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Thanksgiving Holiday

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in honor of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Village offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday morning, November 27. There will be no recycling or garbage collection on Thursday, November 23.

Garbage and recycling collection will resume on Friday, November 24 with scheduled pickups 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 Thursday, November 23 and will reopen for regular business hours on Friday, November 24.

Happy Thanksgiving! 🍂

NIXLE

The best way to be prepared is to sign up before an emergency occurs. With the winter months approaching it is time to sign-up. In order to receive emergency text messages on your smart phone, text "53158" to 888777 or visit NIXLE.com.



*A great place to
live, work & play!*



Pleasant Prairie Mini Maker Faire The Greatest “Show and Tell” on Earth

Come one, come all and be inspired as you visit with the Makers! The Maker movement encourages creativity and hands-on activities. This is what you will experience when you visit Maker Faire on **Saturday, November 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the RecPlex Fieldhouse**. There are a number of Makers that are returning to the Faire, they include:

- CraftedKnots
- Amateur Telescope Making
- Village Spinners
- Lost in Space robot replica B9
- Inkies
- LakeView Makers
- CrackPots Studio
- Gateway: virtual welding & fab lab
- Kenosha Amateur Radio Emergency Communications
- LakeView Radio Club
- Doodlelloons
- Milwaukee Maker Space



There are many *new Makers* that will be joining us this year, including:

- Medieval Mapmaker
- Mystic Gypsy Crafts
- Rustic Christmas Jars, workshop
- E-Blox
- Dugan Would Work LLC
- Blacksmith – Kenosha Public Library
- Make a Quilt
- IoT & Embedded Systems
- Ogre's Den Chainmaille
- Papermaking
- The Basket Man
- Rogue Saint Clothing Co.
- Little Puppet Co.
- LakeView Environmental Club
- Gateway: Robotics
- Gateway: Augmented Reality Sandbox
- Kindness Rocks, workshop
- Virtual Reality Video

Local mascots will also make an appearance in the morning and there will be a **Cardboard Boat Regatta** beginning at Noon in the Aqua Arena!

Maker Faire would not be possible without the support of many community volunteers and sponsors. This year's sponsors include:

- Make: makezine.com
- Kenosha Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Leeward Business Advisors
- Gateway Technical College
- Educators Credit Union
- Kenosha News
- K-LOG
- Elite Apparel
- Fast Signs
- Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce

Visit pleasantprairie.makerfaire.com to learn more or register to attend.

Admission to the event is free, but you are strongly encouraged to register in advance to avoid long lines when you arrive. ☐



Fairfield Inn and Suites Site and Operational Plans



During a public hearing on Monday, October 23, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and sent a recommendation to the Village Board to approve site and operational plans including a digital security system and access easement for a four story, 108 room, Fairfield Inn and Suites Hotel. The request was made on behalf of Varin Kenosha Land Partners I, LLC, owners of the vacant land located between 120th Avenue and 108th Street just off Interstate 94 and HWY 165. The developer also requested a certified survey map to subdivide the property into two parcels. Two additional retail, service, or restaurant buildings will also be located on the southern portion of the development in the future. The entire property will be rezoned into a Planned Unit Development Overlay (PUD) District. The PUD ordinance sets forth the type of buildings and their uses throughout the development.

The four story Fairfield Inn and Suites hotel will include an indoor pool, fitness center, lounge, and breakfast area with an outdoor patio. There will be a printing area and a small market for the convenience of guests as detailed in the Site and Operational Plans. The hotel will be built of brick with pearlescent accent composite with panels and cultured stone.

Jean Werbie-Harris stated that, "The addition of another hotel in Pleasant Prairie will better serve the needs of our growing community, as well as accommodate the many visitors that we host at the Pleasant Prairie RecPlex facility on a weekly basis."

The developer anticipates starting construction in November 2017 with the project being completed the fall of 2018. □

Olds Products Company Expansion



On Monday, October 23, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved preliminary site and operational plans for a 126,000 square foot addition to the Olds Products Company facility located in the LakeView Corporate Park. The request was made on behalf of Muskie Enterprises Inc., owners of the property located at 10700 88th Avenue. The plans detail mass grading, underground utilities, and early footing and foundations necessary to create the addition to the existing site. The expansion would add 22 dock doors. This addition will help Olds Products Co. increase their workforce from 75 to 100 staff working three shifts. In 2013 Olds Products Co. expanded from its 48,392 square feet original construction in 1995, to 96,954 square feet.

Olds Products Co. was founded in Chicago, and is the largest private label mustard manufacturer in the country. Olds Products Co. serves the retail, food service, distribution and ingredient markets for mustard and vinegar products both nationally and worldwide. They manufacture their traditional yellow salad mustard and a complete range of specialty flavored mustards. They currently offer twenty-one house mustards and dozens of made to order blends for their customers. The project is anticipated to start in November 2017. □

Watch for information related to the 2018 General Government Budget in the next issue of the Village Newsletter.

Communication Test Design Inc. (CTDI)

Site and Operational Plans

During a public hearing on Monday, October 23, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission approved site and operational plans for Communications Test Design, Inc. (CTDI) and a two-year conditional use permit for outdoor storage for Majestic Badger LLC the owner of the property located at 8801 88th Avenue (Majestic Center). The plans outlined the use of the facility by CTDI, a full service, global engineering repair and logistics company that will occupy 162,620 square feet of the building, with the outdoor storage.

CTDI will store new and used electronics and support materials associated with the cable industry. Electronic devices such as modem, switches, and IT related equipment will also be repaired at the facility. There will be a 20,000 square foot outdoor work/storage area with a 10-foot fenced enclosure to store spools of conduit, wire, quartzite hand boxes and related materials. This area will be completely enclosed on all four sides with a fence and/or fence screen. Sliding gates equipped with required Knox lock to allow for emergency vehicles to have access to the entire perimeter of the building will be provided.

It is estimated that there will be 200 full time employees by the end of 2018, with 150 being hired at the start-up. James Reid, CTDI Director of Real Estate and Transportation stated that they intend to hire a majority of the staff locally. There will be a first and second shift. Delivery hours at the facility will be between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. □

2018 Fleet Budget



The Fleet Internal Service Fund purchases, manages, maintains, and repairs vehicles, equipment, attachments and tools for Village departments, except for Police and Fire & Rescue, through a pay-per-use system. Maintenance and replacement costs are factored in for each participating Village department. This system allows the Village to avoid borrowing. The fund manages 135 vehicles/equipment with 133 attachments and 392 tools (such as chain saws, pumps, and items valued at over \$250).

The Fleet Internal Service Fund has accrued a solid fund to purchase vehicle replacements. The fund also helps the Village track the number of hours spent maintaining the fleet. A majority of equipment and vehicle maintenance is performed in-house by one part-time and three full-time mechanics assisted by additional Public Works maintenance personnel.

During 2018, the Fleet Internal Service Fund has plans to allocate funds to have a part-time fleet inventory clerk go to full-time to manage fleet inventory as well as sewer and water inventory and order parts so the village mechanics can concentrate on keeping vehicles on the road. There are also plans to replace a garbage truck, build a plow truck with used cab and chassis, purchase a road mower tractor, replace the vehicle code reader since it is out of date, purchase a drive on hoist for maintenance of mowing equipment, and some other vehicles and equipment in total of \$796,500 of vehicles and equipment. To keep up with the costs, a 2% increase in the charge-out rate was recommended. □

Residential Recycling Center and Hazardous Waste Collection



Starting December 2 the Residential Recycling Center will only be open on Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The site will resume Monday through Friday hours on March 26, 2018.

New this year, Hazardous Waste Collection will continue on the first Saturday of every month year-round. □

2018 Solid Waste Utility Budget

What Is the Solid Waste Utility

The Solid Waste Utility provides curbside garbage, recycling, and leaf collection for approximately 7,500 homes. The utility also operates the Residential Recycling Center (RRC). It offers hazardous waste collection the first Saturday of each month, free compost and mulch, shred events and Christmas tree drop-off sites.

What to Expect During 2018

As part of the 2018 Solid Waste Budget, the Village is proposing to install lights on the drive to the RRC and install radio frequency identification (RFID) readers in the collection vehicles. The program to install RFID readers on the three sanitation collection vehicles began in 2015, but limited funding delayed this project. These readers will allow the Village to track how often recycling carts are picked up at individual residences and in turn how often households are recycling. The goal is to convert 107 tons of recycling out of the solid waste each year since landfill tipping fees increase by 2% annually. Another goal is to increase the diversion rate from 23% to 30%. Solid waste collection vehicles will

also be outfitted with automated vehicle locating (AVL). This will allow managers to improve routing efficiency and improve customer service



Recycling Education

Changes in the recycling industry and tipping fees will be the largest challenges for the future. For this reason, the Village will focus on encouraging and educating residents about the benefits of recycling. Increased recycling by Village residents increases the tonnage diverted from landfills, which reduces the cost to the Village and is better for the environment.

Where to Learn More About Solid Waste Services

You can find more information about solid waste services on pages six through eleven of your Village Calendar. You will also find more information about solid waste services online at PleasantPrairieOnline.com under the **Garbage Recycling & Hazardous Waste** tab. □

2018 Clean Water Utility Budget



What is the Clean Water Utility

The Clean Water Utility, operating since 2006, was created to protect lakes, streams, rivers and groundwater from contaminated storm water runoff. Federal mandates require municipalities to improve storm water quality. Storm water comes from rain or melting snow which collects contaminants and transports them through the storm sewer and into our waterways.

Capital projects to maintain and replace existing infrastructure that benefit the Village of Pleasant Prairie as a whole are funded by the Clean Water Utility. Projects that benefit a specific drainage area are typically funded by affected property owners. The most recent request from home owner associations is in regards to dredging wet ponds. Staff will be recommending a program to work with home owner associations to keep them informed of costs and time frames for dredging maintenance. The Village collects a storm water fee from property owners based on how a property generates storm water runoff. All properties contribute to storm water runoff to varying degrees based on soil type and surface

and property use. Funds collected are used to pay for: maintenance of Village-owned storm water infrastructure, maintaining catch basins, and preserving natural drainage systems like streams and buffers. Infrastructure maintained by the Clean Water Utility is valued at more than \$23 million dollars. The Clean Water Utility does not hold any debt.

What to Expect During 2018

The Clean Water Utility will continue to perform street sweeping, outfall inspections, behind the curb sump drain inspections, and catch basin cleaning. Planned projects for 2018 include shoreline protection at Lake Andrea and Lake Michigan, asset repair of clean water infrastructure, Beverly Woods Phase II Storm, and storm water system planning. Cash reserves are important for replacement of infrastructure in the future without borrowing. Increased capital and operating expenses has drawn down cash reserves. An ERU increase from \$4.33 to \$5.00 is necessary to reverse the decline in cash and build reserves for the future. The last clean water increase was in 2015, when the ERU increased by \$.25.

More information about the Clean Water Utility, including an informational video, is available under the **Services** tab at PleasantPrairieOnline.com. □

Winter Weather Snow Safety



When 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 PleasantPrairieOnline.com, by text or email through Nixle.com, via Twitter and Facebook, and through local television, radio and print media.

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

- Please avoid driving or parking on the road during heavy snowstorms. Our 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.
- 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.
- Do not shovel or blow snow into public streets. This not only defeats the purpose of our snow plowing, but it is a violation of Village Ordinances because it causes unsafe conditions for all drivers. All shoveled or blown snow must be piled in your yard or parkway.
- 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. Please 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.
- The Village encourages all residents to please assist your elderly neighbors with snow removal tasks whenever possible.

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

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 <http://www.511wi.gov/Web/>. □

E-Newsletter: If you are interested in receiving the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com and enter your email address in the box near the bottom of the page. You can choose to opt off of the paper mailing list by emailing newsletter@plprairie.com. Include your name and postal mailing address along with the words "email only." □

Veterans Day Ceremony Thank You!

Thank you to all who joined us on November 5 for Pleasant Prairie's Veterans Day Ceremony and honored our service men and women.



Your presence was a tribute to all those who have served and are serving in our country's military.

The Village would like to extend special congratulations to Pleasant Prairie VFW Post 7308 for being named **Wisconsin's All State Post** for the seventh consecutive year.

Special thanks go 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; American Legion Paul Herrick Post 21; Korean War Veterans of America Chapter 227; Bugles Across America; Jimano's of Pleasant Prairie; Culver's of Pleasant Prairie; Paielli's Bakery; Ruffolo's Pizza of Pleasant Prairie; Miss Pleasant Prairie Maria vonEllm-McKenna, Tiny Miss Pleasant Prairie Kadi Oliver and the Junior Optimist Club. □

Pay Utility Payments Online

The Village has added the option of paying your utility payments online by credit card. There is a 3% convenience fee for online credit card payments. Paying by e-check is still free.

At this time, the Village is researching accepting credit cards at the Village Hall counter as another payment option. More details will follow if this is determined to be a feasible option. □

THE PERFECT FAMILY GIFT!

Kids are FREE!

OFFER RUNS 11/24-11/26 ONLY!

BLACK FRIDAY RECPLEX MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Option A
Help us feed those in need this Holiday Season! Please donate **3 non-perishable food items** to receive **NO JOINING FEE** and kids **FREE** for one year. We will be taking all donations to the Women's Horizon Center & the Shalom Center. *Some restrictions apply.*

We're saying *Thanks* for your *Giving*!



Items Needed:
canned meats, beans, pastas, soups, rice, puddings, canned veggie & fruits, granola bars, cookies, juice, breakfast cereals

Option B
Give the gift of year-long fun, fitness, health & happiness to your entire family. Kids are **FREE** & get **1/2 OFF** the joining fee. *Some restrictions apply.*



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No Longer Mailing Tax Receipts



In the past property tax receipts have been printed and mailed to those not paying their tax bill in person. These receipts identify how much of your payment is sent to each of the taxing bodies, which is also identified on your tax bill.

Beginning in 2018, the Village is no longer mailing real estate tax receipts. If you would like a tax receipt, you will need to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope when making your payment, or come to Village Hall located at 9915 39th Avenue to make payment.

This change is being made as a cost savings measure. ☐

Pay a Citation Online

There is another option when paying a citation. You can now use your credit or debit card for a **hassle free** way to pay online or by phone.

Online: Go to pleasantprairieonline.com > Click on the online payments tab > Click on Court Forfeitures/Fines and follow prompts.

Phone: Call 844.399.5255 and follow prompts or 262.694.8923 for assistance.



Historical Society Annual Meeting



Tuesday, November 28, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Double Tree Hilton Pleasant Prairie
11800 108th Street

The cost to attend is \$15 at the door, price includes pasta bar. Beer and wine will be available. Guest speakers, architects Peter Kucha and Kevin McNamara from Eppstein Uhen Architects will present the ***Dublin School renovation plans.***

RSVP by November 24 to Jean Werbie-Harris at 262-925-6718 or historicalsociety@plprairie.org ☐



Ingram Park Sledding Hill

The sledding hill at Ingram Park is ready for use pending an adequate amount of snowfall. Ingram Park is located at **5724 93rd Street.**

Rules for the park are posted on site, and all are asked to sled safely and responsibly. ☐

