

PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES

Spring/Summer 2019

Pleasant Springs Town Hall
2354 County Highway N
Stoughton WI 53589

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR....by David Pfeiffer

The snow and ice are gone, although not without issues. The rapid melt combined with high groundwater levels presented many challenges. Emergency action was again required to repair washed out roads. Numerous other roads sustained significant damage from the freeze/thaw cycles. We appreciate your patience as our Public Works staff works on roads throughout the Town. In addition, a significant investment in road improvements continues this year as part of our strategy to address the severely deteriorated condition of many Town roads.

I90 construction is also scheduled to resume soon. WI DOT has again warned of the potential for congestion and accidents. Like last year, we expect the project will cause increased traffic through the Town as travelers seek alternate routes in response to traffic delays. So, please drive with care!

The heavy rainfall last year affected many Town residents. Although lake and groundwater levels are still high, I am cautiously optimistic that the steps taken to increase flow out of Lake Kegonsa will lessen the risk of a repeat of last year's flooding. I also participated in the Lake Level Task Force that has made a number of recommendations to the County with the goal of reducing the frequency and severity of future flood events.

I am pleased to welcome Cindy Howard as the Town's new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. On behalf of the Town, I extend our thanks to Sandy Wilke for her previous service in that role. Clerk/Treasurer Maria Hougan deserves extra gratitude for all her hard work handling an extra workload the past several months due to the staff vacancy. Thanks also to Nancy Schuler and Mary Haley for their work helping out in the office. Thank you to Dan Anderson for serving as the brush burning compost site attendant for the last several years.

Melanie Miller was re-appointed to serve on the Town Plan Commission. Thanks to Michele Parker and John McLain for their service in that capacity. We are currently seeking applicants to fill their seats on the Plan Commission. I encourage those interested to apply!

Town Supervisors Eric Olson and Doug Larsson were re-elected to new terms on the Town Board. And, I am honored to begin a new term as your Town Chair. As always, I promise to do my best to carry on the Pleasant Springs tradition of sensible and efficient local government.

Here's hoping we have a drier summer!
Chair David Pfeiffer

SECOND INSTALLMENT REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENTS DUE JULY 31.

Real estate second installment tax 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.

HOW ARE YOUR ASSESSMENT AND PROPERTY TAXES CALCULATED?

A Guide for Property Owners is available on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's website at: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>. This publication discusses in detail the process from the assessment cycle to how property taxes are calculated.

CONTESTING YOUR ASSESSMENT: BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

The Board of Review shall meet on Thursday, May 23, 2019, 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.

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.

USE COURTESY, PLEASE

Taking your dog for a walk in the park? Last summer, there was an abundance of dog feces piling up at the Spring Hill park. Please remember that it is the law that dog owners pick up after their pets per local ordinance chapter 160-1(Q) and 160-7 (ref. Chapter 55-1). Violations shall be deemed a public nuisance. Penalties may be issued according to Municipal Code Chapter 1.

SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2019

Potential roads for paving:

- Oak Street (West Star to Hwy MN)
- Fairview Street (Door Creek to new pavement)
- Center Ave (Hwy N to Hwy BN)
- Koshkonong Rd (Hwy N to Williams Dr)
- Koshkonong Rd (Williams Dr to Door Creek Rd)
- Koshkonong Rd (Hwy N to Door Creek Rd)

NOTICE: The road projects listed here are subject to change due to weather conditions damaging roads.



Other Public Works Information: The town does not pick up leaves or other brush. Please do not pile brush or other items in the right-of-way.

Public Works conducts tree trimming on a yearly basis. If you received notification from about tree trimming in your area, you may notify them *if* you would like them to leave the tree trimmings for you.

Please contact the Public Works crew for more information at (608) 205-9169.

Potential roads for Sealcoating:

- Park Street (Koshkonong to end)
- Hill Street (Koshkonong Rd. to Center Ave)
- Squire Lane (Hill Street to end)
- Sanford Rd (Center Ave to Beatrice Ct)
- Beatrice Ct (Sanford to end)

Culvert Replacements Under Road:

- Skyline Drive
- Skaalen Rd at Spring Rd
- Harrison Court
- Hidden Hollow
- Center Rd

MOVE OVER AND SLOW DOWN...Road Construction Work Zone Safety Tips

- **Pay Attention.** Construction Zones contain many hazards such as uneven pavement, narrow lanes, heavy equipment, and loose gravel. Signs and construction zone flaggers save lives.
- **Slow down, even if you don't see anyone working.** Physical hazards such as traffic shifts or lane reductions may be present. Also, most crashes in the summer months are related to excessive speeds.
- **Stay Alert.** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
- **Watch for signs.** Remember, workers are just inches away from traffic.
- **Don't Tailgate!**
- **Expect the Unexpected.** Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.
- **Be Patient.** Remember the construction zone crew members are working to improve your future ride.

Remember that construction zone crew members are someone's Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Brother or Sister. Use caution and slow down. In Work Zones, Drive Like You Work Here.

SPRING NEWS FROM PELLITTERI WASTE SYSTEMS

Curbside Recycling –

Proper Preparation of Recyclables That Do Not Fit In the Cart

The standard for residents with extra recyclables that do not fit in their recycling cart is to place extra recycling in clear, plastic bags (up to 32 gallon and no more than 50 pounds) and place the bags next to their recycling cart. This includes cutting down cardboard boxes to fit in those bags (not bundled, not placed in a bigger box). Our service professionals have been accepting extra recycling that does not conform to the standard but will no longer do so, effective 4/1/2019. Going forward, we are asking for everyone's cooperation in preparing extra recyclables for collection properly. Enforcement of the proper preparation has become necessary due to the following industry changes:



- There has been a large increase in the amount of cardboard and paper that residents produce due to online shopping. Meanwhile, the markets for cardboard and paper recycling have been struggling. Placing extra recyclables in clear plastic bags ensures the material stays dry and recyclable. When cardboard gets saturated it causes it to not sort properly at the Material Recovery Facility, possibly leading it to end up in the trash. Wet material also downgrades the quality of the cardboard, which reduces the value of the cardboard and increases the cost of recycling.
- The spike in recycling has resulted in a large increase of manual pickup of additional recycling which results in additional service time for the routes. Proper preparation allows our service professionals to be efficient so that we can conform to the federal requirements for hours of service for drivers.
- A good portion of our residential truck fleet has been updated with side-loading systems. This system greatly reduces the issue of wind-blown materials. With the side-loading trucks, we must reload the recycling cart with the additional materials in order to dump the cart again. Therefore, if the material is too big to be reloaded into the cart, it cannot be picked up.

Moving forward, improperly prepared additional recyclables will not be picked up. The driver will leave a notification sticker on the resident's cart.

As we work to serve your community, please support our initiative by communicating with your residents the above information. We will also be communicating via email to all residents that have signed up with us to receive notifications.

Sincerely,

Danielle Pellitteri, V.P. of Sales (608) 257-4285

[Pellitteri Recycling Notice](#)

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.

INTRODUCING DANE COUNTY SUPERVISOR MELISSA RATCLIFF

In September 2018, Melissa Ratcliff, Dane County Board Supervisor was appointed to the Dane County Board for District 36, which includes the Town of Pleasant Springs and Town and Village of Cottage Grove. Most recently, Melissa was elected in April 2019 to finish the term through April 2020. Melissa serves on the following committees/boards for the county: Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Board, Executive Committee, Human Services Board (HSB), Library Board, and Public Works & Transportation Committee.

Melissa, her husband, and two school-aged children moved to Cottage Grove in 2014 to be near her husband's family who have lived in Cottage Grove since 1990. Melissa's career includes being a paralegal at Eisenberg Law Offices since 2000.

Outside of work, Melissa is an active participant in the community. She serves on the Monona Grove School Community Engagement, Communications, and Government Relations (CECGR) Committee - to better understand the issues and concerns regarding the Monona Grove School District, as well as a Village of Cottage Grove Trustee, Plan Commissioner, and serves on joint committees between the Village and Town of Cottage Grove including Joint Fire Commission and Emergency Government Committee. Melissa previously served on the Deer Grove EMS Commission until recently which serves the Pleasant Springs area. Melissa is a member of F.O.L.K.S., Optimists of Cottage Grove (focus on children) and Cottage Grove Triad (focus on seniors) and attends many local events.

Melissa looks forward to meeting and greeting the community at future events and welcomes your comments via email at Ratcliff.Melissa@countyofdane.com.

CLEAN SWEEP is a Dane County-operated facility that collects hazardous household materials like paint, pesticides, and rechargeable batteries. Some fees may apply depending upon the materials. The site is located at 7102 US Hwy 12/18 is open year-round. Hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday 7:00-2:45 and Saturday 8:00-10:45am. For more details, please call (608) 838-3212 or visit them on the website at danecountycleansweep.com.

BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

Spring is in the air, and that typically means many residents will be starting construction projects for home improvements, renovations, etc.

Building Inspector's Office Hours
Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(608) 445-9715

For questions about projects that may or may not require permits, to schedule an inspection, or for more information such as pre-construction, please contact the Town's Building Inspector Steve Kittelson.

DAMAGE DEPOSITS: Many 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 PW at (608) 205-9169.

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.

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS WANTED!

Looking for an opportunity to serve your community? Have one night a month to spare? Well this one is for you!

The Plan Commission is seeking to fill two vacancies on the Plan Commission: one will serve until April 2021 and the other will serve until April 2022. Members attend meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to review and consider recommendations to the Town Board regarding requests for rezoning, variance, special exception permits, and other Planning and Zoning matters.

Interested town residents are encouraged to send a letter of interest stating their qualifications for appointment, addressed to the Town Board. Positions open until filled.

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. *(Proof of residency required.)*

2019 BRUSH BURNING SITE HOURS PLEASANT SPRINGS RESIDENTS ONLY

SPRING HOURS

Sat. May 4, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sat. May 11, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS

Sat. June 1, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Wed. June 5, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. July 6, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Wed. July 10, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 3, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Wed. Aug. 7, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FALL HOURS

Sat. Sept. 7, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Wed. Sept. 11, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 5, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Wed. Oct. 9, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wed. Oct. 16, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct 26, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov 2, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 9, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

OPEN 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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CONTACT INFORMATION:
Town Office: 608-873-3063
Email: clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org
Website: www.pleasantsprings.org

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday—10am to 4pm Wednesday—CLOSED Thursday—10:00 to 4pm Friday—CLOSED
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Public Works	Alex Mesdjian and Jim Alme, 608-205-9169
Town Chairperson	David Pfeiffer, 492-4877
Supervisor #1	Doug Larsson, 873-3063-leave message at Town Hall
Supervisor #2	Eric Olson, 873-1834
Supervisor #3	Jay Damkoehler, 205-9658
Supervisor #4	Janiece Bolender, 877-1936
Clerk/Treasurer	Maria "Pili" Hougan, 873-3063
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Cindy Howard, 873-3063

Area Guides and information for Senior Services – are available at the Town Hall and posted to the website. You may also contact Stoughton Senior Center at (608) 873-8585 to check out their newest additions of their 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 their website at <https://stoughtonseniorcenter.com/>. McFarland Senior Outreach may be contacted at (608)838-7117.