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Kroger Selects Pleasant Prairie for New Innovative Robotic Fulfillment Center

Kroger plans to build a 350,000 square foot innovative robotic fulfillment center in Pleasant Prairie on 88th Avenue, just north of LakeView Technology Academy. When complete, the facility will create up to 700 new jobs in southeastern Wisconsin.

Kroger partnered with British online grocer, Ocado, in May 2018. By partnering with Ocado, Kroger can take advantage of the U.K. retailer's advanced technology. Ocado has experience building large, automated fulfillment centers equipped with robotics that allow for fast deliveries. The innovative approach enables orders to go from warehouse to bag without being touched by a human.

Kroger plans to build 20 automated Customer Fulfillment Centers throughout the U.S., called "sheds." None of the sheds in the U.S. are operational yet, but the Pleasant Prairie facility is Kroger's

sixth U.S. robotic fulfillment center location. The Pleasant Prairie shed will be functional within 24 months after the groundbreaking. Once operational, the Customer Fulfillment Center will deliver fresh produce to homes within a three-hour radius of the facility.

"Pleasant Prairie is honored to have Kroger join our community. It's exciting to know we'll have a business that can deliver fresh groceries right to the doorstep of our neighborhoods and the entire region," said Nathan Thiel, Pleasant Prairie Village Administrator. "Kroger is an excellent community partner, and we are committed to protecting and preserving their investment in our community."

Kroger's high-tech sheds utilize an air traffic control system to process orders. Thousands of robots move along a grid, communicate to each other using 4G technology, and keep their batteries full with the use of charging bays. The robots

can travel at speeds of nearly 9 miles per hour, acting as giant goods-to-person delivery systems, bringing crates of products to pick stations where robots or humans assemble customer orders. The innovative technology is at the forefront of automated warehouses, keeping up with the future of retail, and bringing fresh food to the community.

With Ocado and Kroger working together, their goal is to develop the most reliable supply network, to support a seamless customer experience that can serve every person in America. The Pleasant Prairie shed will be instrumental in delivering fantastic grocery experiences to households across Chicago, Milwaukee, and beyond. The facility will bring 700 new jobs to the area, employing people to deliver orders, administer operations, and provide technical support. □



A great place to live, work & play!

Nexus Manufacturing Building Shell



On Monday, November 11, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved preliminary site and operational plans for Nexus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nexus) manufacturing building shell. The request was made by Karl Music, agent with IPS, on behalf of Nexus, for their new pharmaceutical manufacturing building to be located at 10300 128th Avenue in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

The approval of the preliminary site and operational plan for the building shell allows Nexus to go vertical with their building. The plan comprises civil site and landscaping drawings, along with architectural designs for the building exterior and interior floor layouts.

This multi-phase, multi-year project is expected to be completed in ten years. Phase one plans consist of constructing an \$85 million three-story manufacturing facility, containing approximately 84,450 square feet on the 16-acre property. The first floor of the building will consist of warehousing, inspection, labeling, packaging, utilities, office, lunchroom, maintenance, and locker areas. The second floor is designated for manufacturing with formulation, equipment, component preparation, filling, freeze-drying, and capping activities. The second floor will also house a microbiology lab and an in-process chemistry lab. The third floor of the building will be outfitted with HVAC and equipment control cabinets. Phase one construction is expected to be completed in 2021 and is anticipated to employ 70 full-time and 5 part-time employees working during three shifts. Commercial production is expected to commence in 2022.

Nexus Pharmaceuticals specializes in developing innovative processes to manufacture specialty and generic injectable drugs. The facility will support the production and supply of injectable drugs in an array of therapeutic areas including anesthesia, oncology, cardiovascular, and neurology. The company headquarters are located in Lincolnshire, IL, and Nexus is expanding its business with this manufacturing facility. □

Ta Chen International Industrial Warehouse



Ta Chen International (TCI) plans to lease an existing speculative industrial warehouse in Pleasant Prairie. On Monday, November 25, the Village Plan Commission considered and approved Final Site and Operational plans for the leased warehouse. The request was made by Henry Teng, of TCI, on behalf of Seefried Properties to occupy the warehouse, located at 8500 116th Street.

The newly constructed facility is located in LakeView Corporate Park; the site was formerly occupied by Rentsys Recovery Center. Seefried razed the existing building on the 12.78 acre site in May 2019 and began construction on the new 205,040 square foot speculative industrial building in June 2019.

Two facilities are occupied by TCI in the Village. One is located at 8500 109th Street, which is undergoing an expansion project that was approved by the Village Plan Commission on June 10, 2019. The other facility is located at 8505 100th Street. The company is a leading distributor of stainless, aluminum, and nickel alloy coils, sheets, plates, long products, tubes, and PVFs. The additional warehouse space is needed to store aluminum coils that are approximately 60 inches in diameter and 72 inches tall. The coils will be placed on pallets and stacked two high off the floor.

TCI currently employs approximately 70 full-time and five part-time positions. The company will begin utilizing the new space in January 2020 and plans to have four full-time employees working at the site. An average of 40 to 60 vehicles will be taken to the facility each day, with approximately two to 10 daily truck runs. The building currently has 23 dock doors with an additional 36 truck spaces that could be converted to dock doors at a future time. □



Governor Evers Signed New Bill Into Law

Governor Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 235 into law, as Act 45, on Thursday, November 21, 2019. The new law affords Wisconsin municipalities a way to recover lost state utility aid revenue due to a decommissioned power plant.

Pleasant Prairie receives \$1.6 million in utility state aids annually for the We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant and other facilities. However, in April, 2018 the plant closed threatening a significant source of revenue for the Village. While the plant is not officially decommissioned, once it is declared, the State utility aid payments to the Village will be stepped down by 20 percent, or approximately \$320,000, each year for five years. The revenue loss of \$1.6 million equates to nearly 10% of the Village's general operational budget. The decrease in funding represents a shortfall equivalent to 14 firefighters, or 14 police officers, or 90% of the Village annual road maintenance budget.

Prior to the law change, there was no solution to recover the lost funds. Act 45 allows the Village to increase the



tax levy by the amount state utility aids incrementally decrease. Implementing this new law removed uncertainty and will enable the Village budget to remain stable and maintain current service levels.

For the taxpayer, adding \$1.6 million to the levy over 5 years would be equivalent to a 55 cents increase in the mill rate, 11 cents per year. The nominal tax impact this would have on the median residential homeowner would be a \$26 increase per year, or \$131 at the end of five years.

"The Village has always been extremely conscious of the taxpayer, and consistently maintained a mill rate under \$5.00, currently \$4.27," said Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, "While this legislation allows us to adjust the levy, it is the Village's intent to use tools like TID closures and debt restructuring to

reduce any negative impact the taxpayer might see."

The Village would like to thank sponsors of the bill, Representative Samantha Kerkman and Senator Van Wanggaard. Other important supporters of the bill were County Executive Jim Kreuser, Senator Bob Wirsch, Representatives Tod Ohnstad and Tip McGuire, and Governor Tony Evers, who signed the bill into law.

"This was a bipartisan effort that will help ease a significant financial concern for the Village," said Thiel.

Village representatives in attendance at the bill signing were Village President John Steinbrink Sr., Village Board Members Mike Pollocoff and Mike Serpe, Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, Finance Director Kathy Goesl, and Fire-EMT Joe Olszewski. □

New Village Meeting Times for 2020



On Monday, November 4, 2019, the Village Board approved to change the start time for Village Board meetings (first and third Mondays) from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The time change went into effect on January 1, 2020.

Meeting times for the Plan Commission (second and fourth Mondays), Park Commission (first Tuesdays), and Zoning Board of Appeals (fourth Tuesdays) meetings also changed to 5:00 p.m. beginning January 1.

The new start time will be reviewed again in six months to determine which time frame works best. □

2020 Pleasant Prairie Budget Approved With No Increase To Village Tax Rate

On Monday, November 18, 2019, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered and approved the 2020 General Fund Budget. The budget includes general government operating, capital, and debt service, along with incremental tax districts, capital improvements, and special revenue. The Village portion of the property tax bill for a median assessed home in Pleasant Prairie will not increase.

The 2020 Village tax levy is budgeted to increase by \$346,058, to \$12,652,261, which is the maximum amount the State allows under state levy laws. Even with the levy increase, the Village property tax rate will stay about the same at \$4.27 per thousand of assessed value. For an owner of a home assessed at the median value of \$237,200, the Village portion of the property tax bill would remain the same.

General Government Departments receive income from property taxes, borrowing general obligation debt, grants, impact fees and other fees, the resale of capital equipment and donations. The funds received are used to cover operating expenses, capital purchases or projects, and to pay down general government debt.

General Government Departments

- Administration
- Assessing
- Building Inspection
- Community Development
- Engineering
- Finance
- Fire & Rescue
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Municipal Court
- Parks
- Police
- Public Safety
- Public Works

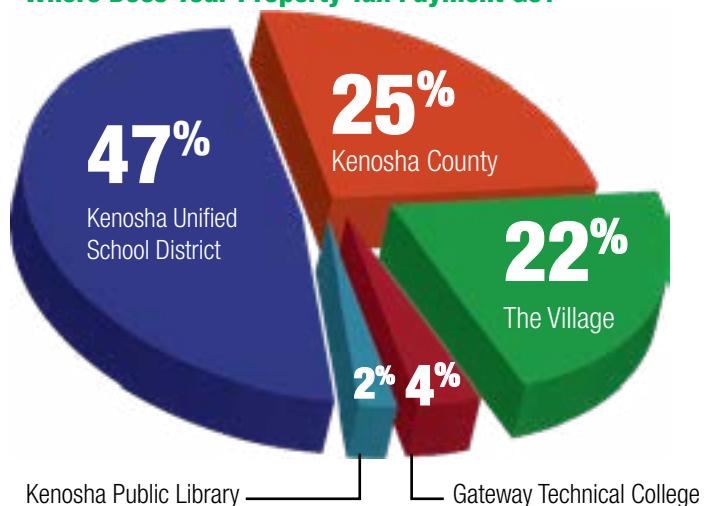
Village operating expenses for 2020 will be \$18.8 million, up \$1.1 million, which is offset by a \$0.8 million increase in operating revenue totaling \$18.3 million. Reserve funds will be used to cover the remaining \$500,000 for one-time expenses. The budget includes two additional firefighters, increasing part-time fire department staffing, presidential election year coverage, park maintenance, and funds to replace dead ash trees in the Village. The end of 2020 reserves are projected to be at 32 percent; 7 percent over the current reserve policy minimum of 25 percent.

Proposed capital purchases for 2020 total \$6.1 million, up from \$4.4 million from 2019. Major projects over \$500,000 included the paving program, contribution to HWY 50 reconstruction, rescue pumper, communication equipment, and law enforcement facility planning. After paying off \$1.5 million in 2019, the general government's outstanding debt is \$8,865,000. During 2020 the Village will pay off an additional \$1,525,000 in debt and borrow \$925,000 for the rescue pumper, an ambulance, and communication equipment. The debt service fund at the end of 2020 is projected to decrease to \$8.265 million.

"The Village works to provide high-quality municipal services for our residents and businesses including road improvements and high-quality public safety," explained Village Administrator Nathan Thiel, "As a municipal government, the Village works diligently to protect and preserve investment in our community. We prioritize annual projects to make sure that we are being fiscally responsible, while maintaining a stable and economically sound community." □

Property Tax Payment

Where Does Your Property Tax Payment Go?



What Happens to the 22% Received by the Village?

The majority of 2020 budget dollars (approximately 74%) will be used to provide public safety services, such as police, fire and rescue, and public works services, such as snow plowing and road maintenance. The remaining amount (roughly 26%) will be used to: pay down existing debt, finance General Government's day-to-day operations, operate a Community Development Department, and maintain the Village parks.

Allocation of Village Percentages*

- 50% will be invested in public safety services, including police, fire and rescue.
- 24% will be invested in public works services, such as snow plowing, road maintenance and similar work.
- 14% will be used for general government operations.
- 7% will be used to pay down existing debt.
- 5% will be used for the Community Development Department and the Village parks system.

2020 Water and Sewer Budgets

The Pleasant Prairie Village Board considered and approved the 2020 water and sewer utility budgets on December 16. The new budgets will keep water and sewer rates steady during 2020 and will not require an increase.

Pleasant Prairie's water and sewer rates are based on the size of the meter and the volume of water used. Water rates are based on the number of gallons consumed, measured by the water meter; while sewer rates are calculated with a winter-based average to account for water used on lawns or in yards that will not pass through the sanitary sewer system. Pleasant Prairie posts rates (utility fees) and more detailed information at PleasantPrairieWi.gov.

As part of the 2020 sewer utility budget, a \$3.3 million capital expense has been approved for sewer rehab to reduce the amount of Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) that leaks into the sewer system. The Village plans to line all clay mains, top hat laterals, and grout manholes to eliminate the worst I/I flows that are entering the system.

During 2020, the water utility will continue upgrading water meters and make upgrades to the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) to monitor energy usage in the water system using updated reports at the water booster stations. SCADA is a computerized control system that reports activity in sewer and water utilities.

The water utility remains debt free and the sewer utility will pay off \$2.2 million outstanding principal to become debt free in 2020. □

Roger R. Mayer

The Village sends prayers and condolences to the Mayer family. Roger R. Mayer passed away on Friday, November 8, at the age of 81. Roger served as Chairman of the Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire Commission for over 30 years. Roger was also a successful entrepreneur. In 1988 his company, Manutronics, became the first business to construct a new 75,000 square foot facility in Lake View Corporate Park in Pleasant Prairie. His business grew at an astounding rate and employing approximately 800 people at its peak. In 1999, Roger sold the company to Sanmina Corporation. Roger was passionate in serving the community. He will be missed. □



Kenosha Area Business Alliance Ovation Awards



Congratulations to all of the businesses that were recognized at the Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA) Ovation Awards!

Award winning businesses headquartered in Pleasant Prairie include:

Entrepreneur of the Year: Michael Thompson, President & CEO, **Fair Oaks Farms LLC**. Fair Oaks Farms produces protein foods including breakfast sausage, bacon, meatballs, chicken, and turkey. After Thompson purchased Fair Oaks Farms in 2003 the company tripled its workforce and revenue grew to \$342 million last year.

Business of the Year: **Catalyst Exhibits**. The company specializes in the design, development, fabrication, and management of exhibits and displays for trade shows and expos. Catalyst has seen notable growth in the past four years and continues to find ways to innovate.

Forward Award Winner: **Advocate Aurora Health**. Advocate Aurora has made multiple investments in Kenosha County to meet the needs of the growing community and is currently building a new \$130 million health center in Prairie Highlands Corporate Park, Pleasant Prairie. The facility will include an ambulatory care center and professional office building including services such as Aurora's Children's Health, general surgery, orthopedics, urology, and Aurora's Sports Health.

Forward Award Winner: **Montevideo Technology Inc.** MTI has had a busy year since they company relocated from Minnesota to Pleasant Prairie in 2018. MTI manufactures and develops precision, high-performance electric motors, drives, controllers, and precision winding components for the aerospace and commercial industries. MTI plans to double its size over the next three to five years. □

Welcoming New Business to the Community

Eva Manor Apartments

The Village welcomes Eva Manor Apartments to the community! Eva Manor consists of a four story senior apartment building with 42-units and an eight-unit multi-family town-home building at the southeast corner of 91st Street and Springbrook Road. ☐



Spectrum

On November 18, 2019, the Village of Pleasant Prairie welcomed Spectrum to the community, located at 9901 77th Street (Prairie Ridge). The company held a ribbon cutting and had a successful grand opening event. Spectrum employs 4,000 people in Wisconsin. ☐



United Conveyor Corporation

The Village is excited to welcome United Conveyor Corporation (UCC) to the community. UCC is a global leader in environmental solutions for power generation and heavy industry. Since 1920, UCC has been committed to the design, supply, construction, and maintenance of world-class systems precisely engineered to better serve utility and industrial customers. The company offers a global network of sales and service representatives serving customers and installations spanning six continents. UCC is expanding its production operations and has chosen Pleasant Prairie as the location for the strategic addition.

UCC employs approximately 30 people at the new facility with the possibility of future expansion. UCC currently employs over 400 employees worldwide with approximately 230 of those located at their Waukegan, Illinois, headquarters. UCC also has operations in Germany, India, Thailand and China. UCC is located at 7153 99th Street in Lake View Corporate Park. ☐



2020 Village Newsletters

The Village will continue issuing bimonthly editions of the Village Newsletter in 2020. 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. ☐

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Voter Registration

Qualifications: In order to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie, you must be a registered voter. The State of Wisconsin has set the following minimum requirements to register: you must be 18 years of age on Election Day; you must be a U.S. citizen; and you must reside in the Village of Pleasant Prairie for at least 10 consecutive days before an election.

Registration Options and Deadlines

- **By mail:** Up to 20 days before the election. Registration forms should be mailed to your municipal clerk. You can start your voter registration form online at <http://myvote.wi.gov>. Your form must be printed, signed, and mailed or delivered, to your municipal clerk.
- **Online:** Up to 20 days before the election. Voters who have a valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can register to vote online on the MyVote Wisconsin website: <http://myvote.wi.gov>.
- **Municipal Clerk's Office:** You may register in-person in your municipal clerk's office up until the Friday before the election until 4:30 p.m.
- **At the polls:** You may register at the polls on Election Day.

Voter Registration Application

Voter Registration Applications are available at Village Hall, 9915 39th Avenue. You may also download this application from the Village website, PleasantPrairieWi.gov. A Voter Registration Application must be completed for all name and address changes.

Proof of Residence document is a document that proves where you live in Wisconsin and is only used when registering to vote. All voters **MUST** provide a Proof of Residence Document when registering. If you register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk's office, or at your polling place on Election Day, you need to provide a Proof of Residence document.



All Proof of Residence documents must include voter's name & current residential address

- A current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card.
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
- Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) ONLY if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.
- A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before Election Day.
- Bank, credit card statement, paycheck, or paystub.
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government.
- A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.
- Residential lease that is effective on date of registration. (Not valid if registering by mail.)
- An intake document from a residential care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility.

This is not a comprehensive list, but categories of the most common types used by voters. If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Village Clerk's office by phone at 262.694.1400 or email elections@pleasantprairiewi.gov.

Pleasant Prairie CVB: New Website



The Pleasant Prairie Convention & Visitors Bureau (PPCVB) has launched its new website. Check it out at VisitPleasantPrairie.com. They have also moved to their new location in mid-October and held an Open House event in November to show off their new office space.

Established in 2018, the PPCVB welcomes all visitors and assists with leisure, group, meeting, and event planning. As a non-profit organization funded through Village hotel/motel room tax, it is the mission of the PPCVB to enhance the economy through tourism by promoting amenities, shopping, recreational, and commercial opportunities within the Village – in all seasons – regionally and beyond. ☐

2020 Triathlons at the RecPlex

Prairie Springs Park and Lake Andrea will host the Junior Triathlon on Saturday, June 27 and the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon on Sunday, June 28. The RecPlex will be the host site for the Iron Girl Pleasant Prairie Women's Triathlon Event on Sunday, August 9, 2020.

The Village 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.

Businesses and residents near Prairie Springs Park can expect limited road closures on Sunday, June 28, and Sunday, August 9. 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>. □

Date	Event
Jan. 26	Indoor Triathlon
April 26	Indoor/Outdoor Triathlon
May 9	Do it for the Donuts 5K/10K
June 6-7	Pleasant Prairie Cup Jr. Triathlon
June 27	Pleasant Prairie Jr. Triathlon
June 28	Pleasant Prairie Triathlon
July 11	Hula Hustle 5K/10K
Aug. 8	Pleasant Prairie Jr. Triathlon
Aug. 9	Iron Girl Triathlon
Sept. 5	ET Pleasant Prairie Triathlon NCAA Women's Collegiate Triathlon
Sept. 19	Discovery Walk, Roll & Run 5K
Oct. 24	Scary in the Prairie 5K/10K
Nov. 14	Run with the Turkeys 5K/10K
Nov. 15	Indoor Turkey Triathlon

Snow Removal Reminders

Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance

The Village's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance language specifies who is responsible for snow removal from sidewalks and the timing of removal; depositing snow onto streets and public property; and how the Village effects compliance with the ordinance.

The owner and occupant of a property is responsible for snow removal from adjacent sidewalks, anyone who may be in charge of a property is responsible for snow removal as well. Prompt removal of snow or ice each day from sidewalks is required within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate. If property owners fail to follow the Village ordinance, Village crews will clear the snow and the property owners will be billed. The ordinance requires that abutting sidewalks be sprinkled with de-icing material in the event that ice has formed on a sidewalk.



It is not permissible for people to shovel or blow snow into streets or onto public property. Language in the ordinance relates to how the Village will remedy snow placed into the street or onto public property and how the Village will recover the related expense.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance can be found at: pleasantprairiewi.gov/government/laws_and_policies/local_ordinances.

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](tel:262.925.6700), or email pw@plprairie.com. □

Residential Recycling Center

Beginning March 23, the Residential Recycling Center will be open for On-Season Hours. The site will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of the site being closed the first Wednesday of each month. The site will continue to be open from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Residential Recycling Center is located at 8000 128th Street. □



Medication Drop Box

Both anti-drug forces and environmental activists are encouraging people to properly dispose of unused pharmaceuticals. Proper disposal 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/garbage_and_recycling/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. □



Shaping the ArtPlex

The Village seeks input from residents regarding the development of an ArtPlex Civic Center to be located in the future downtown of Pleasant Prairie. We appreciate your opinions and want to know your thoughts on the facility.

The goal of the project is to develop a community-driven facility that will attract residents and visitors to the downtown area. The concept for the center arose during a public engagement process. The idea is being explored in greater depth in the Master Planning phase of the downtown project.

Public Opinion Sought

This survey will measure the community's interest in the types of spaces and programs needed downtown. The ArtPlex Committee would love to hear from residents regarding this development. Survey results will help shape the Committee's recommendation for the proposed Civic Center's function. The survey will be available on the Village website mid-January, please take ten minutes to complete it at PleasantPrairieWi.gov/survey.



Dragonfest is Returning

The second annual Lake Andrea Dragonfest will be held on Saturday, August 22, at Prairie Springs Park on Lake Andrea in Pleasant Prairie. Dragonfest is a fantastic teambuilding experience for friends, family, and co-workers. Teams consist of 20 paddlers and one drummer.

Consider entering your company, community group, or friends in the dragon boat event. The race brings co-workers and community members together for a fun day of competition. Local businesses and community groups interested in sponsoring a boat in the **Lake Andrea Dragonfest** can register for the event at panamdragonboat.com/races/lake-andrea-dragonfest-pleasant-prairie-wi-2



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](tel: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](tel: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 14th 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 14, 2019. Twenty two 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 Interview with 97-Year Old Dublin School Student

June (Pfeffer) Gieselman turned 97 years old on November 29th, but according to her doctor, she has the bones of a 50-year-old. Her mind is just as sharp. She remembers details from her very first day of school at the Dublin School in 1928. The school building, located at 3875 116th Street in Pleasant Prairie, had just been built the year prior.

In September, we had the pleasure of interviewing June to learn about her life growing up in Pleasant Prairie and attending Dublin School through the seventh grade. It was amazing to hear all her stories about growing up during the Great Depression and the comradery exhibited among her and her schoolmates.



“Everyone looked out for one another,” according to June. She recalls being fortunate enough to always have a decent lunch to bring to school, but for some students that was not the case. June recalled, “Oh man, listen! Some didn’t have good lunches—it was a Depression. But we always had a good lunch, and then the kids wanted to trade with you. And I’d feel sorry for one kid ‘cause he had a ketchup sandwich! So I’d let him have mine. We always managed to have a nice lunch, but some kids didn’t have much—chili sauce sandwich, maybe—it was hard times.”

A special thank you also goes to June’s family for bringing her back to Pleasant Prairie after all these years, to see her beloved grade school and how it is being transformed back to a local museum and to share her favorite memories and school room treasures with us.

Video of the interview can be viewed on the Society’s YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsfvwcAX2L26c8_7bxRVwg ☐

