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New Village Website

The new village website launched during the month of March. Please note there is a new web address for the site which is **pleasantprairiewi.gov**. If you type in the old web address you will automatically be directed to the new site. The Village will no longer be updating and maintaining the old site. We hope you find the new site to be informative and easy to navigate.

Follow the Village of Pleasant Prairie on:

Twitter [@PIPrairieWI](https://twitter.com/PIPrairieWI)

Facebook [@villageofpleasantprairiewi](https://www.facebook.com/villageofpleasantprairiewi)

The Village regularly posts updates related to roadway projects, weather related events, community development, beach reports, events, recycling, photo contests, and more on social media. 



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Response to WE Energies Power Plant Closure



We Energies has been a corporate citizen and the Power Plant has been part of the Village's landscape since the first unit went into service in 1980. The Pleasant Prairie Power Plant recently went offline on April 3, 2018. Since the announcement of its closure the Village has received questions regarding how the plant closing will affect the community and what the plans are for the site.

The main reason for the plant shutdown was economics. Natural gas prices are at a historic low and it is more cost effective to operate with natural gas and solar panels.

The Plant could possibly sit idle for a few years until it is demolished. Many of the details regarding railroad lines and the time of demolition are yet to be decided. There will be security on the site after shut-down.

Closure of the power plant will have a financial impact on the Village. While utilities like the power plant are exempt from paying a property tax, Wisconsin municipalities which host these facilities receive monies to offset the costs to support and serve the power plant facilities and campus. Utilities pay a Utility Tax to the State's general fund and a small portion of that tax is shared

with each of the municipalities where the facilities are located. The amount of revenue received by each municipality is based on the potential output of each facility and Pleasant Prairie receives about \$1.4 million annually. This is revenue received directly from the State of Wisconsin as shared revenue and is not included in the property tax levy that is collected through property taxes.

The Village will continue to receive the utility share revenue payments during 2018 and 2019, but then the following year 2020, the Village will see an incremental reduction in revenue by 20% a year or approximately \$320,000. This means that in the second year the Village will see a \$640,000 reduction, and the third year would see a \$960,000 reduction and so on for five years.

Wisconsin has strict laws that limit how much a municipality can increase their property tax levy in any year. Municipalities are limited to the amount of new construction that occurred in the municipality the previous year. This means that if the total amount of new construction for a municipality is 2% of its total value of the prior year, a municipality can increase the tax levy by 2% as well. The reason behind this is so municipalities can increase taxes based

on the amount of new construction in order to be able to provide the additional services required by the new construction.

Due to Wisconsin's levy limit laws, taxes cannot be increased to offset the \$1.4 million reduction in shared revenue that the Village has received annually from having the operational plant. \$1.4 million is 15% of the \$9.3 million general operational levy. The revenue loss can only be mitigated by cutting operations. Shared revenue from the power plant accounts for 56% of government operations which helps fund our public safety operations including the Police and Fire & Rescue Departments. We Energies was the Village's largest water customer. There are other large customers coming on-line in the near future, so the Village is unsure of the impact of water rates at this time.

There are environmental benefits to the site closing including a reduction in greenhouse gases and a focus on natural gas and renewable energy sources. Another benefit is improved air quality for the surrounding community. We Energies will work on remediation of the site now that the plant is shut down.

The Village continues to meet with We Energies representatives to work through the details and will be providing updates as the plant is decommissioned, demolished and remediated. The Village is in talks with elected representatives, Samantha Kerkman and Van Wanggard about a legislative solution that would ease the financial transition without cutting essential services. □



Master Conceptual Plan for Aurora Health Care



On Monday, March 26, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and sent a favorable recommendation to the Village Board to approve a Master Conceptual Plan for the construction of an Aurora Health Care ambulatory surgery center and physician office building in Pleasant Prairie. The request was made by Aurora Health Care for the development of 64 acres located at the northwest corner of CTH Q (104th Street) and 120th Avenue (West Frontage Road) in the Prairie Highlands Corporate Park. Representatives from Aurora Health Care were in attendance at the meeting to answer additional questions regarding the project.

The proposed \$130 million development will include a 100,000 square-foot ambulatory care center and a three story 100,000 square foot office building. The facility is proposed to be open from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will offer services to meet the growing health care needs of area residents including; primary care, orthopedics and urology, outpatient surgery, rehabilitation services, imaging, laboratory services, occupational health, and a pharmacy. There will be a variety of other specialty

care services, as well as Aurora Children's Health Services. The facility will house operating rooms, imaging rooms, prep/recovery rooms, clinic exam rooms, food service, and a laboratory, along with all of the equipment used to support the mentioned services.

The site is being designed to preserve the natural woodlands and wetlands. These features not only make the site more aesthetically pleasing, but are beneficial to providing care in a natural environment to promote healing.

It is estimated that there will be 260 full-time and 28 part-time employees at this new Aurora Health Care facility with 140 of the full-time, professional health care positions being newly created jobs. The new facility will operate on two shifts. The project will also bring hundreds of construction jobs to the area as the site is developed and the facility is being built.

The Village, as the current land owner, is drafting the Certified Survey Map to create Lot 2 for Aurora and an outlot north of the Aurora site. Public roadways and utilities for the site will be installed by the Village beginning this fall. Over the next few months the Village will be reviewing Site and Operational Plans with construction intended to begin later this summer with anticipated completion during the summer of 2020.

The Village Board approved the Master Conceptual Plan at the April 2 meeting. □

TID #7 Timeline

The proposed Tax Incremental District No. 7 is being developed by Riverview Group, LLC as an industrial project on approximately 308 acres of land located generally between 110th & 122nd Streets and east of the East Frontage Road and Premium Outlets, to be known as Stateline 94 Corporate Park.

This type of Tax Incremental District is allowed to have a 20-year life, with expenses allowed for the first 15 years of the TID. The cost for the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements is \$19,998,896 and is proposed to be developed in three phases. Construction on the first phase is tentatively scheduled to begin later this summer with an estimated completion in late 2019.

When adding administrative and other project costs it will bring the proposed project total to an estimated \$20,298,896. TID #7 is expected to realize \$93.7 million in new value over its life and is anticipated to bring 1,250 jobs to the district.

The first meeting of the Joint Review Board took place on March 28, 2018. The Plan Commission approved the TID Project Plan on April 9, 2018. The Village Board is expected to consider the TID proposal on May 7, 2018 and the second and final meeting of the Joint Review Board to create TID #7 is scheduled to take place on May 15, 2018. □



Eva Manor Conceptual Plan

On Monday, March 26, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and sent a recommendation to the Village Board to approve both a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and a Conceptual Plan for the development of a 42-unit senior housing apartment building and an eight-unit multi-family townhome building to be known as Eva Manor. The request was made by Dan Szczap an agent of Bear Development for the development of vacant land located at the southeast corner of 91st Street and Springbrook Road for this project.

The vacant property was formerly intended to be a Condominium Plat in 2007, but with the changing conditions of the market the developer asked for an extension to re-evaluate the project. In 2012, it was approved to vacate the Condominium plat and pursue a senior housing development. With improved market conditions and a need for senior housing the project is now planned to come to fruition.

The Conceptual Plan states that the development will consist of a four-story senior apartment building with 42-units of affordable, independent senior housing available to individuals over the age of 55. There will be a variety of 25 one bedroom

units and 17 two-bedroom units. The average size of a one bedroom unit will be 691 square feet and the average size of a two bedroom unit will be 1,011 square feet. Amenities will include a community room, fitness facilities and an outdoor patio space for gatherings. A second building on the site will be made up of eight, three-bedroom family townhome units averaging 1,312 square feet each. There will be an attached one car garage and an individual entrance for each unit, including an entrance through the garage.

This development will help the Village meet several of its housing element goals to provide a diverse housing supply that meets the Village's future population needs and will provide affordable housing options for the Village's aging community in a newly constructed facility.

The site will also include 12 detached garage units as well as 66 parking spaces and four handicapped accessible parking spaces. Trees and landscaping will remain on the south side of the site and landscaping will be provided throughout the development. The developer anticipates beginning construction in July of 2018 with completion expected in July of 2019.

The Village Board approved the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Conceptual Plan at the April 2 meeting. □



Wisconsin Marathon Street Closures/Access

The Wisconsin Marathon will take place on Saturday, May 5. The race course begins and ends in the City of Kenosha, and a portion of the marathon course travels into the Village of Pleasant Prairie along the lake shore in the Carol Beach area.

For the safety of racers and those along the course, access to and in the area of 3rd Avenue near the lake shore will be limited to local traffic only, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Residents living along the course will have access to and from homes.

Law enforcement and/or course marshals will guide local traffic through the course as gaps in the groups of runners allow. Please plan extra time for travel through the area during the race to allow for the greatest safety of all involved.

All are invited to the race to help welcome and cheer for the athletes.

To learn more about the Wisconsin Marathon and opportunities to participate, or to view a course map, please visit WisconsinMarathon.com. □



Public Information Meeting: April 25

Mark your calendars and plan to attend an informational meeting hosted by the **Parks Commission** on **Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Village Hall Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comments about future and existing parks as well as to discuss possible improvements of existing locations. Information gathered at this meeting will help inform the creation of the **Park and Open Space Plan** which is prepared/updated every five years and ensures that planning goals, objectives and policies are current. ☐



Village Shred Event May 12 | 9:00 a.m. - noon



On Saturday, May 12 between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Village residents can bring unwanted personal documents to the

Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street, for on-site destruction. Residents may bring as many personal documents as they can carry for shredding by Paper Tiger.

Paper Tiger provides on-site document destruction. They provide trucks with custom-built shredders that can efficiently destroy confidential paper documents and CDs.

Destroying old documents containing personal information is a simple step towards protecting yourself from fraud and identity theft. Recycling the shredded documents is also an easy way to protect the environment.

For more information about the Village's Shred and Recycle Event, please call Public Works at **262.925.6700** or email pw@plprairie.com.

You can learn more about Paper Tiger by visiting <https://yourpapertiger.com>. ☐

E-Newsletter: If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov and *click* the **Newsletter Icon** towards the bottom of the page. You can choose to opt off of the paper mailing list by emailing newsletter@plprairie.com. Include your name and postal mailing address along with the words "email only." ☐

Reminder to Clean Up Pet Waste



Pet waste is a pollutant. When left on the grass, rain water eventually washes it into storm sewers that take it directly to our lakes and rivers.

In the lake or river, pet waste can release ammonia as it decays, which along with low oxygen levels and warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth, and it carries contaminants and diseases that can make the water unsafe for people and pets alike, such as fecal coliform.

Be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet. Learn more at www.respectourwaters.org. ☐

Safety Tips for Walkers, Joggers and Cyclists

In light of recent events, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department wants to remind walkers, joggers, and cyclists to take the following steps to remain safe when out on the bike trails and when walking in public areas.

- When possible walk, jog or bike with a buddy
- Always take a cell phone or other device to communicate in case you need to call for help
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Avoid walking alone in secluded areas
- Keep your keys ready
- Walk with confidence
- Carry an alarm or whistle
- Don't talk on a cell phone
- Avoid using earbuds or headsets
- Make eye contact
- Go with your instincts



These are just a few preventative safety tips, but if you see something suspicious call the police. ☐

Newly Elected/Re-Elected Village Officials

On Tuesday April 3, 2018, Michael Serpe was re-elected as Trustee #4 to the Pleasant Prairie Village Board. Trustee Serpe has been serving on the Village Board for the past 31 years.



Michael Pollocoff was elected for his first term as Trustee #2 to the Village Board. Pollocoff served as the Village Administrator for 32 years prior to his retirement in May of 2017.



Trustee Serpe and Trustee Pollocoff begin their two-year terms on April 17, 2018. Contact information for Pleasant Prairie Village Board Members is available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue), or online at pleasantprairiewi.gov. □

2018 Firefighter Recruit Graduation



On Thursday, March 15, a ceremony took place at Village Hall to welcome two recruits to the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department.

After the Presentation of Colors and remarks by the IAFF 3785 representative and leadership within the department, Parker G. Jones and Kyle G. Eidsor took an oath of service and received their badges and pins. □

Photo Contest



2017 Photo Contest submission from Andreas Beyer-Bowden

Have you photographed wild animals in their natural habitat in Pleasant Prairie or do you have a cute or fun photo of your pet? If you answered yes then you should enter your photos in the **Animals on the Prairie** photo contest.

Your photos could appear in a Village Calendar, on the Village website, or in other Village communications. We're seeking photos that take place in all four seasons and portray a wide range of animals.

Photos will be judged based on content and quality. We do ask that all photos have been taken within the Village of Pleasant Prairie and that no people are in the photos. Minors must have parental consent to enter the contest. Entry forms and a complete list of contest rules are available on the website at pleasantprairiewi.gov by clicking the photo contest icon at the bottom of the homepage or at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue).

Entries submitted between May 1 and September 15, 2018 will be judged in late September, and three winners will be selected. Winners will receive a gift certificate to a Pleasant Prairie place of business. Winners will be contacted via phone call and will be announced in the Village Newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of the **Animals on the Prairie**. □

Nash Splash Polar Plunge



On the morning of Friday, March 16, 2018 staff from Kenosha Unified's Nash Elementary gathered at Pleasant Prairie's Lake Andrea to take a plunge in the frigid waters. These educators were not just looking to take a swim in the cold waters, but to celebrate the success of their students raising over \$17,000 for the American Heart Association.

The event was broadcast live back to the gym at Nash Elementary School where 670 students were watching eight of their teachers honor a promise made to them to plunge into the icy waters for meeting their fundraising goal.

Congratulation KUSD and Nash Elementary for making a "splash" in an effort to fight heart disease! ☐

Retirement



Wyatt Witt, pictured above while operating a backhoe, retired from the Village on March 1, 2018 after 22 years of service. Wyatt served the community with integrity and demonstrated expertise and dedication to his work in the Public Works Department. He was instrumental in projects related to storm and sanitary sewers, water mains, snow plowing, heavy equipment operation and notably the excavation of Ingram Pond into the shape of a dog bone.

The Village thanks Wyatt for his outstanding service and wishes him a congratulation's on his retirement. ☐



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Awareness Campaign Opoid Crisis

The Village of Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department is teaming up with the Kenosha County Health Department and other community partners including the Kenosha Fire Department to raise awareness of the opioid crisis that exists in Southeastern Wisconsin communities. The Department is participating in a campaign to reach out to local businesses, so they can watch for warning signs in employees or those who visit their establishments.


The Fire & Rescue Department completes inspections of local businesses, including retail and industrial facilities at least two times per year. These visits are the perfect opportunity for firefighters to pass out a brochure and other materials that define what opioids and fentanyl are and what Narcan is and why it is important to have people trained to administer Narcan in case of a drug overdose. The materials in the packet also list symptoms and warning signs to watch out for in an overdose situation and share important resources and local contact information for support services.

Sometimes just knowing what to look for is the first step in preventing a major catastrophe on the job site. Having the right tools in place and resources can help to save a life. 



Ash Tree Replacement

Over the next fourteen years the Village will be replacing all of the ash trees in the public right of ways. The reason for their replacement is due to disease that has spread from infestation of the emerald ash borer. The Village is in process of inventorying all of the trees to develop a replacement plan.

If you have questions or concerns relating to the ash tree replacement please call the Department of Public Works at **262.925.6700** or email **PW@plprairiewi.com**. 

Historical Society Uihlein Brother's Stock Farm



Photographs of the Uihlein Brother's Stock Farm were submitted by Jon and Mary Flaschner to the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society. Mary's great grandfather, Gilbert Larabee worked on the Stock Farm in the 1900's as a Farm Manager. Gilbert's grandfather, Ira Larabee moved to Pleasant Prairie from New York and was a lifelong farmer.

The photos, like the one above, bring to life one's imagination of the grandeur of the site and perfectly match the illustration of the Uihlein Brother's Stock Farm from the Atlas of Racine and Kenosha Counties, published in 1887. The farm was located in what was then known as Truesdell, along the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, roughly where Menard's is located today on the north side of Highway 50. The Uihlein Stock Farm covered over 1,200 acres and had 400 standard bred trotting horses at this site.

The stock farm was owned by August Uihlein and his brothers, Henry and Alfred. They owned the famous trotting horse, "The Harvester" that set a stallion world record for racing a mile in 2:01 in Columbus, Ohio. August Uihlein was born in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1850. He attended St. Louis University in Missouri and worked for ten years at the Uhrig Brewery* in St. Louis. After returning to Milwaukee in 1867, August began working at the Joseph Schlitz Brewery and inherited the firm in 1875 along with his brothers, all of whom were nephews of the brewery's original founder, August Krug.

**The Uhrig Brewery, also known as the Uhrig Cave or "The Cave" was owned by Ignatz and Joseph Uhrig. They used the four limestone caves on the property to cool and store their beer and they created a traditional German beer garden above ground. By the 1860's it was one of the leading venues for dances and outdoor concerts in St. Louis.*

To share information about our community's history, contact the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society at **262-947-3600**. 