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Village Offices Closed Friday, April 10

Good Friday Garbage/Recycling Collection

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Good Friday, April 10. Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, April 13, while the **Residential Recycling Center will be open for regular hours on Saturday, April 11.**

Garbage and recycling collection will take place as regularly scheduled on Friday, April 10.

Electronics and white goods will not be collected on Friday, April 10. These collections will instead be scheduled for Thursday, April 9.

RecPlex will be closed Easter Sunday, April 12.





Pleasant Prairie Finalizes the Purchase and Sale Agreement with HARIBO

HARIBO, the world's leading manufacturer of gummi treats, finalized the acquisition of a 136.8 acre site from the Village of Pleasant Prairie on Tuesday, February 4. The land is located in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park (PHCP), where the company plans to build its first-ever North American manufacturing facility.

This final closing comes after the Village of Pleasant Prairie completed land and infrastructure improvements inclusive of sewer systems, water main and roadways. As these steps were underway, HARIBO has continued to take key learnings from building manufacturing facilities around the world and incorporate them with care into its site plans in Pleasant Prairie.

"HARIBO is reaching a big milestone this year; our 100th Anniversary, so we're excited about this next step in building our U.S. manufacturing facility as part

of the celebration," said Arndt Ruesges, Chief Production Officer. "We founded our business on the principle of quality and for the past century we've inspired millions of moments of childlike happiness through our sweet treats. This new factory will allow us to continue that tradition and produce gummies for our consumers for generations to come, and we appreciate the Village's diligent partnership to help make that happen."

HARIBO's factory groundbreaking is set to take place later this year with construction following thereafter. The facility will produce Goldbears gummi bears and other fan-favorite HARIBO treats. This multi-phase build is projected to include a warehouse, manufacturing facility, administrative building and later on a daycare center, fitness building and a retail experience for the public.

"We believe deeply in giving back to the

communities where we live and work, and we already feel that Pleasant Prairie is our home," said Wes Saber, Chief Financial Officer, HARIBO. "We've recently partnered with University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Gateway Technical College on educational programming and are continuing our efforts with the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha to help the local community support young adults in reaching their full potential."

"We're thrilled to close on this property and formally welcome HARIBO to our community," said Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator. "This is a tremendous investment that will result in one of the largest confectionery manufacturing sites in North America.

The development will bring hundreds of jobs from a company that is globally recognized as being an excellent place to work." □



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Pleasant Prairie Land Purchased by HSA



On Wednesday, January 29, the Village of Pleasant Prairie closed on a property agreement with HSA Commercial Real Estate for two parcels of land, totaling approximately 68 acres in the Village of Bristol. The area is located on the east side of County Highway U, immediately west of Prairie Highlands Corporate Park. HSA purchased the property from Pleasant Prairie for \$8.9 million.

Pleasant Prairie acquired the property with the land purchased from Abbott Labs in May 2017. The acquisition was a significant investment by Pleasant Prairie, acquiring approximately 458 acres of highly desirable land, located at the northwest corner of County Highway Q and I-94. The area was purchased and combined with an adjacent property owned by the Village to create the new corporate park, Prairie Highlands, which has a focus on manufacturing, office, and commercial uses.

The two parcels purchased by HSA are in Bristol, outside the jurisdiction of Pleasant Prairie. However, both Bristol and Pleasant Prairie have entered into agreements for Pleasant Prairie to provide retail water and sanitary sewer services to the land in Bristol. Pleasant Prairie will extend sewer and water utilities to the municipal boundary. The upfront capital costs for extensions into the two HSA parcels will be the responsibility of the Village of Bristol or its developers. After the extensions are installed, Pleasant Prairie will be responsible for maintaining, operating, and providing retail services for the extended utility mains.

HSA is a privately held, full-service real estate development and investment firm based in Chicago. They plan to develop three speculative warehouse buildings on the 68 acre site, totaling approximately 1,000,000 square feet to be known as the Bristol Highlands Commerce Center. Construction on the first building could begin later this year. □

Creekside Terrace Subdivision

The Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved a Conditional Preliminary Plat for the proposed 41 single-family lot subdivision to be known as Creekside Terrace on Monday, January 13. Creekside Circle is located off 91st Street, between 62nd Avenue and 66th Avenue in Pleasant Prairie.

The original conceptual plan for the development at Creekside was introduced to the Plan Commission in January 2019. After months of re-evaluation and recreating multiple concept options, in March 2019, the Plan Commission recommended a plan to the Village Board that worked for both the developer and the Creekside Crossing residents.

The Conditional Preliminary Plat approval allows the remaining 47.5 acres of vacant land within Creekside Crossing to be re-developed into 41 single-family lots. The average lot size in the subdivision will be 17,810 square feet. A majority of the lots will be adjacent to open space, retention basins, or wetlands. This single-family development requires the construction of 62nd Avenue and the remainder of Creekside Circle. The Developer, at the developer's cost, plans to install public utilities and build the roadways to service all 41 lots. The current plat places a cul-de-sac at the end of 62nd Avenue. Although, if wetlands are allowed to be filled by permit, 62nd Avenue could continue north, and 89th Street could extend east to create additional access to the subdivision.

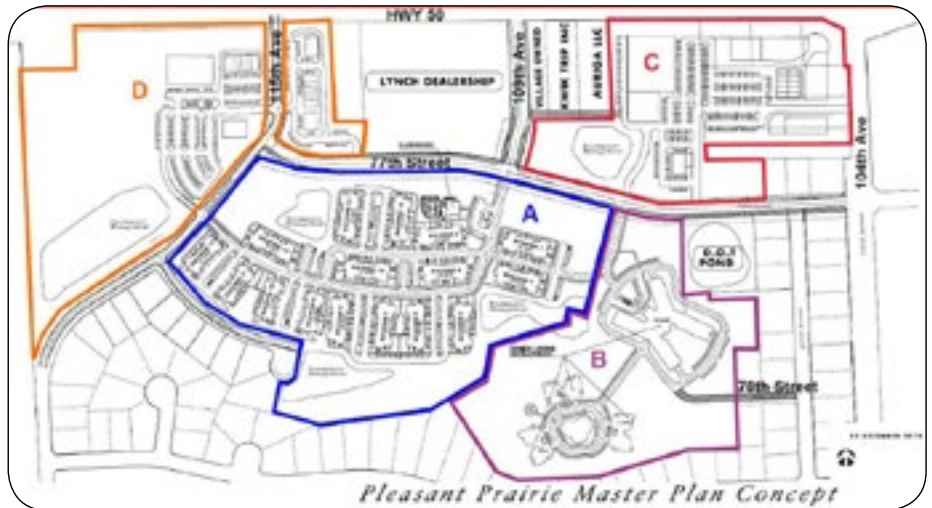
Improvements are currently under construction for The Vista apartment project that will connect to the Creekside Terrace subdivision. The project developer has agreed to install public sidewalks within Creekside Crossing, to provide interior connections along Creekside Circle that complete neighborhood blocks and eliminate paths that dead end. The developer also intends to donate funds to the Village to add playground equipment in Creekside Park. □



River View Neighborhood Development Plan

On Monday, January 27, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for a portion of the River View Neighborhood and the Land Use Plan for the proposed re-development of vacant lands. The proposed plans will develop approximately 95 acres of property generally located between 75th and 79th Streets, from 104th to 115th Avenues. The request was made by Anthony DeRosa, agent for Fiduciary Real Estate Development, Inc. The project is being divided into four separate development zones. Zone A is designated for multi-family apartments, to be known as Seasons at River View. Zone B will be reserved for senior living development. Zones C and D will be used for commercial areas, to be known as Shoppes at River View.

A conceptual plan was also presented by the developer and reviewed and recommended for conditional approval by the Plan Commission. The areas identified as Zone A, multi-family apartments, will be the first phase of development. The apartment complex will provide a transitional buffer between the existing Chateau Eau Plaines single-family subdivision to the south and the commercial component that will develop along the south side of STH 50. The development will have private road access



to 77th Street at two locations, along with private road access to 115th Avenue. The multi-family area will consist of 16, two-story buildings, 12, 20-unit buildings, and four, 15-unit buildings to create 300 total units. The unit mix consists of 24 studio apartments, 128 one-bedroom apartments, 124 two-bedroom apartments, and 24 three-bedroom apartments. Community amenities will feature a clubhouse for resident use, with a club room, fitness facility, resort-style pool, and leasing office with on-site management. Unit pricing will range from \$1,100 to \$2,200.

Future developments for Zone B will consist of 159 units that have common

areas and the potential for all types of senior living care, including independent living, assisted living, and memory care. Zone C and D have approximately 34.5 acres that could include nearly 218,000 square feet of commercial development with a mixture of potential uses, including retail, office, or related medical services.

The River View development project intends to meet the needs of the fast-growing population and workforce in the community and surrounding area. Creating a master land-use plan with roadways and infrastructure improvements will benefit the region and improve stormwater drainage problems in the area. □

2020 Village Calendars

The Village is no longer automatically sending Village Calendars to homes within Pleasant Prairie.

If you did not receive a 2020 calendar in the mail, extra copies are available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) while supplies last.

If you are interested in receiving future editions of the Village Calendar directly to your mailbox, please register at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and click on the Calendar icon near the bottom of the page or call 262.925.6701. You only need to register once to receive future editions of the Village Calendar. You can also opt off the mailing list at any time if you no longer wish to receive the Village Calendar. □

Grant to Develop Public Shoreline Protection Plans

The Village of Pleasant Prairie has applied for \$22,000 in grant funds from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. The funds will be used to develop a planning report that outlines findings, analyses, conclusions, and recommendations to restore Prairie Shores Beach into a Conservation area. Processes to obtain grant funding began in June 2018, with a land survey that evaluated erosion conditions along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The assessment was conducted by Clark Dietz Inc., who provided maps identifying what parcels have good, fair, or inadequate erosion protection. The information from the evaluation is helping Pleasant Prairie seek grant funds to design and develop wave tripping methods that protect the public lakefront.



Erosion is a natural process, and Lake Michigan's shoreline is continually changing shape. The lake is at near-record-high levels, and waves frequently attack the coastline. The \$22,000 grant will provide the Village with a shoreline restoration plan that includes preliminary engineering to stabilize the dunes and enhance existing natural features. The research will contain habitat restoration plans for re-vegetation in the shoreline area to re-establish native flora. It will also include engineering that focuses on shoreline protection to prevent further erosion from rising lake levels.

The planning report will help Pleasant Prairie identify the level of protection needed to preserve and restore natural habitats on specific public sites. The proposed project focuses on developing a plan for habitat restoration, converting Prairie Shores Beach into a conservation area to protect the space, generally referred to as Chiwaukee Prairie. The restoration plan will include dune stabilization, habitat restoration, vegetation restoration, and shoreline protection measures. The planning effort will guide how to create, manage, and maintain local conservation areas.

With the help of grant funding, the Village plans to install offshore submerged breakwaters or stills that will trip waves earlier, lower wave energy, and protect the public coastline from future erosion. This project focuses on conserving public lake frontage and is in the planning stage; protection efforts will not begin until 2022 or later. □

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Retirements

Sergeant Keith Biernat



Sergeant Biernat started in August of 1991 with the Pleasant Prairie Police Department and has over 28 years of service. He was a patrol officer for seven years and served as a Patrol Sergeant for 21 years. His last working day at the Village was Tuesday, February 18th. The Village congratulates Sergeant Biernat on his retirement and appreciates the professional service he provided to the community. □

Allan R. Zirbel



The Village Board Meeting on January 20 recognized Allan R. Zirbel for his years of service. Zirbel officially retired from the Village on February 12, after 15 years of outstanding service.

"Allan has been a wonderful asset to the team," said Public Works Director John Steinbrink Jr., "His expertise will be missed."

Zirbel served the Village as a Mechanic in the Fleet Division within the Department of Public Works. He provided exceptional service to the community with the highest degree of integrity and dedication. The Village thanks Allan for his outstanding service and congratulates him on his retirement. □

Pleasant Prairie Appoints Eric Larson to Serve as Village Attorney

On Monday, January 20, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board appointed Eric Larson, with Municipal Law and Litigation Group, as the official Village Attorney. The recommendation to move forward with Larson was made by the Village staff, who began evaluating legal services, costs, and alternatives during the 2020 budget process.



The Village has worked with multiple firms, based on specialty, to cover a variety of municipal legal disciplines. While the Village has maintained excellent legal representation and has excellent relationships with those firms, the lack of a specified general counsel has disadvantages. As the community has grown, so has the demand for minor or general legal services. With each new legal issue or service, the staff was required to evaluate and make a selection based on the firm's billable rate, expertise, and familiarity with prior Village history. Sometimes there was no clear choice, or occasionally the firm selected would have a conflict of interest requiring the Village to search for an alternative.

Pleasant Prairie solicited proposals from five firms, received three responses, and recommended the appointment of Eric Larson, with Municipal Law and Litigation Group. Larson's plan was the most competitive, not only in terms of price but also in terms of municipal legal service expertise. The Municipal Law and Litigation Group has extensive experience with municipal law and municipal practices. They are solely a municipal law firm that works with municipalities throughout Wisconsin as the municipal attorney of record and for specialized counsel. The firm also represents dozens of municipalities throughout Wisconsin in insurance defense matters, with 100 active cases pending at all levels of state and federal court.

Village Municipal Court Attorney Don Mayew will retain this role, providing legal services and representing the Village in municipal court hearings. The Village will still utilize other firms when specialty services are required. □

Highway C Shared Use Path Construction

Kenosha County, partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, is preparing to move forward with the construction of the County Trunk Highway C (CTH C) Shared Use Path between 114th Avenue and Bain Station Road within the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

A section of CTH C between the Des Plaines River bridge crossing closed on Monday, February 10 and will remain closed for approximately eight weeks, weather permitting. The closure is necessary for the construction of a shared-use path and pedestrian bridge crossing the Des Plaines River on CTH C. The work is part of a plan to create comprehensive trail networks to encourage biking and walking for commuting, recreation, and other trips.

Project staff will be placing signage to direct travelers through the detour route. The area will be closed to thru traffic, between River Road and Bain Station Road, until the project is completed. Thru traffic will be directed along 120th Avenue, 75th Street, and 88th Avenue. The project team asks drivers to please plan additional time to navigate the detour routes, as traffic may be more substantial at peak times of day and thanks drivers for their patience as the path is constructed.



Local traffic for residents needing access to homes in the project area will remain open in the soft closure work areas, between 88th and 111th Avenues. Please watch for wayfinding signage as you approach the project area, follow instructions of the work crews, and drive very carefully in the work area. There will be construction noise while crews are driving piling for the bridge. The Village thanks drivers and residents near the work area for their patience as this project is completed. ☐

Road Construction Planned for Highway 165 and Old Green Bay Road

Construction to widen Old Green Bay Road, between State Trunk Highway 165 (STH 165) and 95th Street, in Pleasant Prairie, will begin later this year. During construction, the intersection at STH 165 and Old Green Bay Road will be closed for several weeks to allow crews to complete the needed improvements. Drivers could see contractor crews begin moving large equipment and start to install work zone signs this summer.

Bear Development plans to reconstruct Old Green Bay Road into a larger cross-section to accommodate the traffic from STH 165, north to the Main Street Market project limits at 95th Street. A traffic signal and other safety features will be included with the re-development of the intersection at STH 165 and Old Green Bay Road.

Detour routes and closure dates for the project will be provided at a later date. Visit the news section of [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov) and follow the Village of Pleasant Prairie social media channels for updates and the most recent Village news. ☐

Prairie Photo Contest

Have you captured the beauty of the many natural areas in Pleasant Prairie throughout the year? If you answered yes, then you should enter your photos into the **Seasons in the Prairie photo contest**.

Your photos could appear in a Village Calendar, on the Village website, or in other Village communications. We are seeking photos that take place in all four seasons and portray the beauty of our community throughout the year.

Photos will be judged based on content and quality. We ask that all photos be taken within the Village of Pleasant Prairie and that no people are in the pictures. Minors must have parental consent to enter the contest. Entry form and a complete list of contest rules are available on the website at [PleasantPrairieWi.gov](https://www.pleasantprairiewi.gov) by clicking the photo contest icon at the bottom of the homepage.



Entries submitted between May 4 and August 21 will be judged in late September, and three winners will be selected. Winners will receive a gift certificate to a Pleasant Prairie place of business. We look forward to seeing your photos! ☐

Village Green Center Update

Community Art Center Survey Results

Pleasant Prairie conducted an online survey to assess public interest in a community art center from January 15 to February 20. Community members were invited to participate in the study by email, social media, Village Newsletter, and local media outlets. The survey received over 200 responses, answering questions designed to evaluate resident interests and desires for the types of arts and creative spaces needed in the downtown Village Green development.

The data resulting from the survey provides the Steering Committee public insight on what to focus on for a community arts center. Questions assessed the level of interest for art classes, demonstrations, performance theater, events, and maker spaces. The survey consisted of multiple-choice questions and rated options with a 10 point scale, where 1 indicated “no interest,” and 10 indicated “high interest.”

Survey results demonstrate there is interest in developing creative community spaces in the downtown area. Responses showed interest in art classes and programming, indoor and outdoor performance theater, along with space for events. Nearly 50 percent of the survey group expressed interest in arts and crafts, painting, drawing, and culinary cooking programs. The majority said they would prefer paying for individual classes in the \$25-\$49 range, instead of paying for a membership plan. Live theater, comedy, and concerts were among the top choices for developing a performance theater space.

What is the #1 Reason the Village of Pleasant Prairie Needs a Community Arts Center?

	Response Percent
Arts Classes	24%
Arts Galleries	13%
Performance Theater	23%
Event Space	16%
Arts Collaboration	8%
Not Needed	16%

The Steering Committee would like to thank all the residents that contributed and responded to the survey. The feedback received from the study is critical in determining the needs, priorities, goals, and strategies that guide the vision for the future downtown area. □

Village Green Center Open House

For the last several months, Village staff, along with the Steering Committee and RINKA (architects, planners, and designers), have been working together to summarize and confirm the Designing Downtown Pleasant Prairie visions and goals. Based on those visions and goals, RINKA has developed a Concept Draft Master Plan and Civil Site Analysis that will be presented to the public in an upcoming open house.

The Village Green Center open house event will be held on Thursday, April 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium.

The proposed Village Green mixed-use “downtown” development consists of approximately 180 acres of land, generally located at Springbrook Road and State Highway 165. After receiving public feedback to the Concept Draft Master Plan, RINKA, Village staff, and the Steering Committee will create a final Village Green Master Plan and develop zoning documents that will guide the layout for public and private improvements within the Village Green Center. □

How often would you use these types of classes or programs?

	Response Percent
Very infrequently	22%
Somewhat infrequently	6%
Occasionally	27%
Somewhat frequently	29%
Very frequently	16%

Voting Reminders

The 2020 Spring Election will take place on Tuesday, April 7. On Election Day, polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Residents that are not registered to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie, or have recently had a name or address change, can save time at the polls by registering to vote ahead of time online, 20 days before the election day, at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) or Village Hall until 5:00 p.m. the Friday before Election Day.

Residents can learn where to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie by visiting [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov).

Please remember that photo identification is required to vote either by absentee ballot or at the polls on election day. To keep up to date on the latest voter ID requirements, visit [BringItWisconsin.com](https://bringitwisconsin.com).

If you are interested in becoming a Poll Worker, please contact the Village Clerk at **262.694.1400** or clerksoffice@plprairie.com. □

Village Shred Event

May 9, 9:00 a.m. - noon

On Saturday, May 9 between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Village residents can bring unwanted personal documents to the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street, for on-site destruction. Residents may bring as many personal documents as they can carry for shredding by Paper Tiger.

Paper Tiger provides on-site document destruction. They provide trucks with custom-built shredders that can efficiently destroy confidential paper documents and CDs.

Destroying old documents containing personal information is a simple step towards protecting yourself from fraud and identity theft. Recycling the shredded documents is also an easy way to protect the environment.

For more information about the Village's Shred and Recycle Event, please call Public Works at **262.925.6700** or email pw@plprairie.com.

You can learn more about Paper Tiger by visiting YourPaperTiger.com. □



Reminder to Clean Up Pet Waste

Pet waste is a pollutant. When left on the grass, rain water eventually washes it into storm sewers that take it directly to our lakes and rivers.



In the lake or river, pet waste can release ammonia as it decays, which along with low oxygen levels and warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth, and it carries contaminants and diseases that can make the water unsafe for people and pets.

Be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet. Learn more at RespectOurWaters.org. □

Hazardous Waste Collection

1st Saturday of the Month

Household hazardous wastes are common products found in the home. People usually store these materials for a time and eventually discard the unwanted items and their containers. When products are used according to label directions, most are not hazardous.

Environmental problems can arise, however, if items are not disposed of properly. ***Do NOT burn, bury, dump (in any yard, toilet or down a storm sewer) or mix leftover products.*** Chemical containers should not be reused for any other purpose.

Hazardous Waste Collection takes place at the Residential Recycling Center (8000 128th Street) on the first Saturday of every month from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

You may bring products that say:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Flammable
- Pesticide
- Poison
- Reactive
- Toxic
- Warning

Items not accepted:

- Biological
- Material or medical wastes
- Commercial waste
- Propane cylinders
- Explosives
- Radioactive materials
- Latex paint (not considered hazardous)
- Tires

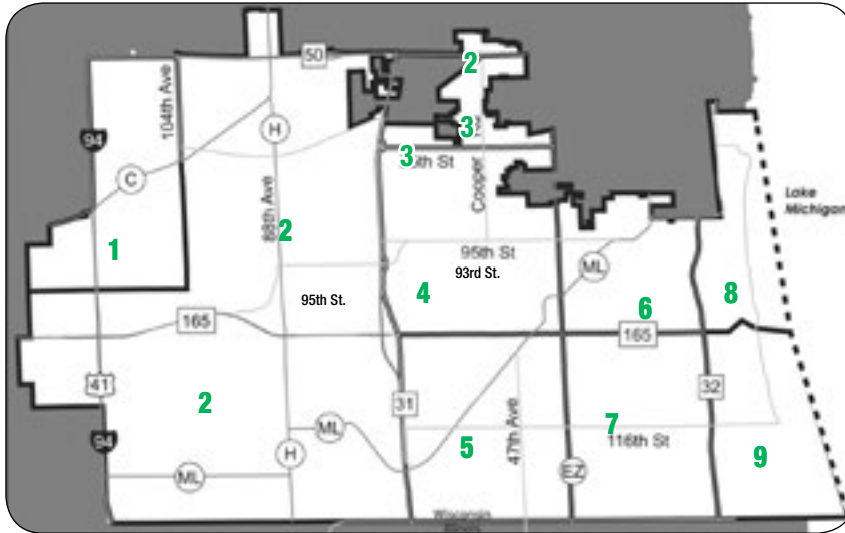
Accepted Hazardous Waste Products Include:

Aerosol cans
Bug sprays
Floor care products
Metal polish
Furniture polish
Oven cleaners
Drain cleaners
Bathroom cleaners
Tile cleaners
Disinfectant
Batteries
Old gasoline
Gasoline/oil mixed
Brake fluid
Auto repair products
Transmission fluid
Other oils/cleaners
Oil paints
Paint thinner
Paint stripper
Varnish
Antifreeze
Chemical fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat poison
Artists' paints
Fiberglass epoxy
Gun cleaning solvents
Moth balls
Pool chemicals
Photographic chemicals
Fluorescent bulbs

If you have questions about monthly hazardous waste collection, please email pw@plprairie.com, call **262.925.6700**, or visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov. □



Spring Residential Leaf Collection



2020 Spring Leaf Collection Schedule

Zone Number	Spring Round 1	Spring Round 2
1	April 6	April 20
2	April 7	April 20
3	April 8	April 21
4	April 9	April 22
5	April 13	April 22
6	April 14	April 23
7	April 15	April 23
8	April 16	April 24
9	April 17	April 24

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided to Village residents, crews collect loose, unbagged leaves directly from your curb or roadside. **Two rounds of leaf collection will take place this spring.** Weather permitting, leaf collection will begin on April 6. To have your leaves collected, please follow the steps below.

- See the map above and identify your collection zone.
- See the schedule above to identify your collection dates.
- Have leaves ready by **7:00 a.m.**
- Rake leaves into a pile at your curb or on your roadside.
- **Leaves must be within 6 feet of the road.**
- Please keep leaves off of the asphalt.
- For residents with curb and gutters, please place loose leaves on the grass by your curb.
- For residents with a ditch line, please place loose leaves on the grass along the roadside of the ditch.
- Because leaves are vacuumed into the collection truck, they must be piled loose.
- Bagged leaves or grass, branches, and other yard waste will not be collected.
- Watch a *How To: Prep for Leaf Collection* video at PleasantPrairieWi.gov or on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

Do not mix other yard waste, such as potted/garden plants or branches, into your pile of leaves. Doing so can damage the leaf collection vacuum and may cause costly delays. Leaves mixed with other yard waste will not be collected.

Please keep in mind that though collection staff abides by the schedule above, there are certain circumstances that may delay collection by one or more days. These circumstances could include: unanticipated delays due to weather, emergency situations that may draw staff away from their regular duties, or damage to collection equipment that would require repair or unscheduled service.

If you miss your scheduled collection day, leaves and other yard waste may also be taken to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street. The site opens for on-season hours on March 23 and will remain open through December 5 (weather permitting). The site remains open on Saturdays year-round. On-Season hours for the Residential Recycling Center are listed below. Additional information can be found at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/services/garbage_and_recycling. □



Residential Recycling Center

Beginning March 23, the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street, will be open for On-Season Hours. The site accepts branches, garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, sod, stumps under 50 pounds, recycling, tree trimmings, and other yard waste. □

Residential Recycling Center On-Season Hours

Mondays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Wednesdays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fridays:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

***The site is CLOSED on the first Wednesday of each month**

Statewide Tornado Drills



On the afternoon of Thursday, April 16, at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., the National Weather Service will conduct statewide tornado drills in Wisconsin; offering families and businesses the opportunity to test their severe weather emergency plans.

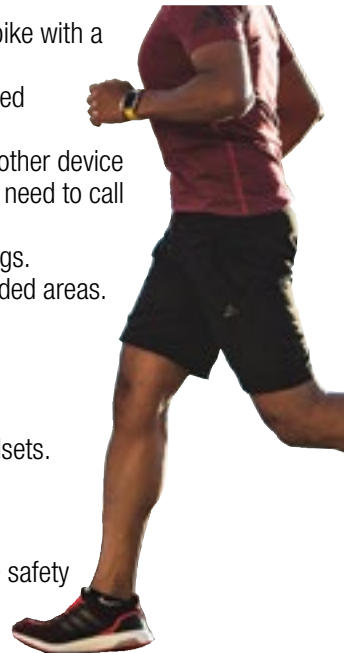
For additional details please visit the National Weather Service website at: [Weather.gov/safety/events_calendar](https://www.weather.gov/safety/events_calendar) □

Safety Tips for Walkers, Runners and Cyclists

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department wants to remind walkers, runners, and cyclists to take the following steps to remain safe when out on the bike trails and when walking in public areas.

- When possible walk, jog or bike with a buddy.
- Wear reflective or light-colored clothing at night.
- Always take a cell phone or other device to communicate in case you need to call for help.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid walking alone in secluded areas.
- Keep your keys ready.
- Walk with confidence.
- Carry an alarm or whistle.
- Don't talk on a cell phone.
- Avoid using earbuds or headsets.
- Make eye contact.
- Go with your instincts.

These are just a few preventative safety tips, but if you see something suspicious call the police. □



Fix a Leak Week: March 16-22, 2020

Information courtesy of EPA WaterSense

The Environmental Protection Agency celebrates **Fix a Leak Week** each March to remind you to check household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes. A one gallon per minute leak can add more than half a million gallons per year. Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easily fixed, requiring only a few tools and hardware.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium has a video on detecting household leaks that you may find helpful www.regionalh2o.org/how-to-videos-water-conservation/how-use-your-water-meter-see-if-you-have-leak. Additional information about fixing household leaks, both indoors and outdoors, is available at www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html.

Tips for Identifying Leaks

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you may have a leak.

Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)



Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

Examine water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there may be serious leaks inside your home from a fixture such as a toilet. □

Historical Society

The First Windmill in Kenosha County

The Truesdell settlement along Highway 50 was home to the first windmill in Kenosha County. Truesdell thrived after the railroads came to Pleasant Prairie in the early 1870s. Around that same time, Swedish immigrant Victor Lindquist bought land in Truesdell. Lindquist had learned the milling trade in Denmark and brought his skills with him to America. He built a Dutch-style windmill right here in Pleasant Prairie—the first windmill in the county.

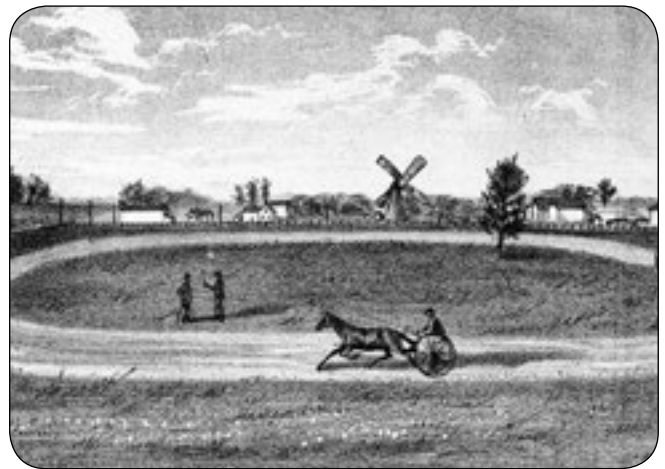
The mill was used for grinding corn and wheat. In 1888 the Lindquists sold their land to Jacob Alsted and his son Edward. The Alsted's added steam power to the mill, making it possible to operate when the wind failed. The windmill had become a recognizable landmark in the area by the time it was torn down in 1913.

There would be more windmills to come in Pleasant Prairie, however. The "Little Mill" and later, the "Big Mill" (known as the Gin Mill in the 1960s and '70s), were also built along Highway 50.

The "Little Mill" was a tavern located at Highways 50 and 31 from 1935 to 1961. The "Big Mill" operated as a motel and gas station when it opened in the 1920s and later became a tavern. It stood on the northwest corner of Highways 50 and H until it was torn down in 1997.

There are many other stories to be told about the history of Pleasant Prairie. Please reach out to us if you have anything you would like to share! You can reach us at HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or [262-947-3600](tel:262-947-3600).

Check out our website PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org and follow us at [Facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/PIPrairieHistoricalSociety). □



Victor Lindquist's Dutch-Style windmill can be seen in background of this 1887 illustration of the Uihlein Stock Farm race track.



The "Big Mill" in the 1920s

2020 U.S. Census

We are excited to announce that the Village of Pleasant Prairie has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to support the 2020 Census. As a partner, the Village will be working to ensure the community is accurately represented.

Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts all the people residing in the United States. The count affects

the allocation of funding for our community's public resources, roads, hospitals, schools, and more.

An accurate snapshot means our community will receive the funding, services, and business support we deserve and need.

An initial mailing will be sent to residents homes in March, asking

residents to respond online, by phone, or mail. To learn about the upcoming census, visit 2020census.gov. □

