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Village offices closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 28

Village offices, including the Village compost site, will be closed on Monday, May 28 in honor of Memorial Day. There will be no garbage collection on Memorial Day. **RecPlex** will be open from 6:00 a.m. until noon on May 28.

Village offices and the compost site will reopen for regular business hours and garbage collection will resume on Tuesday, May 29, with scheduled pick-ups delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Though no formal ceremony has been planned, the Village invites you to visit the Veterans Memorial inside Prairie Springs Park over the Memorial Day weekend. The memorial is located near the ball fields in the southeast corner of the park. It features bricks and benches dedicated to those who have served our country in the armed forces. The Village Board and staff wish you a safe and relaxing Memorial Day weekend. □

Lake Andrea Beach Opens Saturday, June 2

Daily and seasonal park passes are sold at the entrance to the beach and at RecPlex. To learn more, visit recplexonline.com. □





New Administrator Takes the Helm at the Village

Nathan Thiel began his position as the Administrator of the Village of Pleasant Prairie on April 30, 2018. The Village conducted a search that took nearly a year to fill the administrator position. A broad, national search for candidates was conducted and candidates were subsequently interviewed by a panel of Village staff members. Once three candidates were identified the Village Board conducted interviews. Nathan also interviewed an additional time with the Board and with other stakeholders prior to receiving an offer. Nathan has a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Brigham Young University in Idaho.

Nathan Thiel has diverse experience in a wide range of municipal government operations, city programs and services as well as public policy. Prior to coming to the Village, Nathan served as the City Administrator of Mauston, Wisconsin for seven years. While managing operations for Mauston he coordinated strategic

planning and capital improvement plans, and served as the city's primary economic development coordinator. This experience has given him an understanding of Tax Incremental Financing Districts and retail development which will serve him well in Pleasant Prairie which is experiencing significant growth. Some of the key projects that he oversaw in Mauston were; securing \$3M in grant funding to revitalize the downtown, address storm water issues and renovate the park system; improvement to the zoning code; new municipal programs in rental inspections, municipal court, and urban forestry; union negotiations; performance evaluation system, manual and organizations charts; and the facilitation of a \$10M tax incremental district finance and improvement plan.

Before working as an administrator, Nathan worked in a Budget Department and in Public Works at two other suburban municipalities outside of the state of Wisconsin. He has significant experience with budgeting and financial management from these roles. He also

streamlined processes, worked with risk management, secured grants, re-designed a Village website and dealt with customer complaints and provided resolution. He gained skills in marketing and communications while working at a real estate firm where he streamlined nine marketing systems. Understanding how the operations in a variety of department's function will help him to provide guidance and oversight to staff working in these areas.

Nathan takes pride in being a consensus builder who has experience in developing extensive intergovernmental cooperation and sees value in developing community partnerships.

Nathan stated that "It is my desire to be an active and positive member of a team and community and continually offer viable, progressive solutions.

It will be an honor to be a public servant for the Village of Pleasant Prairie." □



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HARIBO of America Master Conceptual Plan

During a public hearing on Tuesday, April 17 the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and sent a recommendation to the Village Board to approve a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Zoning Map and Text Amendments, and a Master Conceptual Plan for HARIBO of America, LLC. The company proposes developing 136.8 acres of property located at the southwest corner of 120th Avenue (West Frontage Road) and CTH C (Wilmot Road) for the construction of a manufacturing facility to produce Gummy Bears and other HARIBO products. The facility is being built with the intention to better serve the U.S. market.

The manufacturing, production, distribution, maintenance and related activities are intended to operate 24 hours a day. There will be up to 450 employees working three shifts upon completion of phase one and at full build-out the campus is intended to have 1,450 employees.

The site will include research and development as well as central administrative offices. Warehouse and distribution buildings including a high bay warehouse to house products awaiting shipment to other distribution facilities, a multi-story parking structure, and gatehouses are part of the site design. A retail store to promote HARIBO products and other related ancillary uses such as a daycare and fitness center will be built. The developer is also proposing to have a museum and a heliport on the site. Areas open to the public are anticipated to be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Site work is anticipated to begin in 2018 with the start of construction in 2019.



"The Village is pleased to see a family company such as HARIBO of America build a manufacturing facility here. They have a reputation for excellent quality products and are recognized as having a positive workplace culture. This is just the type of business we are looking to attract to our community," commented John P. Steinbrink Sr., Village of Pleasant Prairie President.

The Development Agreement was tabled and is anticipated to be presented at an upcoming Plan Commission meeting. The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for the Prairie Highlands Corporate Park were on the May 14 agenda.

HARIBO is a third-generation family business that originated in Germany. Their top priority is to always meet high quality standards and the expectations of their consumers. HARIBO has 16 manufacturing locations throughout 10 countries and employs 7,000 people as a whole. HARIBO produces 100 million of their famous GOLD BEARS worldwide every day. □



Photo Contest

The **Animals on the Prairie** photo contest began on May 1 and runs until August 17, 2018. The Village is seeking photos of animals in their natural habitats and resident's pet photos. Photos must have been taken within the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Photos could appear in the Village calendar or website, or in other Village communications. Photos will be judged on content and quality. You can access a complete list of rules on the Village website at pleasantprairiewi.gov by clicking on the photo contest icon at the bottom of the homepage or at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue). Three winners will receive a gift certificate to a Pleasant Prairie place of business. □



Seeking Committee Members

Save the date for this year's Pleasant Prairie Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at RecPlex.

If you are interested in the maker movement and would like to get involved with the planning process, please join us for the next Mini Maker Faire Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 27 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall auditorium (9915 39th Avenue).

Learn more at pleasantprairie.makerfaire.com. □

Main Street Market Moves Forward



During a public hearing on Monday, April 16 the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and sent a recommendation to the Village Board to approve a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Zoning Map and Text Amendments, a Certified Survey Map and a Development Agreement for the Main Street Market Development. Later the same evening, the Village Board approved these documents at the request of Bear Development. These approvals allow the Main Street Market Development to move forward on approximately 22-acres of commercial area at the northeast corner of Highway 31 (Green Bay Road) and Highway 165 (104th Street).

The Comprehensive Plan Amendment removes the Urban Reserve land use designation from the vacant properties located at the northeast corner. The Zoning Map and Text Amendments allow the property to be rezoned into a Community Business District with a Planned Unit Overlay District, or PUD. In February of 2018, the project plan and boundaries for Tax Incremental District #6 were approved by the Village and the developer to fund public infrastructure and roadway improvements, as well as a water main extension and other utilities for this development.

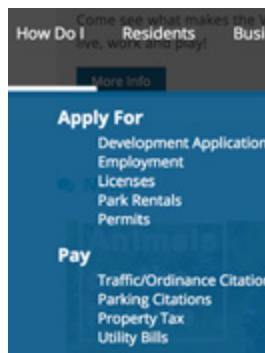
Froedtert South, Inc., will be the first tenant in the development with an approved plan for a four-story medical office building totaling approximately 50,000 square feet. Services at the clinic will include family practice, internal medicine, cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, gastroenterology and others. There will be clinical laboratory services, radiology and imaging services, diagnostic services and a walk-in clinic.

The other six proposed buildings in Main Street Market may include a grocery store, a gas station/convenience store, and four additional retail and commercial services buildings. Marketing efforts are currently underway by the developer to identify the remaining tenants. □

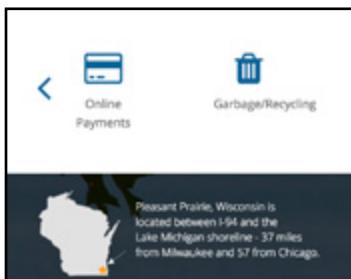
How Do I Pay Online

Since the Village launched the new website we have received some questions from residents about where to pay their bills when online.

One way to pay online is to go to the top left corner of the homepage to the text that says **How Do I**. When you move your cursor over the words **How Do I** it opens the navigation box which has payment links and is pictured above.



Another way is to go to the credit card icon in the lower left corner of the homepage that reads **Online Payments** (see image to the left).



These are the simplest ways to make a payment online. □

The Voter Participation Center Mailing

If you received a mailing from *The Voter Participation Center** to complete a Voter Registration Application and it directs you to return it to the Village Clerk's office, please take the following action first. You may already be registered to vote.

Check your voting status at myvote.wi.gov to see if you are already registered. *My Vote Wisconsin* is a website managed by the State of Wisconsin Election Commission.

*The Village of Pleasant Prairie is not affiliated with the Voter Participation Center.** □

Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation to Steve Kumorkiewicz



On April 16, the Village passed a resolution of appreciation and thanks to Steve Kumorkiewicz (pictured in the center above) for his years of service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie Board. On April 18, 1994 Steve was sworn in as Trustee #2 on the Village of Pleasant Prairie Board of Trustees and has been dedicated to the citizens, in his service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie for twenty-four years.

He led a resident group from the Pleasant Green Dwellers Association seeking change to private utilities, and in the end these efforts resulted in modifications to state rules regarding utility ownership providing better utility services and ultimately led him to serve on the Village Board. Steve served as the Chairman of the Pleasant Prairie School Commission that provided representation to Kenosha Unified School District from 1972 - 2009, when the Commission was disbanded. During his time of service on the Board, he was an active member of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, and worked dutifully on lobbying efforts with legislatures for the cause of better municipal services.

Steve developed an understanding of the work of Village Departments, municipal codes and ordinances in order to effectively perform his duties and guide his work as a member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals from 1989 - 1994 and also from 2012 – 2018.

He served collaboratively with his fellow board members and Village staff and took pride in the harmonious nature of the Village Board. The Village of Pleasant Prairie sincerely thanks Steve for his enthusiasm and passion for the development, growth and sustainability of the Village of Pleasant Prairie. □

Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation to Thomas Terwall

On April 16, the Village and the Plan Commission passed resolutions of appreciation and thanks to Thomas Terwall (pictured below on the right) for his years of service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission. Tom diligently served the people of Pleasant Prairie in various roles for forty-one years. On May 1, 1995 he was appointed to the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission where he served with dedication including his time in the role as Chairman of the Commission. Tom served as a Pleasant Prairie Town Supervisor for ten years, as a Town Chairman for two years and served as the first Village President for six years. He was instrumental in transitioning the community from a Town without zoning to a Village dedicated to comprehensive planning in 1989.

Tom influenced many highly esteemed economic development projects during his time serving the Village, most notably the creation of the first Tax Incremental Financing District for the development of the LakeView Corporate Park. He also

supported the development and implementation of planning efforts ranging from the Chiwaukee Prairie/Carol Beach Plan to the first multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan. Tom was dedicated to bringing balance to the community and a voice to residents by his mindful approach to planning relating to environmental issues and economic development.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie sincerely thanks Tom for being a visionary and helping to shape the Plan Commission and the Village into what it has become today and for his attentive service to the people of Pleasant Prairie in the cause of quality municipal planning. □





2018 Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2018 Water Quality Report is now available at: PleasantPrairieWi.gov or can be picked up at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) or the Prange Municipal Center (8600 Green Bay Road).

To learn more about drinking water safety you can also visit the Wisconsin DNR website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/drinkingwater/.

If you have questions regarding Pleasant Prairie's Water Utility or water quality, you can reach Public Works by telephone at **925.6700** Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ☐

Dog Park Information



The dog park at Ingram Park (5724 93rd Street) features two sections, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. The dog park is open from dawn until dusk daily. Fees for dog park tags follow. The fees collected are used for upkeep and future improvements to the dog park.

ANNUAL

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| Village resident for first dog | \$20 |
| Senior (60+)/disabled | \$10 |
| Non-resident for first dog | \$25 |
| Additional tag for each dog (up to 2) | \$5 |
| Annual tag replacement fee | \$5 |

DAILY

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| Village resident per dog/per day | \$2 |
| Non-resident per dog/per day | \$5 |

A pay station, similar to those used in State parks has been placed at the entrance to the dog park for those who would like to pay for their dog park tag on a daily basis. Those wishing to purchase an annual dog park tag can visit Village Hall at 9915 39th Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The related rules are also posted at the entrance to the dog park. Please remember that based on Village Code 119-7, it is the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their pet. The Village would like to thank dog owners for their consideration of others as their dogs engage in play. ☐

Bicycle Lanes To Pass or Not to Pass

Occasionally questions arise relating to the responsibilities of bicyclists and motorists who are sharing the road. One of the questions asked most frequently is whether or not an automobile can drive in a bicycle lane.



There are limited times when an automobile may merge into a designated bike lane. According to state statute, "No operator of a motor vehicle may drive upon a bicycle lane or bicycle way except to enter a driveway, to merge into a bicycle lane before turning at an intersection, or to enter or leave a parking space located adjacent to the bicycle lane or bicycle way."

It is illegal for a motor vehicle to enter a bike lane to pass another vehicle.

The Village would like to remind drivers to please use extra care when sharing the road with bicyclists. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation reminds motorists that:

- Bicycles are vehicles. They belong on the road.
- Cyclists need room to get around potholes, sewer grates and other obstructions.
- Leave at least three feet when passing bicycles, more room at higher speeds.
- Change lanes to pass any bicycle in a narrow lane.
- Train yourself to scan for fast moving bicycles and motorcycles, and for pedestrians, when making a turn and before leaving a stop light or stop sign.

The Village would like to thank both drivers and bicyclists for obeying traffic safety rules and respecting other travelers on the roadway. ☐

Police Department Retirements



Pictured from left are Chief David Smetana and retirees Tom Wright, John Bonogofsky, Gerald Paul and Tim Sheffield.

On Thursday, April 19 the Village said goodbye to four officers who had a combined 95 years of service. The Village thanks them all for their dedication to keeping the peace and looking out for the safety and well-being of the community. □

Police Department Recruits



Pictured from left are Officer Gates, Officer Anguiano and Officer Arzikovic.

On Tuesday, April 17 the Village swore in three new police officers who have completed their education and training. The Village welcomes them and thanks them for their preparation and commitment to public safety. □

Police Department Social Media

Stay informed by subscribing to the Pleasant Prairie Police Department's social media pages.



Pleasant Prairie Police Department



@pppd

Yard Care

With the summer months upon us, please be mindful of Village ordinances related to yard care. You can find all Village ordinances at pleasantprairiewi.gov under the government tab, including the **Landscape Maintenance** policy listed under Chapter 305: Article VI. □

Rummage/Garage Sale Seasonal Reminders

Rummage sale season has arrived. The Village has specific guidelines that must be followed when you consider having a rummage sale.



Rummage or garage sales may be held on no more than six calendar days within one year.

Rummage/garage sales cannot be held between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Only one unlighted temporary sign (of not more than 18 square feet per side and less than five feet in height) is permitted on the property having the sale. The sign may only be displayed for three days.

If you have any questions related to rummage/garage sale ordinances, you can reach the Village Clerk by email at clerksoffice@plprairie.com or by calling **262.694.1400**. □

Fire Department's New UV Sanitation Lights

The Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department has purchased two **Mobile Room Sanitizing Agency**

Turbo – UV sanitation lights for primary use in the three Village paramedic ambulances. Using ultra violet-c light energy technology, the Turbo-UV light safely disinfects any surface the light touches and also sanitizes the air. The Turbo-UV method works by destroying the DNA of microorganisms with the absorption of the UV light which also destroys the reproductive process.

This technology has been used in the hospital environment for many years, after published studies had shown that only 50% of a patient's room was successfully decontaminated when manually disinfecting after termination of care. The sanitation time is dependent on the amount of time the light is powered on. For example, the UV light can destroy the Influenza A virus in as little as 10 minutes, destroy MRSA bacteria in 18 minutes, and Norovirus (stomach flu) in 44 minutes.

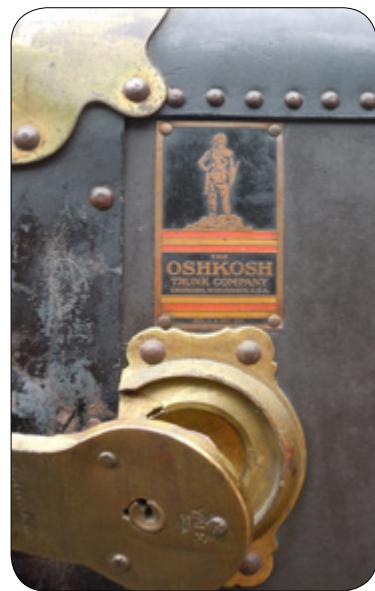
The use of this tool will help keep the environment in the back of the ambulance and associated equipment as clean as possible when transporting patients to the hospital.

This will also help cut down the exposure of bacteria and viruses to the firefighters/paramedics working in the ambulances. The light can also be used in the fire stations and in other department vehicles to help promote a healthy working environment for all fire department staff. □



Historical Society Oshkosh Trunk Company

The Oshkosh Trunk Company began producing travel trunks in 1898, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Its signature line of luggage, as pictured here is known as the "Chief." It was styled with red and yellow stripes known as Chief stripes, the design originated from diplomatic pouches used by Spanish embassies in the Americas in the 19th century. After their defeat in the Spanish-American War, Spain lost their remaining American territory and a U.S. mill found themselves with a surplus stock of red and yellow striped canvas. The Oshkosh Trunk Company bought the overstock and used it as a base layer that was painted over. A buyer from Marshall Field & Company saw a few unpainted trunks and placed an order for them. With that order, the pattern and the company took off and the Chief stripe became unmistakably synonymous with the Oshkosh brand. The company also produced an advertising figure of a Native American as a representation of the City's namesake Chief Oshkosh, who was chief of the Menominee Tribe from 1827 until his death in 1858.



Recently, an Oshkosh wardrobe trunk was donated by local resident Marleen Tommelein. These trunks generally had drawers on one side and hangers on the other. Nearly all wardrobe trunks came complete with wooden clothes hangers and tie down straps inside. Many of the better wardrobe lines also included removable briefcases, privacy curtains, mirrors and make-up boxes. These trunks ranged in size from smaller compact models to huge trunks the size of phone booths. They were typically very large and heavy and were used for extended travel by ship or train. The Oshkosh Trunk was available around the world and in major American stores like Macy's and Neiman-Marcus. The brand eventually opened three flagship stores on 34th Street in New York, Regent Street in London and the Champ Elysees in Paris. With the onset of the Jet Age, the company failed to recognize the change in customer demands and closed in 1961.

If you have more information, wish to add to this story or contribute to the Pleasant Prairie Historical Society collections, please contact the HistoricalSociety@plprairie.org or **262.947.3600**. □