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New Topics Posted to Open Village Hall Please share your input

Community Partnerships to Prevent Crime

From time to time, the police department will receive telephone calls from residents who have captured suspicious activity on an exterior home security camera. This shared footage has helped investigators solve neighborhood crimes. The Pleasant Prairie Police Department is seeking community feedback regarding extending their Neighborhood Watch program to partner with residents who are willing to share information from external home security cameras. To read more about this topic and to share your feedback, please visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com and click [Open Village Hall](#) in the upper right hand column.

Public Help Sought to Name a Prairie Springs Park Natural Area in Advance of Eagle Scout Project

This fall, local youth working towards the rank of Eagle Scout will be performing a service project inside Prairie Springs Park. The project is proposed to provide interpretive exhibits identifying the native plant species and wildlife in a natural area within the park. In advance of their work, Village staff would like the community to provide a few naming options for this natural area. To read more about this topic and to share your feedback, please visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com and click [Open Village Hall](#) in the upper right hand column. □



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Preliminary Plans Approved for Doheny Enterprises

On Monday, August 22, the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission considered and approved preliminary site and operational plans along with a Certified Survey Map for company headquarters and a new distribution center for Doheny Enterprises, Incorporated. The swimming pool supplier intends to construct a 175,000 square foot building on approximately 16.67 acres at the southeast corner of State Highway 165 and 80th Avenue.

Preliminary plans call for 163,000 square feet of the proposed building to be dedicated to warehousing and approximately 15,000 square feet dedicated to office functions. The new building will consolidate warehousing space from three buildings currently occupied by Doheny in Kenosha.

Doheny Enterprises was established in 1967. The company operates ten distribution centers nationwide and has had a presence in Kenosha County for 20 years. Doheny sells swimming pool supplies to consumers and commercial markets via catalogs, websites, outbound telemarketing, and a local retail pool store. Proposed hours of operation for the new distribution center are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. from October through February



(off season) and Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. from March through September (on season).

Approximately 55 full-time and 140 part-time employees are expected to work from the new facility. An average of 150 automobiles and 30 trucks are expected to travel to and from the site on a daily basis. Approval of the preliminary plans will allow for mass grading and the installation of underground utilities, footings, and foundations to be begin. Final site and operational plans are expected to be submitted for review later this year. Construction is expected to begin this fall with completion scheduled during 2017. □

Plans Approved for DHL Supply Chain



On Monday, August 22, the Plan Commission considered and approved site and operational plans for DHL Supply Chain to occupy the entire 256,240 square foot building located at 8505 100th Street in LakeView Corporate Park. Earlier

this month, DHL received a permit to occupy 50% of the same building. The request to occupy the remaining 50% of the building triggered a requirement for the submission of site and operational plans. No site or exterior building modifications have been proposed. The building will be used to warehouse SC Johnson products, including: Windex, Ziploc, Glade, Shout, Saran, and Off brands. The building will not be open to the public. Expected hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Between ten and 12 full-time employees are expected to work from the facility. An average of 30 truck trips are expected to and from the site on a daily basis. □



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Preparing for the November 8 General Election

Photo ID, Voter Registration, and Absentee Voting

THE VOTER PHOTO ID LAW IS IN EFFECT

All residents requesting an absentee ballot or voting at the polls on Election Day will be required to provide a valid document establishing their proof of identification before a ballot will be issued. The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election, which was November 4, 2014:

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport book or card

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes:

- A certificate of naturalization (that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college, or technical college that contains the following: the date the card was issued; signature of student; expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance; and the ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment

Voter Registration

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 ten (10) consecutive days before an election.

For the November 8 General Election, you may register to vote at Village Hall during regular business hours until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4. Voter Registration Applications submitted by mail must be received or be postmarked no later than October 19, 2016 or the applications cannot be processed. You may also register to vote at the polls on Election Day.

Voter Registration Applications are available at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue), or you may download this application at PleasantPrairieOnline.com. A Voter Registration Application must also be completed for all name and address changes.

Proof of residence is required at all times when registering to vote or when updating a name or address change. An

acceptable proof of residence document listed below must contain the current name and current address of the registrant, and it must be valid on the day used to register to vote.

- A WI Driver License / ID Card, if not expired or cancelled, may be used even if driving privileges have been revoked (revoked or suspended licenses can be used)
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- An employee ID card with a photograph, but not a business card
- A real property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A residential lease (does not count as proof of residence if elector submits form by mail)
- A photo ID from a university, college or technical college coupled with a fee receipt or an on-campus housing listing provided by the university, college or technical college to the municipality that denotes U.S. Citizenship
- A utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the day registration is made
- A bank statement
- A paycheck
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government
- Homeless voters only - a letter from an organization that provides services to the homeless that identifies the voter and describes the location designated as the person's residence for voting purposes
- A contract or intake document prepared by a residential care facility indicating that the occupant resides in the facility

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward of the municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least ten (10) consecutive days before the election.

The elector must be registered in the Village of Pleasant Prairie before an absentee ballot request will be processed. Absentee Ballot requests must be submitted in writing when requesting a ballot be sent by mail. Requests can be submitted in person or by mail, email, or facsimile transmission. Upon request, an Application for Absentee Ballot can be mailed to you, or you may download this form from PleasantPrairieOnline.com.

A written request, other than completing an Application of Absentee Ballot, must list your current name, current voting address within the municipality, and the address where the absentee ballot should

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be sent. The last day to submit a request for an Absentee Ballot to be sent by mail to you for the November 8 General Election is Thursday, November 3 at 5:00 p.m. **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED** – a valid form of photo ID, as listed on page two, must be submitted with a request for an absentee ballot to be sent by mail. Military, Overseas and Indefinitely Confined voters are exempt.

In Person Absentee Voting

You may personally visit Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) to vote an absentee ballot Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, October 3 and through Friday, November 4. **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED** – a valid form of photo ID as listed on page two must be presented before an absentee ballot will be issued. Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized or in service as a sequestered juror. Contact the Village Clerk directly if any of these situations apply.

More Information

To check the status of your voter registration, find your polling location, obtain an absentee ballot request form, and find other voting information: visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com and click on the **Voting** tab; visit Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; telephone the Village Clerk at 262.694.1400; or email clerksoffice@plprairie.com. You may also visit <https://myvote.wi.gov>. □

Important Election Deadlines

Voter Registration Deadlines

October 19, 2016 - This is the last day to submit a Voter Registration Application by mail. After this date, Voter Registration may only take place in person at Village Hall Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 4, 2016 5:00 p.m. - Voter Registration closes at Village Hall for the November 8 General Election and will only be available at the polls on Election Day.

Absentee Voting

November 3, 2016 5:00 p.m. - This is the deadline for you to submit a request for an absentee ballot to be sent by mail for the November 8 General Election. The only exceptions are electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or in service as a sequestered juror.

October 3 through November 4, 2016

Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

In person absentee voting will be conducted at Village Hall (9915 39th Avenue) in the following locations:

- **October 3 through October 21** in the Village Hall lobby
- **October 24 through November 4** in the Village Hall courtroom (the courtroom is located on the north side of Village Hall)



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

The Village would like to remind residents to be safety minded during Trick or Treat hours and that no open burning is permitted on Trick or Treat day. **Thank you to all who took the time to share feedback regarding Trick or Treat in 2016.** □



Join us...

**Saturday, November 26
10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
RecPlex Fieldhouse**

Our Mini Maker Faire team is currently seeking Makers, sponsors, volunteers, and curious attendees. Show your support for the local Maker movement, and come experience local creativity and ingenuity. Learn more at MakerFairePleasantPrairie.com.

Village Sex Offender Ordinance Revisited in Response to Offender Lawsuit

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 287 of the Municipal Code Relating to Sex Offenders Approved on September 6

“Our main objective in revisiting this matter was to develop an ordinance that is enforceable and would allow the Village to manage risk from a public safety perspective. We aimed for an ordinance that balances protection for our community’s children and the rights provided for in the United States Constitution.”

...Michael Pollocoff, Village Administrator

Ordinance Change Adopted in April

On April 18, the Village Board approved an ordinance repealing and recreating Chapter 287 of the municipal code relating to sex offenders.

The April ordinance: increased the distance a sexual offender must live from a protected property from 2,000 to 3,000 feet; defined that an offender placed in Pleasant Prairie must have been a resident of the Village at the time of their offense; and outlined that one offender may not live within 500 feet of another.

These changes were made in order to create terms and conditions that were more consistent with those of surrounding communities and in order to comply with amendments to Wisconsin State law.

Ordinance Challenged

Following adoption of the recreated ordinance, a group of ten registered offenders legally challenged its constitutionality, claiming that the new restrictions resulted in “banishment.” A similar lawsuit was recently filed against the City of Kenosha by the same firm that filed suit against the Village. The lawsuit was brought in



federal court, as a civil rights claim. The plaintiffs seek a declaratory judgment, an injunction against enforcement, damages, reimbursement of attorney’s fees and other relief.

Further Research

In response, the Village Board and staff, along with legal counsel, redoubled efforts to research the matter. Research centered on the risks that are nationally recognized in various pieces of legislation; court decisions; related statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice; and many studies and reports concerning the recidivism of sex offenders and the effectiveness of residency restrictions. Some studies were

in favor of residency restrictions, and some were critical of the practice.

Some of the key studies that were critical of residency restrictions also offered significant qualifications to their conclusions. As an example, one study in particular, “An Evaluation of Sex Offender Residency Restrictions in Michigan and Missouri” (Huebner, et al., 2013), though generally not in support of residency restrictions, did find that “the rate of recidivism for technical violations significantly

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decreased for Missouri sex offenders...” (id. at 9) and “the number of sex offense convictions did decline...” in Missouri (id. at 10).

Risks and Benefits

The Village Board and staff acknowledge both the risks and benefits of considering residency restrictions for sexual offenders on a case by case basis, as presented in the studies reviewed.

Understanding that there is no perfect science behind the decision they must make, also understanding that their decision may give rise to other enforcement concerns and the need for additional police presence, the Village Board and staff believe it is important to provide clear information to those who may want to locate in the Village and that the desire for uniformity and clarity outweighs the desire for individualized consideration at the Village level.

Original Domicile Restriction

Review of residency restrictions for neighboring communities in Kenosha County revealed that many of them have an “original domicile restriction.”

This restriction allows each community to take back its own while not adding an additional burden of more than its own sex offenders to its community; the additional burden including: the risk of recidivism (reoffending); potential property value impacts; and responding to neighborhood and citizen concerns.

The Village Board and staff believe that the inclusion of this restriction will help ensure that each community has a means of becoming or

remaining familiar with their own offenders, and that it would both decrease adverse impacts to the community and increase the likelihood of the offender’s successful reintegration, lowering recidivism rates.

Based on available research, the Village Board and staff believes that, for all but the most violent offenders, the risk of adverse impacts declines as the offender matures, recovers, and reintegrates with society over time. It follows, that if the offender is removed from the State registration list, the offender would then also be removed from the Village residency restrictions.

Seeking Balance

The Village Board and staff recognize that they cannot eliminate all risk of sexual offenders reoffending and that the ordinance must balance all of the competing policies.

The Village Board and staff understand that a local ordinance that is too restrictive could be deemed unconstitutional, and this could leave the Village unable to enforce any residency restrictions at all.

In reconsidering the ordinance, and having given the matter even more intense consideration, the Village Board recently (on Tuesday, September 6) considered and approved amendments to Chapter 287 of the municipal code relating to sexual offenders.

Through the amendments, careful attention was paid to ensure that there are ample locations for sexual offenders to reside in the Village, while still solidly providing for the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Village.

Amended Ordinance

In order to demonstrate that the intent is not to banish sex offenders from residing within the Village of Pleasant Prairie, the amended ordinance:

- reduces the distance a sexual offender must live from a protected property from 3,000 to 1,500 feet, which is similar to the setback in the State of Wisconsin’s recently passed legislation, and
- enables one offender to live within 500 feet of another.

Where to Learn More

Because of the length of the ordinance, there was not enough space available in this issue of the newsletter to include it in its entirety.

To read the full version of the newly amended ordinance, please visit <http://pleasantprairieonline.com/boardsandcommissions/villageboard/Meetings/meetings2016.asp>, and under the 9-6-2016 Board Meeting, select the **September 6 2016 Village Board e-packet**. You can also find a copy of the ordinance attached to the related article in the **News** section at PleasantPrairieOnline.com. □

In-Between Issues

In-between issues, you’ll find news and information posted to PleasantPrairieOnline.com in the **News** section and under the **Boards and Commissions** tab by choosing the appropriate Board or Commission.



Fall Residential Leaf Collection

As a part of the Solid Waste Services provided in the Village, crews collect loose, un-bagged leaves directly from your curb or roadside. Four rounds of leaf collection will take place this fall. Weather permitting, leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 10. To have your leaves collected, please follow the steps below.

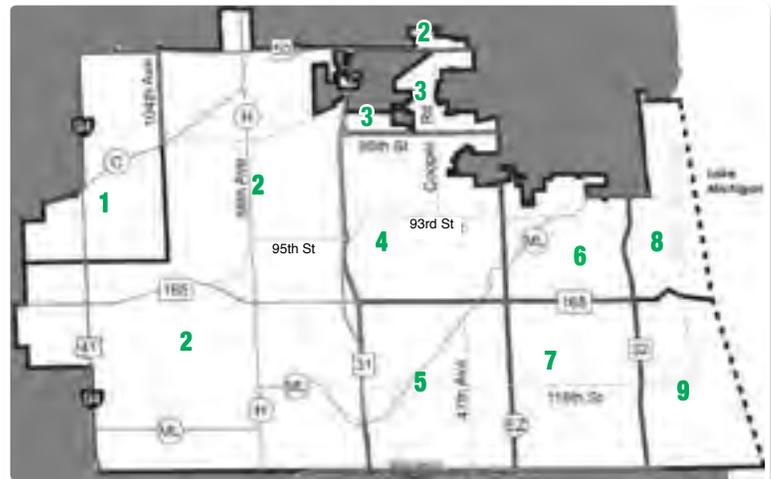
- Identify your collection zone on the map at the right. Then see the schedule to determine your collection dates.
- To prepare your leaves, rake your loose, fallen leaves into a pile at your curb or on your roadside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection dates. Because leaves are collected with a vacuum, they must be piled loose.
- Please keep leaves off of the asphalt.
- Residents with curbs and gutters, place loose leaves on the grass by your curb.
- Residents with a ditch line, place loose leaves on the grass along the roadside of the ditch.
- *Leaves must be within six feet of the road.*
- Bagged leaves or grass, branches and other yard waste will not be collected.
- ***Do not mix other yard waste, such as potted/garden plants or branches, into your pile of leaves. Doing so can damage the leaf collection vacuum and may cause costly delays. Leaves mixed with other yard waste will not be collected.***

Please keep in mind that though collection staff abides by the schedule above, there are certain circumstances that may delay leaf collection by one or more days. These circumstances include: delays due to weather, emergency situations that may draw staff away from their regular duties, or damage to collection equipment that would require repair or unscheduled service.

If you miss your scheduled collection days, leaves may also be taken to the Residential Recycling Center at 8000 128th Street. The center will be open through December 3, weather permitting. For a schedule of hours, please visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com. If you have additional questions, please call **925.6700**. ☐



The image above shows how crews use a vacuum to collect loose leaves. Please follow the guidelines to the left to help prevent damage to the leaf vacuum and to make collection as effective as possible for all.



2016 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

Zone Number	Fall Round 1	Fall Round 2	Fall Round 3	Fall Round 4
1	Oct 10	Oct 18	Nov 2	Nov 18
2	Oct 11	Oct 20	Nov 3	Nov 21
3	Oct 12	Oct 21	Nov 4	Nov 22
4	Oct 13	Oct 24	Nov 8	Nov 23
5	Oct 13	Oct 25	Nov 9	Nov 28
6	Oct 14	Oct 26	Nov 11	Nov 29
7	Oct 17	Oct 27	Nov 14	Nov 30
8	Oct 17	Oct 28	Nov 15	Dec 1
9	Oct 18	Oct 31	Nov 17	Dec 2

Fall Cleanup Tip



Have you questioned whether you really need to rake all of those leaves in the fall? The University of Minnesota's Turfgrass Science program offers a well-rounded answer to that question at <http://turf.umn.edu/2013/11/good-question-really-need-rake-leaves/>. At the link, you'll find information on mulching leaves into your lawn with frequent mowing as an alternative to raking, blowing, or collecting leaves for either disposal or composting. ☐

Village to Host Job & Career Fair Saturday, October 8

You are invited to attend a Village Job & Career Fair on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Lakeview Studio at RecPlex (9900 Terwall Terrace).

During the event, you can speak with representatives from various Village departments to learn more about the different careers paths available in local government.

The Village will also conduct onsite interviews for several positions with the hope of extending job offers on the spot. Onsite applicants will receive a free RecPlex day pass. To learn more, please visit PleasantPrairieOnline.com. ☐

Safety Day in the Prairie Saturday, October 8

Please join members of Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue at a new community event, **Safety Day in the Prairie**. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8 at Fire Station #1 (3801 Springbrook Road).

Safety Day in the Prairie will feature: life safety, technical rescue, and a live fire demonstration (at 11:00 a.m.); displays of new medical equipment and the Village's newest ambulance; fire station tours; the fire safety house; and presentations from local law enforcement officers. During 2016, Safety Day in the Prairie is being held in lieu of Steak by Fire. ☐

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Celebration

October 1 4pm-9pm

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