

# *PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES*

\* Remarks from the Chair...By David Pfeiffer

The Spring that didn't want to arrive is finally here. Of course, the warm weather also signals the beginning of road construction season. There will be a significant amount of road work performed in our Town this year as part of our strategy to address the severely deteriorated condition of many Town roads. Our Public Works staff is already working hard to make sure that our planned road projects are successful.

In addition, everyone is already aware of the I90 construction in progress. The DOT has warned of the potential for congestion and accidents. This project will likely result in increased traffic through the Town as travelers seek alternate routes in response to traffic delays. Our Public Works staff also will be out on Town roads performing ongoing maintenance. So, please drive with care!

In 2017, The Town completed a 10-year update of the Comprehensive Plan. Dane County is also currently in the process of updating their Zoning Ordinance. Over the course of 2018, Dane County Department of Planning and Development staff will be working with the Town Plan Commission and Town Board on finalizing proposed zoning maps and the Town will consider whether to adopt the new zoning ordinance.

I certainly don't want to rush through summer. But, fall will follow. Last year, in an effort to reduce phosphorus entering Lake Kegonsa, the Town participated in a pilot bagged leaf collection project funded by a grant obtained by the Friends of Lake Kegonsa (FOLKS). While the program significantly reduced the amount of phosphorus entering the lake, the bagged leaves proved problematic at the Town's brush burning/compost site due to the slow rate of decomposition of the leaf bags. In 2018, the Town will participate in a revised pilot program in which FOLKS will cover the cost of renting and operating the City of Stoughton's vacuum truck to perform leaf collection. Look for updates regarding the leaf pickup schedule as fall approaches.

The spring election was handled with the usual efficiency by our Town Clerk and all of our elections inspectors and staff. Town Supervisors Jay Damkoehler and Janiece Bolender were re-elected to new terms. Audra Dalsoren and Michele Parker were re-appointed to serve on the Town Plan Commission. Supervisor Eric Olson has been appointed to serve as Town Board liaison to the Plan Commission. John Barry was re-appointed to serve a new term as Commissioner for the Pleasant Springs Sanitary District. Thanks to all those who participate in the democratic process through service in office, as workers and as voters. Special thanks to Janiece Bolender for her service as Town Board liaison to the Plan Commission.

Your Town Board will continue to focus on keeping operations as efficient as possible. The Town has only 2 office staff, 2 public works employees plus part-time help for mowing and snow removal. The workload for staff continues to increase and the Town could not operate as economically without their hard work. Please thank them if you have an opportunity to do so.

It is an honor to continue to serve as your Town Board Chair. As always, I promise to do my best to carry on the Pleasant Springs tradition of sensible and efficient local government.

Have a great spring and summer!

Chair David Pfeiffer

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**BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review shall meet on Thursday, May 24, 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](mailto:info@accurateassessor.com)

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**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.***

***The following roads will be pulverized and paved in 2018:***

- Church Street
- Shadyside Drive
- Tracy Lane
- Oak View Drive
- Oak Knoll Lane
- Alice Circle
- Burritt Road
- Kegonsa Road
- Yahara Road

**The following roads will be seal coated in 2018:**

- Rinden Road (County Road N to County Road BN)
- Williams Point Drive
- Sunnyside Street (Portion of)
- Portion of Fairview Street
- Sugar Bush Avenue

**Culverts replaced under the following roads in 2018:**

- Church Street
- Burritt Road
- Oak Knoll Lane
- Yahara Rd.
- Kegonsa Road

\* 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.

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***Important Recycling Reminders from Pellitteri-***

As your local service provider and the recycling sorting facility operator, it is our job to help keep the trash out of the recycling stream and thus keep our local recycling systems strong.

Contamination rates at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), where your recyclables are sorted, are increasing.

How do we keep the trash and non-recyclables out of the recycling stream? Together let's tackle the problem head on and get back to the basics of recycling.

- Place only approved recyclables in your recycling cart. **For a current recycling list please visit [pellitteri.com](http://pellitteri.com).**
- If you are unsure if something is recyclable, please review the recycling list prior to placing it in your recycling cart or toss it in the trash. While we don't want to encourage sending potentially recyclable items to the landfill, we do want to make sure we're sending the right things to the MRF. If you have specific questions please call us at (608) 257-4285 or email [info@pellitteri.com](mailto:info@pellitteri.com).
- If your recycling cart has any visible trash or non-recyclables in it, it will be tagged with a notice of non-pickup due to contamination and not serviced.

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***Fireworks Ordinance***

The town would like to take the opportunity to remind residents of Chapter 103 of the Town of Pleasant Springs Ordinances relating to Fireworks. The use of fireworks, as defined in section 167.10(1) of the Wisconsin States Statutes, will require a Fireworks use permit.

Residents wishing to hold a fireworks display should stop by Town Hall to obtain a firework's use permit application.

A copy of the complete ordinance is available on the Town of Pleasant Springs website – [pleasantsprings.org](http://pleasantsprings.org).

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**BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION-**

Spring is in the air, and that typically means many residents will be starting construction projects for home improvements, renovations, etc. For questions on necessary permits, please contact the Town's Building Inspector Steve Kittelson. Steve can answer questions relating to building permits, pre-construction information, construction inspections, and other building related information. Steve's hours and contact information are listed below on the following page-

Building Inspector's Office Hours  
Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Pleasant Springs Town Hall  
2354 County Highway N  
Stoughton WI 53589  
(608) 873-8784 or (608) 445-9715

\*\* Residents should be aware that certain projects may require obtaining a Driveway Damage permit and deposit permit prior to issuance of building permits. For questions regarding driveway damage deposit permits, contact Public Works at (608) 205-9169.

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**NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE WEED CONTROL**

In order to prevent the control 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 also requests 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 cause great discomfort for residents with allergies. Please consider being a good neighbor and keep your weeds trimmed for the enrichment and well-being of all residents in the Township.

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**HOW ARE YOUR ASSESSMENT AND PROPERTY TAXES CALCULATED? –**

Visit the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's website at:  
<https://www.revenue.wi.gov/pages/SearchResults.aspx?q=board of review>, there is a publication called The Guide for Property Owners. This publication discusses in detail the process from the assessment cycle to how property taxes are calculated.

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**DOG LICENSES-**

If you have not licensed your dog by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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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**BOAT LAUNCH STICKER – Did you know?**

Your resident sticker is good for both dropping brush off at the Brush Burning Compost Site at 1754 Tower Drive and free parking at the Boat Launch at 2267 Williams Point Drive. Stop by the Town Hall and pick up your free resident sticker. (You must show proof of residency)

**BRUSH BURNING SITE HOURS-PLEASANT SPRINGS RESIDENTS ONLY**

**SUMMER HOURS**

Sat. June 3, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Sat. July 7, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Sat. Aug. 4, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wed. June 6, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. July 11, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Aug. 8, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**FALL HOURS**

Sat. Sept. 8, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Sat. Oct. 6, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Sat. Oct 13, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Sat. Oct 27, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Sat. Nov. 10, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Oct. 17, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Nov. 3, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Nov.14, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL 2019**

Sat. Jan. 5, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 12, 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 608-873-7218  
McFarland Fire Department 608-838-3278  
Cottage Grove Fire Department 608-839-4343

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Spring/Summer 2018

**TOWN OPEN OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday—10am to 4pm

Wednesday—CLOSED

Thursday—10am to 4pm

Friday—CLOSED

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Town Office: (608) 873-3063

Email: [clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org](mailto:clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org) Website-[www.pleasantsprings.org](http://www.pleasantsprings.org)

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

Town Chair Person..... David Pfeiffer, (608) 592-4877

Supervisor #1..... Doug Larsson, (608) 873-3063-leave message at Town Hall

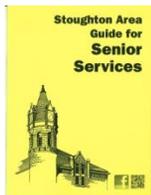
Supervisor #2..... Eric Olson, (608) 873-1834

Supervisor #3..... Jay Damkoehler, (608) 205-9658

Supervisor #4..... Janiece Bolender, (608) 877-1936

Clerk/Treasurer.....Maria “Pili” Hougan, (608) 873-3063

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer..... Sandy Wilke, (608) 873-3063



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](http://www.ci.stoughton.wi.us/senior).

**SLOW DOWN**

Did you know that there are 69.42 miles of road in the Town of Pleasant Springs? In our eyes, each resident that lives on these roads is precious and valuable. We hope you also feel this way about your fellow residents/neighbors and will obey the posted speed limits on all the roads.

Visit [www.pleasantsprings.org](http://www.pleasantsprings.org) for more information regarding the Town of Pleasant Springs.