



K9 Chase Clears Name and Aids in Arrest of Suspect

An incident involving K9 Chase went viral on social media after the Pleasant Prairie Police Department shared a video on Facebook of 5-year-old K9 Chase in the front seat of a police car after breaking out of a locked gate in the back of the squad and chewing part of the seat.

The post went live on March 2, stating an internal investigation was launched into K9 Chase's behavior for Intentional Destruction of Government Property and Conduct Unbecoming an Officer. It was "PAWSIBLE" that he could face criminal charges for Criminal Damage to Property through the Kenosha County District Attorney. Police asked any law firm willing to represent Chase "PRO-BONE-O" to come forward.

The social media post gained broad news interest, with reports of K9 Chase being in the "DOGHOUSE."

On March 3, the internal investigation against K9 Chase was closed after K9 Chase sat down with the Pleasant Prairie Police Chief, David Smetana. Chief Smetana determined Chase acted as he should if a fellow officer was in trouble. Chase heard shooting at the gun range and tried to get out of the squad because he thought his partner was in danger.

A follow-up Facebook post indicated Chase could not escape the squad and tried to summon backup by sounding the car horn. Chase did not understand his handler and the other officers were training and not in peril.

Chief Smetana stated, "Chase is a good boy and cleared of wrongdoing. He is a valuable Village law enforcement team member, and officers are proud to have him serving the community."

Chase is back on active duty, and in April, he assisted the Kenosha Police Department and the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department in locating a wanted and possibly armed suspect. The suspect had led officers on a vehicle pursuit and a brief foot pursuit where officers had lost sight of the suspect in a wooded area. After several verbal commands, the pursuants remained hidden in the woods. K9 Chase took action to track the suspect and lead officers directly to where he was hiding. The suspect then surrendered, was taken into custody, and Kenosha County Jail.

K9 Chase's assistance in apprehending a wanted and possibly armed suspect demonstrates the importance of the K9 unit. The department commends K9 Chase and his handler for their bravery and dedication to keeping the community safe. □



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Plans for Fred Astaire Dance Studio Approved



On February 20, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved Site and Operational Plans to construct a new Fred Astaire Dance Studio in the Prairie Ridge commercial area. The dance studio will occupy a 5,000-square-foot space at 7723 91st Avenue on Lot 1 of the Certified Survey Map 3032 that the Village Board approved on November 28, 2022. The new standalone studio will instruct various dance types for ages four and up, including Rhythm, Smooth, and Country Western.

The Fred Astaire Dance Studio owners, Anna Krasnoshopka and Mykyta Serdyuk, are thrilled to bring the new facility to the community. They have operated a successful dance studio in the Pleasant Prairie area for five years. The owners stated, “From wedding dance instruction, a new hobby or way to connect with your partner, improving your social life, physical and emotional health, or taking your dance skills to the next level, dancing with Fred Astaire Dance Studios will result in faster learning, higher levels of achievement and lots of smiles.”

Construction Management Associates (CMA Inc.) is managing the project, and OC3 Architecture LLC is providing the architect and building design services. Construction on the project is slated to begin in the Spring of 2023 and be completed in 2024. Aaron Stanton, Project Manager for CMA Inc., said, “We are very excited to achieve Plan Commission approval on behalf of Anna and Mykyta. They operate an outstanding business and provide a fantastic service for the community. This location and facility were well thought out and will support the services they provide for years to come.”

The studio anticipates having six full-time and six part-time employees and will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and occasionally on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for events. The project will provide 53 on-site parking spaces, including three handicapped-accessible ones. Additionally, a primary monument sign will be installed at the driveway entrance on 91st Avenue, limited to a height of six feet and a maximum display area of 40 square feet. Finally, the building development will include a Digital Security Imaging System (DSIS) with a coverage plan that meets the Village’s camera specifications, per Chapter 410 of the Village Municipal Code.

“We are delighted to see this development move forward,” said Jean Werbie-Harris, Village of Pleasant Prairie Community Development Director. “The new Fred Astaire Dance Studio will attract visitors to the area and provide a new space for the community to engage in various dance styles.” □



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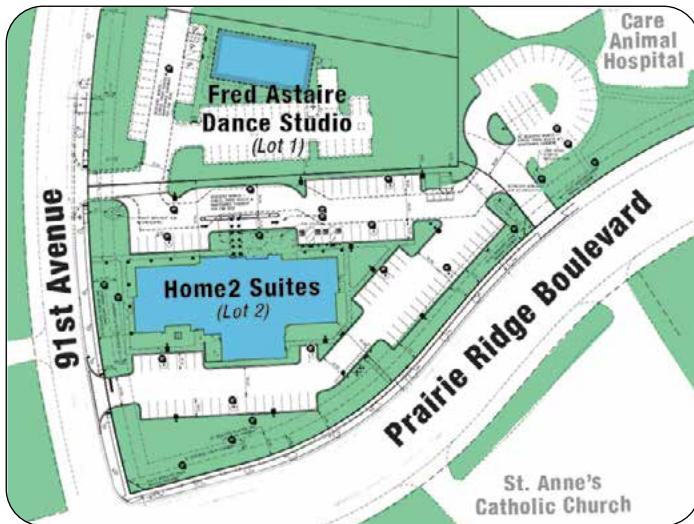
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Home2 Suites Hotel by Hilton Site and Operational Plan



During the April 3 Plan Commission Meeting, Commission members approved the Site and Operational Plan, Digital Security Imaging System (DSIS) Agreement, and DSIS Access Easement for a Home2 Suites hotel. The hotel will develop on a 2.3-acre vacant property at the corner of 91st Avenue and Prairie Ridge Boulevard within the Prairie Ridge commercial area. The hotel site is developing south of the proposed Fred Astaire Dance Studio, on Lot 2 of the Village Board-approved Certified Survey Map 3032, which subdivided the vacant property into two lots. The development property is situated to the east of Costco, to the south of Sherwin-Williams Paint Store, to the north of St. Anne's Catholic Church, and to the west of Care Animal Hospital.



The Home2 Suites Site and Operational Plan proposes developing a 59,000-square-foot, four-story building with 86 rooms. The hotel will be owned and operated by Synergy Hospitality LLC, a family-owned business with 25 years of experience designing and running hotels that include Hilton, Marriott, and IHG brands. The hotel will offer a wide range of amenities, including a heated swimming pool, fitness center, meeting room, outdoor patio with fire pit and seating, outdoor BBQ grill for guests, a marketplace for basic pantry needs, full breakfast and business areas, and rooms that offer a full-size refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher.

The development will place a primary monument sign at the shared Fred Astaire Dance Studio entrance on 91st Avenue. The plan also proposes a secondary monument sign adjacent to the west side of the shared driveway access with Care Animal Hospital from Prairie Ridge Boulevard. The project will provide 91 on-site parking spaces, including four handicapped-accessible spaces.

"We are excited to see the continued development of the Prairie Ridge commercial area with the approval of the plan for the Home2 Suites hotel," said Community Development Director Jean Werbie-Harris. "This new development will provide more accommodations for visitors to the area and create additional jobs for workers in the region. We look forward to working with Synergy Hospitality to make this development a successful establishment for the community." □



Olds Products Facility Multi-phase Expansion Plans



“Olds Products has been a strong presence in the Pleasant Prairie community for over 25 years,” said Community Development Director Jean Werbie-Harris. “The company’s continued investment is a testament to its commitment to our community and workforce. We are excited to see their continued growth and success.”

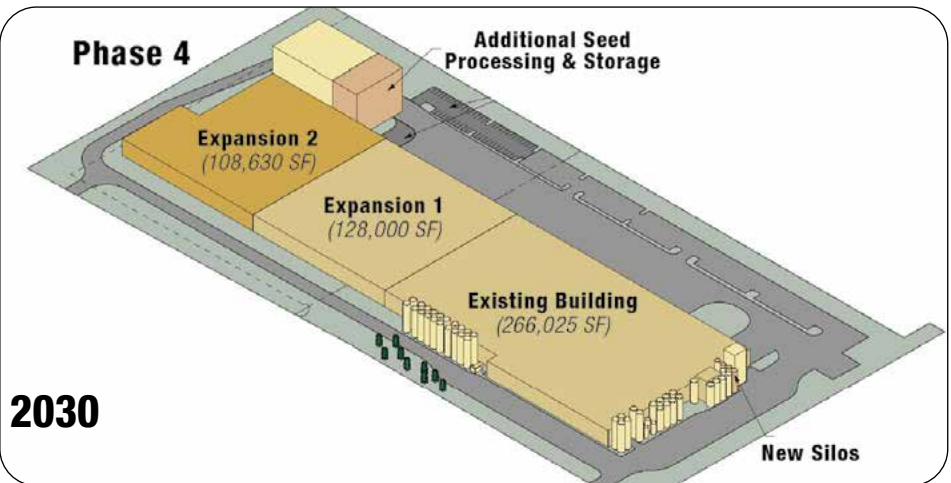
Olds Products Co. is a family-owned, operated, and vertically integrated food processor of vinegar and wet and dry mustards. The Olds Product Company constructed its facility in Lakeview Corporate Park in 1995, relocating all manufacturing and administrative operations to Pleasant Prairie from Illinois. The company currently provides 137 full-time jobs within its 266,000-square-foot building and has spent over 60 million dollars on facilities and operation enhancements in the past five years. □

On April 10, the Village Board approved the Master Conceptual Plan proposed by Augie Remien, agent for Olds Products Co., for improvements to the facility located at 10700 88th Avenue and two vacant properties to the south in the Lakeview Corporate Park. The Master Conceptual Plan outlines four phases that propose developing facility additions through 2030.

The first construction phase could begin in 2023, expanding the mustard and vinegar manufacturer’s north drive, providing additional parking spaces, and replacing the facility’s north silos with six new 65 feet high silos on the facility’s east side. The company also intends to commence groundwork on the properties’ south end to prepare for the second phase to expand the facility and develop state-of-the-art seed cleaning and milling areas. The bulk seed processing addition will receive, clean, and store mustard seeds. The seed processing will include approximately 12,000 square feet of cleaning and storage and 12,000 square feet for milling and packing seed products. The expanded space will allow Olds Products to move seeds off farms and enhance on-site inventory control. This second phase is proposed to begin in 2025 and could add 20 to 30 employees.

The third and fourth phases intend to expand the bulk seed processing addition constructed in the second phase. The expansion work planned between these two phases will add approximately 236,630 square feet of warehousing and

production space, including an additional ten new storage tanks on the east side of the building with more parking spaces and dock doors. The third phase could begin in 2026 and the fourth in 2030. Additional storage tanks on the east side of the building may also be part of the fourth phase. These last two phases could add 40-60 employees to the Olds Products workforce in Pleasant Prairie.



LMI Packaging Plans Facility Expansion



During the April 17 Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission meeting, Commission members unanimously approved Site and Operational Plans for an approximate 50,000-square-foot addition to the west side of the existing LMI Packaging (LMI) facility at 8911 102nd Street in LakeView Corporate Park.

The building expansion will add to the west side of the 70,955-square-foot LMI Packaging facility. LMI plans to construct the new addition with pre-cast panels and paint that matches the existing facility. There are currently 200 employees, running four shifts with 40 to 50 employees on-site at a time. With the addition, LMI anticipates expanding employment to 200 or 300 full-time and 50 to 75 part-time employees.

“We are excited to see the growth of LMI Packaging and their continued investment in Pleasant Prairie,” said Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. “The facility expansion will create additional job opportunities for the community and contribute to the overall economic development of Pleasant Prairie.”

LMI is a third-generation family-owned business that produces heat seal lidding for the food and beverage markets. The company relocated to Pleasant Prairie from Illinois in 1993 and recently proposed the building expansion to accommodate the business’s strategic needs. The company is experiencing significant demand, and the added warehousing space will provide room for the company to develop additional product lines to keep pace with the fast-paced growth. LMI expects to expand the product lines at the facility within two years and intends to begin the expansion project this May and complete construction in November. □

Spring Election Results

The Village of Pleasant Prairie held the Spring Election on April 4. The election resulted in the re-election of John P. Steinbrink as Village President and Dave Klimisch as Trustee #3. Additionally, James Kremer was elected as Trustee #1, replacing former Village Trustee #1 Kristopher Keckler.

In the race for Village President, John Steinbrink received an overwhelming 4,124 votes (92.8%), while 320 write-in votes (7.2%) were cast.

For Trustee #1, James Kremer received 2,865 votes (53.48%), while Kristopher Keckler received 2,459 (45.9%). There were also 33 write-in votes (0.62%) cast in this race.

In the race for Trustee #3, Dave Klimisch was re-elected with 4,211 votes (98.02%). There were 85 write-in votes (1.98%) cast in this race.

Mr. Kremer’s first-time run for office and subsequent election bring fresh perspectives to the Village Board. He brings over 30-years of experience and knowledge from the private sector. Mr. Kremer and his wife moved to the Village of Pleasant Prairie seven years ago. He is currently a managing director for a large audit, accounting, and consulting firm.

Village President Steinbrink, Trustee Klimisch, and Trustee Kremer began their two-year terms on April 18, 2023. The Village encourages community members to reach out with any questions or concerns to all five of the elected Village Trustees, which serve at large and represent the entire community. Contact information for Pleasant Prairie Village Board Members is available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) or online at PleasantPrairieWi.gov.

“I am grateful for the community’s support and honored to be re-elected as Village President,” said Village President John Steinbrink. “I look forward to continuing to work alongside Trustees Pollocoff, Klimisch, Kedrow, and newcomer Kremer to ensure we continue to promote and preserve investment in our community.” □



**John Steinbrink,
Village President**



**James Kremer,
Trustee #1**



**Dave Klimisch,
Trustee #3**

Successful 2023 Kids & Family Expo

The Pleasant Prairie RecPlex was buzzing with energy as families and children explored various products, demonstrations, and activities related to youth and families at the 2023 Kids & Family Expo on Saturday, March 18. The event, which was free and open to the public, offered a fun-filled day of discovery, learning, and connecting.

Over 40 exhibitors showcased their youth-related retail, family recreation, healthcare, sports and athletics, education, and childcare options. Families experienced a variety of exhibitors with hands-on activities, food trucks, and valuable resources. Parents could get information on the various products and services for their children, and kids participated in exciting games and activities.

“RecPlex hosts this event annually, and we were thrilled with this year’s turnout. So many families and guests came out to visit our family-oriented vendors for a day of fun and discovery,” said Mallory Freitag, Youth Services Manager. “This year’s event also featured a RecPlex craft fair that provided a unique opportunity for guests to shop and support 36 local artisans.”

The event was a huge success, drawing in crowds of families and children from around the area. The 2023 Kids & Family Expo was a perfect way for families to kick off the summer season and spend time together in a fun and educational environment. ☐



Professional Employment Opportunities in Recreation

Are you looking for an exciting summer job? The Village of Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department at RecPlex offers a fun and fulfilling work experience. As America’s largest municipal-owned recreation facility, RecPlex provides professional opportunities in Aquatics, Member Services, Therapeutic Recreation, Youth programs, and more.

Working at RecPlex offers more than access to a fitness center with ice rinks, pools, inside courts, outdoor playing fields, and various fitness programs. It also provides on-the-job training and opportunities for career advancement. In addition, RecPlex has improved its pay structure by increasing wages for specific positions and developing new incentive programs.

Previous staff members have praised the experience gained from working at RecPlex. Kacie Cecchi, RecPlex Athletics and Recreation Coordinator, enjoys the opportunities she has received and has advanced from Guest Services Administrator to Athletics Supervisor. Ian Chatman, a previous RecPlex camp counselor, found the work at RecPlex rewarding and feels it prepared him for a career in education.

RecPlex offers opportunities for those interested in pursuing careers in professional sports, such as fitness management, sports training, coaching, and more. In addition, the recreational facility helps prepare athletes for competition and offers programs to assist youth in gaining interest, knowledge, and skills in health, fitness, and sports.

If you are ready to join the Village Recreation Department this summer, go to recplexonline.com/jobs to express your interest. ☐



Wibit Returning to Beach

Get ready to soak up the sun, play in the sand, and enjoy the beautiful waterfront with family and friends. Beach season is approaching, and preparations are beginning to open Lake Andrea Beach for the summer season on June 9. The Recreation Department is thrilled to announce that the Wibit, an inflatable water play structure that is a fun experience for people of all ages, will return to the beach this year. ☐



Village Board Approves Concessions Agreement

The Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department opened a Request for Proposal in January 2023 inviting submissions from qualified vendors to operate food and beverage concessions within RecPlex and select Village parks. During a Village Board meeting on March 13, the Board approved a Concessions Partnership Agreement between RecPlex and Mr. Wings and Smarty's Sweets and Treats.

Mr. Wings and Smarty's Sweets and Treats are Wisconsin based businesses that plan to develop a restaurant type experience to RecPlex members and guests. Mr. Wings will offer an expansive menu of food from chicken, ice cream, popular concession foods, healthy options, kid friendly meal deals, and related cuisine. Smarty's Sweets and Treats will provide drinks to include Boba teas, smoothies, fruit teas, Italian soda, and protein shakes.

Manny Ramirez, owner of Mr. Wings, was named Restaurateur of the Year in 2022 and currently operating in one of Wisconsin's popular food halls located near the Fiserv Forum and Wisconsin Convention center in Milwaukee. "Our mission is to provide customers with an outstanding line of options that elevate a food program with a focus on great food while revamping the current concessions program," stated Ramirez.

Martha Perez, owner of Smarty's Sweets and Treats, has more than 10 years of experience in the food service industry. She has been providing specialty drinks in Kenosha for the past two years. Perez said, "With our expertise, we will be able to bring excitement and a new concession experience to what is already an established community space."

Mr. Wings and Smarty's Sweets and Treats will operate in both indoor locations and select outdoor locations during events during the summer months. The current plan is to have concessions to be open throughout the week to bring consistent food and beverage that members, guests, and staff can enjoy.

"Pleasant Prairie RecPlex is home to various sports programs and special events and is a popular destination for many residents and area visitors," explained Brett Christopher, Director of Recreation. "We are excited to offer members, guests, and the community a new kind of concessions option that everyone can appreciate." ☐



Grocery Giveaway



The Pleasant Prairie Police Department hosted a Grocery Giveaway event on Saturday, April 8, serving approximately 270 families in need. The event was held at the Village Hall parking lot and provided essential groceries to 240 cars that drove through the distribution line.

This event was a collaborative effort between the Pleasant Prairie Police Department, Journey Disaster Response Team, Kroger, and Meijer, who partnered to ensure the event was successful. The giveaway provided the community with a great selection of healthy grocery items.

With increased costs of living, many families have been struggling to make ends meet, and this giveaway was a way to alleviate some of the stress and provide support to those in need. The event was well-received, with many families expressing gratitude for the assistance.

Pleasant Prairie Police Chief David Smetana appreciated the event's support, stating, "We are grateful to our community partners and volunteers who came together to make this event possible. Thank you to everyone who supports our community and residents during challenging times. We are planning future events like these to help those in need and create a stronger, more resilient community." □



Mutual Aid Agreement



On March 13, the Village Board approved an Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement regarding the transportation of patients by Pleasant Prairie Police from Wisconsin to the Lake Behavioral Hospital in Waukegan, Illinois, as part of the Kenosha County Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative. In early March, the Kenosha County Board unanimously approved the agreement, and on March 11, the Kenosha County Executive signed the agreement stating that Kenosha County has entered into a contractual relationship with Lake Behavioral Hospital, to provide mental health care and treatment to its residents pursuant to Chapter 51 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Participating municipal law enforcement departments must also approve the Agreement.

The purpose of the Agreement is to help alleviate costs from labor-intensive transports of patients from Kenosha County to the current county primary placement destination, Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Oshkosh. Changing the placement destination to Lake Behavioral also allows hospitalizations to be closer to the patients' families who reside in Kenosha County. Additionally, the change allows local law enforcement to spend more time in the community since transporting patients to Winnebago may take up to 16 hours of two law enforcement officers' time, including the custody process, transportation to an emergency health department to identify care needs, and the five-to-six-hour round trip to Oshkosh.

"To have the opportunity for patients in need of inpatient psychiatric care in Lake County and be near their local communities not only helps their families but also keeps our officers closer to home," said Pleasant Prairie Police Chief David Smetana.

The intent of this agreement is to set terms and conditions between the Law Enforcement Agencies to support and assist each other and their respective roles in transporting persons for involuntary mental health commitments from Kenosha County to Lake Behavioral. The Agreement also establishes the jurisdictional authority and operational guidelines for the Law Enforcement Agencies. The agreement permits Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agencies to transport individuals from Wisconsin to Lake Behavioral Hospital or mental health services. □

Swearing-in Ceremony for Seven Police Officers



The Pleasant Prairie Police Department (PPPD) welcomed seven new officers in a swearing-in ceremony on March 23. The ceremony was held to recognize and celebrate the new officers in the community. The seven officers were officially sworn in on the day they were hired, but the ceremony is an opportunity for the new officers to be recognized by their families, friends, and community members. Pictured above (*left to right*) are new officers Armando Martinez, Katie Kennedy, Natalie Longrie, Alejandro Padilla, Troye Thompson, Michael Lodygowski, and Brandon Matz taking their oath of office.

These new officers bring a wealth of experience to the PPPD, and the Village of Pleasant Prairie proudly welcomes them. With the additional support from the seven new officers, the Police Department is better equipped to serve and protect the community. The new officers are eager to begin their work as crime fighters and contribute to the Village's safety and security.

The ceremony was a wonderful opportunity for the community to welcome and congratulate the new officers on their achievements. The PPPD wishes the officers well in their new roles and looks forward to working with them to serve the community. □



Citizens Recognized for Life-Saving Efforts

During the Village Board meeting on February 27, the Chief of Police David Smetana and Fire & Rescue Assistant Chief Aaron Longrie recognized two citizens for the outstanding life-saving efforts they rendered to a coworker who desperately needed help.



Pictured (*left to right*): Uline Director of Facilities Jim Maloney, Fire & Rescue Assistant Chief Aaron Longrie, Cesar Mendez-Leon, Dean Fisher, and Chief of Police David Smetana

Agencies were dispatched to 12100 Uline Place on December 2, 2022, for a medical call. A 64-year-old male was found unconscious and not breathing by coworkers who called 911 and began life-saving measures. Dean Fisher and Cesar Mendez-Leon aided in CPR and rescue efforts until Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue arrived to take over. Chief Smetana called upon Fisher and Mendez-Leon to come forward to receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Pleasant Prairie Challenge Coin for their selfless actions.

"We are honored to recognize Dean and Cesar for their heroic efforts to save the life of their coworker," said Chief Smetana. "Their quick thinking and willingness to help in a crisis exemplify their compassion and selflessness. The life-saving efforts they provided gave their coworker the best chance at survival. We are proud to have them in our business community." □

Bicycle Rodeo

Test your bike handling skills!



Learn the rules of the road and about bike safety. The Bike Rodeo is a free event for ages 5 to 11-years-old, Kindergarten to fifth grade. The event teaches children various bike safety skills by using simulated real-life situations. Children will have their bicycles and helmets inspected and fitted, then ride through a skills course to learn bike safety techniques.

The event will be held on **Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Pleasant Prairie Village Hall, 9915 39th Avenue.** The Bicycle Rodeo will be in the south Village Hall Auditorium lot, with parking available in the north lot, near the entrance to Village Hall. Key features at this event include the bike safety course, bike inspection, helmet giveaway/fitting, and certificate of completion. Participants must bring their own bike to participate in this event. The Bicycle Rodeo is limited to 110 kids, so be sure to reserve your spot at PleasantPrairieWI.gov/BicycleRodeo. □

New Recruit Training

The new recruits of the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Academy are busy training to become the best public safety servants for the Pleasant Prairie community. This photo was taken during a day of training that featured ladder and roof training, breaking down doors, house search and rescue, and gas fire. □



Fire Engine Farewell



The Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department bid farewell to two older pumper engines from their reserves on February 26. The 1994 and 1996 Pierce Arrow pumper/tenders have been sold and will now serve the Lowman Fire District in Lowman, Idaho. This decision was made as the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department has recently acquired two new engines, a 107-foot Ascendant aerial in 2022 at Station #1, and a Pierce Enforcer rescue engine in 2021 at Station #2. The department will also retain two other fire engines, a 2005 and a 2010 Pierce Quantum, in reserves.

The two Pierce Arrow engines have served the community of Pleasant Prairie well over the years, and it is hoped that they will continue to be of good use in their new home in Lowman. These pumper/tender trucks have a 1500-gallon tank capacity and are expected to enhance the initial attack responses of the Lowman Volunteer Fire District. Additionally, the fact that the two trucks are designed to be the same will allow for strategic coordination during firefighting operations.

The journey of the Pierce Arrow engines from Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, to Lowman, Idaho, took several days and covered a distance of approximately 1,500 miles. The engines made stops for refueling and maintenance along the way, and despite encountering some challenges, they arrived safely at their new home.

Aaron Longrie, Assistant Chief of Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue, expressed his appreciation for the smooth acquisition process and thanked the Lowman Fire District for their purchase. He mentioned that the interaction between the two departments has been friendly and positive, and hopes the Lowman Fire District enjoys the two Pierce Arrow engines. □



Training Equipment

The Village of Pleasant Prairie thanks the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance (LWMMI) for donating a new training system to the Pleasant Prairie Police Department. The new simulation device will provide training materials that enhance decision-making skills in high-pressure situations.

The equipment consists of a display that allows officers to train on different scenarios to help prepare for an array of shoot/no-shoot situations. The training aims to help officers decide what an optimal response might look like for various encounters. Additionally, the system is designed to be versatile, realistic, customizable, and offer repeat training value. It incorporates random behaviors that vary courses so students do not anticipate target movements or outcomes. The overall goal of the system is to create muscle memory and prepare officers for similar situations.



Pictured (left to right): Pleasant Prairie Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Police Captain Barry Ollila, Police Chief David Smetana, LWMMI Public Safety Specialist Craig Sherven, Village Finance Director Kathleen Goessl, R&R Commercial Insurance Consultant Rick Kalscheuer, and LWMMI CEO Matt Becker.

E-Newsletter

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Photo Contest



Show off your photography skills and love for the community by entering your photos in the 2023 Pleasant Prairie Photo Contest. The Village is seeking pictures that portray the beauty of the community throughout the year. Your photos could appear in the Village Calendar, website, social media, and other publications.

Photos will be judged based on content and quality. Contestants must capture the images within the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Minors must have parental consent to enter the contest. The photo submission portal and contest rules are available at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Photo.

Entries must be submitted between May 1 and August 11. Open voting will be available for select photos on the Village website from August 14 through August 18. Three winners will be chosen, along with nine honorable mentions.



2022 Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2022 Water Quality Report is now available at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and, at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) or Prange Municipal Center (8600 Green Bay Road).

To learn more about drinking water safety you can also visit the Wisconsin DNR website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/drinkingwater.

If you have questions regarding Pleasant Prairie's Water Utility or water quality, you can reach Public Works by telephone at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700) Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Contracts Awarded for 2023 Paving Projects

At the Pleasant Prairie Village Board meeting on March 27, the Board awarded contracts for the 2023 Paving Program to Payne & Dolan Inc. and LaLonde Contractors Inc. Payne & Dolan Inc. was awarded the contract for the road improvement projects with a bid of \$2,178,006, while LaLonde Contractors Inc. won the contract for the Utility Adjustments and Curb Repair project with a bid of \$311,227.

“The Village received several competitive bids for these projects and awarded contracts based on capabilities, work history, and bid amount,” said Tom Hupp, Public Works Director. “We are confident that Payne & Dolan and LaLonde Contractors have the expertise and experience necessary to complete these improvements to the Village’s quality standards.”

The 2023 Paving Program will include several improvement projects throughout Pleasant Prairie. These projects will involve:

- Pulverizing pavement and relaying in Terra Heights
- Implementing a two-inch overlay along 63rd Avenue
- Pulverizing and resurfacing pavement along 83rd Place
- Pulverizing and resurfacing in areas of Carol Beach
- Pulverizing and resurfacing in a section of 91st Street
- Pulverizing and resurfacing pavement on 22nd Avenue
- Updating pavement markings along Springbrook Road
- Milling and resurfacing pavement in Wispark
- Reconstructing driveways at the Ladish Water Tower

The 2023 Paving Program Utility Adjustments and Curb Repair project will include 22 curb inlet adjustments, 44 maintenance hole chimneys to grade adjustments, removing and replacing 1,800 linear feet of curb and gutter in three areas of Wispark, and traffic controls. By awarding these contracts, the Village continues its commitment to promoting improvements and preserving infrastructure investments in Pleasant Prairie. □



Responsible Pet Ownership Helps Reduce Public Nuisances



As a responsible dog owner, it's important to be mindful of the impact your pet can have on the community around you. For example, if your dog is prone to barking loudly and excessively outside the home, it can become a public nuisance and cause unnecessary stress and disturbance for those living nearby. The Village recommends owners keep their dogs indoors during times when they are creating frequent or continuous barking, yelping, or whining.

Additionally, when taking a dog off personal property, it is important to keep the dog from running at large. Adequately keeping the pet leashed and under control at all times will help ensure the dog's safety and shows consideration for the other people and animals in the area.

Please also remember to remove pet waste and dispose of it within a reasonable period of time to help protect the health and safety of the public. Pet waste is a pollutant that carries contaminants and diseases that can make the water unsafe for people and pets. When left on the grass, rain water eventually washes it into storm sewers that take it directly to our lakes and rivers where it can release ammonia as it decays, which along with low oxygen levels and warm temperatures can kill fish.

Detailed information about Village ordinances that apply to pet ownership can be found online at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov), under Government > Laws and Policies > Local Ordinances. Reviewing and following posted guidelines can help ensure compliance with local laws and regulations. □

Ingram Dog Park



The dog park at Ingram Park (5724 93rd Street) features two sections, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. The dog park is open from dawn until dusk daily. Fees for dog park tags follow. The fees collected are used for upkeep and future improvements to the dog park.

ANNUAL

Village resident for first dog	\$20
Senior (60+)/disabled	\$10
Non-resident for first dog	\$25
Additional tag for each dog (up to 2)	\$5
Annual tag replacement fee	\$5

DAILY

Village resident per dog/per day	\$2
Non-resident per dog/per day	\$5

A pay station, similar to those used in State parks is at the entrance to the dog park for those who would like to pay for their dog park tag on a daily basis. Those wishing to purchase an annual dog park tag can visit Village Hall at 9915 39th Avenue between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The related rules are posted at the entrance to the dog park. Please remember that based on Village Code 119-7, it is the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their pet. The Village would like to thank dog owners for their consideration of others as their dogs engage in play. ❏



FREE COMPOST

Screened and available to the public. Unlimited amounts can be taken.

Residential Recycling Center
Tuesday thru Friday: 11a - 6p
Saturday: 7a - 3p



Residential Recycling Center Stickers



Recycling stickers are available at the Residential Recycling Center (RRC), free of charge for Pleasant Prairie residents who pay a monthly solid waste fee. The RRC stickers help the material drop-off process move quickly and efficiently. If you are interested in a sticker, please bring proof of Village residency on your next visit to the RRC.

The recycling attendant will place the stickers inside your vehicle's windshield. The RRC stickers are valid for three years. If a resident loses a sticker, they should visit the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street to obtain a new one.

The RRC has on-season hours between March and December. The center is open Tuesday through Friday (11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.), Saturday (7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.), and closed on Sunday and Monday each week. ❏

Wild Turkey Relocation Efforts and Feeding Ordinance Updates Underway

Pleasant Prairie is teaming up with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and residents in the Rolling Meadows neighborhood to relocate wild turkeys that have become aggressive towards vehicles and pedestrians. To help with the relocation efforts, Village staff will be updating ordinances on feeding wild animals.

The Village is asking everyone to remove any ground-level feeders. This will prevent turkeys from becoming dependent on food in the area and make it easier to relocate them to their natural habitat. Thank you for your cooperation in helping resolve this matter. ❏



2023 Pleasant Prairie Triathlon

Road Closures Planned Sunday, June 25
between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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The Village will host the Pleasant Prairie Junior and Adult Triathlons on June 24 and 25, with proceeds helping to support the Dare2Tri program for paratriathletes. The swim and run courses will be held entirely within Prairie Springs Park, however, on Sunday, June 25, athletes will bike through the Village.

A map of the bike route, road closures, detours, and details for truck traffic will be released in the news section of the Village website at PleasantPrairieWI.gov closer to the race date when the information becomes available.

Bike route roads will be closed to through traffic between 6:00 a.m. and noon. Car traffic for businesses along the bike route may travel on the closed roadways, provided extreme caution is exercised and the shortest route to and from the destination is used. For safety, all are asked to leash all outside pets adjacent to the bike route.

If you have questions regarding these road closures, please call the Pleasant Prairie Police Department at [262.694.7353](tel:262.694.7353). To learn more about the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon, visit PleasantPrairieTri.com. □



Economic Work Session

On April 14, members from the Village of Pleasant Prairie staff met with State and County representatives for a roundtable work session. Village representatives are grateful for the time everyone took to work towards a plan for future economic growth and to discuss the Tax Incremental District 5 economic development efforts. The work session was collaborative between local, county, and state members.



The attendees included (pictured from left to right) Pleasant Prairie Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Finance Director Kathleen Goessl, Trustee Mike Pollocoff, Assistant Village Administrator Tom Shircel, Community Development Director Jean Werbie-Harris, State Rep. Amanda Nedweski, County Executive Samantha Kerkman, State Senator Van Wanggaard, Legislative Assistant Nathan Cobb, and (not pictured) Director of Assessment Services Rocco Vita. □

Rummage/Garage Sale

Seasonal Reminders

The Village has specific guidelines that must be followed when you consider having a rummage/garage sale.

Rummage/garage sales may be held no more than six calendar days, whether or not consecutive, within any calendar year per property. Only personal property can be sold.

Rummage/garage sales cannot be held between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. One unlighted temporary sign of not more than 18 square feet per side and less than five feet in height is permitted on the property having the sale. The sign may only be displayed for three days and must be removed within 24 hours of the close of sale.

If you have any questions related to rummage/garage sales ordinance, contact the Village Clerk by email at clerksoffice@plprairie.com or call [262.694.1400](tel:262.694.1400). □



Historical Society Museum Exhibits and Events

OPEN NOW - "Beyond the Big Boom: Industrialization, the Labor Movement, and Pleasant Prairie's Powder Plant"

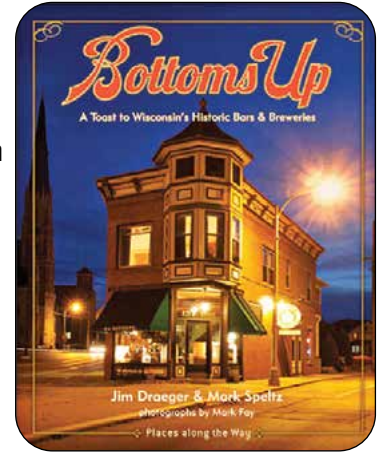
On March 9, 1911, a massive explosion occurred at the Laffin and Rand powder plant in Pleasant Prairie. This black powder and dynamite explosion was one of the largest artificial non-nuclear explosions in history. What circumstances led to this disaster? How did the community and powder company respond? The Pleasant Prairie History Museum's newest exhibit answers these questions and explores how Pleasant Prairie's powder plant fits into the history of industrialization and the Labor Movement.



November 30, 1907: Corning mill at the Pleasant Prairie powder plant. - Photo Courtesy of Hagley Museum & Library

UPCOMING EVENT -
"Bottoms Up: Wisconsin's Historic Bars & Breweries"

Join us for the second program in the 2023 four-part "History Happy Hour" fundraiser series. On June 14, 2023, Wisconsin Historical Society author Jim Draeger will present "Bottoms Up" at The Village Supper Club (10909 Sheridan Road, Pleasant Prairie).



Tickets are \$30 and include a light dinner. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Seating is very limited, and RSVP is required. To reserve your ticket, contact the Historical Society Museum Curator Kate Bennett at [262.577.5115](tel:262.577.5115) or info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org.

The Pleasant Prairie History Museum is located at the historic Dublin School, 3875 116th Street. The museum features three galleries exhibiting locally important archaeological, historical, and cultural materials and stories. The museum is open Wednesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. ☐

Work with Us!

Do you like working outside? The Village of Pleasant Prairie offers a variety of positions with flexible work schedules, for the summer season. It is a great opportunity for students! See the full list of available Pleasant Prairie jobs at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Employment. ☐



Memorial Day, May 29

Village offices and the Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Monday, May 29, in honor of Memorial Day. There will be no garbage collection on Memorial Day. Scheduled pick-ups will resume on Tuesday, May 30, and be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Independence Day, July 4

Village offices and Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day. There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Independence day. Scheduled pick-ups will resume on Wednesday, July 5, and be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Lake Andrea Beach Opens June 9

Daily and seasonal park passes are sold at the entrance to the beach. Please visit RecPlexOnline.com to learn more about Lake Andrea Beach and the summer hours of operation. ☐

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