



Elevating Fire & Rescue: A Lifesaver's Dedication

Nathan Konkol, a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department since 2010, exemplifies the Village values of professionalism, collaboration, vision, and quality.



Nathan Konkol

Fire & Rescue continuously invests in the education and certification of its personnel to hone their skills in high-risk, low-volume procedures that simulate real-life scenarios, demanding rapid thinking and execution under pressure. Konkol thrives in this environment and has a passion for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). His ability to manage complex incidents led him to undertake a dual role and achieve his goal of becoming a flight paramedic with Flight for Life in 2021.

This dual role aligns with the Fire & Rescue's commitment to providing high-quality safety services. Joining Flight for Life, Konkol underwent advanced certifications and an intensive three-month orientation, culminating in a patient simulator evaluation at the Medical College of Wisconsin. The additional training he acquired through Flight for Life has proven invaluable to the Fire & Rescue Department, significantly influencing its EMS curriculum and training programs. He has also actively contributed to committees shaping patient care guidelines in Kenosha County.

Balancing two EMS roles is undoubtedly challenging, and Konkol acknowledges that the 24-hour work shifts is demanding. He is grateful for the support of his wife, whose assistance allows him to pursue his career while maintaining a household with their three young children.

Konkol's training experiences with the two roles continually enhance his capabilities as a paramedic. He actively seeks advanced training and collaborates with peers to introduce innovative concepts to improve patient care.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie thanks Konkol for his dedication to both roles. His professionalism significantly contributes to the high-caliber personnel at the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department. His expertise in EMS is pivotal in ensuring well-trained personnel and delivering exceptional community services.

Those who attended this year's Safety Day in the Prairie had the opportunity to meet Konkol with the Flight for Life flight crew and understand the vital lifesaving services the team provides to the community. ☐



Invested in Community!

Introducing Director of Parks



The Village of Pleasant Prairie welcomes its new Parks Department Director, Brock Williamson. With a long history of involvement in the community, his appointment is anticipated to bring fresh insights and expertise to the management of the Village parks and open spaces.

Williamson has been a resident of Pleasant Prairie for the past 14 years and has been an active contributor to the community. His civic background includes serving seven years on the Village Plan Commission, five years on the Parks Commission, three years on the designing downtown committee, and serving one term as a Village Board member. He brings over 30 years of professional experience in the Class A Commercial landscape industry and holds a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois. This educational and professional background equips him with the knowledge and skills needed to enhance and expand the parks and open spaces within the Village.

Williamson encourages residents and employees to consider him a resource and partner for sharing feedback concerning the parks, open spaces, and future developments in the Village. This collaborative approach aims to ensure the community's needs and expectations are met. He will be pivotal in the ongoing development and preservation of the Village of Pleasant Prairie's parks and open spaces. □

Lululemon Opening



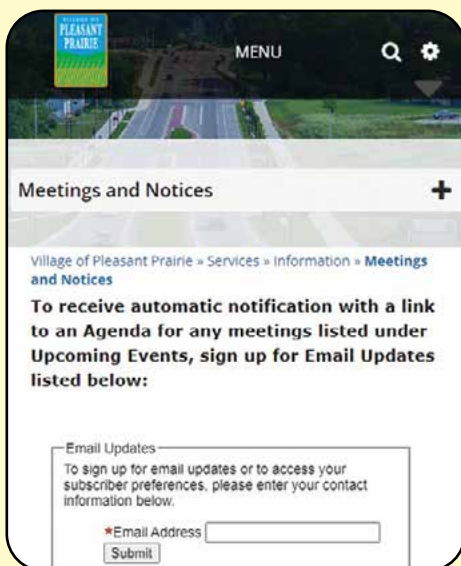
Lululemon opened on September 29 at the Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets, marking the brand's sixth location in Wisconsin. The store's grand opening generated a significant line of guests. Situated between Gap and Tommy Hilfifer, facing I-94, the store occupies a 4,050 square-foot area. □

Marquette University College of Nursing Opens



On October 18, Marquette University College of Nursing celebrated the grand opening of its new location in LakeView Corporate Park at 8401 102nd Street. The opening ceremony marked a moment of accomplishment as the new facility, over 2.5 times larger than the program's former space, opened its doors to guests. The event began at 4:00 p.m. with speeches from educators, partners, and nurses who played a pivotal role in bringing the program to life. The ceremony ended with a ribbon cutting to officially inaugurate the facility.

Guests had the opportunity to explore the new building and preview the cutting-edge technology utilized in the skills lab. □



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Community Development Director Plans Retirement After 35 Years of Serving the Community



The Village of Pleasant Prairie is implementing a strategic succession plan for the leadership role within the Community Development Department. This plan coincides with the anticipated mid-2024 retirement of Jean Werbie-Harris, who has held various key positions, including Community Development Director, Planner, and Zoning Administrator, for Pleasant Prairie since 1989.

Jean Werbie-Harris has supported community growth and development in Pleasant Prairie for the last 35 years, overseeing the Village’s planning, zoning, and development efforts. She contributes significantly to drafting and administering numerous municipal ordinances, including the Village’s Comprehensive Plan, Land Division and Development Control, and Zoning regulations.

In preparation for a seamless transition, the Village of Pleasant Prairie has assembled the job application for the new leadership position. The selected candidate will collaborate closely with Jean Werbie-Harris during the transition period to ensure the seamless operation of the department, with a strong focus on preserving the Village’s long-term vision for economic development and comprehensive community growth strategies.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is committed to conducting a comprehensive and equitable recruitment process. The official job application is posted to the Village website and the Village invites qualified applicants to apply for the new leadership role. This recruitment process aligns with the Village’s broader strategic succession planning initiative, which assesses departmental staffing needs, upcoming retirements, and the best approach for replacements. □

Veterans Day Thank You

The Village of Pleasant Prairie annually hosts a ceremony in advance of Veterans Day ceremony. On Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., guests gathered at the Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial within Prairie Springs Park for the 16th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

Village Board President John Steinbrink Sr. paid tribute to those who bravely served during the First and Second World Wars, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and more recent conflicts, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. Additionally, the Village expressed appreciation to Culvers of Pleasant Prairie for providing food and to the following organizations for their role in the ceremony: Pleasant Prairie VFW Post 7308, Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans, Pleasant Prairie Police Department Honor Guard, and American Legion Paul Herrick Post 21.

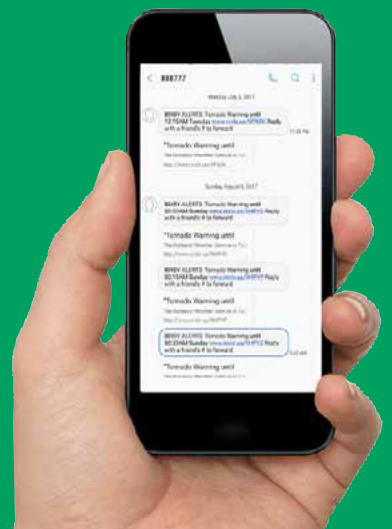
The presence of everyone at this yearly ceremony is a tribute to those who have served and are currently serving in the nation’s military. Everyone is encouraged to seize the opportunity to express their gratitude and engage in meaningful conversations with veterans, acknowledging the sacrifices they have made to safeguard our freedom. □



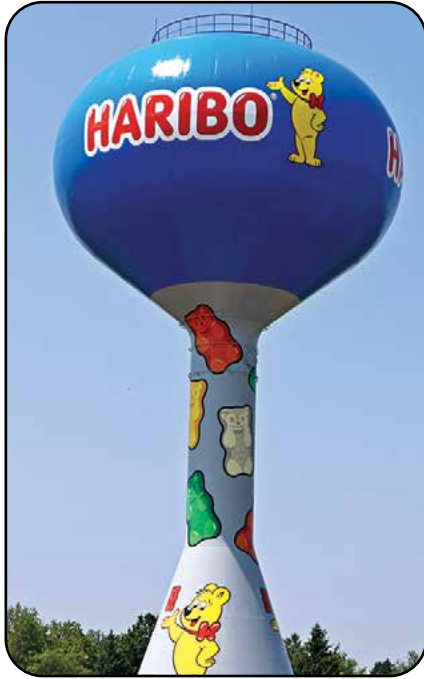
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Village Water Tower Ranks 10th in National Contest



The Village expresses gratitude to those who supported Pleasant Prairie's entry in the 2023 Tank of the Year contest. The Village's submission showcased the new water tower in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park, featuring a HARIBO of America gummy bear design that was hand-painted by muralist Eric Henn. The tower includes a 23-foot Goldbear at its base, accompanied by ascending gummy bears, each measuring 11 feet in height.

Themec Company, Inc., a prominent manufacturer of protective coating products, has been organizing the annual Tank of the Year contest since 2006. This competition aims to recognize innovative applications of their coatings on water towers across the United States.

The 2023 contest ended on October 13, and from a pool of 320 entries, Pleasant Prairie's water tower design earned a place in the top 10 of the overall competition and the top 5 in the People's Choice votes. The Village extends its congratulations to the Bryan, Ohio community for securing the first position in both categories of the competition with their Dum-Dums themed water tank, as shown on the right. ☐



Recap of Safety Day in the Prairie 2023

The Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department thanks everyone who joined them at the annual Safety Day in the Prairie on September 19. This free community event welcomed hundreds of guests to learn about fire prevention and safety.

"Safety Day encourages safety awareness and promotes sharing fire safety plans within households," stated Fire Chief Craig Roepke. The event's primary goal is to educate the community about fire safety and prevention in a family-friendly setting."

Families met safety personnel, participated in informative activities, and explored safety services. Attendees had the opportunity to tour various emergency vehicles, including firetrucks, ambulances, police squads, and the Flight for Life Helicopter. There were also various youth activities, including a bounce house, rope activities, and more.

Fire & Rescue Department expressed gratitude to the groups and agencies that contributed to the event's success, including the Wisconsin State Patrol, Kenosha Sheriff's Department, Froedtert South, Aurora Health Center, and Flight for Life of Burlington. Community organizations recognized include Journey Disaster Response Team, Pleasant Prairie Police Appreciation Association, and Pleasant Prairie Historical Society.

Furthermore, they acknowledged the support of Costco, Culver's of Pleasant Prairie, HARIBO, Niagara Bottling, and the Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club. We appreciate the contributions of various Village groups, including Public Works, Information Technology, Pleasant Prairie Police, the Village's Recreation Department at Recplex, and the Fire & Rescue Department staff. If you missed this year's Safety Day in the Prairie, mark your calendar for next year's annual fire prevention and family safety event, scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Fire Station #1. ☐



Proposed 2024 General Government Budget

Public Hearing Set for November 27

The Village staff presented the proposed 2024 General Government Budget to the Village Board during the October 23 Village Board meeting. This budget covers revenues and expenses for various areas, including operations, capital, and debt service. The presentation also discussed how the 2024 budget would affect the Village tax levy.

The proposed budget suggests an increase in the tax levy, going from \$17,912,503 in 2023 to \$21,048,868 in 2024. The increase of \$3,136,365 is related to the growth of the Village and debt payments for the new fire station at 10165 Terwall Terrace and new police station at 10111 39th Avenue, which are both under construction. In April 2022, a majority of the voters approved a public safety referendum, enabling Pleasant Prairie to hire the necessary staff to maintain quality public safety services. These new facilities will support the additional public safety staff, plus room for expansion.

The Village estimates a tax rate of \$4.29 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. A home with a median value of \$322,500 will result in an estimated \$1,382 for the Village portion of the property tax bill, approximately \$186 more than the previous year's Village property tax payment.

The funds allocated in this budget will be used for various Village services, including Fire & Rescue, Police, road improvements, and snow removal. Plans for the 2024 budget include funds to replace the Fire Station #2 roof, cover inflationary cost increases across most departments, and hire a new Community Development Director to work with the retiring director through mid-2024.

Capital purchases in the proposed budget encompass \$2.9 million for road improvements, \$300,000 to replace the playground equipment at Prairie Springs Park's south side, \$574,000 for constructing a restroom building on the park's west side, and \$477,135 for new or replacement vehicles for the Fire & Rescue and Police departments. Additional investments are aimed at enhancing security and storage, implementing a traffic monetization system, upgrading Park Department equipment, and installing a crosswalk signal on Terwall Terrace.

A public hearing is scheduled to adopt the 2024 General Government Budget and property tax levy, covering operations, capital, and debt service on Monday, November 27, in the Village Hall Auditorium (9915 39th Avenue) at 5:00 p.m. ☐

Living Well Scholarship



The Village of Pleasant Prairie is pleased to announce the launch of the RecPlex Living Well Scholarship, a program for individuals who are undergoing or have undergone cancer treatment within the past year with the goal of promoting physical and mental well-being through regular exercise.

Exercise has been scientifically proven to enhance energy levels, boost strength, and improve cardiovascular endurance, all contributing to overall good health. Research has also indicated that regular exercise can reduce the risk of some types of cancer recurrence. Regardless of prior activity levels, this scholarship offers an opportunity to embark on a path to better health through structured fitness activities.

Key Program Details:

- **What is it?** Recipients of the scholarship will receive eight one-hour personal training sessions. These sessions will encompass a balanced combination of cardio, strength, and flexibility exercises. Please note that the training sessions must be used within six months of the date of issuance.
- **Who is eligible?** The program is open to any cancer patient undergoing or completing treatment within the past year. A Physician's clearance is a mandatory requirement for participation.
- **When does it start?** Applications for the RecPlex Living Well Scholarship started in October and will be accepted through the month of November, with consideration given to the first ten qualified applicants.
- **Is there a cost?** There is no cost associated with this scholarship program for the chosen participants. It is part of the HARIBO scholarship program, and a RecPlex membership is not required.
- **Where is the program?** All training sessions will occur at Pleasant Prairie RecPlex, 9900 Terwall Terrace, providing participants with a convenient recreational environment.
- **How do I apply?** Interested individuals can apply for the scholarship by visiting recplexonline.com/livingwell.

For any questions or additional information, please contact Pleasant Prairie RecPlex Operations Superintendent Sandy Wiedmeyer at swiedmeyer@pleasantprairiewi.gov. ☐

Engineering Department Moves to New Location

The Village of Pleasant Prairie Engineering Department recently moved from Pleasant Prairie Village Hall to the Roger Prange Municipal Building at 8600 Green Bay Road. Engineering is a critical part of the community, responsible for various key functions, including:

- Designing, permitting, and soliciting bids for public infrastructure projects such as sanitary sewer systems, water mains, stormwater facilities, and roadways.
- Maintaining consistent standards for design and construction to ensure quality and protect the interests of the community.
- Reviewing engineering plans for private developments to ensure they comply with Village requirements, sound engineering practices, and acceptable standards.
- Planning for future infrastructure needs, covering areas such as sewerage, water supply, stormwater management, and transportation systems.
- Managing day-to-day engineering matters, including inquiries from citizens and developers, erosion control permits, and projects involving agencies such as the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Kenosha County.

Residents who require erosion control permits or have drainage and engineering-related inquiries are encouraged to visit the new Engineering offices, conveniently located off Green Bay Road. Access gates are in place with a communication button for entry to the parking lot, where visitor parking is available near door 14 on the south end of the building.



“The Engineering Department’s relocation enhances efficiency by bringing the Department closer to Public Works,” explained Executive Director of Infrastructure Management, Matt Fineour, P.E. “The new location facilitates a streamlined collaboration and workflow that strengthens the Engineering Department’s capacity to support ongoing infrastructure development in Pleasant Prairie.”

For inquiries or additional assistance, please feel free to contact the Engineering Department by phone at [262.948.8951](tel:262.948.8951) or email at engineering@pleasantprairiewi.gov. □



The Summit at Bain Station

New Residential Subdivision Approval

On September 25, the Village Board approved the Final Plat and Development Agreement for The Summit at Bain Station, a new twin home residential subdivision set to be located at the southwest corner of 83rd Street and 85th Avenue, known as Lot 44 of Bain Station Crossing. A twin home is similar in design to a two-unit condominium development; however, each attached housing unit is located on its individual lot, and the single-family housing units are attached and separated by a common firewall that runs along the shared property line.

The Plan Commission initially approved the Conceptual Plan for the development on June 22, 2020, which envisioned constructing nine twin home residential buildings on the vacant 7.14-acre property. The Final Plat includes those nine twin homes on 18 single-family lots that will create 18 single-family homes. In 2020, the Village Board also amended the R-7 Multi-family zoning district to create a new zoning district, designed to accommodate this type of development, known as the R-7 Single Family Twin House Residential District.

The development will feature a new public roadway, Summit Place, with sidewalks connecting 83rd Street and 85th Avenue. These lots will have a minimum area of 7,000 square feet, with an average lot size of 10,486 square feet each. The single-family units will have a minimum floor area of 1,000 square feet (excluding the garage, decks, porches, and basement), with a maximum limit of 2,500 square feet. Each unit will be equipped with an attached two-car garage and a basement. According to the petitioner, the estimated combined cost of this development's home and lot packages is anticipated to range from high \$300,000 to low \$400,000 per home.

With the Final Plat and Development Agreement now approved, the Village anticipates work will commence on The Summit at Bain Station in accordance with the outlined plans and conditions. □



Addressing Sewer Challenges in the Cooper Road Basin



The Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved a professional service agreement with Cedar Corporation on October 9, addressing infrastructure challenges in the Cooper Road basin, located north of 85th Street and south of 76th Street. The area faces recurring issues due to excessive inflow and infiltration (I&I) in the existing sanitary sewer system. This problem has led to frequent sewer backups, primarily between 81st Street and 82nd Street along Cooper Road.

To combat I&I, efforts were made, including lining the existing clay sewer mains in the basin, installing lateral linings at main connections, and conducting home inspections to eliminate connections, such as foundation drains and sump pumps. While these measures have reduced annual flow rates, capacity problems persist.

To reduce bypass pumping and enhance property protection, the Village proposes relaying the existing 10-inch clay sanitary sewer on Cooper Road, from 80th Street to 800 feet south of 76th Street. This project will increase sewer capacity, lower surcharge elevation, and remove pipe sags that collect debris. The lowered pipe elevation will also facilitate future extensions for better backup protection.

The Public Works Department will continue efforts to decrease I&I. The agreement with Cedar Corporation initiates the sewer relay project's design phase, including bid document development. After design and permitting, the project will undergo public bidding. Construction is planned for 2024, with an estimated cost of \$700,000, which is included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

"We recognize the ongoing issue of sewer backups in the Cooper Road area," explained Matt Fineour, Executive Director of Infrastructure Management. "This initiative aims to help the issue, aligning with Pleasant Prairie's mission to promote and preserve investment in our community." □

Creekside Crossing Requests Public Street Dedications

After receiving a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission on September 18, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board reviewed a request by Ken Harju, representing the Creekside Crossing Condominium Association, Inc. (Association). The request was to dedicate three roads, 92nd Place, 64th Court, and 66th Avenue, as public streets. On September 25, the Village Board approved this request, along with several related documents, including a Certified Survey Map, a Memorandum of Understanding, and a Zoning Text Amendment for the Creekside Crossing Condominiums Planned Unit Development.

In August 2005, the Village entered into a Development Agreement with the original developer, Regency Hills-Creekside Crossing, LLC. This agreement was primarily focused on constructing both public and private improvements within the Creekside Crossing Subdivision. These improvements encompassed public roadways for the initial phase of the single-family subdivision, as well as the necessary public and private roadway enhancements for the Creekside Crossing Condominiums. The sanitary sewer, water, and storm sewer mains within these private roadways were constructed and dedicated as public infrastructure.



BTR Way, LLC plans to complete the Creekside Crossing Condominium Development with two additional 8-unit buildings on the north side of 66th Avenue. They've requested to reassign the Development Agreement to the Association to oversee the required private roadway improvements on 66th Avenue, 92nd Place, and 64th Court within the Creekside Condominium development.

To fund and maintain these road improvements, the Association will use funds deposited by the original developer, along with some Association funds. Subsequently, a third amendment to the Declaration of Condominium will facilitate the transfer of these private cul-de-sacs to the Village for public use. □

Collaborative Tower Cleaning with Fire & Rescue



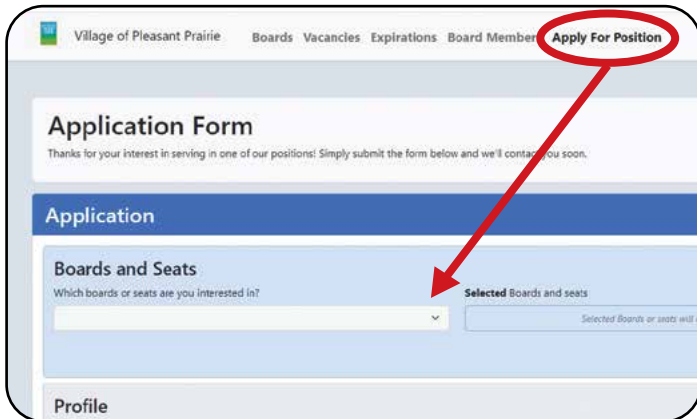
Water towers play a vital role in the Pleasant Prairie water supply; they help maintain water pressure and ensure a steady supply of clean and reliable water to homes and businesses. Over time, due to environmental factors like moisture, air pollutants, dust, and pollen, airborne particles accumulate on the exterior surface of the towering structures.

Cleaning the water towers is necessary maintenance that enhances the visual appeal and safeguards the paint from deterioration, rust, and corrosion. The task typically requires specialized equipment rentals that can be costly. However, in a partnership driven by the Village's values of collaboration and vision, the Public Works Department found an innovative solution by joining forces with the Fire & Rescue Department.

Equipped with firefighting tools such as high-reaching hoses and aerial platforms, the Fire Department offered their services as a cost-effective and efficient solution to clean water towers. This collaborative approach underscores a clear vision to develop creative and innovative solutions that harness existing resources.

The partnership between the departments demonstrates the power of collaboration between public service departments and the Village personnel's commitment to keeping the Village water infrastructure in optimal condition. □

Consider Joining a Board or Commission



Are you interested in contributing to your local community?

Joining a board or commission offers a chance to shape the area's future, and allows you to contribute skills and knowledge for the community's benefit. To view available board and commission seats, visit onboard.pleasantprairiewi.gov/application. You can select a board or seat from the drop-down list, then complete the online application, and submit it for review.

Active participation on a board or commission significantly impacts the community by helping shape policies, improving infrastructure, or enhancing community safety. Regardless of your expertise in development, finance, healthcare, or another field, your knowledge is valuable to a board or commission. Serving offers an opportunity to expand your knowledge, develop new skills, and gain experience in community leadership while connecting with fellow community members, elected officials, and professionals who share your passion for improving the Village of Pleasant Prairie.



Joining a board or commission is an excellent way to contribute and serve the community. Explore available positions online and submit an application by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting the web link above. ☐

Run with the Turkeys 5K



Members of the community are invited to participate in the annual Run with the Turkeys 5K event on November 18. The run is a family walk and run held along the shores of Lake Andrea inside Prairie Springs Park. The Run with the Turkey 5K starts and finishes at the Donald Wruck Beach Pavilion on the west side of Lake Andrea. The event is open to people of all ages and abilities.

Race day registration and packet pick-up begin at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the race. The registration fee for the event is \$30, and includes race medal and t-shirt. Online registration is currently underway at runreg.com/runwiththeturkeys5k. The race will begin at 9:00 a.m. Parking is available in the lot south of the Beach Pavilion. ☐



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

2024 Village Calendars

The 2024 Village Calendar and Resource Directories have been distributed to registered households via mail.

Additionally, Village Calendars are available for pick up in person at two locations: Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) and the Roger Prange Municipal Building (8600 Green Bay Road), while supplies remain available. A digital version can also be found at PleasantPrairieWi.gov. ☐



Jane Boundy's Legacy and Figure Skating Transitions

On September 18, Jane Boundy retired from the Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department after 17 years of dedication to the Learn to Skate program. While at the RecPlex Ice Arena, Jane created a Learn to Skate program that welcomed many families in the Pleasant Prairie community and surrounding areas. Jane worked diligently to ease skaters onto the ice and grow their passion for skating. Her warm encouragement, constant smile, and dedication to ensuring the skaters enjoyed their classes will be remembered.



With Jane's retirement, the RecPlex Ice Arena has taken proactive steps to reorganize the figure skating department and entrust new roles to familiar faces. The staff members on the right have accepted new roles within the department.



RecPlex Preschool U Ice Explorers are seen gaining confidence on the ice as they learn skating fundamentals.



Lexi Phillips, Learn to Skate Specialist
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Lexi will manage day-to-day program operations, including class structuring, staff coordination, training, and innovative class development for the skating school. Having apprenticed under Jane during her final year, Lexi is enthusiastic and determined to maintain the program's excellence.



Chelsea Strouf, Figure Skating Supervisor
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Chelsea will continue to oversee the Patriotettes Synchronized Skating program, a role she has successfully managed for the past seven years. Additionally, she will support the Learn to Skate program, primarily focusing on enrollment and communication with parents.



Britni Trinidad, Figure Skating Supervisor
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Britni will assume a leadership role in managing all ice arena-related events, including but not limited to ice shows, in-house competitions, and the sk8ing strong program. In addition, she will handle communication with rinks, clubs, events, rentals, and collaborations.



Katie Luburich, Figure Skating Coordinator
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With 14 years of service at the RecPlex Ice Arena, Katie will oversee the figure skating department as a whole. Her vision is to introduce fresh ideas and perspectives while providing a positive, encouraging, well-rounded experience for all figure skaters. □

Ingram Park Sledding Hill is Ready for Winter Fun

The sledding hill at **Ingram Park**, located at **5724 93rd Street**, is available for use, pending sufficient snowfall. Park visitors are reminded to sled safely and responsibly, adhering to the posted park rules.

Ingram Park offers ample parking east of the sledding hill, in proximity to the two dog parks. The sledding hill is equipped with lighting for evening use and remains open seasonally until 10:00 p.m. for sledding. □



Winter Weather Snow Safety



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

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

Snow emergencies are announced on Time Warner Cable Channel 25, at PleasantPrairieWi.gov, by text or email through Nixle.com, via Twitter and Facebook [@PLPrairieWi](https://twitter.com/PLPrairieWi), and through local television, radio, and print media.

More information related to **Pleasant Prairie's Snow and Ice Removal Plan** is available at PleasantPrairieWi.gov.

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

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

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

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New Meeting Times In 2024, Village Meetings Will Begin at 6:00 p.m.

Starting January 2024, Pleasant Prairie will adjust meeting times to begin at 6:00 p.m. The primary motive behind this shift is to accommodate the needs of the community, particularly those who work until 5:00 p.m., providing a later start time for guests to attend and participate. Village Trustee Mike Pollocoff stated, "Adjusting the time from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. gives the public more access to attend meetings, and that is a good thing because that's why we're here."

The decision to shift the meeting time demonstrates the board's commitment to making essential public engagements more convenient for Pleasant Prairie residents. Effective in 2024, this change reflects the Village Board's dedication to making Village meetings more accessible to enhance community involvement and interaction. □



Inaugural Trunk or Treat

The Pleasant Prairie Recreation Department's first-ever Trunk or Treat event, held at Prairie Springs Park on October 21, had a fantastic turnout. All the families and guests that attended in costumes and Halloween attire added to the festive atmosphere and made the free community event a memorable occasion.

The recreation staff at RecPlex expressed their appreciation for the enthusiastic vendors and community partners who participated in the event. The creatively decorated vehicles with engaging trunk booths delighted the local community and area guests. Pleasant Prairie RecPlex looks forward to continuing the event next year and thanks the community for attending and making the Trunk or Treat event a success. □



18th Annual Shop With a Cop and Firefighter Event

The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association is proud to announce the 18th Annual Pleasant Prairie Shop with a Cop and Firefighter charity event that will be held on December 9. Shop with a Cop and Firefighter is a way for members of Pleasant Prairie's Police and Fire & Rescue Departments to give back to the community by helping local families who may not otherwise be able to celebrate the holidays in a traditional manner.

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



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

Free Twelfth Night Community Event: January 6, 2024



Mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, January 6, 2024, and plan to attend the Twelfth Night Ceremony in Pleasant Prairie. Join the Village of Pleasant Prairie, Visit Pleasant Prairie, and the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society for this free, family-friendly event set against the beautiful backdrop of Lake Andrea.

The Twelfth Night holiday tree bonfire, a Pleasant Prairie tradition with roots dating back to 1980, is an annual celebration that marks the official end of the holiday season. The event features a traditional holiday tree burning bonfire and welcomes area communities to attend to help celebrate the Twelfth Night tradition.

“The Village is extending an invitation to the community and surrounding areas for the 2024 Twelfth Night Ceremony,” stated Village Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. “This tradition is rooted in Pleasant Prairie’s history and is an annual event that is fun for the whole family. Join us on January 6 as we celebrate the end of the holiday season and enjoy the warmth of a large bonfire.”

The 2024 Twelfth Night ceremony will take place on Saturday, January 6, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Donald Wruck Beach Pavilion, located on the west side of Lake Andrea, at 9999 Park Drive in Pleasant Prairie. Highlights at the event include hot chocolate, s’mores, fire pits, cookies, holiday caroling, and a giant holiday tree bonfire. Additionally, Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue and Police staff will be present, attendees can enjoy fire truck and police squad tours.

The Village invites residents to contribute their dried holiday trees to the historic Twelfth Night ceremony, starting Tuesday, December 26. The preferred drop-off location is inside the fenced-in area along Park Drive, near the beach on Lake Andrea’s west side. To contribute a bare holiday tree to the bonfire, residents are asked to bring it to the drop-off location before January 6.

Public safety at the event is a top priority. The bonfire area will be at least 100 square feet and is subject to the Fire Chief and onsite Public Safety Personnel’s judgment. Some parking along Park Drive will be reserved for Fire & Rescue to keep safety trucks and equipment closest to the fire. Guests may park in lots on either side of the Wruck Pavilion.

The Twelfth Night Celebration is free and open to the public. The holiday tree bonfire will start at 6:15 p.m. with a welcome from Visit Pleasant Prairie Executive Director Sarah Howard.

Donations for the Twelfth Night are welcome to support the Historical Society’s efforts to restore a 1935 Peter Pirsch Model 21 Fire Engine, the first fire engine the Fire Department purchased when formed in 1935.

Join Pleasant Prairie for this memorable evening celebrating history, community, and the spirit of the holiday season. ☐

This historic Pleasant Prairie tradition is presented by:

- Village of PLEASANT PRAIRIE
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Halloween Lights Tour Success

With over 20 homes and photo-op spots featured on the 2nd Annual Pleasant Prairie Halloween Lights Tour, there was plenty of festive fun to be had by residents and visitors during the two-week celebration. Special thanks to participating residents and local businesses who made this tour possible.



Illuminate the Winter Season with the Christmas Holiday Lights Tour

Get ready to brighten your winter nights with light displays throughout the Village. After Thanksgiving, residents are encouraged to submit photos of their festive outdoor home décor to the 2nd Annual Pleasant Prairie Christmas Holiday Lights Tour. Prizes, including an iconic trophy, will be awarded to the top five homes as voted by tour-goers. Visit Pleasant Prairie plans to make the 2023 tour even bigger and better than ever, but needs your help to make that happen.

Visit Pleasant Prairie will roll out a new incentive for residents who submit their homes. More information will be available on VisitPleasantPrairie.com by the end of November.

Save the Date: Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire

Celebrate the end of the holiday season on January 6 at the Twelfth Night Holiday Tree Bonfire. Guests can take home the new edition of the Visit Pleasant Prairie annual mug (limited supplies). ☐

Tree Drop-Off Sites

Prairie Springs Park

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

Village Hall

9915 39th Avenue

Pleasant Prairie Park

8400 104th Avenue

Carol Beach Park

111th Street and 10th Avenue

Ingram Park

93rd Street and 57th Avenue

Residential Recycling Center

(Saturdays only)
8000 128th Street

Holiday Tree Drop-Off Sites and Fire Safety

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

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

Only trees are accepted.

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



National Fire Protection Association Facts:

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

Historical Society Museum Events

Evergleaming: Wisconsin's Aluminum Christmas Tree

Join us for the fourth and final program of the 2023 "History Happy Hour" Pleasant Prairie Historical Society fundraiser series.



On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, Wisconsin Historical Society Curator Joe Kapler will present "Evergleaming" at the Pleasant Prairie History Museum, 3875 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie. Tickets are \$30 and include a light dinner and refreshments. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., and the program

will begin at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited, and RSVP is required. To reserve your ticket, contact Museum Curator Kate Bennett at [262- 577-5115](tel:262-577-5115) or info@pleasantprairiehistoricalsociety.org.

Program details: Discover how Wisconsin-made Christmas decorations became Space Age, pop culture icons in 1960s America, and how they now serve as a window into innovative mid-century design and nostalgic family holiday traditions. Joe Kapler will detail the story of the Aluminum Specialty Company of Manitowoc, which introduced the "Evergleam" aluminum Christmas tree in 1959. In the following decade, aluminum trees became wildly popular in American homes, and the Evergleam was the most popular brand of all.

Stay tuned for the 2024 four-part History Happy Hour series line-up, which will be announced in January 2024!



Pleasant Prairie History Museum is at the historic Dublin School, 3875 116th Street. The museum features three galleries exhibiting locally significant archeological, 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. The beautifully renovated lower level of the museum is available to rent for business groups, non-profit organizations, and educational groups. Check out the website, PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org, and follow at Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety. □

Thanksgiving Holiday

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, in honor of Thanksgiving.

Village offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, November 27. There will be no recycling or garbage collection on November 23. Collection will resume on November 24, with pick-ups delayed by one day.

White goods and electronics will not be collected during Thanksgiving week but may be brought to the Residential Recycling Center. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on November 23, and will reopen for regular business hours on November 24.

Residential Recycling Center

Starting Saturday, December 2, the Residential Recycling Center will only be open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The site will resume on-season hours in March 2024.

Hazardous Waste Collection continues on the first Saturday of every month, except January, February, March, and May.

Winter Holidays

Village offices will be closed on Friday, December 22, and Monday, December 25, in honor of the Christmas Holiday.

Village offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 26, for regular business hours.

There will be no recycling or garbage collection on Monday, December 25. Collection will resume December 26 with pick-up delayed by one day. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 23.

Village offices will close on Friday, December 29, 2023, and Monday, January 1, 2024, in honor of New Year.

Village offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, for regular business hours. There will be no recycling or garbage collection on January 1, 2024. Collection will resume on January 2, with pick-ups delayed by one day. The Residential Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 30.

RecPlex will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. Have a safe and joyful holiday season. □

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UPCOMING
FALL EVENTS

RUN with the 5K TURKEYS
PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN

**SAT, NOV. 18
9:00A START**

This event starts and finishes at the Beach Pavilion on the west side of Lake Andrea.

This race is 3.1 miles around Lake Andrea.

Fees: \$30
Includes race shirt, medal & post race refreshments.

RUN-BIKE-SWIM Turkey Triathlon
PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN

**SUN, NOV. 19
7:30A START**

This event takes place inside the RecPlex in the Waterpark and Fitness Center.

This race is a 10 min swim, 20 min spin, and a 15 min tread run.

Fees: \$40
Includes race shirt, medal & post race refreshments.

For more detailed info and registration, visit recplexonline.com/register or scan QR code.



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