

PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR...by David Pfeiffer

As we head toward summer, we also enter road construction season. The County N and I90 interchange work has already begun. This major project will include a temporary closure of County N north of the I-39/90 northbound ramp. The sections between Rinden Rd. and I-39/90 is expected to remain closed until November. You can access the WI DOT site from the Town's website to get news regarding the project. Please observe speed limits when utilizing alternate routes. Town roads were not designed to handle the traffic volume and speeds of a County highway. Remember that some of your fellow Town residents live along these roads and drive safely!

The Town has a major project of our own addressing several culverts running under Shadyside Drive. Multiple strategies are being considered in order to identify the best option for the project. More generally, maintenance and repair of roads continues to be a significant challenge for the Town. The issue of the cost and funding of road construction has been in the headlines recently. The high cost of reconstruction projects can leave little funds left for maintenance. But, shortchanging maintenance costs taxpayers more in the long run because it causes good roads to deteriorate faster than they should. The Town Board has prioritized developing a budget for road maintenance that will address needed reconstruction while maximizing the life of all of our roads. A public meeting has been scheduled for **June 13th at 6:00 p.m.** at which we will present our plan and solicit public input.

The Stoughton Area Veteran's Memorial Park is scheduled to open this spring. I encourage everyone to visit this beautifully designed facility located within our Town.

The spring election was handled with the usual efficiency by our Town Clerk and all of our elections inspectors and staff. Thanks to all those who participate in the democratic process as workers and as voters.

COMINGS AND GOINGS....

The spring election resulted in changes to our Town Board. The Town welcomes Doug Larsson and Eric Olson as new Town Supervisors. I am honored to have been elected to serve as Town Chair. I'd like to thank both Mary Haley and Tom McGinnis for their many years of service to the Town, all of us have benefited from their efforts and dedication. I promise to do my best to carry on the Pleasant Springs tradition of sensible and efficient local government.

Vivian Green has resigned from the Plan Commission after nine years of serving the Town of Pleasant Springs. We thank you Vivian for all of your dedication and expertise!

OPENINGS ON PLAN COMMISSION & SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION:

The Town is currently looking to fill an opening on the Plan Commission and on the Sanitary District Commission. The 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 first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The Sanitary District Commission meets on the second Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m. with additional meetings scheduled as needed and Commissioners must reside within the District.

Interested residents should submit a letter of interest via mail to: Town of Pleasant Springs, 2354 County Highway N, Stoughton WI 53589, or email at clerktreasurer@pleasantspring.org. You may contact the office at (608)873-3063 with any questions.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review shall meet on Thursday, May 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Springs Town Hall, 2354 County Rd. N, Stoughton, Wisconsin. Anyone with property located in the Town of Pleasant Springs wishing to contest real or personal property at the Board of Review will need to submit a written objection to the Clerk, no later than 48 hours prior to Board of Review. Objection information and forms can be obtained on the Town of Pleasant Springs website, or at the Clerk's office during office hours. **Please make sure you have contacted Accurate Appraisal prior to submitting Objection forms for the Board of Review.* Sometimes (not always) Accurate Appraisal can adjust the value of your property if they feel there is a valid case, or provide you with necessary information regarding your property. You may contact them at (800) 770-3927, or email at info@accurateassessor.com

SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

*****Please remember to slow down in construction zones and patching sites** Ted and Jim from our Public Works Department really appreciate your efforts in slowing down and taking caution.***

- Skyline Drive from Williams Drive to Shadyside Drive will be pulverized (ground up) and paved. All concrete and blacktop driveways will be saw cut back an appropriate distance of usually a few feet from the edge of the road so it can transition and taper from the existing driveway to the new road, as the new road will be higher. Skyline Circle will be upgraded from a gravel road to blacktop.
- The following roads will be seal coated: Longview Drive, Lakewoods Circle, McConnell Road, Roidt Drive, Klubertanz Lane, North Park Street, West Star Road, North Star Road, and Norgaren Road.
- Culverts will be replaced under the following roads: Pleasant Hill Road and Skaalen Road (these roads will require closing for replacement so we ask that affected residents find an alternative route during this time). Shadyside Drive is in the process of a culvert replacement plan.

A note to residents from the Public Works Department, they do not pick up brush or leaves. Please do not pile these items in the Town Road Right of Way.

Public Works conducts tree trimming on a yearly basis. If you received notification from Public Works regarding tree trimming in your area, you may notify them *if* you would like them to leave the tree trimmings for you. You may contact them with any questions regarding this at (608) 205-9169.

DOT HWY N I-39/90 ROAD PROJECT

All of CTH N from just north of the northbound ramp intersection to the south end of the project will remain open to traffic. Traffic to and from the interstate from the south will stay open. CTH N will be closed between north of the northbound ramp intersection to north of Rinden Rd. starting the week of May 8, 2017. This major project will include the temporary closure of County N north of the I-39/90 northbound ramp. The section between Rinden Rd. and I-39/90 is expected to remain closed until November. They will need to use Williams Dr. or other appropriate alternate routes. In August, the Rinden Rd/CTH N intersection, and CTH N to the north of that intersection, will reopen to traffic.

You may visit <https://projects.511wi.gov/i-39-90/emailupdates> to register for email updates, Or Visit the I-39/90 Expansion Project website, www.i39-90.wi.gov, or follow the I-39/90 Project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Wisconsin3990Project, for further information regarding the project.
-WisDot-

2017 Waste and Recycling calendars are available on the Town website, and a copy is also available at Town Hall.

Agricultural Enterprise Area's (AEA)

*Have you heard about, read about or had questions on a program called the Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) and what it could mean to you and your neighboring land owners? AEA's are blocks of land designated to help preserve, expand and develop farms and other agricultural businesses. Local governments, together with at least five local landowners, may petition DATCP for designation. Petitions for this year's AEA designation are due by **June 10, 2017**. If you cannot make this year's deadline, you may apply for next year.*

An AEA is a tool that can help communities meet local goals for preserving agricultural land and encouraging economic development.

What are some of the benefits?

- Support local initiatives designed to protect the agricultural land base
- Promote investment in agriculture, agricultural infrastructure and agriculture-related business
- Establish opportunity for landowners within the boundary to sign a farmland preservation agreement, which in turn provide eligibility for the farmland preservation tax credit.

The Dane County Department of Planning and Development can provide technical assistance with an Agricultural Enterprise Area application, including mapping and are willing to help any interested landowners in our Town. For more information on the AEA Petition process, please see the information provided below.

Where can I find the petition materials?

Petition materials for new AEA's and for modifying existing AEA's can be accessed on DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov, or by calling [608-224-4611](tel:608-224-4611).

Where can I find examples for petitions of AEA's that have been designated by the state?

On the link address below you can access information like maps and petition narratives for AEA's that have been designated on the Designated Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA's) section.

Who can I contact with questions?

If you are interested in petitioning for AEA designation, or more information, please contact [608-224-4611](tel:608-224-4611) or DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov with any questions or if you need any assistance.

DOG LICENSES-

If you have not licensed your dog by March 31st, a late fee of \$10.00 must be added to the normal license fee. Please remember that all dogs must be licensed each year, and fines for dogs running at large range between \$100 and \$400.

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SECOND INSTALLMENT TAX PAYMENTS-

Real estate second installment payments are due on July 31. Please note that second installments must be sent to the **Dane County Treasurer, PO Box 1299, Madison, WI. 53701-1299**, checks must be made payable to the Dane County Treasurer. Payments cannot be accepted at Pleasant Springs Town office. Please refer to the address on your tax bill for the correct mailing address.

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BRUSH BURNING SITE SUMMER HOURS-PLEASANT SPRINGS RESIDENTS ONLY

Sat. June 3, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sat. July 8, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sat. Aug. 8, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wed. June 7, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wed. July 12, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Aug. 9, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FALL HOURS

Sat. Sept. 9, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sat. Oct. 7, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sat. Oct 14, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sat. Oct 28, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 13, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 11, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 18, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 4, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL 2018

Sat. Jan. 6, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 13, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Brush Burning/Boat Launch stickers are available at the Town Hall. The Brush Burning site is available for Pleasant Springs residents.

BURNING GUIDELINES-

- Call the appropriate fire department non-emergency number and inform them of the details for your burn. If you are unsure of the correct fire department, you may contact the office staff at 873-3063.
- Do not burn during windy or overly dry conditions
- Fires must be extinguished within one half hour of sunset. Any smoldering material counts as a burning fire.
- Keep the burning pile small-under 4 x 4 ft.
- You may burn yard waste and clean, untreated wood from a single family or household on your property where it is generated, you may not burn for others, neighbors, etc.
- Never leave the fire until it is completely out-never leave fire unattended
- Fire Department Contact Numbers:
Stoughton Fire Department 873-7218
McFarland Fire Department 838-3278
Cottage Grove Fire Department 839-4343

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

Spring 2017

TOWN OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday—10am to 4pm

Wednesday—CLOSED

Thursday—10:00 to 4pm

Friday—CLOSED

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Town Office: 608-873-3063

Email: clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org Website-www.pleasantsprings.org

Public Works: 608-205-9169, Ted Keehn and Jim Alme

Town Chair Person..... David Pfeiffer, 873-0880

Supervisor #1..... Doug Larsson, 205-6202

Supervisor #2..... Eric Olson, 873-1834

Supervisor #3..... Jay Damkoehler, 205-8578

Supervisor #4..... Janiece Bolender, 877-3671

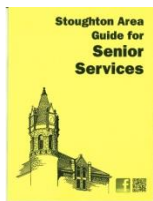
Clerk/Treasurer.....Maria “Pili” Hougan, 873-3063

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.....Sandy Wilke, 873-3063

2017 DANE COUNTY CULTURAL ARTS POSTERS ARE AT THE TOWN HALL! Please stop by during open office hours to pick up your poster. Dane County Cultural Arts warmly welcomes and greatly appreciates donations for the art posters.

Enter to win \$25 Stoughton Chamber Dollars!

The Stoughton Area Senior Center is looking for feedback to better serve the Stoughton area community. Please go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/SASCsurvey, and take a 5-minute survey to be entered for the prize drawing. You may also call (608) 873-8585 to request a paper copy.



Stoughton Area Guide for Senior Services –now available
Check out our newest addition of our FREE directory of services available to older adults in the Stoughton community. The guide may be picked up at the Senior Center, or viewed under Community Resources on our website at www.ci.stoughton.wi.us/senior.