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2019 Village Newsletters

The Village will begin issuing bi-monthly editions of the Village Newsletter starting in January 2019. Residents are encouraged to visit the News section at PleasantPrairieWi.gov and Village social media channels to stay up-to-date on announcements and news items in between issues.

Village Calendars

The Village will no longer automatically send out the Village Calendar and Resource Directory to homes within Pleasant Prairie.

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](tel: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.

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Village Green Center Moves Forward

The Village of Pleasant Prairie recently approved the hiring of Todd Streeter, principal of Community Collaboration, to assist with the Village Green Center downtown development.

Previous efforts to develop the land were stalled due to poor market conditions and private developer ownership. "We are eager to move forward with development plans," said Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator.

Streeter's community engagement process involves the creation of a new working committee of interested community participants collaborating on research and concept development with a formal presentation of recommendations to the Village Board.

An informational Village Green Center Kick-Off Meeting was held on January 17 with approximately 150 residents in attendance with interest in the project. The meeting entailed what will be expected of the subcommittees and the process for the development of the future downtown of Pleasant Prairie.

This new engagement process is designed to let the community drive all aspects of the project's concept development allowing interested citizens to literally create a wide range of ideas and concepts that will directly influence ongoing development activities undertaken by the Village.

"We are excited to see fresh ideas from our community to shape and develop innovative opportunities to make Village Green Center the epicenter of activity, growth, and prosperity for local businesses and community. We need ideas for housing options, desired businesses, park and recreation amenities, and public and civic facilities. Our community's ideas will transform Village Green Center into a dynamic downtown serving the interests and needs of our community day and night, seven days a week," stated John Steinbrink Sr., Village President.

A citizen committee will be formed to develop a wide variety of redevelopment recommendations. These are broken down into subcommittees including housing options, business development, park and

recreation amenities, and public and civic facilities. Other areas of focus include environment-friendly solutions, project marketing, and the downtown's aesthetics, character, branding, and themes.

The Village continues to seek interested residents of all ages and backgrounds, business owners, commercial property owners, and community organizations to participate in developing new ideas and concepts for the Village Green Center development.

Meetings will be twice a month and begin in February. Meeting details will be announced on the Village's website. Residents interested in learning more Village Green Center project details, subcommittee descriptions, and committee sign-up form can go to PleasantPrairieWi.gov > [Residents](#) > [Get Involved](#) > [Village Green Center Development](#) for more information. ☐



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2019 Paving Projects

2019 road maintenance in Pleasant Prairie.

Location	Application
93rd Street (Cooper to 39th Ave.)	Pulverize & Relay
72nd Ave. (165 to 31 S.)	Microsurface
72nd Ave. (165 to 31 N.)	Microsurface
47th Ave. (ML to 113th)	2" Overlay
47th Ave. (113th to 116th)	Pulverize & Relay
120th St. & 45th Ave.	Pulverize & Relay
67th Street	Pulverize & Relay
Becker Park	2" Overlay
20th Ave, 89th Pl, 90th Ave.	2" Overlay
120th Street (44th Ave. to 43rd Ave.)	Pulverize & Relay
7th Ave. (91st St. to N. Limits)	2" Overlay & Add Bikelaness
109th St. (E. of HWY 31)	2" Overlay
28th Ave. (165 to 450' N.)	Pulverize & Relay
28th Ave. (N. of 165 to N. Limits)	2" Overlay
Bain Station Rd - CTH H to CPRR & UPRR to STH 31	Pulverize & Relay
Bain Station Rd - CPRR to UPRR	2" Overlay
107th St. & 110th St. (E. of HWY 31)	Pulverize & Relay

Recycling Center Rate Increase

As part of the 2019 Solid Waste Budget the Residential Recycling Center will continue to accept the same items but a few small changes for 2019 are as follows:

- The first cubic yard per day (a pile 3 feet wide, 3 feet long, and 3 feet tall) of solid waste can be dropped off free of cost. Any additional cubic yards will be charged \$7.00 per cubic yard.
- The cost of bulk items (such as furniture, mattresses, and swing sets or items that are longer than four feet and weigh more than 50 pounds) will change from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per each bulk item.
- The cost of tires will change from \$5 per tire to the following:
 - Under 24" (overall width)
 - Tire - \$7.00 per tire
 - Tire with Rim - \$17.00 per tire/rim
 - 24" to 30" (overall width)
 - Tire - \$10.00 per tire
 - Tire with Rim - \$20.00 per tire/rim
 - Over 30" (overall width)
 - Tire - \$20.00 per tire
 - Tire with Rim - \$40.00 per tire/rim

Unlimited amounts of recycling, residential hazardous waste, leaves, and residential brush can be still dropped off at the Residential Recycling Center. ☐

Citizen Award Emily Kay Brenner

At the Village Board meeting on January 21, 2019, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department recognized Emily Kay Brenner with a Citizen Award for her bravery and quick actions when she assisted the December 9, 2018, vehicle accident where a victim suffered from a gunshot wound. Brenner got out of her car and performed First Aid on the victim until EMS arrived to the scene. Brenner is an Army veteran and she had been released from the Army four days before the time of the accident.

We give Ms. Brenner our deepest thanks and appreciation for helping the citizens in the December 9 accident ☐



Green Bay Trail Condominiums

On Monday, January 21, the Village Board considered and approved a Conceptual Plan for the request of Nancy Washburn, agent on behalf of Harpe Development LLC, owner of the vacant properties at the southeast corner of Old Green Bay Road and 104th Street (STH 165) for the proposed development of 6-3 unit condominium buildings and 14-2 unit condominium buildings to be known as Green Bay Trail Condominiums.

In June of 2007, the Village Board approved the development for the Vintage Parc Condominiums at the southeast corner of Old Green Bay Road and 104th Street (STH 165). Infrastructure construction began and some public improvements were installed including the mass grading and installation of the retention basin, underground utilities, utilities and binder course of the roadway including curb and gutter. However, due to the downturn in the economy all of the required public improvements were not completed and no condominium buildings were built. The development proposes to utilize as much as possible of the existing infrastructure that was installed.

The Conceptual Plan approved on January 21, 2019, is consistent with all previous approvals, with the exception of the reduction of the number of units from 66 to 46. The two unit buildings will be ranch-style condominiums with a two-car attached garage and a full basement. The three unit buildings will be two stories. Two of the units will be ranch style with a three-car attached garage and full basements. The third unit will be on the second floor with a two-car attached garage.

The developer anticipates beginning construction in spring 2019. Construction of the full development is expected to be completed within 2 to 3 years. The developer will be seeking additional approvals for the project in the coming months.



Kings & Convicts Master Conceptual Plan



The Village of Pleasant Prairie is delighted to welcome its first microbrewery to the community. Kings & Convicts Brewing Company will be located at 7821-120th Avenue (East Frontage Road). The conceptual plan also shows a 124 room hotel will be constructed on the site.


The facility will be 51,000 square feet that will include a large production brew-house, taproom, restaurant, and event space. The taproom will seat 200 people and include a separate event space that will be able to accommodate private parties for groups of up to 225 people. An outdoor deck on the second floor will overlook the Des Plaines watershed to the east.

Guests will be able to view the brewery operations in the taproom and tours will be available for those who wish to learn more about the brewing process and the stories of the beer that Kings & Convicts brew.

“We are excited to welcome Kings and Convicts to Pleasant Prairie. Adding attractive and unique destinations will promote tourism within the Village and offer a fun and memorable experience for residents,” stated Village Administrator Nathan Thiel.

This will be Kings & Convicts Brewing Co. second location. Their first location is in Highwood, IL. The new facility is scheduled to open in fall of 2019.

Emergency Updates

The best way to be prepared is to sign-up to receive updates through **NIXLE** before an emergency occurs. In order to receive emergency text messages to your smart phone, you can text “53158” to 888777 or visit **NIXLE.com** where you can enter your information. 

2019 Election Dates and Voting Information

Spring Primary

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

No Spring Primary Required in the Village of Pleasant Prairie

Spring Election

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

On election dates, Village polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sample ballots for each election are posted to PleasantPrairieWi.gov in the **Services** section once they become available. Additional information about voting in the Village is also available at PleasantPrairieWi.gov, on pages four and five of your Village Calendar and Resource Directory, or by telephone at **262.694.1400**. □

Polling Location Change Wards 12, 13 & 14



On Monday, December 17, an amendment was approved that will change polling locations in Pleasant Prairie for upcoming elections.

Pleasant Prairie voters in Wards 13 and 14, who previously voted at St. Anne Catholic Church, will now vote at The Addison of Pleasant Prairie located at 9651 Prairie Ridge Boulevard. Pleasant Prairie voters in Wards 12, who previously voted at St. Anne Catholic Church, will now vote at Caterpillar College located at 8411 Old Green Bay Road.

Voters in Wards 13 and 14 can park on the east side of the building, in the Addison parking lot, and can access the building from its east entrance. Street parking is also available for the Addison.

Notices will be mailed to voters in Wards 12 through 14 in January notifying the changes in their polling location. Residents with questions regarding the changes or voting in general may contact the Village Clerk at clerksoffice@plprairie.com or 262.694.1400.

For voting detailed information and to see a Ward Map for Pleasant Prairie, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov or find your voting location at myvote.wi.gov. □

Village of Pleasant Prairie Polling Locations

Village Hall Auditorium

Wards
1, 2, & 3

9915 39th Ave.
(south parking lot)

Village Hall Courtroom

Wards
4 & 5

9915 39th Ave.
(north parking lot)

Caterpillar College Preschool

Wards
6, 7, & 12

8411 Old Green Bay Rd.

RecPlex

Wards
8, 9, & 10

9900 Terrwall Ter.

The Addison of Pleasant Prairie

Wards
13 & 14

9651 Prairie Ridge Blvd.

Medication Collection Box

Both anti-drug forces and environmental activists are encouraging people to properly dispose of unused pharmaceuticals. Disposing of pharmaceuticals can make them inaccessible to children or addicts. Disposing of them correctly also keeps them from further contaminating our local drinking water supply.

A permanent medication drop box (**available 24/7**) is located in the lobby of the **Pleasant Prairie Police Department at 8600 Green Bay Road.**

A list of acceptable items is printed on the outside of the drop box. **Do not deposit inhalers, needles or sharps in the box.** Please visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov/Services/Medication_Collection for information about disposal of needles and sharps.

Please empty unwanted medication out of its container and place into a resealable plastic zipper storage bag. Liquid medications can be kept in their individual containers but must be put in a separate resealable plastic zipper storage bag. See pictures on the right.

Thank you for taking care when disposing of medication. ☐



Disposing of Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Smoke detectors are an important and required safety feature in buildings and homes of all types and sizes. However, once these devices have reached the end of their useful life, improper disposal of smoke detectors could pose a threat to health and our environment.

A majority of smoke detectors used today (approximately 80%) contain a small amount of radioactive material (Americium 241). When mounted to a wall or ceiling, these smoke detectors are safe to use; the plastic casing surrounding the detector is sufficient to block this small amount of radiation. However, if a smoke detector containing Americium 241 is broken open in a landfill, the radioactive material inside can pose a threat to our health and the environment.

How to Dispose of Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors that contain radioactive material must be labeled accordingly. Companies that manufacture detectors accept expired units. Before disposing of an expired detector, remove any batteries. Alkaline batteries may be thrown in your trash, while lithium batteries may be brought to the Village Residential Recycling Center during **Hazardous Waste Collection (the first Saturday of the month).**

Check the manufacturer's user manual or perform an online search for the detector's manufacturer to determine their mailing, delivery, or return instructions. Please be aware that the US Postal Service has strict requirements regarding the mailing of hazardous materials.



How to Dispose of Carbon Monoxide Detectors

While carbon monoxide detectors do not contain radioactive material, they do contain circuit boards and platinum, both of which are worth recycling. **Please recycle carbon monoxide detectors at the Residential Recycling Center.**

To learn more about solid waste disposal options in the Village, visit PleasantPrairieWi.gov, call Public Works at **262.925.6700**, or email pw@plprairie.com. ☐

2019 Triathlons at the RecPlex

Prairie Springs Park and Lake Andrea will host the Junior Triathlon on Saturday, June 22 and the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon on Sunday, June 23. The RecPlex will be the host site for the Iron Girl Pleasant Prairie Women's Triathlon Event on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

Village staff would like to invite you to bring your friends and neighbors to cheer on these amazing athletes as they push to meet their goals. Each year, sporting events in Pleasant Prairie draw thousands of visitors to the community. These are great opportunities for people in the community and visitors to the area to get involved in challenging and rewarding athletic events.

Summer sporting events effect the local economy in a positive way by bringing tourism dollars into the community which benefits local businesses, including retail establishments, restaurants and hotels. In past years, it has been reported that these tourism dollars have exceeded \$1 million dollars.

Businesses and residents near Prairie Springs Park can expect limited road closures on Sunday, June 23 and Sunday, August 11. More information will be made available closer to these events, as race courses are finalized. Members of the community are invited to join us for these events as athletes, spectators and volunteers. To learn more about the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon go to <http://pleasantprairietri.com> and for a complete list of triathlons and special events visit <https://recplexonline.com/triathlons-special-events>.



February 24	Indoor Triathlon
April 28	Indoor/Outdoor Triathlon
June 2	Pleasant Prairie Junior Cup
June 22	Pleasant Prairie Junior Triathlon
June 23	Pleasant Prairie Triathlon
August 10	Pleasant Prairie Junior Triathlon #2
August 11	Iron Girl
November 17	Indoor Turkey Triathlon

If Residential Street Lights are not working...

Village staff requests your help to report non-working street lights in residential neighborhoods. A street light is considered non-working when it is flickering continually, not lighting in the dark, or if the light is on during daylight hours.



Determining Who to Contact

Because some street lights in the Village are maintained by We Energies and some are maintained by Village staff, the first step is determining who to contact for repair. The Village maintains most street lights in

residential neighborhoods. Village street lights should have a numbered sticker affixed to the base of the light pole displaying the words Village of Pleasant Prairie. We Energies street lights have a numbered metal tag on their pole.

Report a Non-Working Street Light

To notify the Village when a street light needs repair, please contact us at pw@plprairie.com or at **262.925.6700**. If you're unsure if a non-working light is a Village street light, you can



also contact us. Staff will refer to a street light map and notify the appropriate repair personnel. When you call, we will need to know the intersection or the address of the home nearest the light pole. If visible on the sticker, the pole number is useful as well. To notify **We Energies** when a street light needs repair, you can reach them at **800-662-4797** or at **www.we-energies.com** by clicking "Report a streetlight out" at the bottom of the page. ☐

Shop with a Cop/ Firefighter Thank You



The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association and the Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments would like to express their gratitude for those who supported the 13th annual Shop with a Cop/Firefighter charity event in December. This event is a way for members of these departments to help local families who may not otherwise have the means to celebrate the holidays in a traditional manner.

Shop with a Cop/Firefighter took place on December 2, 2018. Twenty-three children were paired with officers and firefighters and had an opportunity to pick out gifts for family members.



This event takes place annually, and could not run effectively without the support of generous sponsors and volunteers who helped children wrap gifts for their loved ones. □



Historical Society Christmas Tree Lighting

With the arrival of the New Year, the holiday season is deemed over by many, but in the English tradition it isn't until the 12th night after Christmas (January 6) that the season is finished. This is the traditional night to take down decorations and officially end the holiday with the Christian Feast of the Epiphany. In the 1980's the Town of Pleasant Prairie adopted this "Twelfth Night" tradition in a different way: with a huge bonfire of the community's Christmas trees, community singing, and sharing of holiday leftover treats.



The event was called the Twelfth Night Tree Burning Ceremony and took place for 13 years. Sponsored by the Pleasant Prairie Fire Department, the Twelfth Night began as a way to encourage people in the Village and City to safely dispose of their trees. Every year the community residents would brave the cold and gather around as Public Works stacked the trees to the sky and fire fighters lit up the huge pile of dried holiday trees and greens. The bonfire was located in a vacant farm field south of Chase Bank on 39th Avenue. In some years, the local Snap On Tool Quartet, with former Town Board member Don Wruck would sing Christmas songs in harmony. Residents would sing-a-long as they stood around the fire. One resident recalled that it was almost like the scene of Whoville in the film 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' except in this case the trees are lit in a blaze. Afterwards everyone would retreat back to the Town Hall auditorium for hot cocoa, cider, and cookies. In 1993 the event was discontinued in favor of recycling the trees, but the warmth brought by the epic bonfire and spirit of community gathering lives on in the memory of those who had the chance to enjoy the event.

Do you remember the Twelfth Night ceremony? The Historical Society wants to preserve the memory of this community event. If you have any related stories or photographs that you would like to share, you can contact us at HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or 262-947-3600. □