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Public Safety Alerts Available Via Text or Email **Through NIXLE...**

Pleasant Prairie uses a service called Nixle that allows public safety officials to send text messages and email to subscribers in the event of a public safety emergency such as: a missing child or person, police activity, evacuations, severe weather-related emergencies, and other dangerous situations.



In order to receive emergency text messages on your smart phone, visit NIXLE.com and follow the directions you see there, using Pleasant Prairie's zip code 53158. You can also text "53158" to 888777 to opt-in.

The Village also posts emergency information to PleasantPrairieOnline.com, to Time Warner Cable Channel 25 or Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse, Twitter, and communicates information to local media for broadcast via radio, television and the internet. In certain circumstances the Village will also request a reverse 911 call to landline telephones. *As landline technology ages and as many households choose to live without a landline telephone, this option becomes a less reliable means of emergency contact.* Please consider Nixle today. □



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Bonds Issued Through Pleasant Prairie's TID #2 to Begin Infrastructure Work for Prairie Highlands Corporate Park



On Monday, June 19, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board authorized the issuance and sale of two general obligation bonds. The bonds will be issued through Pleasant Prairie's Tax Incremental District #2 (TID #2) and will fund the installation of infrastructure improvements for Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

One non-taxable, general obligation promissory note in the amount of \$21,400,000 will fund improvements within Prairie Highlands including site grading and the installation of water, sewer and roadway infrastructure. A second, taxable, general obligation promissory note in the amount of \$4,300,000 will accommodate grading for the future site of Haribo, the German confectioner that is planning to locate its first U.S. manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie.

Debt from the bond issuances will be paid down with proceeds from land sales within the TID and with taxes paid by businesses within the boundaries of TID #2. Property taxes collected from the general population (properties outside of the TID boundaries) are not used to pay for any TID improvements, programs or debt.

Debt incurred within TID #2 is expected to be paid down and the TID retired in 2023. TID #5 was recently created to manage future investments that will complete work in Prairie Highlands. TID #5 is expected to reach maturity in 2033.

Interim Village Administrator Thomas Shircel explained, "This bonding and infrastructure work is a continuation of efforts over the last three decades aimed at economic development that have sought to provide financial balance and stability for the area while improving quality of life for our residents. The Village remains committed to ensuring that the last remaining developable land along I-94 in our community is reserved for its highest and best use so that all TID expenditures have the highest return for taxpayers."

Additional information about the borrowing and the agreement is available in the **June 19 2017 Village Board e-packet** posted at <http://pleasantprairieonline.com/boardsandcommissions/villageboard/Meetings/meetings2017.asp>. □



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Site and Operational Plans Approved for Multi-Tenant Retail Building in the Prairie Ridge Development



On Monday, June 26, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved site and operational plans for a new 7,228 square foot multi-tenant retail building to be located at 9160 76th Street within the Prairie Ridge Development. The

new retail building will accommodate up to three retail tenants and has been named Prairie Edge. The three tenant spaces will range in size from 1,500 to 3,300 square feet. Plans currently call for 50 parking spaces, including two handicapped spaces. Access to the site will be available from an existing driveway on 76th Street. No tenants have yet been identified.

A related Certified Survey Map was also approved at the June 26 meeting. The map subdivided the vacant property at the southwest corner of 91st Avenue and State Highway 50 into two parcels to accommodate the building. The Prairie Edge retail building will be built on a one-acre parcel, and the second 1.2-acre parcel is expected be the site of a future restaurant. □

New Chief of Fire & Rescue Named

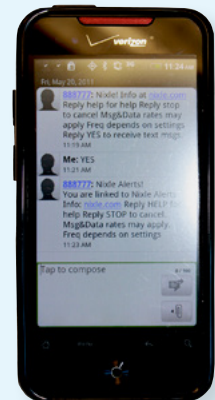
The Police and Fire Commission has named Craig S. Roepke as the new Chief of Fire & Rescue. Roepke has been with the department since 1982. He served as a paid-on-call (POC) member of the department, as POC Lieutenant and POC Captain until 2009, when he became a full-time Firemedic. Roepke was promoted to Deputy Chief of Fire & Rescue in 2012 and has been serving as Interim Chief since the recent retirement of Chief Doug McElmury.



The Village conducted a broad search. A thorough evaluation of respondents was conducted, and candidates were subsequently interviewed by a three-member panel, including: Chief Mike Slover with Town of Salem Fire/Rescue; Chief Jeff Steingart with Countryside Fire Protection District; and Chief Mark Kirschhoffer with Newport Township Fire Protection District. Candidates were then presented to the Police and Fire Commission for their consideration.

"The Village of Pleasant Prairie would like to thank Craig for his years of service to the residents in Pleasant Prairie and congratulate him on being selected as the new Chief of Fire & Rescue," commented Carol Willke, Director of Human Resources for Pleasant Prairie. "Craig's technical experience and leadership skills will be an asset to the Department as it continues to provide high quality fire and rescue services to residents, businesses, and visitors in Pleasant Prairie." □

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



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Full Closure of Intersection at Bain Station Road and Highway H in Late July



A message on behalf of Kenosha County...

Kenosha County is preparing to begin reconstruction of the intersection of County Highway H and Bain Station Road in late July with scheduled completion during late fall of 2017. The reconstruction will improve the intersection geometrics by converting the intersection to a roundabout. Key elements of the roundabout project include:

- Excavation, grading, placement of base aggregate
- Constructing concrete curb and gutter
- Installing storm sewer
- Installation of street lighting
- Placement of asphaltic concrete pavement
- Adding concrete sidewalks and bike ramps
- Installation of permanent traffic signing and pavement marking

The intersection of County Highway H and Bain Station Road will be closed to thru traffic throughout the duration of the project. Travelers are encouraged to follow the detour route (shown above) to travel around the closure.

Please note that timing is weather dependent and subject to change based on conditions encountered during the project. Updates, as they become available, will be shared at ***PleasantPrairieOnline.com*** and through social media. To learn more about the County H and Bain Station Road Roundabout Project or to sign up for periodic email updates, please contact Public Involvement Lead Cynthia De Vor at cynthia@devorpr.com or (262) 510-8901. ☐

ADOPT-A-ROAD

...Thank You...



The Adopt-a-Road program is a two-year commitment by local community and business groups to clean up a Pleasant Prairie roadway two times per year. The Village provides equipment for each group to complete their annual cleanup, including: bags, safety vests and rubber gloves. A safety training session is also conducted with members of the program.

The Village recognizes the groups that Adopt-a-Road by placing a sign with the group's name at each end of the group's section of roadway. The Village would like to thank all those groups who participate in the Adopt-a-Road program. Their efforts help make the Village a cleaner and more welcoming community. Current Adopt-a-Road participants include:

- C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.
- Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund
- Cub Scout Pack 583
- Cutting Edge Figure Skating Club
- Dogs of Endearment
- Friends and Family of Bryan
- Friends of Carol Beach
- Kenosha County 4H Trailblazers
- Lance National Honor Society
- Pleasant Prairie Women's Club
- St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth Group
- State Bank of the Lakes
- Stummer Dental
- Tremper National Honor Society

To learn more about Adopt-a-Road and how you can participate, please call 262.925.6700. ☐

RecPlex is an Emergency Shelter for the Area



Advance emergency planning can help to keep you and your family safe when severe weather or a disaster strikes. Emergency management agencies through local media and other means work to provide advance notification and offer instructions to help you protect your family.

At times, those instructions may include seeking shelter. Not all homes and businesses in the area are equipped with a basement or other safe place to seek shelter. **RecPlex, located inside Prairie Springs Park at 9900 Terwall Terrace, is designated as an Emergency Shelter for the area.** During inclement weather or other emergency situations, area residents may come to RecPlex to seek shelter.

During normal operating hours, doors to the facility remain open for the public to enter. Those seeking shelter should use the main entrance on the south side of the facility. Outside of regular business hours, staff have been instructed to open the facility. Those seeking shelter outside of regular business hours would also use the main entrance on the south side of the facility.

On rare occasions when the facility is not staffed, should you need to take shelter during an emergency situation at RecPlex and you reach the building prior to a designated staff member, you can contact public safety personnel at **262.694.7353**. They will be able to ensure that the appropriate personnel reach the facility to open it for those seeking shelter. □

Please Help Prevent Sanitary Sewer Backups and Basement Flooding by Ensuring that Your Sump Pump Is Not Connected to the Sanitary Sewer

The Village maintains separate sanitary sewer and stormwater systems. Each system is designed to help protect our local water supply.

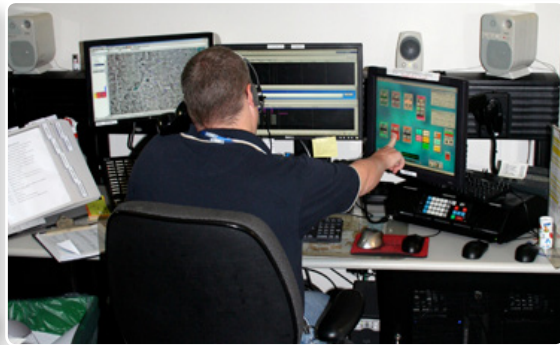
The sanitary sewer system is an enclosed system that transports waste water from drains and toilets in your home to a treatment plant where contaminants and solids are removed, the water is properly treated, and the water is then returned to Lake Michigan. Pleasant Prairie's Sewer Utility pays the Kenosha Water Utility per gallon of waste water treated. Therefore, the greater the volume of water treated, the more the Village, and ratepayers in turn, will pay to the Kenosha Water Utility.

Stormwater systems in the Village are part of an open system that transports larger volumes of stormwater (water mainly from rain and snow melt that passes over lawns, rooftops and paved surfaces) back to Lake Michigan and other waterways via ditches, swales, retention basins, and storm sewers.

When a homeowner discharges stormwater from their sump pump into the sanitary sewer by emptying it into a drain in their home, not only will it drive costs up for all utility customers, but it can easily overwhelm the sanitary sewer system. The sanitary sewer system is not designed to handle a large flow of stormwater. Discharge from only a small number of sump pumps can quickly cause the sanitary sewer to back up into basements of homes.

Because sanitary sewage can cause both property damage and serious health and safety concerns, *it is illegal to drain your sump pump into the sanitary sewer line.* Please help prevent sanitary sewer backups and basement flooding by ensuring that your sump pump is not connected to the sanitary sewer, especially during large rain events. Periodically, the utility will conduct random testing to determine if a home's sump pump is discharging to the sanitary sewer. Information on how to manage a sanitary sewer backup in your basement is available at PleasantPrairieOnline.com in the **News** section, attached to the related news article. □

Who to Call During a Public Works Emergency



During a Public Works Emergency

Pleasant Prairie operates a 24-hour emergency telephone line for public works emergencies. Calls are answered by public safety dispatchers. When the situation warrants, dispatchers notify the appropriate personnel, and action to address the emergency begins.

In order to effectively use the Public Works emergency number, it is important to understand what types of situations constitute a public works emergency. The list below is a guide to help you understand when it is appropriate to call the Public Works emergency number.

What Constitutes a Public Works Emergency

Call the **Public Works Emergency Number 262.694.1234**

- if you observe flooding in a certain area
- if you experience a sewer backup in your area or home
- if you observe what appears to be a water main break
- if you experience severe wind damage in public areas
- if you observe downed trees in the roadway or right of way
- if you observe major roadway damage that poses a danger
- if you experience a snow related emergency

Because the Public Works emergency number is answered by Public Safety Dispatchers, citizens are asked to use discretion when deciding to use the emergency number. When the emergency number is used for a non-emergency situation, dispatchers are distracted from their primary objective, assisting those with truly urgent emergencies.

By using the emergency number in a non-emergency situation, you could be costing someone valuable time in a life-threatening situation.

For Non-Emergency Public Works Needs

For public works situations that need to be addressed but are not emergencies, residents are asked to contact the weekday

telephone number for the Public Works Department. Calls to this number are answered by Public Works staff who can effectively and efficiently handle your call and direct relevant work to the next available crew member.

Call the **Public Works Department at 262.925.6700**

- to inquire about garbage and recycling collection
- to inquire about compost or leaf collection services
- to report potholes or areas in the roadway in need of repair
- if a mailbox has been damaged by snow plowing operations
- to make inquiries regarding snow removal operations

For Municipal Updates During Emergency Events

During a severe weather or emergency event, the Village will post municipal updates as they become available to PleasantPrairieOnline.com (with follow-up Tweets at [PIPrairieWI](https://twitter.com/PIPrairieWI) and posts on Facebook at [VillageofPleasantPrairieWI](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofPleasantPrairieWI/)), to Time Warner Cable Channel 25 and to AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. The Village will also share information with local news media/stations during a severe weather or emergency event.

Updates could include: emergency closures of roadways or locations; locations where public safety and public works operations are being concentrated first; special actions residents should take and safety instructions during emergency situations; and a general overview or assessment of the emergency.

Emergency Alerts Via Text/Email Available

During larger, Village-wide emergencies, public safety staff will also issue text and email alerts through Nixle.com. In order to receive these alerts on your smart phone, residents must opt-in to Nixle.com either online through their website or quickly via text. Nixle is a free service for residents, and Nixle will respect your contact information. Learn more about Nixle on page 8 of this issue. □



Road Closures Planned on Sunday, August 13

On Sunday, August 13, the Iron Girl Triathlon will take place inside and around Prairie Springs Park. The swim and run courses will be held entirely within the park, however, the bike course will take athletes outside of the park and onto local roads.

Highway 165, between Corporate Drive and County Highway H, will be closed to through traffic from approximately 6:00 a.m. until noon on August 13.

The bike route will take athletes west on Highway 165 out of Prairie Springs Park; north on the East I-94 Frontage Road; west under the interstate on County Highway C; and south on the West I-94 Frontage Road to State Highway 165. At this point bikers will make a u-turn and return to the park in roughly the reverse direction.

Pleasant Prairie Police and volunteers will be staffing intersections along the route for the safety of athletes, spectators and travelers. Detour routes will be marked. In many communities that host larger race events, local residents will line the race course to cheer on and encourage athletes. You



are invited to do the same during the Iron Girl Triathlon to help welcome and encourage the athletes visiting Pleasant Prairie. To learn more about the event, please visit www.IronGirl.com.

The Village would like to thank those of you who come out to cheer on our athletes. The Village would also like to thank drivers in advance for their patience and consideration with the road closures during the Iron Girl Triathlon. ☐

Through Your Frame Photo Contest

Enter your photos in the **Through Your Frame** photo contest, and they could appear in a Village Calendar, on our website, or in other Village communications. We're seeking photos that express the natural beauty of the Village and a strong sense of our community. Photos can emphasize natural scenes, landmarks, attractions, local events, recreational and community activities.

Photos will be judged based on content and quality. Entry forms and a complete list of contest rules are available in the **News** section at PleasantPrairieOnline.com or at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue).

Entries shared between June 1 and August 31, 2017 will be judged in early September, and three winners will be selected. Entries shared between September 1 and December 8, 2017 will be judged in December, and three winners will be selected.

Winners of each phase will receive a gift certificate to a Pleasant Prairie restaurant. Winners will be contacted via phone call and will be announced in the Village Newsletter. Minors must have parental consent. If your photos feature individuals, subjects in the photos (or their legal guardians) must provide written consent to accompany the entry.

We look forward to seeing life in Pleasant Prairie **Through Your Frame**. ☐



Pleasant Prairie Historical Society

Dublin School Picnic Fundraiser September 9



The photo above (1922) was donated to the Society by Garrett and Viola Dreger of Pleasant Prairie. Miss Herrmann (center top row) was Viola's mother and a teacher at the Dublin School.

The Dublin School is proposed to be converted into a local history museum to store, exhibit and educate the community about Pleasant Prairie. The Society is looking to reminisce by recreating some new, old-fashioned fun with a community-wide picnic. Funds raised during the picnic will support the Dublin School renovation project.

The Dublin School Picnic Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The picnic fundraiser will take place at Halter Wildlife, 9626 113th Street (just west of Highway H off of 113th Street) in Pleasant Prairie. Activities will include:

- Live music
- Kid's activities (hay wagon rides, gunny sack races, and carnival games)
- Bingo and raffles
- Live auction of homemade pies and baked goods
- Police K9 and Fire & Rescue demonstrations
- Car show
- Food and beverages for children and adults
- Quilting displays
- Informational booths

For more information about the event, please contact Jean Werbie-Harris at the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society at (262) 947-3600 or HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org. Learn more about Pleasant Prairie's past at PleasantPrairieHistoricalSociety.org. □



Makers wanted!

Calling all tinkerers, creators, inventors, makers and builders...show off your work at the Pleasant Prairie Mini Maker Faire!

Learn more or submit your application at PleasantPrairie.MakerFaire.com

Would you like to meet the makers?

Attend the Pleasant Prairie Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, November 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the fieldhouse at RecPlex.



Admission is free.

Thank You for Joining Us



The Village wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all of the volunteers, sponsors, participants and well wishers who took part in this year's Pleasant Prairie Triathlon and the 2017 Paratriathlon National Championships. Without your involvement, these community events would not be possible. We truly appreciate your involvement in this inspiring event. □