

# PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES

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

We have entered into a contract with the Sheriff's Dept. for additional police patrol services with Officer Dale Veto. He will be working two 4 hour shifts per month providing enforcement in targeted areas or addressing enforcement of Town ordinances at the direction of the Board. The lease for the southeast precinct of the Sheriff's Dept. was extended for an additional 5 years but there is talk that in the future they may be moving to the new facility at Hwy 12/18 and County AB.

The proposed changes at the interchange area on County N & I90 are moving forward per the WI DOT and additional roads will be dedicated to the Town. We continue to work with the affected businesses regarding the impact the additional roads will have in terms of service and maintenance.

Stoughton Area Little League Association made upgrades to the Oak Knoll Park baseball facility including a fence around the bull pen, a new shed, an additional batting cage and changes to the field dimensions to remain consistent with other leagues in Dane County.

The towns of Dunkirk, Dunn, Rutland and Pleasant Springs have contributed to the Stoughton Area Veteran's Memorial Park to jointly purchase the historic pillar de-

picting WWII - Europe.

Roads continue to be a major concern for ourselves and our neighboring municipalities in terms of the cost of repair, upkeep and maintaining a schedule to replace roads. Our Public Works staff is developing a list of our roads to identify those that require replacement due to deterioration and those where patching, repair or overlay will preserve them and maintain the maximum life of each road. They will strategize with the Board to create an initial 5 year plan for potential cost. West Starr Rd restoration was completed last year to provide better drainage and prevent chronic washouts.

There are four culverts on Shadyside Dr that are being investigated for potential failure and replacement. The Town is working with our engineer and the residents along Shadyside Dr to move forward to complete this project this year.

We are happy to welcome our town resident, Lori Deutsch as our new Office Assistant. Our Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Suettinger's last day with us is May 20 as she has accepted the Clerk/Deputy Treasurer position with the Village of McFarland. Congratulations Cassandra on your career move and thank you for your service to the Town for the past 5 years!

## BOARD OF REVIEW

beginning June 2, 2016 at 5:30p.m.

The Board of Review for the Town of Pleasant Springs of Dane County shall meet on Thursday, June 2, 2016 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.

## SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS!!

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

Washington Road and Kaase Road are set to be resurfaced this summer.

The following roads are set to be sealcoated: Pleasant Street, River Estates Lane, Penny Lane, Nancy Lane, Bonnie Lane, Havey Lane, Lunde Circle, Apollo Circle, Pauli Court, Geihler Drive, Scott's Circle, Duncan Road, Rolling View Road, Esquire Drive, Hummingbird Street, River Drive, Yahara Drive, Sunnyside Street, Golden Circle, Midway Drive, Skycrest Circle, Red Oak Drive South, Red Oak Drive North, Red Oak Court, Yellow Oak Road, and Fallen Oak Trail.

Culverts will be replaced under the following roads: Williams Drive, Williams Point Drive, Washington Road, Hidden Valley Rd, Rinden Rd, and Circle Drive.

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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 drivers, 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.

## **OPENING ON PLAN COMMISSION!!**

The Town is currently looking to fill openings on the Plan Commission. Plan Commission is responsible for land use requests including rezones, conditional use permits, and variances. The Plan Commission is also in the process of updating the Town's comprehensive plan. Commissioners attend one plan commission meeting a month on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Residents should submit a letter of interest via mail to: 2354 County Highway N, Stoughton WI 53589, or via email at [clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org](mailto:clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org). Contact the office at 873-3063 with any questions.

## **REMINDER: NO PARKING ON TOWN ROADS**

The Town has received an increase in complaints regarding parking on Town Roads. The areas of concern seem to be mainly down near the lake, and outside of the State Park. The Town has these regulations because Town roads are not wide enough to accommodate parking while still allowing traffic to flow safely.

A reminder residents may obtain a free resident sticker to park at the Town's Boat Launch. Patrons of the State Park will need to purchase a sticker through the state park for parking. Violators will be ticketed.

## **INTERSTATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT!!!**

**This summer the WI DOT has contracted to have the following bridges: CTH BN, Williams Drive, and Church St. Plan for detours and road closures on those roads this summer.**

### **Leaves are a main source of Phosphorous getting into our lakes. How can we help manage this problem?**

Keep leaves out of the street and ditches—While they are natural, and seem biodegradable and harmless, excess leaves pose a threat to the quality of water in our lakes. So this autumn, when the leaves blanket your yard, follow these guidelines and leave the leaves out of the water by keeping them out of the street. The Town of Pleasant Springs does not offer leaf pick up, but here is a variety of solutions to help keep leaves out of the lakes:

- 1) **Compost**—Adding leaves to a compost pile creates an inexpensive and nutrient-rich fertilizer for your vegetable and flower gardens. In our urban environment, composting allows us to imitate and reap the rewards of the natural recycling process. Check out <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/stewards/Y013.pdf> for more information on composting.
- 2) **Till**—Leaves can be tilled directly into a garden, contributing to valuable organic matter.
- 3) **Mulch**—If you have a mulching mower, you can chop the leaves into small particles that will decompose directly into your lawn. If you have a bagger on your mulching mower, you can use the leaves to mulch flowerbeds and shrubs.
- 4) **Rake**—rake and take the leaves to the Town or County compost sites listed above. When you rake make sure to sweep or rake any leaves out of the street, gutter or ditch, as well as your yard.
- 5) **Burn**—The Town allows you to burn leaves. Keep in mind, however, burning is a source of air pollution and that ashes are a source of highly concentrated phosphorus. Runoff can carry the ashes and phosphorous into the lake. So, if you burn, get rid of ashes before it rains. Don't burn on the lake shore, where storm water will carry the ashes directly into the lake, unless you get rid of the ashes before it rains. Remember the ashes contain highly concentrated phosphorous. Some people use ashes in their garden.



*These leaves will be washed to the nearest lake or stream. The solution is simple: to keep it out of the lakes and streams, you've got to keep it out of the gutter and ditches.*

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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.

### Spring/Summer Hours

Sat. May 14—8 am to 1 pm  
 Sat. June 4—8 am to 11 am  
 Wed. June 8—6 pm to 8 pm  
 Sat. July 9—8 am to 11 am  
 Wed. July 13—6 pm to 8 pm  
 Sat. Aug. 6—8 am to 11 am  
 Wed. Aug. 10—6 pm to 8 pm

### Fall Hours

Sat. Sept 10—8 am to 11 am  
 Wed. Sept. 14—4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
 Sat. Oct 8—8 am to 11 am  
 Wed. Oct 12—4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
 Sat. Oct 15—8 am to 11 am  
 Wed Oct 19—4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
 Sat. Oct 29—8 am to 1 pm  
 Sat. Nov 5—8 am to 1 pm

## LEAVES IN DITCHES

Residents are reminded it is against Town ordinances to dump leaves in the ditch. The Town has seen a steep increase in the amount of residents, particularly around the lake, raking their leaves into the ditch. This can cause flooding issues and is prohibited by Town ordinance. Residents in violation of the ordinance will be cited. Please utilize the Town's compost site or Dane County's compost site for disposal of your leaves. This also helps keep the leaves out of the lake.

## Dane County Compost Site

RODEFELD SITE, 7102 Hwy. 12 & 18, one half-mile east of I-90. Across from the Yahara Hills Golf Course. Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. & Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The compost site is available for Dane County residents to bring **non-woody** yard waste. All material must be removed from bags prior to dumping. There is no charge for dropping off material. They **DO NOT ACCEPT any of the following materials:** brush, dirt, rocks, food waste, including compostable paper and plastics, Christmas wreaths or garlands, animal manure or pet waste, trash of any sort. Sod is acceptable for disposal at the compost site, provided that all soil not attached directly to the root system is removed.

## 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.

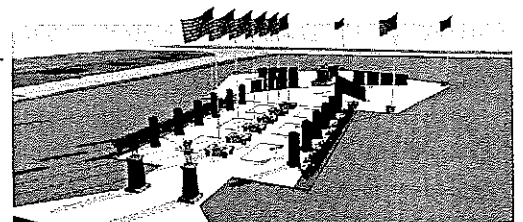
## VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

If you take a drive by the site for the Veterans Memorial Park, you will notice much activity. Earlier this year, all the footings were set. By mid May, the Rutland Construction Company had completed all the concrete work. In addition, the tubings in which to place the 11 flags have been installed.

Jim Oler and Son are installing the conduits for all the needed lighting. By late May/early June, Peckmann Memorial Company will begin laying the pavers, to be followed by the installation of flag bases and poles, benches, and educational pillars. Later in the summer, the granite monuments listing the names of more than 5,000 Stoughton area men and women who have served in the U.S. military will be set. The centerpiece listing the names of 168 Stoughton area servicemen killed in action will be next. The installation of the archway entrance to the park and blacktopping the parking lot will be completed in September.

Although proposals from three local landscaping bids are being evaluated, the extent of the landscaping done this year will depend on the success of continued fund raising efforts. Several fund raising events are planned for this summer. NOTE: All paver orders must be submitted by June 1 in order for them to be set by the planned date for the dedication, November 12, 2016. Donations can be sent to:

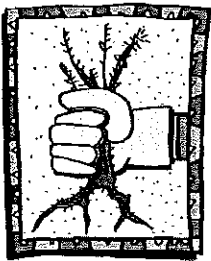
Stoughton Area Veterans Memorial Park,  
 P.O. Box 16,  
 Stoughton WI 53589.



**Town of Pleasant Springs**  
2354 County Rd N  
Stoughton WI 53589-2873

### **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.

The Town passed additional regulations on enforcement of noxious weeds. See [www.pleasant Springs.org/notices](http://www.pleasant Springs.org/notices) for a full copy of the updated ordinance.

### **TOWN OFFICE HOURS UPDATE**

The Town will be updating office hours to have Winter/Spring hours and Summer/Fall office hours.

Effective May 23rd—October 31, 2016 hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday—10am to 4pm

Wednesday—CLOSED

**Thursday—10am to 4pm**

Friday—CLOSED

November 1, 2016—April 15, 2017 hours will be

Monday, Tuesday—10am to 4pm

Wednesday—CLOSED

**Thursday—10am to 6pm**

Friday—CLOSED

\*\*The Town will have additional hours for absentee voting two weeks prior to each election.

Town Office: 608-873-3063

Email: [clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org](mailto:clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org)

Public Works: 608-205-9169

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### **COMINGS AND GOINGS**

Thanks to Gayland Snorek, James Shanks, Rob Montgomery, and Brenda Taylor-Tummett for their service on the Plan Commission. The Town welcomes aboard new commission members Robb Washichek and Melanie Miller.