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Have a Safe Independence Day

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. Village Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Thursday morning, July 5. There will be no garbage collection on July 4. Collection will resume on Thursday, July 5, with scheduled pickups delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. The Residential Recycling Center will also be closed Thursday, July 5 for grinding operations and will reopen on Friday morning, July 6.

RecPlex will be open from 6:00 a.m. until noon and Lake Andrea Beach will have Open Swim times between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on July 4. The Village wishes you a safe and happy Independence Day. □

Door-to-Door Salespeople

With the arrival of warmer weather, door-to-door salespeople begin appearing in Village neighborhoods. Before engaging in sales activities in the Village, any peddler, canvasser, solicitor or traveling merchant must receive a license from the Village Clerk. Registered solicitors are required to display their license to a resident after their initial greeting. If a person approaches your home and does not have a license, you are asked to contact the **Pleasant Prairie Police Department** at **262.694.7353**. □





Village Residents Input Sought

Would you prefer to keep the access improvements listed in the Park and Open Space Plan for Prairie Shores Beach (located on Lake Michigan) as a part of a long term Capital Improvement Plan or would you rather take the improvements out and leave the beach unimproved in its current condition?

The Village desires your input as we update the Park and Open Space Plan and evaluate improvements and park maintenance. The public was invited to attend an informational Park Commission meeting on April 25 at Village Hall. In order to get additional feedback, specifically regarding the improvements proposed for Prairie Shores Beach area, we ask that you please take the time to share your opinion on the question the Village has posed on this open forum which can be found at http://pleasantprairiewi.gov/services/information/open_village_hall/.

The forum will close on Wednesday, July 4, at 5:00 p.m. The Conceptual Plan for

Prairie Shores Beach and the current Park and Open Space Plan are linked in the discussion summary. To encourage a civil discussion, OpenGov requires registration with a valid street and email address and allows one response per person.

The Village prepares a Park and Open Space Plan every five years as a requirement of the Wisconsin Department of Administration to make sure that our planning goals, objectives and policies are current. The purpose of the Park and Open Space Plan is to guide the Village's efforts to maintain and improve park land.

Updating the plan ensures that our efforts reflect the current needs of the community. This plan fits within the guidelines set forth in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, and is created in accordance with guidelines set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The current plan inventories existing park and recreational facilities in the area, and

addresses public input and feedback received in regards to parks and open spaces in the Village. Data gathered is analyzed and used to create policy and conceptual recommendations to guide future work within the park system.

Parks and natural spaces not only promote a healthy lifestyle for those who use them, but also enhance the beauty of the area, attract visitors, shape community development patterns, and increase property values. In order to create a high-quality living environment, park land, trails and natural areas need to be maintained. Any park improvements require the Village to identify the proper balance between public access and private needs and between recreational use and environmental preservation of ecosystems and watersheds. The Village staff and Board would like to thank those who offer their feedback. ☐



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HARIBO of America

Development Agreement Approved



On May 14, the Plan Commission considered and sent a favorable recommendation to the Village Board and later that same evening, the Village Board approved the Development Agreement for HARIBO of America Manufacturing, LLC. The company plans to develop 136.8 acres of property located at the southwest corner of 120th Avenue (West Frontage Road) and CTH C (Wilmot Road) for the construction of a new manufacturing facility to produce Gummy Bears and other HARIBO products.

The Development Agreement states that the Village will grade and prep portions of HARIBO's purchased property site. Performing these duties to improve the land for HARIBO will benefit the Village by advancing the construction process which leads to enhancing the value of other properties within the Village as well as economic growth.

The Village committed to complete public infrastructure improvements to the entire Prairie Highlands Corporate Park by November 2020. HARIBO committed to begin construction on their site no later than December 2020.

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for the Prairie Highlands Corporate Park were also approved at the Village Board meeting.

HARIBO is a third-generation family business that originated in Germany. Their top priority is to always meet high quality standards and expectations of their consumers. HARIBO has 16 manufacturing locations throughout 10 countries and employs 7,000 people worldwide. HARIBO produces millions of their famous GOLD BEARS worldwide every day. ☐

Parcel 32



On Tuesday, May 29, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved Site and Operational Plans for a 196,300 square foot speculative industrial building and site improvements for the Parcel 32. The request for the Site and Operational Plans was brought forth by Matthew Mano of Stephen Perry Smith Architects on behalf of Wangard Partners for the development of vacant properties located at the southeast corner of STH 165 and CTH H. The Plan Commission also sent a favorable recommendation to the Village Board for a Certified Survey Map at the request of Matt Carey P.E. of Pinnacle Engineering Group to combine the two properties into one parcel.

There are no identified users at this time to occupy the speculative building. The site can accommodate up to three tenants. The site is zoned M-2 as a General Manufacturing District. The M-2 district requires 25% of the site to be open green space. The plan includes 159 parking spaces, six of these being handicapped accessible spaces. There will be 20 dock locations at the initial build-out. There will be an access driveway on 88th Avenue for trucks and two access driveways on 86th Avenue, which will be the primary entrances for cars. The developer anticipates that the project will begin this summer with completion expected by the end of the year. ☐

E-Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the icon near 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." ☐

Breeze Terrace

Master Conceptual Plan

On Monday, May 7, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered a recommendation from the Plan Commission to approve both a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and a Master Conceptual Plan on behalf of Interstate Partners II-WI LLC for the development on 16.75 acres of vacant land located at the southeast corner of 116th Avenue and Corporate Drive for a mixed use development including apartments and potential restaurant and retail development. The developer is proposing this project anticipating the need for additional residential housing due to the newly announced economic development projects in Pleasant Prairie and the surrounding communities.

The petitioner requested an amendment to the Lakeview West Neighborhood Plan from the Freeway Office Commercial land use designation to High Density Residential. The developer presented two neighborhood plans for the area. One option is to develop the property into nine apartment buildings with a total of 213 units creating living space for up to 499 people. There would be three 33 unit buildings with one and two bedroom options and underground parking. Also there would be six 19 unit buildings with one and two bedroom options and attached garages



according to this plan. An alternative plan would be to create 284 units with living space for up to 665 people. The development would include a clubhouse building and the necessary parking spaces to accommodate the number of people living in the complex. The complex will be a gated community.

The commercial and retail uses shown on the alternative neighborhood plan were not discussed at this meeting. When tenants are identified, plans will be brought forth to the Plan Commission. The Village required the petitioner to illustrate the potential land uses for the property. Understanding the future development and location of driveways and roadways is critical due to the future LakeView West Roundabout project that could be constructed as early as 2020, because it could affect access. The developer anticipates beginning site and excavation work for the apartment portion of the project this summer. □

Village Board Approves TID #7

On Monday, May 7, the Village Board considered and approved a resolution for the project plan and the boundaries of Tax Incremental District (TID) No. 7 in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. TID #7 is being developed by Riverview Group, LLC on 308 acres of land generally located between 110th Street and 122nd Street and east of the East Frontage Road to be known as the Stateline 94 Corporate Park.

The project plan will promote industrial development in the District. The reasons for the creation of the plan are to enable public improvements and complete infrastructure improvements such as roads, intersections, traffic signals, municipal water, sanitary sewer, site work, grading, and storm water. TID #7 will increase the tax base of the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

TID #7 will be considered an overlapping tax incremental district since it overlaps with a portion of the existing Village Tax Incremental District No. 2. 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 and 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 date 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. □

Commendations Awarded



On Monday, June 4, Freodtert South Healthcare presented commendations to four members of the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue and two members of the Kenosha Police Department who successfully resuscitated a 86-year-old patient.

On Saturday, March 31, the 86-year-old patient was in a motor vehicle accident and found unresponsive. An off-duty Kenosha Police Officer was at the site of the accident and started CPR prior to Emergency Medical Services arrival. The team quickly initiated both Basic and Advanced Life Support treatments to successfully resuscitate the patient at the scene. The team of responders continued treatment as the patient was transferred to Freodtert South Healthcare where staff continued lifesaving efforts. The patient was successfully resuscitated and discharged from the medical center at a later date.

"The situation demonstrated the importance of training, equipment and teamwork," explained Chief of Fire & Rescue Craig Roepke. "I'm both incredibly proud of and humbled by the response these members of the department provided."

The patient was able to attend the June 4 meeting and present the awards on behalf of Freodtert South Healthcare to (pictured left to right) Firemedic Kyle Eidsor, Firemedic Nicholas Shine, Firemedic Nathan Konkol, Lieutenant Jeff Gunhus, and off-duty Kenosha Police Officer Jeremy Dewitt. □

Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation to Roger Mayer

On June 4, the Village Board passed a resolution of appreciation and thanks to Roger Mayer (pictured below second from the left) for his years of service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire Commission. Roger diligently served the people of Pleasant Prairie in various roles for thirty years. On May 1, 1989 he was appointed to the Pleasant Prairie Police & Fire Commission where he served with dedication including his time in the role as Chairman of the Commission.

Roger was instrumental in the creation of the Pleasant Prairie Police Officer Appreciation Association on November 20, 2016. Roger also participated in hiring all of the members on the Pleasant Prairie Police Department and Fire & Rescue Department since his appointment. Roger had a vision to grow the Police and Fire department and pushed for more personnel and continuously update safety equipment and training. Roger

witnessed the growth of both Police and Fire public safety personnel to over 30 staff members in each department.

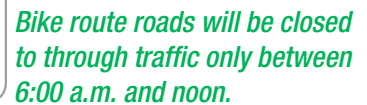
The Village of Pleasant Prairie sincerely thanks Roger for being a visionary and helping to shape the Police & Fire Commission and the Village into what it has become today, and for his attentive service to the people of Pleasant Prairie in the promotion of quality public safety. □



Vehicle Parking

With the summer months upon us, please be mindful of Village ordinances. You can find all Village ordinances at pleasantprairiewi.gov under the government tab, including the **policy regarding parking on lawns** listed under Chapter 420 : Article VIII .□

Sunday, June 24 between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.



Camera Partnership



The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has an ongoing crime fighting partnership with Village residents. The initiative, known as the **Community Camera Partnership** enables residents to share video footage from home security cameras, aimed outdoors, if a crime or suspicious activity occurs in their neighborhood with the Police Department.

The department sees the partnership as a modern day extension of the Neighborhood Watch Program. They are planning to use this footage to solve crime in our community more efficiently, and to deter future crime from occurring.

Through a short questionnaire on the Village website, residents can log their home as a location where a camera may be able to provide assistance should a crime or suspicious activity occur. The locations will be marked on a map. If a crime is reported near one of the locations, officers would then know that they could contact a resident in the area and potentially ask to look at their camera footage.

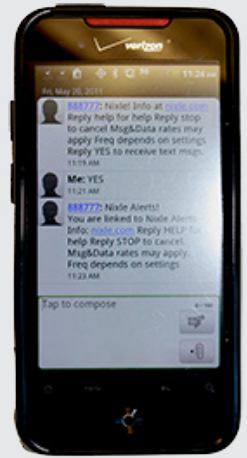
It is important to note that all aspects of this program are completely voluntary, and that at no time would the police have any remote access to the security system. The home owner remains in complete control of their personal camera system.

Residents who wish to participate can access the online questionnaire at <http://pleasantprairiewi.gov/services/police/index.asp> by clicking on "**Community Camera Partnership**" in the left-hand column. Residents with questions about the partnership, or those who would like to share video evidence without completing the questionnaire, can email police@plprairie.com. □

NIXLE

The best way to be prepared is to sign up before an emergency occurs.

Receive emergency text messages on your smart phone, text "53158" to 888777 or visit NIXLE.com.



Levy Limits affecting Local Government

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities in collaboration with WisconsinEye recently provided an excellent discussion video on the negative impact levy limits have on municipal services including road maintenance and public safety. The video can be viewed on the League's website at <http://www.lwm-info.org/1512/Strangled-by-Levy-Limits>.

Local decision making in cities, towns and villages is heavily impacted by levy limits. Compared to other states, Wisconsin is one of the least flexible when it comes to local government revenue generation. By law, local government may only increase the property tax levy by the percentage increase in equalized value from net new construction. While Pleasant Prairie and our region has been shielded from property tax stagnation because of new property development and growth; only one in ten communities in Wisconsin have kept up with the rate of inflation. Communities with new growth, like Pleasant Prairie, have been able to maintain current services, but unable to supplement services to cover the new growth.

Property values may rise, but municipalities see absolutely no benefit. Even though homeowner's taxes may go up or pay a greater share, it is the result of the state giving tax breaks to commercial and industrial property through the Dark Store and personal property tax relief. Expanded local flexibility and revenue diversification is necessary to maintain quality communities we call home. For more information visit the League of Wisconsin Municipalities website: <http://www.lwm-info.org/>. □

Village Seeks Residents Interested in Serving on Boards and Commissions

The Village is currently seeking residents who are interested in serving on various boards and commissions. Residents may apply for the following: Police & Fire Commission, Parks Commission, Board of Appeals, and Community Development Authority.

Those appointed to boards and commissions are Village residents who have expertise related to their particular position along with a willingness to serve their community. Terms for each of the positions listed above vary from one to five years.

Those Village residents interested in using their expertise to serve in one of these capacities are asked to submit the following to the Village Administration Department:

- a resume describing your education, work, and civic accomplishments;
- a completed application (available by calling **262.925.6721** or online at pleasantprairiewi.gov/government/boards_and_commissions); and
- a letter detailing why you would like to be appointed to the position.
- Submit your application to villageadmin@plprairie.com

Applicants will be contacted for an interview as part of the selection process. Residents interested in learning more about these boards and commissions and the function they serve in our community can find information related to each at pleasantprairiewi.gov.

If you have additional questions related to the openings, call **262.925.6721**. □

Historical Society Dublin School Class Pictures



Since photography became more accessible in the late 19th century, schools have been documenting their students and teachers through class photos. As a result, taking class photos has become a shared American experience. We can all remember dressing nicely and lining up to take our class photos on “picture day.” Maybe you lined up by height, or like the photo above at Dublin School, by gender.

This photograph, which was donated to the Historical Society, was taken of the lower classes at Dublin School during the 1952-53 school year. When we look into the faces of these children, one can relate to their experience. Whether you were the girl in the stiff, white dress looking somewhat nervous and uncomfortable or the slouching boy in the front row, pouting with annoyance—looking at these children we can see ourselves reflected back at us.

The Pleasant Prairie Historical Society is working to preserve memories like these. Several class photos from the Dublin School, like the one above, have been submitted to the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society. If you have more information or wish to share any older photographs relating to any of the Pleasant Prairie schools existing during the 1840 to 1980 time period in the community, including Dublin, Hannan, Highland, John Lamb (Limerick), Pleasant Prairie, Prairie Lane, Sheridan Road, Springbrook Road (Dexter’s Corners), Star Victory, or Whittier Schools please contact HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or **262.947.3600**.

This fall, the Historical Society will be hosting a **Dublin School Open House**. The public will be invited to come see the progress the volunteers are making towards preserving Dublin School and creating it as a museum and community gathering space! Further details to come. □