the community that will drive economic growth and create new employment opportunities for southeastern Wisconsin.”

Groundbreaking for this development is scheduled for 2024. Construction cost for the facility is estimated at approximately \$140 million, representing a significant investment in the Pleasant Prairie community.

The planned corrugated box plant will span 593,565 square feet at 9423 Koessl Court. The location is part of the former We Energies power plant site that Dermody Properties acquired in September 2023. The property owner is overseeing the site redevelopment and is actively preparing the location for construction. WestRock intends to close its existing plant in North Chicago when construction of the new facility is completed.

A driving factor for this location is the site's proximity to the railway system. It offers a strategic advantage that allows WestRock to deliver large production materials, like oversized paper rolls that could not be delivered by truck. Leveraging the rail infrastructure will require the construction of a rail spur. This vital component will enable WestRock to load and unload train cars. The Village is applying for a \$825,000 grant from the Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) program, which will help WestRock fund the rail spur improvements.

The new facility will be used to better serve customers and to meet the company's growing demand. As part of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation TEA grant application process, WestRock has committed to creating 177 jobs at the new Pleasant Prairie facility. □

Buona Beef and The Original Rainbow Cone Now Open

Two esteemed Chicago establishments, Buona Beef and The Original Rainbow Cone, have joined the Pleasant Prairie community. The new businesses at 7523 115th Avenue held a 36" Italian beef sandwich cutting and ribbon cutting event on February 26.

“We are thrilled to welcome Buona Beef and Rainbow Cone to the Pleasant Prairie community,” stated Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. “It's fantastic to witness two family-owned businesses expanding their operations here. They bring a new culinary experience rooted in Chicago heritage, offering a fresh taste, sweet treats, and convenient options like drive-thru, catering, and in-house dining.” □



Concept Laboratories Plans Move to Pleasant Prairie

The Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission meeting on February 5 saw Concept Laboratories, a prominent beauty-care developer and manufacturer, unveil plans to establish a presence in Pleasant Prairie. Following the meeting presentation, Plan Commission members granted approval for the company's Site and Operational Plans, marking a significant step towards Concept Laboratories' expansion.

Concept Laboratories plans to move into an industrial building at 10550 86th Avenue and occupy approximately 146,900 square feet on the north side of the building. The space will provide areas for administrative offices and for the production, development, and manufacturing of beauty-care products. The site is anticipated to commence operations by November 2024.

Established in 1995 by Joel Heifitz and a partner, Concept Laboratories has experienced steady growth and evolved into a trusted provider of body, skin, and hair products, with a diverse portfolio of lotions, oils, and cleansers. Concept Laboratories' move into Pleasant Prairie is expected to contribute to the local economy, with plans to employ 45 full-time and 100 part-time workers. This expansion aligns with the company's strategic growth objectives, and enables the company to consolidate operations from four separate facilities into one location.



Concept Laboratories emphasized several factors that influenced the decision to choose Pleasant Prairie as their new base of operations, including the area's quality of life, robust talent pool, efficient transportation infrastructure, and the welcoming support from local officials and Village staff. The company remains committed to delivering superior beauty-care solutions while making positive contributions to the Pleasant Prairie community. Concept Laboratories anticipates a seamless transition and continued growth in its new location.

"I am pleased to welcome Concept Laboratories to the Pleasant Prairie business community," expressed Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. "We are honored by their decision to relocate their Corporate Headquarters and expand operations in the LakeView Corporate Park. Their presence will contribute to economic growth, create quality jobs, and positively impact the community." □

Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire Brightens Village

On January 6, the Village of Pleasant Prairie became a beacon of warmth and festivity as the Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire illuminated the shores of Lake Andrea Beach, ushering in the new year with a time-honored tradition. Amidst the crackling of flames and the scent of burning pine, a large crowd gathered to bid farewell to the holiday season and embrace the year ahead.

Event organizers Visit Pleasant Prairie, the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and the Village of Pleasant Prairie extend their appreciation to all who generously donated holiday trees and attended to participate in the community tradition.



The Pleasant Prairie Parks Department assembled a towering stack of holiday trees collected from local drop-off sites before the event to prepare for the annual celebration.

Reflecting on the event, Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch remarked, "The Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire is a tradition that brings the community together to celebrate the end of the holiday season. We are grateful for the support and efforts of everyone who made this event possible. It was a truly memorable and joyful evening."

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire a success. We look forward to gathering again next year on January 6, 2025, to continue celebrating this cheerful tradition. □



Capturing Memories: A family snaps a selfie near the glowing bonfire, illuminated by the warmth and light of the flames, during the annual Thirteenth Night celebration.

Unleash the Fun at the Kids & Family Expo

Get ready for a day filled with family fun at the Kids & Family Expo, taking place on Saturday, March 16, at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex. Families, guests, and visitors are invited to attend this free and open-to-the-public event from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

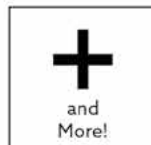
Featuring over 30 exhibitors, families will be able to explore a wide range of products, demonstrations, activities, and information related to youth and families, including youth-related retail, family recreation, healthcare, sports and athletics, education, summer childcare and camp options, and much more.

"We're thrilled to bring together families and our family-oriented vendors for a day of fun and discovery," said Mallory Freitag, Youth Services Manager. "With a variety of exciting exhibitors, hands-on activities, food trucks, and valuable resources, the 2024 Kids & Family Expo is the perfect way to start your family's summer season."



As a special bonus, RecPlex is offering a membership discount to parents to add kids for only \$10 between March 13 and March 28. There will also be coupon for half off the joining fee for those that attend the Kids & Family Expo.

For more information, please call [262.947.0437](tel:262.947.0437) or visit RecPlex at 9900 Terwall Terrace. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun, learn, and connect with your family at the Kids & Family Expo! ☐



Interested in a booth?

Contact Nick:
nadams@pleasantprairiewi.gov

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**KIDS & FAMILY
EXPO**

Saturday, March 16
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

RecPlex Fieldhouse
FREE Admission

2024 License Agreement for Lake Andrea Beer Garden



During the February 12 meeting, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board reviewed two proposed License Agreements regarding the usage of Village-owned property in Prairie Springs Park and the Lake Andrea Beer Garden operation at 10023 Park Drive. Mike Honold of Barrel Boys Hospitality LLC and Sarah Howard, Executive Director of Visit Pleasant Prairie, presented their application proposals.

The 1.44-acre beer garden site, which successfully opened in 2023, quickly became a popular community and visitor destination on the southwest shore of Lake Andrea. The beer garden featured temporary amenities like food trucks, music, and picnic tables along the lake. The adjacent 0.8-acre festival grounds accommodated larger gatherings and special events, such as the Pleasant Prairie Harbor Market, bringing people to enjoy the atmosphere at the park. After considering both proposals, listening to staff recommendations, and hearing that Visit Pleasant Prairie withdrew its application, the Village Board granted a one-year License Agreement and Contract for the 2024 Lake Andrea Beer Garden operation to Mike Honold of Barrel Boys Hospitality.

“The Village Board’s thoughtful consideration and approval of the License Agreement for the Lake Andrea Beer Garden reflects the Village’s commitment to providing a vibrant community space for residents and guests,” stated Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. “The Village is pleased that the beer garden will continue in 2024 and looks forward to the Park Commission and Village Board developing the vision for the beer garden as they work toward seeking proposals for the 2025 season and beyond.”

Barrel Boys Hospitality anticipates building on the success of the beer garden’s inaugural year, with plans to expand offerings and activities that include various food truck operators, beverages, and alcohol for public enjoyment. Village staff cited Barrel Boys Hospitality’s prior experience operating beer gardens at Lake Andrea and Petrifying Springs Park in their recommendation to the Village Board.

The Village Board’s decision ensures that the community can continue to enjoy the Lake Andrea Beer Garden in Prairie Springs Park throughout the 2024 season. Additionally, plans are underway for the Village Park Commission to solicit new proposals for beer garden services ahead of the 2025 season, ensuring the continued success of the popular venue. □

Local Businesses Shine at 2024 Ovation Awards



The 2024 Ovation Awards, presented by the Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA), honored several businesses in the Pleasant Prairie community. Among them, Niagara Bottling received Business of the Year, while HARIBO and Kenosha Common Markets were recognized with Forward Awards. These accolades highlight the remarkable achievements of the local business community.

Niagara Bottling: The family-owned and -operated bottled water and soft drink supplier is very active in supporting local community projects. The company invested \$56 million into its Pleasant Prairie facility in 2014, and further expanded its presence in 2021 with a \$36 million facility expansion to enhance its operations, adding two production lines, three injection molding machines, and 40 jobs.

HARIBO: The German candymaker completed construction on their 500,000 square foot Pleasant Prairie factory in 2022. The company added 190 employees between 2022 and 2023 and has participated in various community initiatives, including scholarship programs, supported Pleasant Prairie RecPlex, and engaging in environmental efforts.

Kenosha Common Markets: The Kenosha HarborMarket, operated by Kenosha Common Markets, has thrived as a year-round community attraction. The success in Kenosha led to the launch of the Pleasant Prairie HarborMarket in 2023, showcasing local produce and goods along Lake Andrea’s shores.

Congratulations to Niagara Bottling, HARIBO, Kenosha Common Markets, and the other Ovation Award winners, the Village congratulates them on their success and thanks them for their investments in the community. □

Pleasant Prairie Seeks Cooperating Agency Status



The Village of Pleasant Prairie formally requested recognition as a cooperating agency in the casino plans associated with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's proposal to place land in Trust for gaming purposes within Kenosha County, Wisconsin. While not opposed to the casino project and land Trust, the Village raised concerns and requested additional considerations for the casino's impact on the Village of Pleasant Prairie and other neighboring communities.

The Menominee Indian Tribe has established Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of Kenosha and Kenosha County; however, there have yet to be any discussions with the Village of Pleasant Prairie or other surrounding communities to address the potential negative impacts of the proposed project. As a cooperating agency, the Village of Pleasant Prairie respectfully requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to withhold further approvals until an Intergovernmental Agreement can be reached between the Tribe and the Village to collaboratively address the impacts of the land Trust on the surrounding area.

The request is prompted by concerns that the Tribe's project may harm the Village of Pleasant Prairie and neighboring communities. On December 11, 2023, the Village of Pleasant Prairie Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 23-39, expressing concerns and formally opposing the Trust request due to the absence of discussions with the Village and the lack of efforts to create an Intergovernmental Agreement. The resolution encompasses various concerns, including potential environmental, social, and economic impacts such as increased stormwater runoff affecting residents and water utilities, elevated public safety calls, heightened traffic, potential strain or required enhancements to public infrastructure, inequitable funding for schools, harm to economic redevelopment, and potential adverse social costs to the community.

The Village emphasizes the importance of actively participating in this decision-making process and welcomes future engagement from the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to reach an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tribe and the Village before placing the land in Trust. This will ensure a collaborative and mutually beneficial outcome for the parties involved, including any concerns surrounding the casino's impact on the Village of Pleasant Prairie and other neighboring communities. □

Spring General Election: April 2, 2024 Voter Details

The Spring General Election on April 2, 2024, features various contests including Presidential Preference, Judicial Offices, County Board Supervisors, Village Trustees, Kenosha Unified School District, and State Referendums. Polling hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. To register, request an absentee ballot, find your polling place, or view a sample ballot, visit myvote.wi.gov.



Voter Registration: New residents of Pleasant Prairie may register to vote if 18 years old, and have resided at their current address for a minimum of 28 days before the election. Those that have recently changed their name must also re-register. Proof of residency is required. Registration options include online 20 days before the election, at the Clerk's office until 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election, by mail (must be received 20 days before the election), and at the polling locations on election day.

Absentee Voting: Absentee ballots require an application with a photo ID by 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election and must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day via mail, hand delivery to the Clerk's Office until the Monday before, or to the Village's Central Count at Village Hall Auditorium, south entrance, 9915 39th Avenue by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

In-person absentee voting starts at least 14 days before Election Day at the Village Hall Auditorium, south entrance. It is available on weekdays from March 19 to March 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on March 29, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For further assistance or inquiries, contact the Clerk's Office at **262.694.1400** or visit the myvote.wi.gov site for additional resources and information. □

Village Clerk's Office



The Village Clerk's office recently relocated its office at Village Hall, located at 9915 39th Avenue, to provide front counter service accessibility to the public. It was relocated from a single office to the main public corridor on the north end of the building. The new location consists of a 10-foot front counter and clerical space for both the Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and temporary staff.

The Clerk's office is responsible for various key functions, including:

- Administration of elections for local, state and federal elected offices including recruiting and training Election inspectors for the Village's seven polling locations.
- Preparation of Agendas, Agenda Packets, Minutes for the Village Board, Board of Review, Joint Review Board, Sex Offender Residence Board, and Community Development Authority.
- Preparation and preservation of ordinances, resolutions, and codification of the Municipal Code.
- Administration of licensing and permits for Retail Liquor License, Operator's (Bartender) License, Temporary Picnic (Beer/Wine) License, Cigarette and Tobacco Products License, Towing Services License, Mobile Home Park License, Secondhand (Jeweler/Article) License, Peddler License, Block Party Permits, and Rental (Hotel/Motel/Short-term) Permits.
- Preservation of Public Records and Public Request Requests, and Records custodian for Village Board, Board of Review, Joint Review Board, Sex Offender Residence Board, Community Development Authority and Clerk's Office.
- Secures the Village Official Seal.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie remains committed to enhancing its facilities to serve the community. "We are looking forward to continuing our exceptional service to the citizens of Pleasant Prairie in our new office area as we prepare for the busy upcoming year", said Jane Snell, Village Clerk. ☐

Become a Poll Worker

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is searching for individuals to serve as poll workers for upcoming elections. If interested, visit pleasantprairiewi.gov/vote to learn about election positions, application process. The positions are not restricted to Pleasant Prairie residents. All Kenosha County residents are eligible to be poll workers in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a poll worker, please visit MyVote Wisconsin at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/become-pollworker to complete a form that will notify the Pleasant Prairie Village Clerk of your interest. If you have questions, please call the Village Clerk's office at **262.948.8935** or email clerksoffice@pleasantprairiewi.gov. ☐

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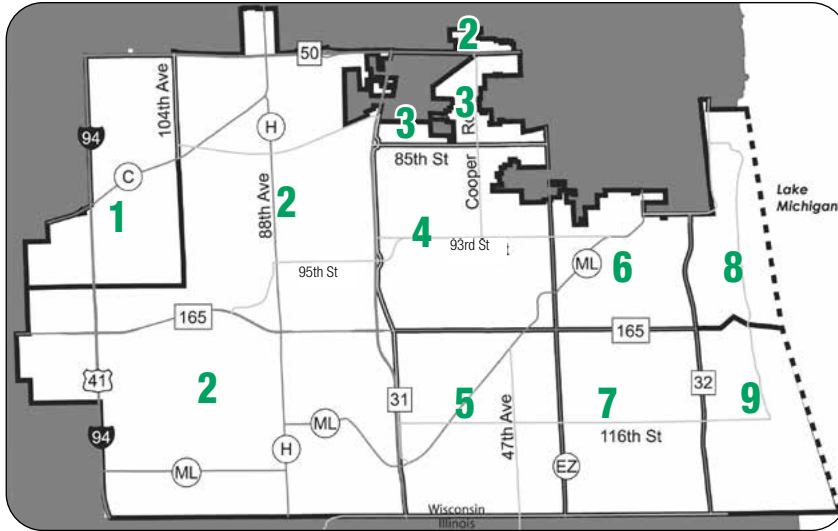


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2024 Paving Projects

Location	Application
70th Street, 73rd Street, and 89th Avenue (North of STH 50 and West of CTH H)	Pulverize and Resurface
Cooper Road, 51st Avenue, 55th Avenue, & 79th Street (north of 80th Street)	Pulverize and Resurface
93rd Street and Old Green Bay Road Intersection	5" Mill and Resurface
Greenway Court	Overlay
44th Avenue (120th Street to 122nd Street)	Pulverize and Resurface
123rd Street	5" Mill and Resurface
120th Place	Pulverize and Resurface
28th Avenue (South of 116th Street)	Pulverize and Resurface
116th Street (39th Avenue to 35th Avenue)	Pulverize and Resurface
116th Street (35th Avenue to Sheridan Road)	Patching Various Locations

Spring Residential Leaf Collection



2024 Spring Leaf Collection Schedule

Zone Number	Spring Round 1	Spring Round 2
1	April 1	April 12
2	April 2	April 12
3	April 3	April 15
4	April 4	April 16
5	April 5	April 16
6	April 8	April 17
7	April 9	April 17
8	April 10	April 18
9	April 11	April 18

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided to Village residents, crews collect loose, unbagged leaves directly from your curb or roadside. **Two rounds of leaf collection will take place this spring.** Weather permitting, leaf collection will begin on April 1. To have your leaves collected, please follow the steps below.

- See the map above and identify your collection zone.
- See the schedule above to identify your collection dates.
- Have leaves ready by **6:00 a.m.**
- Rake leaves into a pile at your curb or on your roadside.
- **Leaves must be within 6 feet of the road.**
- Please keep leaves off of the asphalt.
- For residents with curb and gutters, please place loose leaves on the grass by your curb.
- For residents with a ditch line, please place loose leaves on the grass along the roadside of the ditch.
- Because leaves are vacuumed into the collection truck, they must be piled loose.
- Bagged leaves or grass, branches, and other yard waste will not be collected.
- Watch a *How To: Prep for Leaf Collection* video at PleasantPrairieWi.gov or on YouTube [@PLPrairie](https://www.youtube.com/@PLPrairie).

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 other yard waste will not be collected.

Please keep in mind that although collection staff abides by the schedule above, certain circumstances may delay collection by one or more days. These circumstances could include unanticipated delays due to weather, emergencies 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 day, leaves and other yard waste may also be taken to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street. The site opens for on-season hours between March 19 and November 30, weather permitting. The Residential Recycling Center is open on Saturdays year-round. On-Season hours for the Residential Recycling Center are listed below. Additional information can be found at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/services/garbage_and_recycling. □



Residential Recycling Center

Beginning March 19, the Residential Recycling Center (RRC), located at 8000 128th Street, will be open for On-Season Hours. The site accepts branches, garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, sod, stumps under 50 pounds, recycling, tree trimmings, and other yard waste. □

Residential Recycling Center On-Season Hours

Tuesdays:	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays:	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays:	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays:	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Residential Recycling Center is CLOSED
Sunday and Monday each week

Garbage Collection

The Village of Pleasant Prairie would like to remind residents of the general guidelines surrounding garbage collection. Village garbage carts must be used as the primary receptacles for garbage collection. Using the carts properly helps keep collection costs lower for our community. Please review and abide by the rules and regulations below to help maintain clean and safe neighborhoods.

- Bag your garbage and place the bag into your Village garbage cart.
- Wheel your garbage cart to the curb or roadside by 6:30 a.m. on the morning of your collection day.
- Your garbage cart should be placed 5 feet away from obstructions (poles, cars, mailboxes, etc.) and positioned on the opposite side of the driveway from the recycling cart.
- The cart should open towards the street.
- Garbage and recycling will not be collected if mixed in the same container.
- Residents may place garbage and recycling carts at the roadside 12 hours before collection day.
- Residents should remove any empty garbage and recycling carts from the curb within 12 hours of collection.
- Containers should be stored inside a garage or shed or along the side or rear of the house or garage.
- Please shovel or clear the area at the roadside during winter weather.
- Items placed at the curb for collection become the property of the Village, and no one other than the designated collector is allowed to collect, pick up, or scavenge items placed for collection.

Garbage Cart Contents

It is illegal to place the following items in your garbage cart: lead acid batteries, white goods (large electrical goods), waste oil, recyclable items, tires, compost, antifreeze, concrete, stone, dirt/clay, hazardous or toxic materials, and electronic devices. ❏



Hazardous Waste Collection

First Saturday of the Month

Household hazardous wastes are common products found in the home. People usually store these materials for a time and eventually discard the unwanted items and their containers. When products are used according to label directions, most are not hazardous.

Environmental problems can arise, however, if items are not disposed of properly. ***Do NOT burn, bury, dump (in any yard, toilet or down a storm sewer) or mix leftover products.*** Chemical containers should not be reused for any other purpose.

Hazardous Waste Collection occurs on the first Saturday of every month (except January through March and May). The collection is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Residential Recycling Center located at 8000 128th Street.

You may bring products that say:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Flammable
- Pesticide
- Poison
- Reactive
- Toxic
- Warning

Items not accepted:

- Biological
- Material or medical wastes
- Commercial waste
- Propane cylinders
- Explosives
- Radioactive materials
- Latex paint (not considered hazardous)
- Tires

If you have questions about monthly hazardous waste collection, email pw@plprairie.com, call 262.925.6700, or visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov. ❏

Accepted Hazardous Waste Products Include:

Aerosol cans
Bug sprays
Floorcare products
Metal polish
Furniture polish
Oven cleaners
Drain cleaners
Bathroom cleaners
Tile cleaners
Disinfectant
Batteries
Old gasoline
Gasoline/oil mixed
Brake fluid
Auto repair products
Transmission fluid
Other oils/cleaners
Oil paints
Paint thinner
Paint stripper
Varnish
Antifreeze
Chemical fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat poison
Artists' paints
Fiberglass epoxy
Gun cleaning solvents
Mothballs
Pool chemicals
Photographic chemicals
Fluorescent bulbs



Important Update: Changes to Solid Waste Collection



On March 1, 2024, the Village shifted from unlimited and automated collection to a new pay-per-cart system. Only Village-issued carts are being collected, and any garbage or recycling placed outside the carts will not be picked up.

New Fee Structure

Residents requesting additional garbage carts or wish to swap their current cart for a different size can contact the Pleasant Prairie Department of Public Works Office at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700). The 95-gallon cart is considered the primary cart for those with multiple cart sizes.

Garbage Cart Size	Monthly Cost
Primary 95-gallon cart	\$23.50
Primary 65-gallon cart	\$21.50
Additional 95-gallon cart	\$12.00/per cart*
Additional 65-gallon cart	\$11.00/per cart*

**Garbage only, there is no monthly fee for additional recycling carts.*

Cart Management

If additional carts are no longer needed, please contact the Public Works Department at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700) to schedule a pickup.

Items larger than a cart will require Bulk or White Goods Pickup.

Recycling Options

There is no monthly fee for recycling carts; however, residents will pay an initial \$70.00 delivery fee if they would like an additional recycling cart.

Residents can bring additional garbage to the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street, at a charge of \$7.00 per cubic yard.

Keep it loose in the cart! Do not bag recyclables. Recycling facilities consider recyclables that are held in plastic bags as contaminated and the bagged recycling will be routed to the landfill.

Benefits and Safety Considerations

Keeping garbage within designated carts contributes to a cleaner neighborhood, reduces littering, enhances sanitation, and minimizes the risk of workplace injuries for our employees.

More Information

Additional information can be found at PleasantPrairieWi.gov.



Pleasant Prairie Department of Public Works Office [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700)

Fix a Leak Week:

March 18-24, 2024

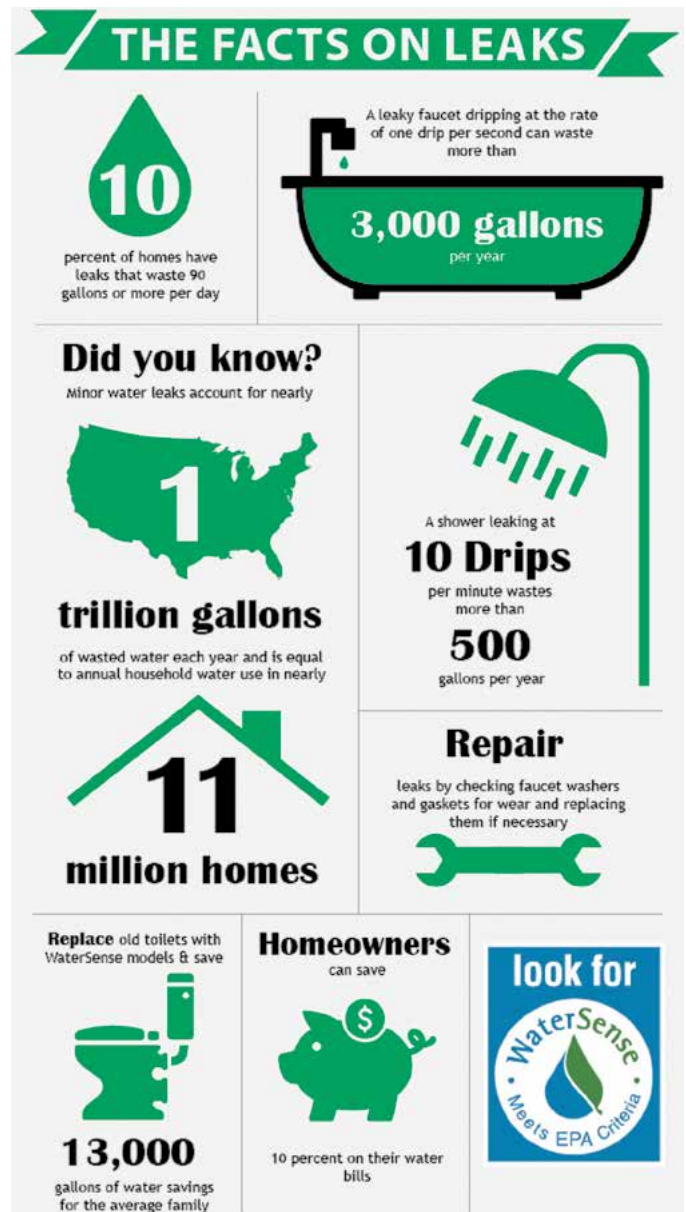
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The Environmental Protection Agency celebrates **Fix a Leak Week** each March as a reminder to check household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes. Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easily fixed, requiring only a few tools and hardware.

Tips for Identifying Leaks

- **Check your water meter** before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you may have a leak.
- **Identify toilet leaks** by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- **Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings** for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.
- **Examine water usage during a colder month**, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there may be serious leaks inside your home from a fixture such as a toilet.

Additional information about fixing household leaks, both indoors and outdoors, is available at epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week. □



Winter Weather Activities and Ice Safety

Winter weather in Pleasant Prairie brings a varied mix of bitter cold and snow, along with at and above freezing temperatures. In light of the wide range of temperatures, the Village would like to echo the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to remind people about safety during winter weather activities.

Ice on lakes, ponds, and rivers is affected by temperatures and the physical attributes of the body of water, and a general rule is that no ice is safe ice. Winter enthusiasts who visit Lake Andrea, the ponds in Ingram Park, or other bodies of water for recreational purposes are asked to take the proper safety precautions before heading out or letting a family member or pets play on the ice.



The Wisconsin DNR has ice safety recommendations posted online at [DNR.Wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety) that can help prepare for winter fun. Safety tips include dressing warmly in layers, carrying safety gear, such as ice claws, a cellphone in a waterproof bag or case, a lifejacket, and a length of rope. Recommendations include not going out alone and knowing what to do if you or someone falls through the ice. □

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Your Local Guide on Things to Do and More: [VisitPleasantPrairie.com](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com)



Save the Date: Annual [#VPPEggHunt](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/VPPEggHunt)

Visit Pleasant Prairie is EGG-cited to announce the upcoming [#VPPEggHunt](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/VPPEggHunt). Adults and kids of all ages are invited to seek out uniquely designed egg posters across Pleasant Prairie restaurants, retail stores, and parks from March 23-31.

Hop over to [VisitPleasantPrairie.com/VPPEggHunt](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/VPPEggHunt) starting March 23 to enter for the chance to win and to find a list of participating businesses and other egg locations. Each egg poster you find and share on Instagram with [#VPPEggHunt](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/VPPEggHunt) is worth bonus entries for even more chances to win. Be on the lookout inside each egg poster location for the [#VPPEggHunt](https://www.visitpleasantprairie.com/VPPEggHunt) Bunny's basket that he left behind with goodies for the kids, too.

After Easter (March 31), a dozen winners will be selected to win a prize valued at a minimum of \$75. Each prize will include gift cards and Visit Pleasant Prairie signature swag, including their popular custom-scented candles and their brand-new locally-roasted "Pleasant Prairie" coffee blend.

The twelve egg hunt winners will be the very first members of the public to be introduced to the new coffee blend that was custom-created for Visit Pleasant Prairie through a collaboration with Eastview Coffee Company. Visitors to the Pleasant Prairie Welcome Center will be able to enjoy the coffee once the center opens to the public later this spring. □

Experience the Joy of Skating at RecPlex Ice Arena



Looking to escape the confines of home and add some excitement to your day? Look no further than RecPlex Ice Arena, where a variety of Open Skate sessions are offered. With sessions suitable for skaters of all ages and skill levels. Open Skate times provide the perfect opportunity for family fun, a casual outing with friends, or a solo spin around the rink.

Lace Up Your Skates and Hit the Ice

Admission is free for RecPlex members and \$10 per person for non-members. If you don't have your own skates it's not a problem. Skate rentals are available for just \$5 per person. For those who are new to skating or could use a little extra support on the ice, Skate Helpers are now available for all Open Skate sessions for just \$5 per helper.

Ready to Plan Your Skating Adventure?

Check out our Open Skate times online at [RecplexIceArena.com/OpenSkate](https://www.recplexicearena.com/OpenSkate) and get ready to glide into fun at RecPlex Ice Arena. □



Historical Society: Museum Events



Introduction to Genealogy Class

The Pleasant Prairie History Museum is hosting an Introduction to Genealogy class on **Saturday, April 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Presented by Jean Hoffmann, retired Civil War Museum Resource Center Clerk, this class offers an excellent opportunity to delve into your family history. During the session, guests will receive guidance on where to begin their genealogical journey, learn the basics of researching and organizing a family tree, familiarize themselves with essential genealogy terminology, and discover local and online research sites. Participants are encouraged to bring any existing research and questions they have about their family history. Laptops are welcome, but not required.

The class fee is \$10 per person, with complimentary admission for Pleasant Prairie Historical Society members. To secure your spot, please RSVP by Friday, April 19, 2024, to Museum Curator Kate Bennett at [262-577-5115](tel:262-577-5115) or info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org.

The Pleasant Prairie History Museum is located in the historic Dublin School, 3875 116th Street, featuring three galleries exhibiting locally significant archeological, historical, and cultural materials and stories. The museum is open Wednesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., with free admission for all visitors. Additionally, the beautifully renovated lower level of the museum is available for rent to business groups, educational groups, and non-profit organizations. Check out the website, PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org, and follow at Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety. □

Good Friday, March 29 Village Offices Closed

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Good Friday, March 29. Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, April 1, and the Residential Recycling Center will resume regular hours on Saturday, March 30.

The Village Clerk's office will remain open for voter registration and absentee voting on Good Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium (south entrance).

Garbage and recycling collection will occur as regularly scheduled on Friday, March 29. Electronics and white goods will not be collected on Friday, March 29; these collections will instead be scheduled for Thursday, March 28.

RecPlex will be closed Easter Sunday, March 31. □

Grocery Giveaway

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 | 12-2PM

Pleasant Prairie Village Hall, 9915 39th Ave.

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department, Journey Disaster Response Team, Kroger, and Meijer have collaborated to provide the community with a great selection of healthy grocery items! Have your trunk or back seat clear for food. All community families are welcome, and no identification is necessary. No walk-ups are allowed. Limited food boxes per vehicle.



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