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01 ABOUT

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02 WHAT WE OFFER

Complete Fitness Center
Aqua Arena (olympic-sized pool)
Indoor Waterpark
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2.3m outdoor path
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Improvements are Underway at Pleasant Prairie Park



Progress is underway on three parcels the Village acquired last year on the west end of Pleasant Prairie Park. The purchased property was primarily undeveloped and used to grow the park by an additional 4.4-acres, expanding the previously 22-acre community park to 26.4-acres.

Improvements on the west end of the park include grading, seeding, connectivity to 108th Avenue, and the Village's first disc golf course. The moderately wooded beginner-level frisbee golf course has nine holes where players throw a disc at a target, using rules similar to golf.

The east end of the park has also received improvements. In October, two gravel parking areas in the park received asphalt pavement. The newly paved parking lots were part of the 2021 Paving Program. Construction crews completed the asphalt installation in under a week. The paved lots add to the park's abundance of amenities, such as the youth soccer field, restrooms, playground area, open green space for recreational activities, basketball hoops, and tennis courts.

Additionally, the park will receive its first pavilion. Thanks to a project from Conrad Andersen, a Boy Scout of Troop 533, who is working towards an Eagle Scout rank. Plans for the pavilion received approval from the Pleasant Prairie Park Commission in October. The pavilion will be near the tennis and playground equipment, consisting of a 10-by-12 foot, four-post, wooden gazebo with a steel roof anchored to the ground by concrete cylinders.

Pleasant Prairie Park is a multi-use park located at Bain Station Road and 104th Avenue. The land acquisition supported the Pleasant Prairie Park expansion, outlined in the 2018 Park and Open Space Plan. □



Invested in Community!

Proposed 2022 General Government Budget

On October 18, Village staff presented the proposed 2022 General Government Budget to the Village Board. The budget proposes raising the tax levy from \$13,796,940 in 2021 to \$14,282,832 for 2022, an increase of \$485,892. The levy change will have a small impact on the property tax bill. An average home in the Village valued at \$237,200 will translate to a \$10.37 increase in the Village portion of the tax bill.



The funds will cover Village services such as fire and rescue, police, community development, road improvements, and snow plowing. The proposed 2022 budget includes a full-time deputy clerk position and inflationary increases across most departments. Proposed capital purchases include: road improvements of \$2.2 million, Fire & Rescue Station #3 designs, Fire & Rescue Station #2 dorm remodel (Phase 2), new community development and regulations application, Ingram Park improvements, police fleet vehicle replacements, portable radios, a plow truck, transportation plan, and continuing Ash Tree replacement in right of ways.

A public hearing to adopt the 2022 General Government Budget and property tax levy, including operating, capital, and debt service, is planned for Monday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Auditorium at 9915 39th Avenue. □

Save the Stamp with New Convenient Payment Options

On December 1, 2021, the Village will launch a new online billing and payment solution for utility billing (water, sewer, garbage/recycling, clean water bills), offering more ways to pay, view statements electronically, and choose to go paperless.

Users can make a quick, one-time payment without registration or create an account to enjoy more features like setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use, and viewing history (June 2021 and beyond). Payments can be made 24/7 by phone or pay by text with a credit card. There is a 3% convenience fee for credit and debit card payments; however, paying your utility bill by e-check is still free.

The new payment vendor will also handle payments for property taxes, general bills, fire department billings, and parking citations. These payments can be added to the cart and paid along with your utility bill to save the \$1 e-check fee. Some of the functions (automatic payments and email billings) are not available with these types of payments because they are not yet integrated with the Village's internal software. Village staff is working with the property tax software vendor to offer all the same features as utility billing in the future.



Go to PleasantPrairieWI.gov>How do I>Pay>select what to pay from the left menu and follow the prompts to make a payment.

"The new payment service will bring modern online payment solutions and offers more choices for Village residents," said Kathy Goessl, Finance Director. "The main goal behind switching to the new payment solution is to create a simple and secure experience for users to pay when, how, and where they want. Additionally, combining the Village's various payments in one place brings convenient options that allow users to set payment reminders and schedule digital payments." □

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Newly Rebuilt Highway H

On October 22, Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser, Village President John Steinbrink Sr., Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, and other community representatives cut the ribbon on a recently revamped section of County Trunk Highway H (CTH H) in Pleasant Prairie.

The nearly-mile-long reconstruction of CTH H (88th Avenue), between 93rd Place and Bain Station Road, included the addition of turn lanes to accommodate the new Kroger Delivery fulfillment center development at 9091 88th Avenue. The roadwork was conducted with the support of a \$951,135 Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

"We are so very appreciative of the State of Wisconsin for its assistance with a road project that is helping to facilitate a major development for Kenosha County and the Village of Pleasant Prairie," Kreuser said. "Infrastructure leads to economic development, which leads to jobs, and this project is the embodiment of that idea."

The 330,000-square-foot Kroger facility, scheduled to begin operations in 2022, is expected to employ approximately 400 people. It is one of several similar facilities that Kroger plans to develop across the nation to build its capacity to fulfill online grocery orders.

"This project expands Kroger's commitment to continued investment in Wisconsin. With this cutting-edge technology, Kroger is confident our partnership with Ocado will play an integral role in the continued growth of this dynamic region," said Ken McClure, regional director of corporate affairs for the Kroger Company. "This transformative fulfillment center will create local jobs and accelerate Kroger's ability to deliver products and services to a larger footprint."

The road improvements, conducted from late-July through late-September, included full reconstruction of the existing roadway, the addition of northbound and southbound turn lanes to access the Kroger facility, drainage improvements, and relocation of existing street lighting. □



Rust-Oleum Moving Still System Outside



On Monday, October 11, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit, including Site and Operational Plans, for Rust-Oleum Corporation to replace and relocate the indoor still system located at 8105 95th Street in LakeView Corporate Park. This project will replace Rust-Oleum's indoor still system with a new outdoor system on the west side of the building. The still system is used in Rust-Oleum's paint manufacturing process to recover solvent for reuse and reduce waste volume.

The still is a hot oil system that uses a heating process to recover solvent. Natural gas heats the oil, and a chiller system condenses the reclaimed solvent for reuse. The process reduces waste volume by boiling the needed solvent from waste materials to concentrate solid waste and recover the solvent used for cleaning equipment. The new outdoor still operation will be placed on a concrete pad, under a canopy roof that includes the still, oil heating system, chiller for condensing, and receivers to facilitate smooth material transfers. In addition, Rust-Oleum will install all necessary pipe racks above ground between the building and the new still area.

Rust-Oleum manufactures protective paints and produces various water-based and solvent-based coatings for home and industrial use. The Pleasant Prairie plant stores bulk raw material in storage tanks that stock liquid solvents and resins. In addition, powder raw materials, such as color pigments, are stored in the receiving warehouse portion of the plant. These two raw materials are mixed in tanks of varying sizes to make the finished paint product. The finished product is then filled and packaged on the plant's filling lines into half-pint cans, quart cans, one-gallon cans, five-gallon pails, and aerosol spray cans. □

Vera Bradley Factory Outlet Celebrates Store Opening



On Friday, October 1, Village staff and community members welcomed Vera Bradley's new factory outlet store to Pleasant Prairie. The grand opening event took place at 10:00 a.m. with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The store has more than 3,500 square feet and is located in Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets, between Jockey and Aerie, at 11601 108th Street, Suite 532. Vera Bradley carries a large selection of cotton quilted luggage, handbags, and accessories. Many items have distinctive florals, paisleys, or geometric prints with complementary linings and diamond quilting.

"I am glad I could attend the grand opening event to help welcome Vera Bradley to Pleasant Prairie," said Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. "It is an excellent addition to Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets, with an impressive in-store experience. The store is well organized and has staff that helps navigate the various patterns, products, and accessories."

The new Vera Bradley Factory Outlet Store anticipates employing two full-time and ten part-time employees. Hours for the location are Monday to Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Vera Bradley, based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is a leading designer of women's handbags, luggage and other travel items, fashion and home accessories, and unique gifts. Founded in 1982 by friends Barbara Bradley Baekgaard and Patricia R. Miller, the brand is known for its innovative designs, iconic patterns, and brilliant colors that inspire and connect women. □



Community Development's Jan Petrovic Retires

After almost 20 years of service to the community, on September 30, coworkers, friends, and family came together to celebrate and wish Jan Petrovic well in her retirement from the Community Development Department. Jan supported the first Women's Danskin Triathlon during her first eight weeks on the job. During her long tenure, she continued her enthusiasm for local events and helped organize numerous community functions for the Village, Pleasant Prairie Women's Club, and Pleasant Prairie Historical Society.



"See you soon," said Jan Petrovic, pictured left, with Jean Werbie-Harris. "I'm not going to say goodbye because you know I'll be back to visit."

"Jan is an outstanding clerical professional who is respected by all because she is a passionate person, an enthusiastic individual, and an endearing friend to her coworkers," said Jean Werbie-Harris. "She put her heart into her work for almost 20 years and made a huge difference to so many people." □

Kwik Trip Grand Opening

On October 20, Kwik Trip celebrated the Grand Opening of its new location in the Main Street Market development, generally located west of Old Green Bay Road at 102nd Street. It is the fifth Kwik Trip location in Pleasant Prairie. Construction on the approximately 2.9-acre site began earlier this spring. The new convenience store is over 11,000 square feet and has an attached car wash. The station has ten fueling dispensers, with 20 fueling positions, under an outdoor canopy.

"Kwik Trip has been a great community partner; their locations are well known for their cleanliness and quality services," said Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. "The new location is a benefit to the area, providing easy access to fresh groceries and gas."

The hours of operation at the station will be 5:00 a.m. until midnight daily. A total of 20 full-time and eight part-time employees work at the facility. □



Lieutenant Retirement



Police Lieutenant Peter Jung, pictured center above, retired from Pleasant Prairie Police Department (PPPD) on October 29. Jung joined PPPD as an Officer in 2001, advancement to Sergeant followed in 2008, and a promotion to Lieutenant in 2016. During Jung's professional career, he helped implement the Shop with a Cop Program in 2005. He also received professional achievements throughout his career, including being a Field Training Supervisor, PEER Support Member, Mentor at Prairie Lane Elementary School, and more.

The Village congratulates and thanks Lieutenant Jung for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Pleasant Prairie community. □

Happy 50th Anniversary EMCO

EMCO Chemical Distributors, Inc. is celebrating 50 years. The company was founded in 1971 by EMCO President Edward Polen. Within the half-century, EMCO has grown into one of the leading providers of chemicals and chemical-related products and services in North America.

"I would like to congratulate EMCO on their 50th anniversary," said Village Administrator Nathan Thiel. "EMCO is committed to providing family-supporting jobs and safety. I wish EMCO continued success and look forward to seeing the company continue to grow and thrive in this community."

EMCO joined the Pleasant Prairie Business Community in 2010 after purchasing a 30-acre site located at 8601 95th Street. The Pleasant Prairie facility was a perfect match because it was specially outfitted for chemical operations and contained a substantial amount of the required infrastructure needed for a chemical distributor.

As a result, in 2013, EMCO retrofitted the 260,000 square foot building into a state-of-the-art manufacturing and distribution facility and relocated the company's Corporate Headquarters from North Chicago, Illinois, to Pleasant Prairie.

"We were so fortunate to find this site in Pleasant Prairie, and in working with the Village, we were able to create one of the nicest chemical distribution facilities in the U.S.," said EMCO President Edward Polen. "Our sincere thanks to the Village for their continued support, and EMCO is proud to be a member of this business community." □



RecPlex Collaboration with Ascension Wisconsin

RecPlex is pleased to announce a collaboration with Ascension Wisconsin to integrate sports medicine into the recreational fitness facility. Ascension Wisconsin services will be located on the upper level of RecPlex, at 9900 Terwall Terrace in Pleasant Prairie. The five-year collaboration agreement integrates RecPlex fitness programming with Ascension Wisconsin's medical-based physical therapy and rehabilitative services. Ascension Wisconsin patients and RecPlex members will have on-site access to sports medicine physicians Dr. Goran Jankovic and Dr. Ramez Hoveyda.

"I am very excited to start down this path; Ascension Wisconsin will bring added value with new programming, health screenings, and educational seminars to RecPlex memberships," said Craig Anderson, Director of Recreation at RecPlex. "It will also give Ascension Wisconsin patients a chance to pass from a therapist to a fitness professional to continue exercising with similar equipment in a familiar setting."

Ascension Wisconsin's leased rehabilitation and physical therapy center at RecPlex has two 110-square-foot therapy rooms with medical testing equipment, a wellness desk, and a waiting area.

"We're thrilled to expand access to our sports medicine services to prevent, reduce and treat sports injuries in the Kenosha area," said Mark Alberg, Orthopedic Service Line Director, Ascension Wisconsin. "Additionally, athletes of all ages and abilities will benefit from our innovative wellness and athletic training programs."

The therapy services provided to patients will complement strength training and the use of cardio equipment at RecPlex. Beyond exercise equipment, Ascension Wisconsin patients will have access to site amenities that include fitness equipment, the track and field house, swimming pools, lockers, and other common areas.

RecPlex and Ascension Wisconsin are working together to determine how best to create expanded offerings that integrate healthcare services and grow existing programming to meet the health and fitness needs of the community. The combined efforts of both organizations offer valuable benefits that promote healthy lifestyles in one convenient location. Ascension Wisconsin plans to provide athlete testing, team training, and on-site athletic trainers for some events. The services offered will blend well with existing education, fitness, health, and training services provided at RecPlex. □



Congratulations



Congratulations to the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, recipient of the 2021 Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award, for renovations made to the historic 1927 Dublin School. The non-profit Society was formally recognized at the Chamber's 105th Annual Meeting on October 20. The Historical Society thanked the Elizabeth J. Riley Charitable Trust, Village of Pleasant Prairie, and everyone who supported the project and continues to support the Pleasant Prairie History Museum. □

Academy Graduation



Congratulations to Austin Schuls, Eric Lucas, Trent Baldwin, and Jacob Yonkoski for completing the eight-week fire training academy with the Pleasant Prairie Fire and Rescue Department. Welcome and thank you for serving the Pleasant Prairie community. □

RecPlex Scholarships

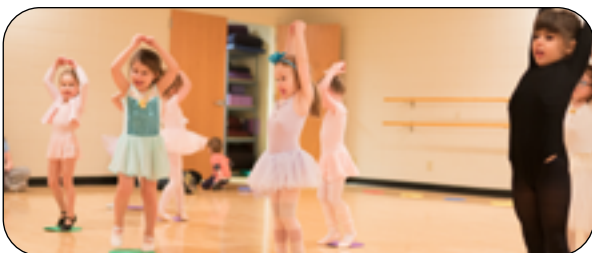


RecPlex of Pleasant Prairie is pleased to announce a new scholarship fund supporting guests who might not otherwise afford programming at the recreation facility. The scholarship fund is made possible by the \$1.5 million corporate citizen sponsorship awarded to RecPlex in 2020 by HARIBO of America. The program aims to utilize a portion of the funds for scholarships that provide programming to individuals and families needing financial assistance.

“At RecPlex, we believe everyone should have access to quality recreation, regardless of their finances,” said Craig Anderson, RecPlex Director of Recreation. “The HARIBO sponsorship offers relief to help those in need of program assistance. Future goals are to expand the assistance program to include membership scholarships.”

To qualify for a scholarship, participants must be a resident of Kenosha County, 17 years of age or younger, and provide written documentation on the supporting hardship. Programming scholarships cover recreation and introductory type programs, including youth sports leagues, swim lessons, youth fitness classes, and more. Individuals may receive one scholarship per year.

Those interested in receiving a programming scholarship may apply at [RecPlexOnline.com/Forms](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov/RecPlexOnline.com/Forms). Applicants should complete all required fields within the online application and submit the form for consideration. Once an application is received, RecPlex staff will review the information and follow up on the specific documentation required to complete the application. Processing applications can take two to three weeks. RecPlex will continue to award programming scholarships as funds allow. □



Village Calendars

The 2022 Village Calendar and Resource Directory have arrived at residents' homes that were registered to receive them via mail. Village Calendars are also available for pick up at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) and Roger Prange Municipal Building (8600 Green Bay Road) while supplies last.

If you did not receive a 2022 calendar by mail, you can scan the



code on the left with your phone's camera to access the registration form or visit [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov), click the calendar icon near the homepage's bottom, and complete the registration form to be added to the mailing list for future editions. □

Ingram Park Sledding Hill

The sledding hill at Ingram Park is ready for use, pending an adequate amount of snowfall. **Ingram Park is located at 5724 93rd Street.** Rules for the park are posted on-site; all guests are asked to sled safely and responsibly.

Ingram Park has adequate parking east of the sledding hill, near the two dog parks. The sledding hill has lighting for evening use. The park remains open until 10:00 p.m. seasonally for sledding. □



What to do with your PUMPKIN?

Bring unwanted pumpkins to:
Residential Recycling Center
8000 128th Street

Pumpkins are considered compost. Village residents are welcome to drop off their unwanted pumpkins at the Residential Recycling Center **free of cost.** □

Community Input Needed on Public Safety Funding

Residents urged to provide feedback via survey by November 22

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is evaluating several funding options to maintain high-quality fire and police services. In addition, the Village is soliciting feedback via a community-wide survey to determine how best to proceed with future budget decisions.

In recent years, the population and business community in Pleasant Prairie has grown, causing an increase in the demand for public safety services. As a result, it is becoming difficult to sustain the level of service the Pleasant Prairie community has come to expect. The Village must take action in order to preserve locally provided police, fire and emergency medical services into the future.

“Chief of Police David Smetana and I are committed to ensuring the safety of all Village residents while working hard to be good stewards of taxpayer money,” said Craig Roepke, Chief of Fire & Rescue. “As the Village continues to grow and the demand for public safety services increases, the funding sources currently available are not keeping pace with the needs of our community. Community responses to the survey that all households will receive in the mail will help us finalize a plan that reflects the opinions of our residents and their willingness to financially support these public safety services.”



Police Chief David Smetana, left, with Fire & Rescue Chief Craig Roepke.

The Village has developed an assessment of public safety funding options to provide additional details on the decisions facing local leaders. Citizens are encouraged to review the assessment on the Village website:

pleasantprairiewi.gov/public-safety-options.

Surveys will arrive in residents' mailboxes by mid-November and may be taken online or by paper copy through November 22:

- Online: Log on to survey2000.com and enter the survey access number printed on the survey that was mailed to every household. Residents are encouraged to take the survey online to reduce handling costs to the Village. (or)
- Paper: Complete the hard copy survey mailed to each household and return in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to the Village of Pleasant Prairie at 9915 39th Avenue or mail to Community Perceptions: PO Box 607, Slinger, WI 53086.

The survey code can be used only once. To obtain a second survey for another adult in your household, please call 262.925.6749.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is working with an independent survey administrator, Community Perceptions. Final survey results will be reported at a Village Board Meeting later this year and will also be available on the Village's website. □

16th Annual Shop with a Cop/Firefighter Event

The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association is proud to announce the 16th Annual Pleasant Prairie Shop with a Cop/Firefighter charity event that will be held in December. Shop with a Cop/Firefighter is a way for members of Pleasant Prairie's Police and Fire & Rescue Departments to give back to the community by helping local families who may not otherwise be able to celebrate the holidays in a traditional manner.

Children from underprivileged families pair off with a Police Officer or Firefighter and select gifts for their family members. The Shop with a Cop program not only helps families celebrate during the holidays, but it allows families to meet first responders outside of crises. The Association is now accepting donations in support of this year's **Shop with a Cop and Firefighter**. 100% of every donation directly supports the event.



Those wishing to donate may do so in person or by mail at the following address: Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association; Shop with a Cop; 8600 Green Bay Road; Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. □

Winter Weather Snow Safety




When the snow starts to fall, the Public Works Department activates its **Snow and Ice Removal Plan**. Exactly what happens under the plan depends on the amount of precipitation that has fallen, is predicted to fall, the temperature, duration of the storm, and moisture content.

Remove your vehicles from public streets when approximately **2 inches** of snow has fallen or is predicted to fall. Vehicles parked in the road not only make it more difficult to clean the streets, but it also endangers safety by forcing drivers to zigzag in and out of traffic on slippery roads. *As a reminder, the Village will ticket violators.*

There are also steps you, as a resident, can take to ensure that snow removal operations run safely and smoothly:

1. Please **avoid driving or parking on the road** during heavy snowstorms. Our primary purpose is to clear streets for emergency vehicles. If you must be out, please use extreme caution and do not drive too fast for conditions, wear a seat belt, drive sober, and avoid distractions.
2. Use caution when you encounter a snowplow. State law requires that you **stay at least 200 feet** behind a working snowplow. When following a snowplow, make sure that you can see the driver's mirrors so the driver is able to see you.
3. **Do not shovel or blow snow into public streets.** This not only defeats the purpose of our snow plowing, but it is a violation of Village Ordinances because it causes unsafe conditions for all drivers. All shoveled or blown snow must be piled in your yard or parkway.
4. If you live in a portion of the Village where sidewalks have been installed, please remove snow and ice from your **sidewalk within 24 hours** of a snowfall. Clear snow and ice away from fire hydrants located on or near your property. Keeping hydrants clear will help save valuable time, should a fire emergency occur in your neighborhood.
5. The Village encourages all residents to please **assist your elderly neighbors** with snow removal tasks whenever possible.


Snow emergencies are announced on Time Warner Cable Channel 25, at PleasantPrairieWi.gov, by text or email through **Nixle.com**, via Twitter and Facebook, and through local television, radio, and print media. More information related to **Pleasant Prairie's Snow and Ice Removal Plan** is available at PleasantPrairieWi.gov.

Find winter road conditions and traffic information at 5-1-1. Via phone, text or online, 5-1-1 can help you plan for safer travel during the winter weather season. Learn more about this Wisconsin Department of Transportation service at www.511wi.gov. 



Veterans Day Thank You!

Thank you to all who joined us on November 7 for Pleasant Prairie's Veterans Day Ceremony. Your presence was a tribute to all those who have served and are serving in our country's military. Thank you for helping honor our servicemen and women. The Village would like to congratulate Pleasant Prairie VFW Post 7308 for being named All American Post for the fifth year within the National VFW organization.

Special thanks to the following organizations for their role in the ceremony: Pleasant Prairie VFW Post 7308, Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans, Pleasant Prairie Police Department Honor Guard, American Legion Paul Herrick Post 21, Bugles Across America, Jimano's of Pleasant Prairie, and Culver's of Pleasant Prairie. 

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Twelfth Night Tree Burning Ceremony Returns

The Village of Pleasant Prairie's historic Twelfth Night event began in 1980, continued through 1993, and resumed in 2020. The ceremony will return in 2022, with the traditional holiday tree burning bonfire.

Area communities are welcome to attend to help celebrate the Twelfth Night tradition. The 2022 ceremony is planned for Thursday, January 6, starting at 6:00 p.m. at RecPlex Wruck (Beach) Pavilion, located along Park Drive on the west side of Lake Andrea in Pleasant Prairie. The Pleasant Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau (PPCVB), Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and Village of Pleasant Prairie are hosting the event.

The Village utilizes this historic ceremony to dispose of dried holiday trees. The preferred drop-off location to contribute a tree to the event is inside the fenced-in area along Park Drive, near the beach, on Lake Andrea's west side. The holiday tree drop-off site opens for Village residents starting Sunday, December 26.

Public safety at the event is a top priority. The bonfire area will be at least 100 square feet and is subject to the Fire Chief and onsite Public Safety Personnel's judgment. Community members are encouraged to follow COVID-19 recommendations. Parking along Park Drive will be reserved for Fire and Rescue to keep safety trucks and equipment closest to the fire. Guests may park in lots on either side of the Wruck Pavilion.

The Twelfth Night Celebration is free and open to the public. The Village, Historical Society, and PPCVB look forward to seeing guests attend the event. Festivities will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with a welcome from PPCVB Executive Director Michelle Williamson. The holiday tree bonfire will start at 6:15 p.m., followed by hot chocolate outside the Wruck Pavilion. Donations for the Twelfth Night are welcome to support the Historical Society's efforts to restore a 1935 Peter Pirsch Model 21 Fire Engine, the first fire engine the Fire Department purchased when formed in 1935. ☐



Tree Drop-Off Sites

Prairie Springs Park

West side of Park Drive
by Lake Andrea Beach
(Preferred drop-off location)

Village Hall

9915 39th Avenue

Pleasant Prairie Park

8400 104th Avenue

Carol Beach Park

111th Street and 10th Avenue

Ingram Park

93rd Street and 57th Avenue

Residential Recycling Center (Saturdays only)

8000 128th Street

Holiday Tree Drop-Off Sites and Fire Safety

The Pleasant Prairie Fire and Rescue Department would like to remind residents to get rid of trees after the holiday or when they become dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the house or garage or placed outside against the home.

Listed (on the left) are six holiday tree drop-off locations available for residents from December 26 through January 31.

Only trees are accepted.

Please remove all wreaths, garland, lights, ornaments, tree bags, stands, and nails before placing the holiday tree inside the fenced area.



National Fire Protection Association Facts:

- Holiday trees are combustible items that become increasingly flammable as they continue to dry out in your home.
- 44% of home holiday tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- 25% of holiday tree fires are due to heat sources being too close to the tree. ☐

Historical Society

14,000-Years Ago...

Humans first stepped foot in this area over 14,000 years ago. Warming temperatures melting the glaciers allowed Native Americans to move farther north into Wisconsin. At the time, the landscape was covered in pine forests, and large animals or “megafauna,” like mammoths, mastodons, and giant sloths, roamed the land. Native Americans ate these animals until they went extinct.

Archeologists know humans ate megafauna because of the butcher marks and stone tools found at archeological sites. There are five known mammoth/mastodon sites in Kenosha County. One such site is the Schaefer site, where the remains of a mammoth were first discovered in 1964. In 1991, the site was excavated to uncover the nearly complete remains of a mammoth. The bones are dated to 14,300 years ago, making it the oldest known mammoth butchered by humans with tools east of the Mississippi River. Since it died thousands of years before Native Americans used bows and arrows, the mammoth was probably killed by thrusting spears. The mammoth stood at eleven feet tall and weighed seven tons (14,000 pounds).

When you visit the Pleasant Prairie History Museum, a leg bone from the Schaefer mammoth is on display—thanks to a loan from the Kenosha County Archeological Society. It is the oldest artifact on display at the Pleasant Prairie History Museum.

The Historical Society can be reached at [262.577.5115](tel:262.577.5115) or info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org. Check out the website, PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org, and follow at Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety. To learn more about Pleasant Prairie’s past, visit the Pleasant Prairie History Museum at the historic Dublin School (3875 116th Street). ☐



The mammoth bone on display at the Pleasant Prairie History Museum.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26, in honor of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Village offices



will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, November 29. There will be no recycling or garbage collection on November 25. It will resume on November 26, with pick-ups delayed by one day.

White goods and electronics will not be collected during Thanksgiving week but may be brought to the Residential Recycling Center. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Thursday, November 25, and will reopen for regular business hours on Friday, November 26.

Winter Holidays

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23, and Friday, December 24, in honor of the Christmas Holiday. Village offices will reopen on Monday, December 27 for regular business hours. No delay to weekly garbage pickup, Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 25.

Village offices will also be closed on Thursday, December 30, and Friday, December 31, in honor of the New Year’s Holiday. Village offices will reopen on January 3 for regular business hours. No delay to weekly garbage pickup, Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, January 1.

RecPlex will be **closed** on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Have a safe and joyful holiday season. ☐

Residential Recycling Center



Starting December 4, the Residential Recycling Center will only be open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The site will resume Monday through Friday hours on March 21, 2022.

Hazardous Waste Collection continues on the first Saturday of every month year-round, except January and May. ☐