



Pleasant Prairie Welcomes New Village Administrator

The Pleasant Prairie Village Board is pleased to announce the selection of Eric Rindfleisch as the next Village of Pleasant Prairie Administrator. The appointment occurred during the Village Board Meeting on November 14, 2022. The Village Board and staff officially welcomed Rindfleisch at the meeting, awarded the contract, and admitted him into the position to begin his duties as Village Administrator. Board members also expressed appreciation for Kathleen Goessl's public service throughout the six months she served the community in the Interim Village Administrator position.

"The Pleasant Prairie Administrator position is a rare opportunity, and I believe my background, experiences, and education are a perfect match," stated Eric Rindfleisch. "I am honored to be selected; it will be a privilege to serve the Pleasant Prairie community in this role."

The Human Resources Department began searching for a new Village Administrator in June 2022, following the swearing-in of Goessl as Interim Village Administrator. Human Resources reviewed applicants for the position and conducted preliminary phone interviews with applicants to narrow the selection based on qualifications.

The Village Board then conducted interviews with three candidates. Rindfleisch stood out to the Village President and Trustees due to his extensive administration background and knowledge of Wisconsin laws, rules, and regulations. The Village Board based their selection on Rindfleisch's capabilities, including his history of elected offices, administrative appointments in local government for Wisconsin communities, and experience being responsible for day-to-day functions of large and small municipal organizations.

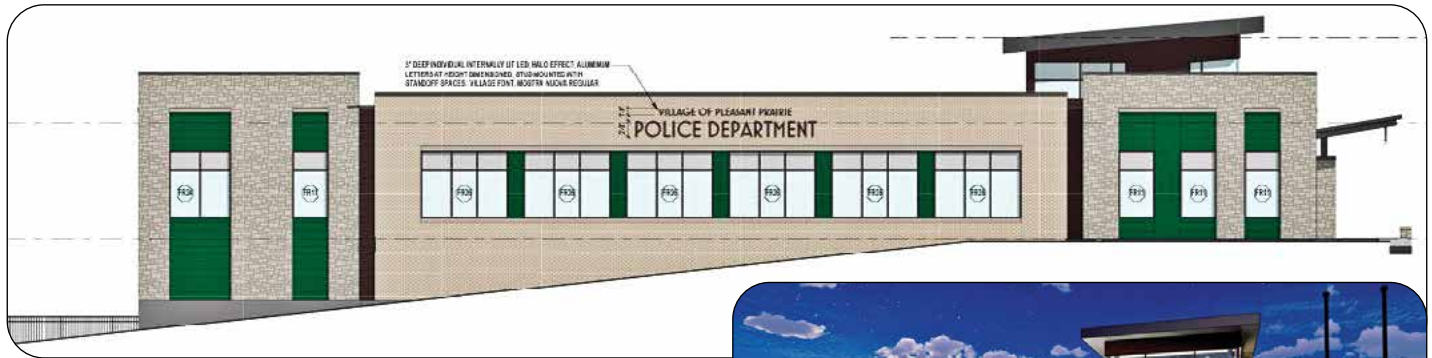
Rindfleisch brings nearly 20 years of local government experience and expertise to the role, including his past five years as City Administrator for the City of Onalaska in La Crosse County. His previous experience also includes a Director of Administration position for the City of Lodi and Village Administrator positions for McFarland and Edgar communities. He is a Wisconsin Certified Public Manager with a Master of Public and Nonprofit Administration degree from Metropolitan State University in Minnesota and a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota.

As Village Administrator, Rindfleisch oversees Village operations, including managing budgets, implementing policies, and working with staff to provide high-quality public services. □



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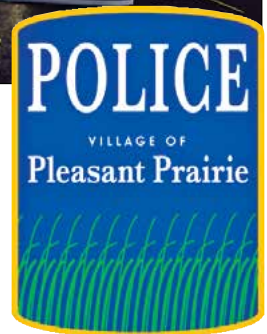
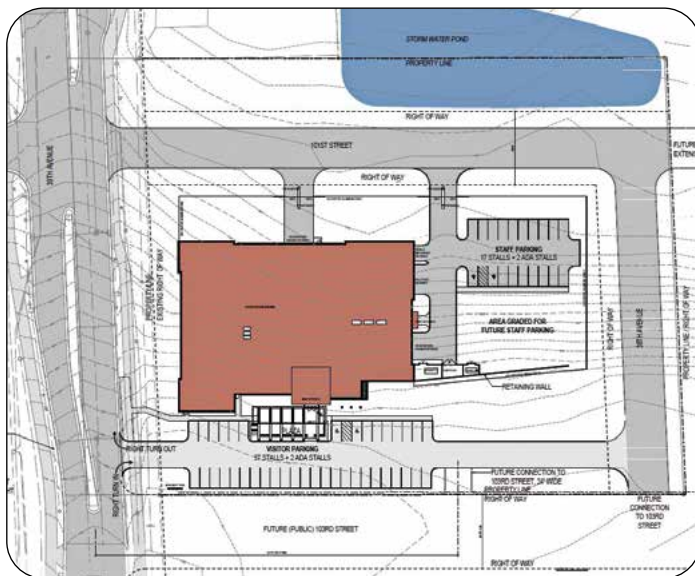
Plans for New Police Station Advance



Following a public hearing on November 7, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved a Conceptual Plan for the proposed construction of a new Pleasant Prairie police station and the next week, on November 14, the Village Board gave final Conceptual Plan approval. The Conceptual Plan depicts the location and construction of the new police station on approximately 4.5-acres of property owned by the Village in an area south of 100th Street and north of 104th Street on the east side of 39th Avenue.

“Consideration for a new police station began in 2016 to address several defects in the space at our current station,” stated Pleasant Prairie Chief of Police David Smetana. “We need physical skills training space. A classroom training facility will allow us to host police training which would benefit us in providing high-quality training and help us financially by lowering training costs.”

Designs for the new police station propose a total building size of approximately 58,000 square feet. The main level would consist of roughly 28,000 square feet for offices and conference rooms, with space for dispatch, roll call, booking and holding, evidence intake, storage, locker rooms, and mechanical rooms. In addition, the Police Department will use the station’s lower level for underground parking, a defense tactics training room, additional storage, and a vehicle impound area.



Chief Smetana added, “We need more office space, and our current evidence processing area is small and antiquated, restricting the equipment used to process evidence. We are approaching a limit on women’s locker space and meeting areas. The new facility will allow for indoor parking for all of our equipment; currently, we only have six indoor parking spots. The new facility will answer all of these concerns and allow for growth and our continued service to the community in the coming decades.”

In conjunction with the police station development, the Village plans to construct 101st Street and 38th Avenue to the north and east of the facility. The development design provides a primary public entrance on the south side of the building, with public parking lot access available from both 38th and 39th Avenues. Police personnel will enter from 101st Street on the north side of the building. The site will provide 39 public parking spaces on the south side of the building and 19 staff spaces on the east side of the building. The proposed underground parking on the lower level will accommodate squad cars and other police vehicles. □



Plans for Fire Station #3 Move Forward



On December 5, members of the Plan Commission approved Site and Operational Plans to construct Fire Station #3. The project will move to the Village Board for contract approval in January 2023. The proposed plans place the new station at the northeast corner of State Trunk Highway 165 (STH 165) and Terwall Terrace in Prairie Springs Park at 10165 Terwall Terrace.

Planning for Fire Station #3 began in 1999, and in 2019 a fire study was completed by McGrath, which confirmed the need for a third fire station in Prairie Springs Park. The Village's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating is a significant driver in developing Fire Station #3. The Village's ISO deployment analysis segment of the overall report in 2015 and 2020 scored the Village at 2.74 and 3.76 out of 10 points. ISO evaluates the deployment or locations of fire stations in each community.

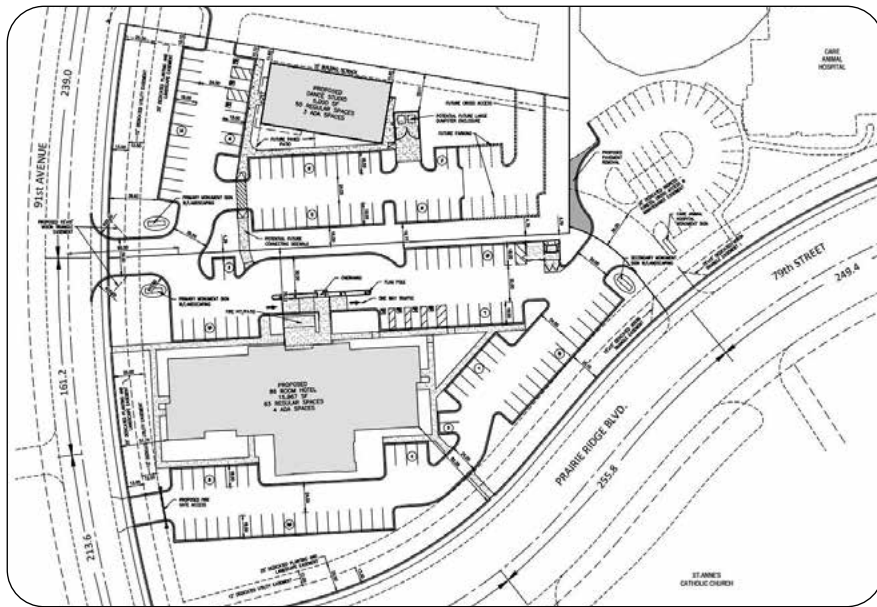
"Fire Station #3 will become the new headquarters for the Fire & Rescue Department and support Stations #1 and #2 by aiding in responses to concurrent calls for service," stated Fire & Rescue Chief Craig Roepke. "The new station will place the department's critical infrastructure in a location that will enhance the overall Village emergency plan, providing appropriate response times and proper coverage distances to the Village's southern and western areas."



Fire Station #3 will be approximately 21,350 square feet, comprised of offices, eight dorm rooms, a drive-thru four-door apparatus bay, a day room, and a training/conference room. The design of the building will be similar to Fire Station #1 at 3801 Springbrook Road. The building will include stone, brick, architectural panels, and standing seam metal roofing. The facility is moving toward sustainability and will incorporate green building components, including a solar panel system on the roof that will offset the facility's electrical charges. There will be 112 outside parking spaces that include two handicapped-accessible parking spaces, that will also serve Prairie Springs Park.

Additionally, the Village is working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to install lighted advanced warning signs to alert travelers on STH 165 when a fire apparatus is entering the roadway. A new stormwater retention facility and a municipal sanitary sewer extension will be associated with the new Fire Station #3 development. The station intends to house eight full-time employees with a minimum of three employees per shift. The largest shift would have a maximum of ten employees, including administrative staff consisting of the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, and Administrative Secretary. Construction is proposed to start in the spring of 2023 and be completed in 2024. □

Proposed Dance Studio and Hotel In Prairie Ridge Shopping Area



The Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission held public hearings at the meeting on November 21 for a Master Conceptual Plan, Certified Survey Map, and Zoning Map Amendment for the vacant property located at the northeast corner of 91st Avenue and Prairie Ridge Boulevard. Bear Development LLC, the property owners, made the requests to subdivide the property into two parcels to develop a dance studio on northern Lot 1 and a hotel on southern Lot 2. Following Village staff presentations and public hearings, the Plan Commission unanimously approved the items and sent favorable recommendations to the Village Board, which reviewed the project on November 28 and gave approvals to advanced the project.

The Master Conceptual Plan for the project illustrates how the vacant parcel will be subdivided and developed. The plan proposes the construction of a 5,000-square-foot dance studio on Lot 1, which consists of approximately 1.3-acres of land with nearly 200 feet of frontage on 91st Avenue. The parcel will have shared access with the Sherwin-Williams store to the north and the proposed hotel to the south. In addition, the property will provide 53 on-site parking spaces, including three handicapped accessible parking spaces with over 50% of open space remaining on the property.

Plans for the proposed hotel include a 4-story building with 86 rooms that will develop on Lot 2, which consists of about 2.3-acres of property with over 300 feet of frontage on 91st Avenue and over 450 feet of frontage on Prairie Ridge Boulevard. The hotel's footprint will be about 15,967 square feet, with a building height of approximately 55 feet. In addition to sharing main entrances with the dance studio to the north and the Care Animal Hospital to the east, the hotel plans include an alternative full-access driveway off 91st Avenue. The hotel will provide 87 on-site parking spaces, including four handicapped accessible parking spaces, and maintain over 38% of open space.

“The proposed plan to develop the vacant property in Prairie Ridge will provide quality hotel rooms for travelers and give local dance enthusiasts a place to socialize, learn, and practice,” stated Director of Community Development Jean Werbie-Harris. “This significant investment in the area will bring new jobs to the region and be a welcomed addition to the Pleasant Prairie businesses community.” □

Kwik Trip Store 75th Street Location



In December Kwik Trip #975 (previously a PDQ) received Temporary Occupancy for the redeveloped gasoline and convenience store at 8800 75th Street.

Kwik Trip razed the existing store, canopy, and fueling dispensers to reconstruct a new 7,370 square foot convenience store with eight fueling dispensers (16 fueling positions) under a new canopy. With the redevelopment, Kwik Trip did not alter the 2018 constructed detached single lane carwash on the west side of the building. A total of 20 full-time and eight part-time employees are planned to work at the facility.

“This is one of five Kwik Trips in operation within the Village of Pleasant Prairie, and their locations are well known for their cleanliness and quality services,” said Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director. “The redeveloped location is a benefit to the area. By relocating the fueling dispensers to the east side of the property it has improved access to the facility.” □



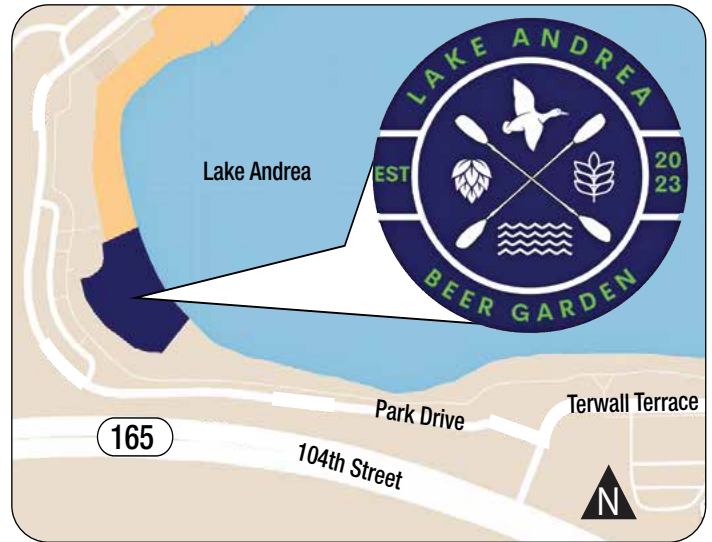
Operator Selected for Proposed Beer Garden

The cold weather and snow in the coming months may have residents and guests looking forward to the warmer summer months. That was the case during the Village Board meeting on November 28, when the Village Board considered and acted on recommendations from the Pleasant Prairie Park Commission. Board members unanimously selected an operator for the proposed Lake Andrea Beer Garden planned for Prairie Springs Park in Pleasant Prairie.

“Visit Pleasant Prairie’s efforts were crucial in bringing the beer garden initiative forward. They supported it by developing a pop-up beer garden event that occurred this past summer on the beautiful shores of Lake Andrea,” explained Community Development Director Jean Werbie-Harris. “The event’s success furthered the momentum for a permanent beer garden in Prairie Springs Park. Visit Pleasant Prairie continued working with Village staff to guide the project forward with the goal of creating a committee to make the vision a reality.”

Village staff sent a request for proposal (RFP) to five local southeastern Wisconsin candidates and met with four. All had qualified and either proven beer garden or hospitality operations. The Village had three goals and searched for an operator that could:

- Supply the public with the most satisfactory service from the beer garden concessions.
- Deliver unique opportunities, family-friendly experiences, and a variety of authentic and local talent for entertainment activities and social gatherings.
- Ensure the Village receives adequate compensation to offset future park and recreation expenses.



An RFP Evaluation Committee reviewed the two proposal responses submitted to the Village. While both respondents were qualified, Village Staff determined Lake Andrea Beer Garden was the best-qualified operator. The selection was based on ten reasons, including the operator’s willingness to modify an existing 45-foot by 20-foot picnic shelter at Picnic Area #2 in Prairie Springs Park, south of the Wruck Beach Pavilion, to create a permanent asset for the Village.

The selected operators are Michael Grab and Anthony DeBartolo, owners and operators of the Petrifying Springs Biergarten in Somers, and Mike Honold, the owner of Rivals Sports Pub and Grille in Kenosha. The project is proposed to be known as Lake Andrea Beer Garden and plans to feature a limited food menu, premium craft beers, wine, and other non-alcoholic beverages. □

Visit Pleasant Prairie Announces Executive Director

The Pleasant Prairie Convention & Visitors Bureau (Visit Pleasant Prairie) recently announced Sarah Howard as Executive Director. She started with Visit Pleasant Prairie as the Director of Marketing and Communications in 2019.

“Sarah’s vision, expertise, and drive clearly make her the best person to lead Pleasant Prairie’s tourism efforts; and the economic development derived from tourism to improve the quality of life in our Village,” stated Visit Pleasant Prairie Board Chairman Mike Pollocoff. “The Board of Directors are excited for her future with Visit Pleasant Prairie.”

Established in 2018, the Visit Pleasant Prairie mission is to enhance the economy through tourism by promoting amenities, shopping, recreational, and commercial opportunities within the region and beyond. Howard is invested in the local community and collaborates with the Village, working closely with staff on several projects and special events. Go to VisitPleasantPrairie.com for more information. □



Reminder: Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire

Friday, January 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Prairie Springs Park

Attention everyone! The annual Twelfth Night holiday tree bonfire is coming up on Friday, January 6. The delightful tradition in Pleasant Prairie marks the last Night of the Twelve Days of Christmas, a traditional night to take down decorations and officially end the holiday season. The event is an excellent opportunity to gather with friends and family to celebrate the end of the holiday season in a fun and unique way.

The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the bonfire lit shortly after 6:00 p.m. The event will take place in Prairie Springs Park, near the Lake Andrea Wruck Beach Pavilion, at 9999 Park Drive. There will be hot cocoa, cookies, and firepits with marshmallows to roast. In addition, there will be a selection of holiday music playing in the background to get everyone in a festive mood, with a sing-along for anyone who wants to join in and belt out some favorite holiday tunes.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie, Pleasant Prairie Historical Society, and Visit Pleasant Prairie will be hosting this year's Twelfth Night celebration. It is an annual Pleasant Prairie tradition that is free and open to the public.



"I hope everyone will attend the Twelfth Night holiday tree bonfire on January 6.," stated Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. "I look forward to meeting community members and participating in the celebration. Please feel free to bring your friends and family, and don't forget to dress warmly!"

Village residents with a live holiday tree may bring it to one of the designated drop-off locations in the Village. Public Works staff will ensure the tree donations are added to the bonfire so everyone can enjoy it. The holiday tree donations are a great way to contribute to the celebration and repurpose a tree toward a fun community event that celebrates the Twelfth Night tradition. □

2023 Village Calendars



If you did not receive a 2023 calendar in the mail, extra copies are available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) and Roger Prange Municipal Building (8333 90th Street) while supplies last.

If you are not already signed up and would like to receive future editions of the Village Calendar directly to your mailbox, please register at PleasantPrairieWi.gov. On the website's home page click on the Calendar icon near the bottom of the webpage or call **262.925.6701**. □

2023 Paving Projects

Pleasant Prairie 2023 road maintenance.

Location	Application
120th Street and 45th Avenue (113th to 116th Streets)	Pulverize & Relay
RRC Lift Station	2" Overlay
63rd Avenue (80th Street to Dead End)	2" Overlay & Pulverize & Relay
83rd Place (39th Avenue to Dead End)	Pulverize & Relay
Carol Beach 1 (8th Avenue, 115th Street, and 9th Court)	Pulverize & Relay
91st Street (39th Avenue to Dead End)	Pulverize & Relay
22nd Avenue (STH 165 to Dead End)	Pulverize & Relay
Meadowdale (97th Street)	Asphalt Reconstruction
Wispark (Multiple Road Sections)	1.75" Mill & Resurface
Prange Parking Lot	2" Mill & Resurface
Springbrook Road	Pavement Markings
Ladish Water Tower	Reconstruction
Lakeshore Drive (400'N of 91st Place to 116th Street)	2" Overlay

2023 General Fund Budget with Lower Tax Rate



On November 28, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved the 2023 General Fund Budget, including general government operating, capital, debt service, incremental tax districts, and special revenue funds. The Village tax levy is budgeted to change from \$14,252,940 in 2022 to \$17,912,503 in 2023, an increase of \$3,659,563. The Village's mill rate is adjusting down from \$4.68 in 2022 to \$3.71 per thousand of assessed value in 2023.

The 2023 property tax payment for a median-valued residential home in the Village valued at \$322,500 (\$237,200 in 2022) will be approximately \$39 lower than the amount paid in 2022. The Village portion of the property tax bill was increased to support the \$1.6 million voter-approved Public Safety Referendum to hire 16 new public safety personnel; however, there was an overall reduction across all tax districts in 2023 which produced the lower cost. The savings is primarily due to the retirement of Pleasant Prairie's Tax Incremental District #2 (TID 2), which closed with sufficient increment to pay off the district's infrastructure debt and is contributing tax funds to the other taxing districts.

"Tax district developments in Pleasant Prairie represent a significant investment in the community. The closing of TID 2 shows a return that positively impacts the Village and other taxing districts in the area," explained Village Trustee Mike Pollocoff. "The Village's long-term plan for community growth has focused on what could be accomplished to help reduce residential tax pressures. The investment in TID 2 has paid off and developing an economic area to help lower tax rates, brought new industries that provide jobs, and helped grow the local economy and community."

Village general operating expenses for 2023 will be approximately \$22.5 million. The budget includes full-time positions for twelve firefighter paramedics, four police officers, a Parks Superintendent, and a Fire Prevention Bureau Officer. The approved capital budget of \$49.7 million includes upgrading the municipal phone system, reconstruction designs for 93rd Street between 63rd and 39th Avenues, updating the park and open space plan, improving the frisbee golf course at Pleasant Prairie Park, replacing shop hoists in the maintenance bays, replacing fleet vehicles, and supporting \$2.5 million in road improvements.

The capital budget also includes borrowing \$27.5 for a new law enforcement facility, \$15.9 million to construct Fire & Rescue Station #3, \$1.4 million for a replacement fire engine and additional ambulance, and funds for a new plow truck. □

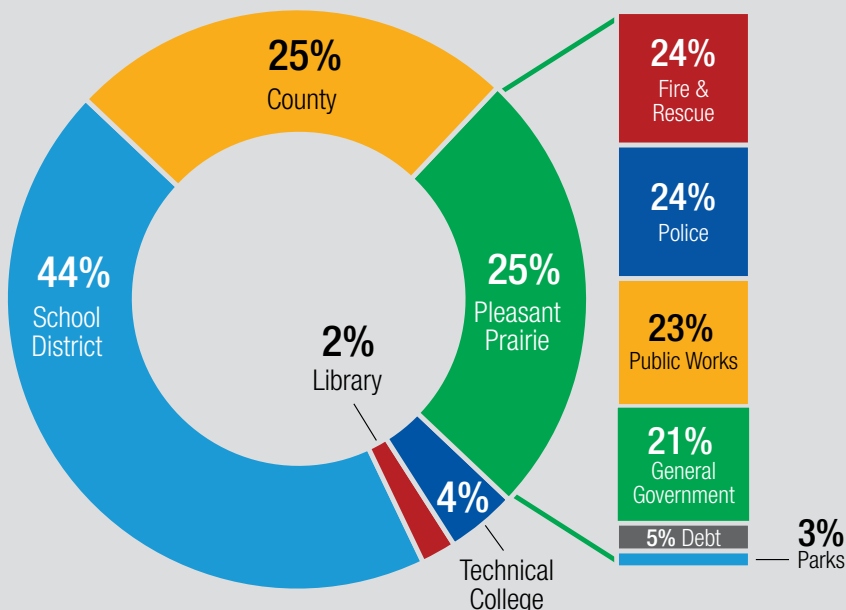
How is Your Property Tax Payment Distributed?

Property Tax Payments

The total property tax collected is distributed to Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha County, Village of Pleasant Prairie, Gateway Technical College, and Kenosha Public Library. Pleasant Prairie receives approximately 25% of the property taxes collected.

What Happens to the 25%?

The majority of the Village's 2023 property tax (approximately 71%) will be used to provide public safety services, such as police, fire and rescue, and public works services, including snow plowing, road maintenance, and similar work.



Pleasant Prairie uses the remaining amount (roughly 29%) to pay down existing debt, fund General Government operations, and maintain the Village parks. A breakdown of percentages for the property tax payment distribution is displayed in the chart on the left.

The Village's portion of property tax, collected yearly from individual taxpayers, small businesses, and corporations, supports approximately 63% of the yearly General Government budget. The remaining 37% of revenue is generated from state aids and through services provided by Village Departments, like building permits and rescue squad earnings. □

2023 Clean Water, Sewer, and Water Utility Budgets

On Monday, November 14, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board unanimously approved the Clean Water, Sewer, and Water Utility budgets. All three budgets will maintain current services and keep rates steady throughout 2023. As a result, Pleasant Prairie property owners will not see an increase in Clean Water, Sewer, or Water Utility bills in 2023.

Clean Water Utility

Clean Water Utility manages and maintains the Village's stormwater infrastructure, protecting groundwater from contaminated stormwater runoff. The approved 2023 Clean Water Utility budget includes operating, capital, and debt service. The 2023 Clean Water Utility budget will maintain the current \$6 per month Equivalent Runoff Unit charge. Funds collected by the stormwater fee are used to maintain Village-owned stormwater infrastructures and catch basins, and preserve natural drainage systems like streams and buffers. In 2023, the Clean Water Utility will continue to perform street sweeping, outfall inspections, and catch basin cleaning. The proposed budget includes approximately \$2.2 million in revenue and \$2.6 million in expenses. The fund has sufficient reserves to cover 2023 operating expenses and capital requests.



Sewer Utility

Pleasant Prairie's sewer and water rates are based on the meter's size and water volume used. Sewer rates are calculated with a winter-based average to account for any water used on lawns or yards that might infiltrate and pass through the sanitary sewer system during the summer months. As part of the 2023 Sewer Utility budget, the Village Board approved nearly \$500,000 in capital and decision packages. The utility will cover costs of rebuilding lift stations, making sewer adjustments in association with the paving program, and conducting sewer rehab to reduce the amount of Inflow and Infiltration that leaks into the sewer system.



Water Utility

Pleasant Prairie Water Utility is a wholesale customer and purchases all water from Kenosha Water Utility. Water rates are based on the number of gallons consumed, measured by the water meter. In 2023, Water Utility will conduct approximately \$1 million worth of improvements, including continuing upgrades to water meters and MXU radio communication devices to eliminate outdated equipment. In addition, the utility will replace the Barnes Creek water main relay and replace pump drives along Sheridan Road in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Sheridan Road repaving project. Other projects include replacing industrial and residential water meters, developing advanced metering infrastructure, and replacing obsolete fire hydrants. □

2023 Fleet Budget



The Fleet Internal Service Fund is a fund that helps the Village track and pay for the maintenance and replacement of fleet vehicles, equipment, attachments, and tools for Village departments (except for Police and Fire & Rescue). Maintenance and replacement costs are factored in for each participating Village department and paid through a pay-per-use system. The fund allows the Village to avoid borrowing and maintains the equipment used to provide essential services to Village residents.

In 2023, the fund will increase its revenue by charging higher rates, generating an estimated \$179,112 from general government departments and enterprise funds. The fund will also be used to purchase a sanitation truck and tandem axle dump truck for a total of \$594,062. □

Solid Waste Collection



What Is Solid Waste Utility?

The Solid Waste Utility provides curbside garbage, recycling, and leaf collection for approximately 7,540 homes. The utility also operates the Residential Recycling Center, which offers hazardous waste collection on the first Saturday of each month, along with free compost, mulch, shred events, and holiday tree drop-off sites.

The adoption of the 2023 Solid Waste Utility Budget includes a \$2.00 increase to \$23.50 per month for unlimited collection and a \$1.00 increase to \$21.50 per month for automated or limited collection, which uses a smaller garbage container. The new rates will begin in January 2023. □

Residential Fence Facts

When planning to install a new fence or make significant changes to an existing one, please be aware that fence permits are typically required. Therefore, before starting a fence project, it is essential to check with the Community Development Department. Failure to obtain the proper permit may result in fines or other penalties.

Below are some Village regulations relating to fences:

- Fences must be maintained, structurally sound, stand straight, and not have missing or damaged fence panels. Additionally, fence surfaces should be free from rust, corrosion, peeling, flaking, or chipped paint.
- Fences in the rear yard or side street yard may not exceed six feet in height, and front yard fences must not exceed four feet. Fence heights are calculated based on the overall elevations, including berms, above the overall standard grade of the property, excluding architectural finials (decorative accents that top a fence post). Additionally, the good side of a fence must face outward towards the abutting landowners.
- Snow fences that are plastic or have wooden pickets bound together by wire are allowed in all zoning districts; however, they must not exceed four feet in height and must be removed between May 1 and November 1 of each year. Also, privately-owned snow fences cannot extend into the road right-of-way.
- Decorative fences are allowed in all districts but must not exceed two feet in height. In addition, they must be located at least two feet from any right-of-way and not placed in a traffic vision triangle to prevent obstructions from blocking a driver's view of vehicles or pedestrians.
- Fences require zoning permits and inspections and often require approval from the local homeowner's association.

The above list highlights some of the Village rules and regulations related to fences. To view additional details on other Village rules and ordinances relating to fences, please visit

PleasantPrairieWi.gov/ordinances. □



Forensic Video Examiner Certification

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is pleased to announce that the Village Communications and System Admin, Ryan Marquart, has been certified as a Forensic Video Examiner by the International Association of Identification. The prestigious certification recognizes Marquart's expertise in forensic video analysis and demonstrates his dedication to upholding the highest standards of professional excellence.



Ryan Marquart

Marquart explained that the certification was a challenging year-long course, which followed a rigorous application and testing process that included a written and practical test covering video file analysis of metadata, image processing, clarification, enhancement, and image comparison analysis.

Marquart has been an integral member of the Village team since 2005 and consistently demonstrates his interest, skill, and expertise in video analysis. His hard work and dedication to his craft have earned him the respect of his colleagues. Pleasant Prairie Police Chief David Smetana stated, "Well done, Ryan, you are a true asset to the Village."

Village Administration is proud to have Marquart on the Village team and congratulates him on this well-deserved recognition. His certification is a testament to his commitment to providing the highest level of service to the Pleasant Prairie community. □



Marquart shown piloting the Village's drone during a Wide Area Search training exercise with Fire & Rescue.



Shop with a Cop/Firefighter Thank You

The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association and the Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments would like to express their gratitude to those who supported the 17th annual Shop with a Cop and Firefighter charity event that took place on December 10, 2022. The event is a way for members of the public safety departments to help struggling families during the holiday season and foster positive relations between local youth and officers.



This year's event helped 16 kids that local school staff selected to pair with officers and firefighters at Meijer, and provided the opportunity to pick out holiday gifts for their loved ones. Each year Meijer provides a generous donation; however, most of the program is funded through donations from the community. The Police Association also provided families with a \$50 gift card to Woodman's to ensure they could share a family meal over the holidays. □

Multi-jurisdictional Major Crash Assistance Team

Over the past year, a new multi-jurisdictional team known as MCAT (Major Crash Assistance Team) has formed to provide thorough crash investigations to southeastern Wisconsin communities. The



group comprises members from the Pleasant Prairie Police Department, Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, Kenosha Police Department, and the Twin Lakes Police Department in cooperation with the Kenosha County District Attorney's Office and the Kenosha County Medical Examiner's office.

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department is proud to contribute to MCAT. The team started to form in 2021 when emergency teams involved in severe crashes realized a specialized county-wide severe motor vehicle crash investigative team would benefit the area. The multi-jurisdictional team officially launched on December 1, 2022. MCAT will respond to crashes involving fatalities or imminent deaths in Kenosha County.

MCAT will be responsible for the crash scene documentation, evidence collection and preservation, photography, and scene documentation by drone or using a Total Station device during an investigation. The agency whose jurisdiction the crash occurred will receive all reports and work products regarding the collision.

MCAT members receive advanced training in crash analysis and reconstruction, as well as evidence collection and documentation. MCAT is another example of the excellent work relationship between Kenosha County Law Enforcement and area partners to deliver high-quality service to the southeastern Wisconsin region.

"We are proud to announce the formation of our new multi-jurisdictional major crash assistance team," stated Police Chief David Smetana. "The team is comprised of officers from several different agencies and jurisdictions with specialized crash analysis training. MCAT will allow us to better respond to and investigate major crashes, ensuring that we can collect evidence, analyze an accident, and reopen roadways promptly." □



New Aerial Ladder



Guests attending the 2022 Veterans Day ceremony on November 6 were among the first to see the new aerial ladder engine that Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue received in early November. The new apparatus is known as Ladder 31. It will be the primary ladder engine responding from Station #1 at 3801 Springbrook Road.

Pierce Manufacturing, a company specializing in creating highly customized rescue units, manufactured the new aerial ladder truck. It is a 107-foot Pierce Aerial Ascendant, equipped with a 470-gallon water tank and a 30-gallon foam tank. The new ladder truck has a shorter chassis than the 100-foot aerial platform ladder Fire & Rescue received in 2017. As a result, the new engine offers enhanced maneuverability and can service the Village's residential areas with narrow roadways. With the new engine, Fire & Rescue plans to relocate the 2017 aerial platform ladder engine to Fire Station #2.

The Fire & Rescue Department members received three days of specialized training in late November from Pierce Manufacturing on how to operate the new aerial ladder engine. The on-site trainer reviewed all override and emergency measures with Fire & Rescue staff, providing instruction on how to run the ladder truck and what to do if the hydraulics or power fails. The training covered additional items, including load charts, potential scenarios, and how to operate the ladder properly.

"The entire department is excited to have the new aerial ladder truck," said Fire Chief Craig Roepke. "This new emergency response apparatus will ensure Fire & Rescue can respond to fire, medical, and other emergencies efficiently. It will aid in critical services to help maintain the health and safety of Pleasant Prairie residents, families, and businesses for many years." □

Recreation Department Welcomes New Leadership



Brett Christopher



Brian Luburich

New Recreation Department Directors

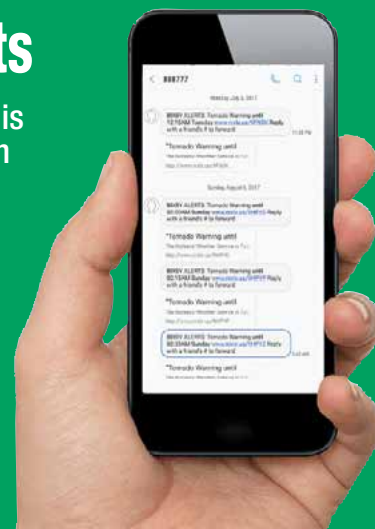
The Village's Recreation Department is pleased to introduce the newly promoted RecPlex business leaders, Director of Recreation Programming Brett Christopher, and Director of Recreation Facilities Brian Luburich. Planning for the change in leadership began over a year ago when Craig Anderson announced he would retire at the end of 2022. The Village is grateful for Anderson's many years of dedicated service to RecPlex, and the time spent on his succession plan, working with his successors, Christopher and Luburich, over the past year to help prepare them for their new roles.

Christopher and Luburich bring knowledge and understanding to the Recreation Department. Christopher has been with RecPlex for over seven years, and Luburich has worked in various roles at RecPlex for the last 17 years. Both commend the Recreation Department's work atmosphere for providing a work environment that allows employees to work in different departments, meet great people, and grow professionally within the organization. Together, Christopher and Luburich will steer RecPlex toward the future, building on the solid foundation that Anderson formed. Village Administration is confident their leadership and vision will guide the Recreation Department toward a thriving future in the years ahead. □

Emergency Alerts

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

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Recreation Dept. Welcomes New Aquatics Manager



The Village of Pleasant Prairie welcomed Geno Kloiber to the Recreation Department as the new Aquatics Manager. The experience and expertise Kloiber brings to the role are assets that will help RecPlex oversee the aquatic facilities' daily operations, including the pool schedule, hiring new staff, and developing aquatics programs and events. Kloiber's dedication to programming, staff development, and safety makes for a valuable addition to the Recreation team. Village staff looks forward to working with Kloiber and seeing all the great things he will accomplish in the role. As you see Christopher, Luburich, and Kloiber at RecPlex or out in the community, please join the Village in welcoming them to their new positions within the Recreation Department. □

One Step Closer to Marathon Goals



Congratulations to the Recreation Department's Iyan Nichols for completing the 2022 New York Marathon on November 6. Nichols is a personal trainer and group fitness instructor at RecPlex. He prepared for the grueling 26.2-mile race by training on the paved multi-use path around Lake Andera and on the indoor track at RecPlex when the weather was colder.

Nichols competed in ten other marathons before the New York Marathon and showed incredible endurance and stamina by crossing the finish line in four hours and 32 minutes. It was a much hotter day than anticipated, making the race more difficult. The impressive accomplishment is a testament to his dedication, hard work, and determination. He aims to complete a marathon from all six World Marathon Majors (Toyko, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York). He has completed New York and Chicago and has four left to reach his goal. □

Waterpark Maintenance



The recent RecPlex water park closure was needed to complete essential maintenance and improvements to the slide and pool walls. Contractors arrived on December 5, 2022, to drain the pool and begin the repairs with an estimated completion date of December 22 and purple waterside opening on January 3.

The shutdown only restricted access to the indoor water park with the slide, current channel, hot tub, and four lap lanes. The Aqua Arena, with Olympic-sized swimming pool, remained open during the water park repairs and access to the family changing rooms, locker rooms, and saunas was maintained. All other facility amenities outside the indoor water park stayed operational throughout construction, including the field house, indoor running track, ice arenas, fitness center, childcare, sports programming, and therapeutic recreational programs.

The new Village Recreation Maintenance Manager, Kyle Taylor, worked closely with contractors throughout the project. The list of work included essential repairs and maintenance in the waterpark, including slide structure enhancements with replacement railings and repairs to the pool expansion joint, wall finish, play features, and mechanical components. Other cosmetic refreshments included painting, regrouting, tile replacement, and deep cleaning to prepare the pool for the new year.

"The RecPlex waterpark is a significant facility asset that members regularly enjoy for swim lessons, hydrotherapy, recreational swimming, and more," explained Brett Christopher, Director of Recreation Programming. "The waterpark provides a year-round indoor setting for young swimmer development, family swimming, birthday parties, and more. The improvement project is an investment that aims to preserve the lifespan of this popular asset." □

2023 Triathlons at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex

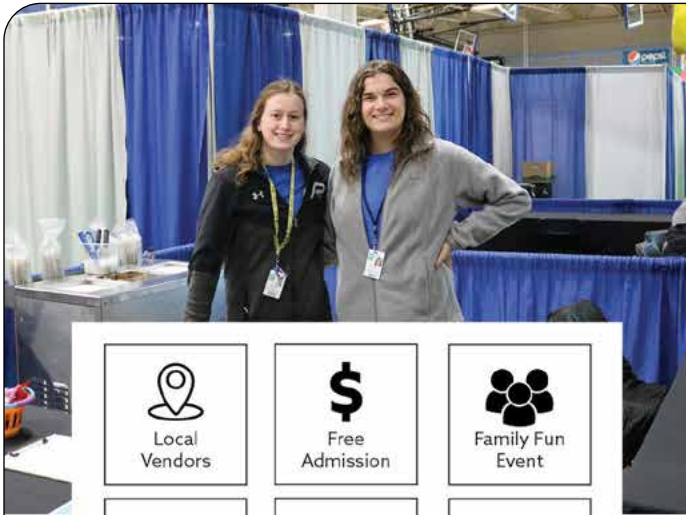
Date	2023 Event
Jan. 29	Indoor Triathlon
May 7	RecPlex 5k Run
June 4	Pleasant Prairie Cup Jr. Triathlon
June 25	Pleasant Prairie Triathlon
July 15	RecPlex 2.3k Run
Aug. 13	WI Women's Triathlon
Sept. 16	Discovery Walk, Roll, & Run 5K
Oct. 21	Scary in the Prairie 5K/10K
Nov. 18	Run with the Turkeys 5K/10K
Nov. 19	Indoor Turkey Triathlon

Prairie Springs Park and Lake Andrea plan to host the Pleasant Prairie Cup Jr. Triathlon on Sunday, June 4, and the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon on Sunday, June 25. In addition, RecPlex will be the host site for the WI Women's Triathlon event on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

The dates for this year's events are tentative, but the RecPlex staff is looking forward to cheering on these amazing athletes as they push to meet their goals. Each year, sporting events in Pleasant Prairie draw thousands of visitors to the community. These are great opportunities for the community and visitors to get involved in challenging and rewarding athletic events.

Seasonal sporting events at RecPlex positively affect the local economy by bringing tourism dollars into the community, which benefits local businesses, including retail establishments, restaurants, and hotels.

Commuters near Prairie Springs Park should expect limited road closures on Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, August 13. More information will be available closer to the event dates; when racecourses and logistics are finalized. To learn more about the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon, go to PleasantPrairieTri.com and for a complete list of triathlons and special events, visit RecPlexOnline.com/Events. □



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Snow Removal Reminders



Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance

The Village's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance language specifies who is responsible for removing snow from sidewalks and removal timing. There is also information about depositing snow onto streets, public property, and how the Village approaches compliance with the ordinance.

The owner and occupant of a property are responsible for snow removal from adjacent sidewalks; anyone in charge of a property is also responsible for snow removal. Prompt removal of snow or ice each day from sidewalks is required within 24 hours from when the snow ceases to accumulate. If property owners fail to follow the Village ordinance, Village crews will clear the snow, and the property owners will be billed. The ordinance also requires abutting sidewalks to be sprinkled with de-icing material if ice has formed on a sidewalk.

It is not permissible for people to shovel or blow snow into streets or onto public property. Language in the ordinance relates to how the Village will remedy snow placed into the street or onto public property and how the Village will recover the related expense. The Village of Pleasant Prairie's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance can be found at: pleasantprairiewi.gov/government/laws_and_policies/local_ordinances.



Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department reminds those shoveling to also clear snow from around fire hydrants. Fires can spread quickly. Having hydrants clear and easily accessible improves efficiency and helps Fire & Rescue put out fires.

Maintaining road access and keeping a three-foot radius around fire hydrants, clear of snow and ice debris, is essential. The time it takes a firefighter to dig out hydrants is time that could be spent fighting flames and helping get people out of a building safely.

"Shoveling out a fire hydrant might seem like a small task, but seconds matter in a house fire," said Craig Roepke, Fire Chief. "Having a clear hydrant can help keep area homeowners safe and saves valuable time during an emergency fire response." □

Outdoor Furnaces

An Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace (OWBF) is prohibited in the Village unless the unit is an existing nonconforming OWBF in full compliance with Village Ordinance 180-25.

An existing OWBF requires a yearly operating permit. It is the owner's responsibility to acquire the \$20 permit annually. A permitted OWBF is not authorized to be operated in a manner that is hazardous, harmful, or offensive to the surrounding neighborhood as determined by the Village Building Inspector or Village Fire & Rescue Chief. Under the ordinance, the Fire & Rescue Chief can revoke a permit for a nonconforming OWBF.



The Village adopted the ordinance on October 19, 2009. Any OWBFs before this date would be considered an existing unit. OWBFs moving forward and after October 19, 2009, are prohibited and in violation of this ordinance. □

Historical Society 66 Summers Under the Stars

Whether you called it “the Drive-In,” “the Outdoor,” or “the Keno,” if you’re from Pleasant Prairie, you almost certainly have fond memories of summer nights spent watching movies under the stars. For 66 summers, the Keno Drive-In was a beloved source of entertainment for the community.

On May 18, 1949, cars lined up outside the Keno Family Drive-In Theatre for its opening show: “The Time, the Place, and the Girl.” Everyone was eager to get a good spot and hit up the concessions before the start of the film. At the time, drive-in movie theaters were all the rage. In the 1950s, car culture was king, and drive-ins became a popular way to spend even more time in the car.

In an attempt to skip the admission fee, some visitors would sneak in by hiding in the car trunk. Of course, drive-in staff was aware of the trick but typically looked the other way unless it was painfully obvious. After the end of the 2014 season, it was announced that the Drive-In would not reopen the following year. The Keno Drive-In may have closed forever, but it lives on in the memories of its visitors!



To learn more about the Drive-In’s history, visit the Pleasant Prairie History Museum, located in the historic Dublin School at 3875 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. The museum is open Wednesday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

2023 Fundraiser Series: History Happy Hour

The Historical Society recently announced a four-part “History Happy Hour” fundraiser lecture series. Events will take place quarterly in 2023 and feature a different historical subject and speaker. Food and drink will also be available. More details, including dates and speakers, will be announced soon!

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. □



Photo courtesy of KABA
Mariam Darsot pictured with her Entrepreneur of the Year award.

KABA’s Entrepreneur of the Year

Congratulations to Mariam S. Darsot, Board Chair and retired CEO of Nexus Pharmaceuticals, on receiving the Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA) 2022 Ovation Award for Entrepreneur of the Year. The recognition was bestowed on her during the KABA Ovation Awards on November 3. The award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to their profession, business, and community. The acknowledgment highlighted Darsot’s science background, entrepreneurial leadership, and business-savvy nature that helped her family work diligently toward a dream that grew Nexus from a two-person operation that started in her home to a \$100 million manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie with nearly 200 employees.

The family-owned company places an emphasis on culture. Since 2003, Darsot has persevered through industry changes and found success in collaboration. There was a lot of risk in launching her first product; however, Darsot followed her vision and the company grew. She expresses pride in having a medical manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie, and in her mission to help improve the public’s access to critically needed lifesaving injectable drugs. □

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