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Have a Safe Labor Day Weekend... Labor Day is Monday, September 5

Village offices, including the Residential Recycling Center, will be closed on Monday, September 5 in honor of Labor Day. Village offices and the Residential Recycling Center will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday morning, September 6.

There will be no garbage collection on Labor Day, September 5. Garbage and recycling collection will resume on Tuesday, September 6. Scheduled pickups for the week will be delayed by one day. Bulk Item Collections, normally scheduled for Wednesday pick up, will instead be scheduled for Thursday during Labor Day week. Electronic and White Goods Collections will be scheduled for Friday pick up.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. ☐

Lake Andrea Beach Closes for the Season September 5, at the end of the day

Lake Andrea Beach will close for the season at the end of the day on Labor Day, September 5. The beach will reopen during June of 2017. Thank you for another safe and fun beach season. ☐



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Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments Participate in Active Shooter Integrated Response Training



On July 11, Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments participated in a joint training event held with Kenosha County Emergency Medical Services personnel, the Kenosha Sheriff's Department Tactical Response Unit, Somers Fire Department, the Town of Salem Fire/Rescue, Bristol Fire & Rescue, Paris Fire/Rescue and representatives from Infinity Healthcare.

The training took place at Pleasant Prairie Elementary School and addressed active shooter scenarios.

The training was unique, because it involved an integrated response from both tactical/police personnel and fire and rescue/medic personnel. The training was intended to integrate medical interventions into a tactical response as soon as possible in order to garner a better outcome for potential victims. The concept is referred to as a Rescue Task Force technique.

Members of Infinity Healthcare, Kenosha Sheriff's Department, and Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue designed and led the drill. It included a review of the Rescue Task Force concept and tactical medical techniques. It was followed by a number of live scenarios with follow-up discussions.

Plans have been set to expand the training to the entire Kenosha County Emergency Medical Services System.

The Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire & Rescue Departments would like to thank all of the partners who developed, participated in, observed, and provided feedback on the training.

"Our community becomes stronger and safer through the partnerships we form, whether they're with neighboring departments or the individuals we work to protect," explained Pleasant Prairie Police Chief David Smetana. "We greatly appreciate all of the partnerships that knit

our community together and make it a safer place."

On Monday, August 15, Dr. Ben Feinzimer and P.A. Ben Kessel were recognized at a Village Board meeting for their dedication to the community and their assistance in preparing police and fire/rescue personnel to respond to mass casualty scenarios through the Rescue Task Force training. The Village would like to thank Dr. Feinzimer and P.A. Kessel for their involvement.

The Village would also like to thank all those who contribute to the safety of the Village through your daily concern for neighbors, your neighborhood, and your interactions with law enforcement and public safety personnel. We appreciate your willingness to help. □



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Richard Oscarson Memorial to be Created inside Prairie Springs Park



On Monday, August 15, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board approved the creation of the Richard Oscarson Memorial Prairie inside Prairie Springs Park. Richard Oscarson passed away unexpectedly on April 12, 2016, at the age of 56, while doing the work he loved, caring for the environment.

The memorial will be constructed along the northern shore of Lake Andrea and will include a footpath, a reclaimed prairie preserve with oak trees, emergent shrubs, a butterfly garden, a memorial stone, and three benches. The memorial will be funded and installed by Kenosha Grounds Care. A dedication of the memorial has been planned for September 16.

Richard Oscarson, along with his wife Jill, owned and operated Kenosha Grounds Care, a Pleasant Prairie based landscaping company, for 26 years. Oscarson and Kenosha Grounds Care have planted memorial trees inside Prairie Springs Park and completed many public and private landscaping projects throughout the Village, including work at Prairie Springs Park, in Village roundabouts, and most recently at Fire Station #1 and Village Hall. Oscarson and Kenosha Grounds Care have also assisted Village crews with cleanup efforts following FEMA declared storm events over the years.

During the August 15 meeting, the Village Board remembered and honored Rich Oscarson posthumously with a resolution for his work to create and maintain beautiful natural landscapes throughout the community. □

Village Thanks Pleasant Prairie VFW - Post 7308 for Recognizing Three Public Safety Personnel



From left to right: Post Commander George Stoeber, State Commander Michael Eggleston, Firemedic Nathan Konkol, Lieutenant Paul Marik, and District One Commander Randy Strickland. Not pictured is Lieutenant Thomas Clark.

On July 18, three Pleasant Prairie Public Safety employees were honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for outstanding service. They received a certificate of appreciation from Pleasant Prairie VFW - Post 7308 and a national award acknowledging their performance.

The personnel honored were Lieutenant Paul Marik with the Pleasant Prairie Police Department, Firemedic Nathan Konkol, and Lieutenant Thomas Clark with Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue.

The Village would like to thank the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Post 7308 for recognizing the service provided by these three individuals. The Village would also like to congratulate Pleasant Prairie VFW - Post 7308 for being selected as an All American Post for the fourth consecutive year. □

If you're interested in joining a dynamic group of community members to help plan for a Mini Maker Faire this November, please contact Chris at [262.925.6745](tel:262.925.6745) or email newsletter@plprairie.com. Watch for updates in upcoming issues of the newsletter. □



Voting Reminders for the November 8 General Election

The 2016 General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8. On Tuesday, November 8, polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you have not already registered to vote in the Village of Pleasant Prairie, or if you've recently had a name or address change, you can save time at the polls by registering to vote ahead of time. You will also need to be registered to vote if you plan to vote absentee.

You can choose to register in advance at Village Hall or by mail. To learn more about voter registration and what you will need in order to register, visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com and click **Voting** in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Please remember that you will need photo identification to vote during the November 8 election. To keep up to

date on the latest voter ID requirements in Wisconsin, please visit BringItWisconsin.com.

Prior to the election (once available), a sample ballot will be posted to the main page and **News** section of PleasantPrairieOnline.com.



Information related to voting in Pleasant Prairie is also available in your [2016 Village Calendar and Resource Directory](#) or by contacting the Village Clerk's office at [262.694.1400](tel:262.694.1400) or clerksoffice@plprairie.com. □

Village Thanks United Hospital System for Recognizing Five Members of the Fire & Rescue Department



From left to right: Chief of Fire & Rescue Doug McElmury, Firemedic Michael Passafaro, Firemedic Adam Craig, Firemedic Alan Cloberty, Lieutenant Kevin Mattison, Firemedic Dean Holloway, and Dr. Ben Feinzimer, DO.

On August 15, 2016, United Hospital System presented commendations to five members of Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue who successfully resuscitated a 67-year-old patient.

On April 27, emergency responders were called to assist a 67-year-old patient who was having seizures. Upon arrival, responders found that the patient was in cardiac arrest. The team quickly initiated both Basic and Advanced Life Support treatments to successfully resuscitate the patient at the scene.

The team of responders continued aggressive treatment as the patient was transferred to Aurora Medical Center staff who continued lifesaving efforts. The patient was

successfully resuscitated and discharged from the medical center at a later date. "The situation demonstrated the importance of training, equipment, and teamwork," explained Chief of Fire & Rescue Doug McElmury. "I'm both incredibly proud of and humbled by the response these members of the department provided."

United Hospital System awarded commendations to Alan Cloberty, Dean Holloway, Michael Passafaro, Adam Craig, and Lieutenant Kevin Mattison. The Village Board wishes to publicly express their gratitude to these five members of Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue for their heroic actions. □

Trick or Treat Set for Sunday, October 30 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for your feedback!



The Village would like to thank all those who took the time to visit Open Village Hall and provide feedback regarding Trick or Treat. The feedback provided showed that residents have varying opinions on whether Trick or Treat should be scheduled on Halloween or on the Sunday prior.

All of the feedback received was shared with the Village Board so that they could understand what residents preferred and, in many cases, why they had a preference. Just over half of the feedback confirmed that the main reasons for scheduling Trick or Treat on a weekend afternoon remain valid.

One reason being that the Village does not have sidewalks for children to walk on as they do in the city, and there are concerns about children in costumes (which may limit vision) walking or running in the streets at dark or darting out between parked cars at dark into moving traffic. The other reason being that weekend hours more easily accommodate childrens' school activities and parents work schedules.

During 2016, Trick or Treat in the Village of Pleasant Prairie will take place on Sunday, October 30 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Thank you again to all who took the time to share your feedback. We appreciate your input, because it offers a general context in which to make better decisions. The Village would like to remind residents to be safety minded during Trick or Treat hours. ☐

Pleasant Prairie Engineering Department

An Overview of the Functions They Perform

Pleasant Prairie's Engineering Department was formally established during 2002. The department currently employs three full-time positions: a village engineer, an assistant village engineer, and a clerical secretary. The Engineering Department is responsible for providing technical services to support general Village operations and for the development of new municipal infrastructure.



The Engineering Department collaborates with other Village departments to plan for and oversee the design of water, wastewater, stormwater, roadway, and other infrastructure projects.

The technical services provided by the Engineering Department include:

- preparing detailed project plans,
- preparing design specifications,
- compiling cost estimates for projects, and
- reviewing proposed development plans for compliance with Village engineering standards.

In some cases, projects are completed by Village staff based on workload, cost factors, scope of the project, and other variables. In other cases, projects are completed by professional engineering consultants under the direction of the village engineer. The Engineering Department seeks out innovative, economical solutions to meet infrastructure needs in an effective manner. Projects are planned so that the ultimate outcome is both effective and financially sustainable in terms of ongoing operations and future maintenance.

To learn more about Pleasant Prairie's Engineering Department and design standards and to read the department's Frequently Asked Questions, please visit www.PleasantPrairieOnline.com and select the **Services** and then **Engineering** tabs. ☐

Speed Limit on 39th Avenue Reduced between 93rd and 104th Streets

The speed limit on 39th Avenue between 93rd and 97th Streets has recently been reduced to 35 miles per hour (MPH) and the speed limit between Springbrook Road and 104th Streets has been reduced to 30 MPH. Signs with the new speed limits have been placed along 39th Avenue.

The slower speed limit is intended to calm traffic on this stretch of road. The lower speed limit on the northern end of the roadway also creates a better transition between the 35 MPH speed limit north of 93rd Street and the 30 MPH speed limit near the roundabout at Springbrook Road.

“One of our primary concerns with roadways is safety,” explained John Steinbrink Jr., Director of Public Works. “We want to ensure that we don’t create a situation where drivers come out of a four-way stop and accelerate to 45 MPH only to hit their brakes a block later as they approach the roundabout at Springbrook Road. The lower limit will create a safer stretch of road for drivers and those who live nearby.”



The Village would like to thank drivers for their patience while driving and the courtesy they pay to others using the roadway. The Village would also like to encourage all drivers to plan extra time into their daily travel routines to avoid driving at unsafe speeds. □

Work on Highway 165 between I-94 and Highway 31 Slated for Spring 2017 Completion



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) began work this July on improvements to State Highway 165 between Interstate-94 and State Highway 31. As part of the project, pavement on the 2.5 mile segment of highway will be rehabilitated, and a new bridge will be constructed over the Des Plaines River along the north side of the highway.

The new bridge will enable the expansion of Highway 165 to four lanes of traffic in the area adjacent to and west of Prairie Springs Park. The expansion will accommodate additional capacity and provide for better route continuity. Highway 165 is a four lane roadway on either end of this section of road.

A 10-foot wide shared use path will also be constructed along Highway 165 between 120th Avenue and Terwall Terrace. The path, through Terwall Terrace, will then connect to the bicycle lanes on County Highway H.

Throughout the project, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Access to businesses in the construction area will also be maintained throughout the project. Work on State Highway 165 is scheduled to be complete during the Spring of 2017. WisDOT held two public involvement meetings regarding the project during 2014 and another during July of this year. □

Medication Collection Box Available 24/7

Please Do Not Flush Pills Down the Toilet

Both anti-drug forces and environmental activists are encouraging people to properly dispose of unused pharmaceuticals. Disposing of pharmaceuticals can make them inaccessible to children or addicts, while disposing of them correctly, 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 PleasantPrairieOnline.com/services/garbage/quickreference.asp for information about disposal of needles and sharps.

Please keep medication in its original container, and cross off any personal information, leaving the name of the medication visible. Thank you for your care when disposing of medication. ☐

Better Earth Clothing and Textile Recycling Box Available at the Residential Recycling Center

Residents interested in recycling clothing and household textiles will find a Better Earth recycling box at the new Residential Recycling Center (8000 128th Street). All types of used: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, towels, blankets, and similar household textiles are accepted.

Items should be placed into closed plastic bags to keep items dry and protected from moisture, mold and mildew so that they can be shared with people in need worldwide. Overly worn or stained clothing/textiles will be re-purposed for other uses, such as polishing cloths, insulation, building materials, and more. Very little remains at the end of the recycling process.

By using the box, you can help provide employment and affordable clothing to people in the U.S. and developing countries. The Residential Recycling Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. ☐



Email Newsletter

How many do we send?

Pleasant Prairie first offered an email version of the Village Newsletter in December of 2007. The first email newsletter was sent to 142 email addresses. The most recent issue of the Village Newsletter (July 2016) was sent to 1,349 email addresses. To date, approximately 305 residents have opted off of the paper mailing list for the newsletter, with just under 7,600 Village households and businesses still on the paper mailing list.



Signing up to receive the email version of the Village Newsletter is easy, and approximately half of the residents who open their email newsletter are reading it on a mobile device. If you're interested in trying the email version of the Village Newsletter, visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com and enter your email address in the box near the bottom of the page.

If you're comfortable reading your newsletter electronically, 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." Once your name has been removed, we'll send you a follow-up email to confirm. ☐

Shred & Recycle Day

Saturday, September 10
9:00 a.m. to noon

Residential Recycling
Center 8000 128th Street



On Saturday, September 10 between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Village residents are invited to bring unwanted personal documents to the Residential Recycling Center, located at 8000 128th Street (Russell Road), for on-site destruction. Residents may bring as many personal documents as they can carry for on-site destruction by Paper Tiger.

Paper Tiger provides trucks with custom-built shredders that can efficiently destroy confidential paper documents and CDs. *This service is free of charge for residents.*

Destroying old documents containing personal information can be a simple and important step towards protecting yourself from fraud and identity theft. It prevents your confidential and personal information from falling into the wrong hands after you dispose of it.

After destroying your documents on-site, Paper Tiger will recycle all of the shredding it collects into a variety of paper products.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at [262.925.6700](tel:262.925.6700) or email pw@plprairie.com. To learn more about Paper Tiger, visit www.yourpapertiger.com.

Residential Street Lights Your Help is Needed



Because repair of street lights is both safer and more efficient before the weather turns cold and daylight hours are limited, Village staff is requesting 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 should have a numbered metal tag on their pole.

Report a Non-Working Street Light

To notify the Village when a residential Village 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 at the number above. 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 to 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** or at **www.we-energies.com** by clicking "Report a streetlight out" at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your help; it makes a difference.