

# PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES

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## A Word from the Chair....By Mary Haley

We are all happy to welcome Spring and also happy to report that the mild winter has helped the Town experience cost savings as a result of lower usage of salt, fuel, and overtime. With warmer weather comes the beginning of repairs to the roads and the long awaited repairs to Williams Drive, from the Industrial Park to County Highway B, that will be take place this Spring. Residents should note there will be road closures and detours while the road is under construction.

Our Town once again participated in joint road bidding with the Towns of Dunn, Dunkirk, and Rutland and experienced cost savings for projects.

Last year we applied for a grant to assist with the cost of updating our storm water management plan and are pleased to report that we were successful in obtaining the grant and are proceeding with our engineering firm to complete the update. Our Plan Commission members are undertaking the task of updating and revising our Comprehensive Plan as it has been nearly 10 years since it was initially created. There will be notification of the opportunities for input from our residents and I encourage anyone inter-

ested to participate in this review process.

A Veteran's Memorial Park was approved to be created in the Town at the corner of County Highway B and Country Club Road on land donated by Oscar and Shirley Linnerud.

With the warm weather comes the opening of the boat landing. Our new dock was delivered in March and will be in place for the opening of the boating season.

The Town will be purchasing a new one ton truck to replace the 2000 GMC truck.

As of this time, the Department of Transportation has not confirmed the final plan for the proposed County Highway N & I39/90 interchange. Funding for the project will have an impact on when the project will take place. For more information residents can visit: <http://projects.511wi.gov/web/i-39-90-project>

Finally, our Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra, and her husband Craig, welcomed their first child, a baby girl. Congratulations to them on this joyous event.

## OPEN BOOK—April 30, 2015

from 12pm to 7pm.

Open Book is property owner's annual opportunity to address concerns with their assessment.

Property owners can:

- \*Learn how the assessment was calculated
- \*Compare your property to similar properties
- \*Verify open land acreages and valuations.
- \*Learn how market activity affected the assessment.

To schedule an appointment for Open Book, please contact Accurate Appraisal at 1.800.770.3927 or log on to: [www.accurateassessor.com](http://www.accurateassessor.com) and click on the scheduling link. If you cannot be present at Open Book, please call Accurate Appraisal, or e-mail your questions to: [question@accurateassessor.com](mailto:question@accurateassessor.com).

**DO NOT MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. TAX TIME IS TOO LATE TO DISPUTE YOUR ASSESSMENT!!**

## BOARD OF REVIEW

beginning May 21, 2015 at 5:30p.m.

The Board of Review for the Town of Pleasant Springs of Dane County shall meet on Thursday May 21, 2015 beginning at 5:30 at the Pleasant Springs Town Hall, 2354 County Road N, Stoughton, Wisconsin, for the purpose of reviewing and examining the assessment roll of real and personal property in said town, and all sworn statements and valuations of real and personal property therein, and of correcting all errors in said roll whether in description or otherwise, and to perform such other duties imposed by law.

Anyone wishing to contest real or personal property at Board of Review will need to submit a written objection to the Clerk, no later than 48 hours prior to Board of Review. Objection packets can be obtained at the Clerk's office during office hours. For more information on Board of Review, please contact the Clerk at (608) 873-3063.

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## **Frequently Asked Questions: Burning in the Town**

*What materials are ok to burn in the Township?*

\*Yard waste, small quantities of combustible rubbishing including paper, cardboard and clear untreated wood, from a single family or household, on the property where it was generated.

*What materials CANNOT be burned in the Town?*

\*Rubbish or garbage including but not limited to food wastes, food wraps, packaging, animal carcasses, paint or painted materials, furniture, composite shingles, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes.

\*Waste oil or other oily wastes except used oil burned in a heating device for energy recovery; subject to the restrictions in Chapter NR 590, WI Adm. Code.

\*Asphalt and products containing asphalt

\*Treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products or other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.

\*Any plastic material including but not limited to nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic rubber-like products. Rubber including tires and synthetic rubber-like products.

*Can I burn leaves, brush, clean wood and other vegetative debris?*

All allowed open burning shall be conducted in a safe nuisance free manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads, and airfields. Open burning shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations.

*How long do I need to monitor my fire?*

You need to monitor your fire until it is COMPLETELY extinguished, this includes smoldering materials. NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED.

*Do I need a permit to burn in the Town?*

Residents DO NOT need a permit to burn in the Town; however, you do need to contact your fire department ahead of time to notify them of the burning.

\*Stoughton Fire Department - (873-7218)

\*McFarland Fire Department - (838-3278)

\*Cottage Grove Fire Department - (839-4343)

**If you are unaware of the correct department to call please contact office staff at 873-3063 for assistance**

\*\*Please note the use of Sky lanterns is prohibited in the Town of Pleasant Springs.

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## **E-CYCLE WISCONSIN**

Electronics contain valuable, reusable materials like gold, steel, silver, copper and glass. They also contain harmful materials like lead, mercury, cadmium and chemical flame retardants. Recycling and reusing electronics protects the environment, conserves valuable raw materials and preserves landfill space. Additionally, electronics that are landfilled, incinerated or illegally dumped can release toxic materials like mercury, lead and cadmium into the air, water and soil. Recycling electronics helps ensure that these materials are reused safely and disposed of properly.

The following items CANNOT be placed in the trash or sent to landfills or incinerators

- Computers (desktops, laptops, and tablets)
- Computer Monitors (includes e-readers and similar devices with screens at least 7 inches)
- Computer Accessories (mice, keyboards, external hard drives, etc.)
- TVs, DVD players, VCRs, and DVRs
- Cell Phones
- Desktop Printers and printers that also scan, fax or copy, and Fax machines

The above items and other electronics can be recycled throughout the state. Visit: [dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin](http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin) For more information and a list of collection sites. Note: Some collectors accept electronics for free, while others charge a small fee for certain items. Call ahead or visit a collector's website to learn about costs and restrictions.

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## **Check out Clean Sweep for disposal!**

Clean Sweep is a place to bring hazardous household materials such as Oil-Based Paints and Paint-Related Products, Pesticides & Poisons, Household Products Containing Organic Solvents, Ignitables, and Aerosols, and Rechargeable Batteries. Check out clean sweep's website at [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) for a full list materials accepted. FEES MAY APPLY.

The facility is located at the Dane County Landfill site, 7102 US Hwy. 12 & 18, Madison, WI 53718. Hours of operation will be Tuesday through Friday, 7:00am—2:45pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 10:45am.

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## NEW HOURS AT THE BRUSH BURNING COMPOST SITE!!

The Brush Burning/Compost Site, 1754 Tower Drive, will be open to receive grass clippings, leaves, and clean brush 4 inches in diameter and smaller, on the days listed in the schedule below. This site is open to Pleasant Springs residents only. Lumber and construction materials are NOT allowed. Businesses and non-residents are prohibited from using the site. Please empty contents of garbage bags and take the bags with you. The Dane County Landfill, 7102 US Highway 12-18, is available for all county residents, Monday -Friday 7am -2:45pm and Saturday 8am-11am. Visit [www.pleasantsprings.org/brushburning/html](http://www.pleasantsprings.org/brushburning/html) for a printable schedule

Winter/Spring Hours	Summer Hours	Fall Hours
Sat. Jan. 3, 2015, 8am to 1pm	Sat. June 6, 2015, 8am to 11am	Sat. Sept. 5, 2015, 8am to 11am
Sat. Jan. 10, 2015, 8am to 1pm	Wed., June 10, 2015, 6pm to 8pm	Wed. Sept. 9, 2015, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Sat. April 4, 2015, 8am to 1pm	Sat. July 11, 2015, 8am to 11am	Sat. Oct. 10, 2015, 8am to 11am
Sat. April 11, 2015, 8am to 1pm	Wed. July 15, 2015, 6pm to 8pm	Wed. Oct. 14, 2015, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Sat. May 2, 2015, 8am to 1pm	Sat. Aug. 1, 2015, 8am to 11am	Sat. Oct. 17, 2015, 8am to 11am
Sat. May 9, 2015, 8am to 1pm	Wed. Aug. 5, 2015, 6pm to 8pm	Wed. Oct. 21, 2015, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
		Sat. Nov 7, 2015, 8am to 1pm
		Sat. Nov. 14, 2015, 8am to 1pm

## NOXIOUS WEEDS



In order to prevent the spread of noxious and invasive species, state statute requires that every landowner must destroy all noxious weeds on all lands he owns, occupies or controls. The term “noxious weeds” includes Canada thistle, leafy spurge and field bindweed. If a landowner fails to comply, the town can order

the weeds destroyed and the landowner is responsible to repay all costs associated with the work. The Town Board appreciates your responsible compliance and cooperation.

The Town would also request residents consider keeping all weeds trimmed and mowed. While state statutes only require those weeds defined as noxious weeds to be destroyed, there are a lot of other weeds that reek havoc for residents with allergies. So consider being a good neighbor and keeping your weeds trimmed for the enrichment and well being of all residents in the Township.

## 10 Simple Shoreland Stewardship Practices

1. Choose Zero-phosphorous fertilizer.
2. Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes. (see [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) for information on proper household hazardous waste disposal)
3. Minimize Erosion.
4. Inspect and maintain your septic system regularly.
5. Reduce hard surfaces like rooftops and driveways on your property.
6. Plant trees and shrubs or protect your wooded areas.
7. Direct downspouts onto your lawn or landscaping, not onto hard surfaces
8. Install a Rain Barrel
9. Build a Rain Garden
10. Protect or restore your shoreland buffer.

(Information taken from “10 Simple Shoreland Stewardship Practices” publication by Lynn Markham and Kate Demorest of UW-Extensions. For full publication, please visit: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/waterfront.pdf>)  
(For a more information on storm water management visit: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/>)

## SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS!!

The following roads are set to be re-surfaced this summer:

1. Williams Point Drive (to the State Park Bridge)
2. Fairview St (a portion of)
3. Sunnyside St. (a portion of)
4. Sugar Bush Avenue

The following roads are set to be sealcoated:

1. Course View Drive
2. Shore View Drive

3. Oak Drive

The Town will be replacing culverts under the following roads:

1. Williams Drive
2. Williams Point Drive
3. Church St

**\*\*Please help our Public Works Department and slow down around Road construction and patching sites.\*\***

**Town of Pleasant Springs**  
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#### **UPDATING THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN!!!**

The Town of Pleasant Springs has a comprehensive plan that was adopted in April 2006. The plan provides an extensive description of the Town: population, employment, agriculture, transportation, natural resources and the overall goals of the town for development. One of the most important elements of the comprehensive plan is the projected land use plan, which is used to evaluate rezoning requests, land division, and other proposed projects. One of the key aspects of the land use plan is the objective to preserve the rural character of the Town, which means that new residential development is limited to a relatively small number of potential lots based on the area of the farmland from which they are "split". Many things have changed in the last 10 years, and we need to consider what issues we want the Plan to provide guidance on for the next decade ending in 2026.

Here is the process we will go through to update the Comprehensive Plan:

- April through June - Gather updated data on population, resources, transportation and identify "big picture" issues
- July through August - Hold public workshops to explain updated data and gather residents input and feedback.
- Fall 2015 - Work on updates to the plan and hold public meetings to present the preliminary places for comments and ideas.
- Early 2016 - Complete the Plan update and have a formal hearing to adopt the Plan.

The comprehensive plan update will be led by a group drawn from the plan commission and town board. However, we welcome participation by anyone interested. If you'd like to work with the group, please contact Rob Montgomery, Mary Haley, or call the Town Hall. In any event, please watch for notices of the public meetings that we will hold. We need your comments! For more information, and to view the Town's current Comprehensive Plan, visit:  
<http://www.pleasantsprings.org/complanupdate.html>

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#### **Veteran's Memorial Park needs your help!**

As many of you may be aware, the Stoughton VFW and American Legion are in the process of constructing a Veteran's Memorial Park at the corner of County Highway B and County Club Road. One thing you may not be aware of is **THEY NEED YOUR HELP**. They are asking for your help in both verifying the Veteran information they currently have, and adding names of any Veteran's they may not have on their list. They have set up a public database on the Stoughton VFW website and they are asking for your feedback. If you know a Stoughton Area Veteran please take the opportunity to visit the site and help make sure they are recognized for their duty and service to this great country!

They also have a variety of options available for anyone interested in donating to the project. For more information, please visit: [http://www.stoughtonvfw.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=82&Itemid=530](http://www.stoughtonvfw.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=82&Itemid=530). or contact Randy Robertson at 608-764-5881, or via email at [randy.tshirtguy@gmail.com](mailto:randy.tshirtguy@gmail.com)