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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 3rd 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 2018 Paratriathlon National Championships. Without your involvement, these community events would not be possible. We truly appreciate your involvement in this inspiring event. ☐





Aurora Health Care Center

On June 11, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved preliminary site and operational plans for the mass grading for the Aurora Health Care ambulatory surgery center and physician office building in Pleasant Prairie.

The request was made by Boldt Co. on behalf of Aurora Health Care for the development of 64 acres located at the northwest corner of CTH Q (104th Street) and 120th Avenue (West Frontage Road) in the Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

Stage 1 plans included; tree removal, topsoil stripping and stockpiling; installing the construction entrance, silt fence, diversion ditches, inlet protection, and grading.

The Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission also considered and approved preliminary site and operational plans for the footing and foundation for Aurora Health Care on Monday, July 9.

Stage 2 plans includes; final full civil plans, all underground utilities, footing and foundation permits. There will be two more construction plan stages to follow.

The proposed \$130 million development will include a 100,000 square-foot ambulatory care center and a three story 100,000 square foot office building. The facility is proposed to be open from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will offer services to meet the growing health care needs of area residents including; primary care, orthopedics and urology, outpatient surgery, rehabilitation services, imaging, laboratory services, occupational health and a pharmacy.

There will be a variety of other specialty care services, as well as Aurora Children's Health Services. The facility will house operating rooms, imaging rooms, prep/recovery rooms, clinic exam rooms, food service, and a laboratory, along with all of the equipment used to support these services.

The site is being designed to preserve the natural woodlands and wetlands. These features not only make the site aesthetically pleasing, but are beneficial to providing care in a natural environment to promote healing.

It is estimated that there will be 260 full-time and 28 part-time employees at this new Aurora Health Care facility with 140 of the full-time, professional health care positions being newly created jobs. The new facility will operate on two shifts. The project will also bring hundreds of construction jobs to the area as the site is developed and the facility is being built.

Public roadways and utilities for the site will be under construction by the Village beginning this summer. Facility construction is intended to begin later this summer with anticipated completion during the summer of 2020.

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A great place to live, work & play!

Village Participates in “Dark Store” Legislation Campaign

The Village of Pleasant Prairie has joined the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Dark Store campaign. This campaign is to keep the Dark Store Strategy and Walgreens Tax Shift in front of the candidates for the Governorship and Legislature this year. The League will be spending \$75,000 in this effort and is asking Wisconsin municipalities to contribute a minimum \$1,200 towards this campaign. The Village has agreed to contribute \$2,700.

The Village’s current exposure as a result of the Dark Store Strategy is about a \$27,000 shift in tax burden. The Village believes this contribution, representing 10% of the current exposure, is an appropriate measure to support the League’s effort to close the Dark Store loophole. Village President John Steinbrink states,

“We are for this effort to protect homeowners and local businesses.”

As big box retail chains and single tenant commercial properties use dark store tax avoidance strategies to significantly reduce their property taxes, other taxpayers, mainly homeowners, will see their property taxes increase as they shoulder more of the tax levy. National big box retail chains and other commercial property owners are challenging their assessed values using the “Dark Store Strategy” to argue that their thriving business locations must be assessed for tax purposes as though they were a vacant, abandoned property.

“When the tax levy rises on residents the municipality sees no additional revenue,” says Nathan Thiel, Village Administrator, “Essentially, it is the result of the state giving tax breaks to commercial and industrial property through the Dark Store Strategy and personal property tax relief.”

To learn more about the Dark Store Strategy and Walgreens Tax Shift visit www.lwm-info.org. □

Rocket Wash



On June 11, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved Site and Operational Plans which included a Conditional Use Permit at the request of Mark Eberle, P.E. of Nielson Madsen and Barber, agent for Michael Willkomm, for the purchase and redevelopment of the Truesdell Plaza property located at 8531 and 8601 75th Street. The gasoline pumps and convenience store building will be removed and a Rocket Wash car wash facility will be constructed. The existing multi-tenant building on site, currently occupied by Merlin Muffler and Martino’s Master Dry Cleaners, will remain.

Plans propose a car wash facility which will also have 20 vacuum stalls. Construction began in June with completion scheduled this fall. The car wash facility is proposed to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. This facility is proposing to hire 15 full-time employees and five part-time employees. This will be the third facility in the area. The first facility is located on STH 31 in Racine, a second facility is being constructed on STH 31 in Kenosha.

The Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission also approved a Digital Security Imaging System (DSIS) agreement and Access Easement for the Rocket Wash. The enhanced DSIS will provide surveillance of the exterior building perimeters, building entrance/exit areas, rear and side areas, sidewalks, picnic areas, parking lots and entrances within the development. With this agreement the company will meet current requirements and will be in compliance with the Village Security Ordinance provisions of the Village Municipal Code. Digital Security Imaging Systems assist in protecting the public’s health, safety and welfare. The purpose of the Access Easement is to provide for the installation, operation and maintenance of the DSIS, and will not interfere with the landowner’s property. □

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. □

The Gateway at LakeView Corporate Park



During a special meeting on Monday, July 2, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and sent a recommendation to the Village Board to approve a Development Agreement for The Gateway at LakeView Corporate Park. Later that same evening the Village Board approved the Development Agreement, for the proposed commercial development of the vacant property located north of STH 165 along 120th Avenue (East Frontage Road).

Project improvements including sanitary sewer, street trees, sitework, street lights within 120th Avenue (East Frontage Road) and a pedestrian path need to be established for The Gateway. The Village is planning to issue a \$2.8 million Developer Revenue Bond to the WisPark LLC Developer who will in turn provide their own financing for the installation and warranty of the projects. Tax Increment District (TID) #5, Amendment #1 includes reimbursements of these certain costs for the WisPark funded projects in The Gateway Development.

The property is proposed to be subdivided into three lots and an Outlot. Pursuant to the Master Conceptual Plan, as conditionally approved by the Village Board on December 18, 2017, the property is proposed to include restaurants, gas station (includes carwash and convenience store) and/or multi-tenant commercial buildings. Lot 1 is approximately 3.5 acres, Lot 2 is 3.2 acres and the future Kwik Trip site, Lot 3 is 6.347 acres which could be further subdivided, and Outlot 1 is 8.8 acres. □

Police Officers Appreciation Association

Thank You Decals

The Pleasant Prairie Police Officers Appreciation Association mission is to counter nationwide disrespect for the police. During 2017, the association offered free "Thank You" yard signs to Pleasant Prairie residents that donated to the association or became friends of the Association. The signs have been very well received and this year the association is offering a new "Thank You" decal for car windows, car bumpers or front doors.

The community has provided overwhelming support for the Pleasant Prairie Police officers with their donations and by placing the supportive signs. Enough funds were raised to purchase the first Body Cameras that could not be budgeted for 2017. Chief Smetana acknowledged the cameras continue to help officers collect evidence and protect them from false complaints.



The volunteers and donors are continuing this year by providing funds for a program to help officers find ways to manage job related stress and for police department outreach to children. It is hoped that this Pleasant Prairie community example will encourage other small communities to create their own expressions of gratitude and respect towards police officers. During National Police Week, "Celebration at the Station" was offered between shifts with refreshments and gifts donated by Culver's, Paielli's Bakery, the Premium Outlet Mall and Jockey.



Residents are encouraged share their support to the Pleasant Prairie Police Officers by displaying the decals and by donating to the Association or joining as friends.

More information about the association is available at plprairiepoliceappreciation.org. There are a few free signs still available to the earliest subscribers. ☐

Residential Recycling Center

The Residential Recycling Center is available for Village residents to environmentally dispose of unwanted household waste and electronics along with unwanted yard materials. Public Works creates compost from sticks and leaves that are collected throughout the year. The compost is free and available for Village residents on a first come, first served basis during regular operating hours.

Hours

The Residential Recycling Center is located at **8000 128th Street**. On-season hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. until the first weekend of December. The center is open year round on Saturday's from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Center is closed the first Wednesday of every month for grinding operations.

Free Accepted Materials/Items

- Garden waste
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Tree trimmings
- One cubic yard of dirt
- One cubic yard of concrete
- One cubic yard of gravel
- One cubic yard of asphalt
- One Cubic yard of metal
- Recycling and/or garbage

**One cubic yard is
3' wide, by
3' long, by
3' tall**

Additional Items Accepted for a Small Fee

A fee is charged to cover the cost of handling and disposing of the item.

- Computer systems - \$10 each item
- White goods* - \$20 each item
- Tires - \$5 each
- Bulk items* - \$10 each item
- Misc. electronics - \$5.00 each item
- Televisions & Computers* - fee depends on size

*Please see **Special Collections** for more details of these items at pleasantprairiewi.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Residential Recycling Center, you can contact the Sanitation Department at 262.925.6700 or email sanitation@plprairie.com. ☐

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

- PleasantPrairieWi.gov
- [Twitter @PIPrairieWI](https://twitter.com/PIPrairieWI)
- [Facebook @VillageofPleasantPrairieWI](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofPleasantPrairieWI)
- [Spectrum Cable Channel 25](#)

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**. 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 at Nixle.com. □



Road Closures Planned on Sunday, August 12

On Sunday, August 12, 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 12.

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.IronGirlPleasantPrairie.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. □

Bike Trail Agreement



During a special meeting on Monday, June 25, the Village Board approved an agreement between Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and the Pleasant Prairie Police Department that allows Village Police Officers to be the first responding agency to emergency calls on 3.5 miles of the

Kenosha Bike Trail that is located within Pleasant Prairie limits. The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department will be secondary responding agency, but will retain co-jurisdictional authority with the entirety of Kenosha County and therefore may respond or take enforcement action if required.

"This collaborative decision will improve response to calls for service in the County and Village by combining and coordinating the law enforcement resources of the Kenosha Sheriff's Department and the Pleasant Prairie Police Department," stated David Smetana, Chief of Pleasant Prairie Police.

"We are always eager to find more effective ways to serve and protect the community," says David Beth, Kenosha County Sheriff, "This agreement will make it efficient for local police to respond to emergency calls from the bike trail rather than to transfer the calls to the county." □

Fire & Rescue Department Chest Compression Devices

The Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department purchased two LUCAS chest compression systems which are mechanical CPR devices. These devices deliver consistent compression while patients are in transit to, or at the hospital. Dave Piccolo, the EMS/Training Center Coordinator from Froedtert South said that “We use the same device at Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin, Kenosha Medical Center and St. Catherine’s Medical Center campuses. It’s easy to use and performs well.” These smart devices are Bluetooth enabled and communicate with PC/Windows so reports and event logs can be easily generated and reviewed at the end of shifts or occurrences. Data such as the timeline of compressions, ratios and rates can easily be viewed. These devices have been refined over time, with the devices that were purchased being third generation. The LUCAS systems have proven to be quite beneficial and are providing an improved chance for survival in the event of cardiac arrest.

Dr. Ben Feinzimer, a Kenosha County’s Medical Director who oversees medical direction and advanced skills protocols for Pleasant Prairie, stated that, “Incorporating the LUCAS has already shown great promise in saving lives both in the field and in-hospital settings, lives that would have been lost before its use.” The automated battery powered compressor provides consistent, uninterrupted chest compression, maintaining blood flow to the most vital organs during cardiac arrest. Dr. Feinzimer also states, “The citizens of Pleasant Prairie are fortunate to have this service available and should now feel safer as a result.”

Piccolo also said that “It has several benefits, performing CPR is tiring and this device doesn’t get tired. CPR can be challenging in tight spaces, the Lucas delivers consistent compressions and



limits interruptions in CPR no matter where it’s used. Finally it can be dangerous performing CPR in the back of a moving ambulance so it allows for increased crew safety while transporting the patient to the hospital.”

The Department staff have completed their training program to properly operate the chest compression devices. The devices are now ready for service in the Village’s two main ambulances. Chief Craig Roepke stated that “The Village feels confident that this new technology will provide benefits to residents in life-threatening situations and help to help staff work more efficiently.”

Dr. Feinzimer went on to say, “Thanks to the foresight, dedication, and leadership of the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department and Village Administration, victims of cardiac arrest just gained an added chance at survival. Emergency Medical Services in Southeast Wisconsin are already amongst the strongest in the State having dispatchers, police, EMTs and paramedics that are truly passionate about their work. The emergency responders of Pleasant Prairie certainly act as leaders within that group”. □

Partisan Primary

The 2018 Partisan Primary is Tuesday, August 14th. Polling locations on that day will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. To register to vote, request an absentee ballot, view the August Ballot or ballot locations, visit the Elections and Voting section of Village website at pleasantprairiewi.gov. Any questions, please contact the Village Clerk’s office at 262.694.1400 or clerksoffice@plprairie.com.

Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. □

