

# *PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES*

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Remarks from the Chair... By Dick Green

November 2024 Chairman's Comments:

As our mild fall comes to an end, I reflect on events in our township over the past 6 months.

By now many of you have observed the large Emmi-Roth sign in Oak Knoll Park at the intersection of County B and Williams Drive. Here is the reason why it appears there. When Emmi-Roth purchased land for their cheese processing plant the city of Stoughton assigned them an address of 1800 Williams Drive. Now the address south of the plant is 1560 and the Moe farmstead north is 1680. In fact, the 1800 block on Williams Drive is a half of a mile north at Alice Circle. Stoughton refused to change the address. Truck drivers put 1800 into their GPS and then end up north of County B on our residential streets. As many as 12 semi-trucks entered our residential roads each week. We posted weight limits on all our roads between County B and LaFollete Park and asked Emmi-Roth to install a sign directing the trucks to the plant. While Emmi-Roth owns the remaining Moe farm up to County B, it remains zoned agricultural and Dane County Zoning prohibits any commercial signage. In an effort to keep the semi-trucks off our residential roads we agreed to put the Emmi-Roth sign in our park. All of this could have been avoided if Stoughton would have changed the address to an appropriate number.

This summer Skaalen road reconstruction was completed as well as Schadel Road. Chipsealing was done on Williams Pt. Drive, Sunnyside St., Fairview St., Sunnyside Terrace, Skyline Drive, Tracy Lane, Shadyside Drive, and Country Club Road. We replaced 10 culverts on Rinden Rd east of County BN and replaced an aged 13 ft. bridge on east Koshkonong Rd. with 3 culverts. Next summer we plan to reconstruct Rinden Rd. east of County BN, overlay roads in the Red Oak and Bellview subdivisions, and chipseal Spring Rd. and Center Ave. The south end of Williams Drive is scheduled for 2026.

Please review the budget summary in this newsletter. We are maintaining a balanced budget despite increased costs. The town mill rate was \$ 1.30/1,000 value last year and it will be \$ 1.29/1,000 value next year.

Our public works employee Gary Teigen chose to retire this fall. Our new employee is Joe North. Joe has 15 years' experience in public works with the Village of Footville in Rock County.

The Dane County bike/pedestrian trail has been completed from Fish Camp Park to Lake Kegonsa State Park. All of us should be aware of this elevated bike traffic.

December 31 will mark the end of our Federal ARPA funds. We used these monies for road work, improvements to buildings, purchase of needed equipment for public works, and purchase of security cameras.

As promised when you elected me town chair, I will respond within 24 hours to your questions/concerns. My goal is to keep expenditures within budget while maintaining roads, infrastructure, parks, and our rural character in Pleasant Springs.

I wish all residents a safe and healthy winter.

**The following is a summary of the 2025 Budget**

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>2025 BUDGET</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes	\$ 957,982	\$ 1,025,121	<b>7.01%</b>
Other Taxes	96	96	
Special Assessments	0	0	
Intergovernmental Revenues	572,983	589,039	
Licenses & Permits	42,569	42,029	
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	675	500	
Public Charges for Services	243,570	234,754	
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	0	0	
Miscellaneous Revenues	41,927	46,225	
Other Financing/Fund Transfers	424,300	436,305	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 2,284,102</b>	<b>\$ 2,374,069</b>	<b>2.88%</b>
Cash Balance Applied	\$ 0		
<b>TOTAL REV + CASH BAL. APPL.</b>	<b>2,284,102</b>	<b>\$ 2,374,069</b>	<b>2.88%</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

General Government	\$ 308,477	\$ 317,286	
Public Safety	303,566	318,249	
Public Works	1,248,229	1,220,958	
Health & Human Services	9,060	11,259	
Culture, Recreation & Education/Legal	31,300	23,318	
Conservation Development	7,050	7,050	
Capital Outlay	10,800	22,805	
Debt Service	365,243	431,806	
Other Financing Uses	0		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,283,725</b>	<b>\$ 2,352,731</b>	<b>2.87%</b>

*Difference \$690.00 (2024 to 2025)*

*Difference (21,338)*

Summary of Funds	Fund Balance 12/31/2023	2024 payable 2025 Property Tax Levy 1,025,121
General Fund	138,243	
Reserve Accounts/Env. Impact	216,293	
Federal ARPA	286,855	
Capital Projects Fund/Accounts:		
Highway Equipment Replacement	313,141	
Fire Equipment	330,944	
Other Reserve Funds	547,308	
Total	1,832,997	
Less reduction for unavailable funds (276,862)		
Total	1,556,135	
Tax levy under Levy Limit – \$ 1,025,121		
*Tax levy including Debt Service – \$1,025,121		
*Outstanding debt as of January 1, 2024 – \$ 450,935		
*Mill rate – \$1.29 per \$1,000 Proposed (1.30 in 2024)		

## COMINGS AND GOINGS:

The Town would like to thank Gary Teigen for his service as a Public Works Crewperson. Please welcome Joe North as the new Public Works Crewperson.

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## Town Meetings

**The Town Board Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M.**

There are additional meetings during budget preparation time and certain times when a special meeting must be held. The Board's primary function is to provide legislation, policy and decision making for the Township, as well as set the annual budget and determine the yearly tax levy.

Town Residents are encouraged to attend Town Board Meetings regularly to keep up on the events and happenings of the Town.

Meeting agendas are posted to the town's website at: <https://tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov/>, under the Town Board and Meetings page, and also on the posting board outside of the Town Hall. If you are interested in placing an item on the agenda for consideration, please contact the Town Clerk/Treasurer's office at (608) 873-3063, or via email at [clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov](mailto:clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov).

**The Plan Commission** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Plan Commission agendas are also posted to the town's website and on the posting board outside of the Town Hall.

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## Town Boat Landing News

Soon ice fishing season will be here. Our boat landing is available for parking. Residents must have a town sticker displayed in the windshield. Non-residents (or residents without a sticker) must either pay the daily fee (\$5.00) and display the receipt on the dash or obtain a nonresident annual sticker (\$25.00) at the town hall. The landing is monitored by town board members. The citation for violators is \$5.00 plus \$10.00 for a total of \$15.00 each day. We plow the pavement and will clear snow on the grass west of the paved lot for extra parking. **Parking on Williams Pt. Drive is not permitted.** Monies received from this landing can only be used for landing improvements.

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## Pleasant Springs Parks Information

We have a total of six parks in Pleasant Springs Township. The Parks Committee meets to discuss maintenance of each park, as well as proposes future park equipment. The plan is to meet three to four times a year rotating the meetings at the parks. The next meeting is proposed to be in Spring of 2025.

If interested in serving on the parks committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk either by mail or email.

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## FEE INCREASES

**Dog License:** Due to Dane County increases the dog licenses fees, the Town has raised the license fee to \$23 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$30 for un-spayed/un-neutered.

**Building Inspector Fees:** Effective January 1, 2025, the building inspection fees have changed. The fee schedule can be found on our website: <https://tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov/resident-services/permits-inspections.asp>. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Inspector, Steve Kittelson at (608) 445-9715 or [stkitt@hotmail.com](mailto:stkitt@hotmail.com).

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**2025 Waste and Recycling calendars** are available on the Towns website, and a copy is also available at the Town Hall. The town adds notifications of weather-related and holiday delays to the town website announcements when possible.

### **A reminder from Pellitteri-**

During or after inclement winter weather, please remember to keep your trash and recycling carts accessible by clearing the area of snow and ice to ensure service. If you do not place your carts in your driveway, then you may need to shovel out an area on your property for the carts. They should be within two feet of the street (but not in the street) and approximately four feet away from obstructions such as mailboxes, trees, and cars. Please do not place your carts on top of snow piles or in the street.

**If you would like to receive information regarding service delays due to holidays or weather related conditions via e-mail, please email [info@pellitteri.com](mailto:info@pellitteri.com) to sign up (please include your address and/or municipality) or call [608-257-4285](tel:608-257-4285).**

Holiday Trash and Recycling Info:

During a week that has a Holiday, garbage and recycling pick up is delayed by one day. Please plan accordingly.

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### **Pellitteri Customer Recycling Options**

A Wisconsin statute requires haulers to notify their customers of the mandatory recycling laws that pertain to all business and residential units in Wisconsin.

**We've made it easy for you to recycle some of these items with our All-In-One Recycling, including newspapers, magazines, office paper, glass bottles and jars, plastics cups, paper cups and containers #1-7, aluminum and steel containers, and more!**

**Please see our [full list of acceptable recyclables](#), a [recycling video](#) of the sorting process, and our short [recycling tip videos](#).**

**You can also like our Facebook page to keep up to date as more options become available.**

If you are not currently recycling these items, please give us a call at (608) 257-4285. Increased recycling efforts on your part can aid in reducing overall waste removal expenses.

The following items are required to be recycled, but cannot be placed in your dumpsters: appliances, brush and yard waste, electronics, lead acid batteries, and tires. Please contact us for alternative disposal options.

Sincerely,  
Pellitteri Waste Systems



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### **Clean Sweep Wisconsin**

Dane County offers a place to bring hazardous household materials such as TV's, paints, poisons, oil, and rechargeable batteries.

They are located at 7020 Maahic Way, Madison, WI 53718



Across from Yahara Hills Golf Course

Landfill Phone: (608) 838-9555

Clean Sweep Phone: (608) 838-3212

Open Year Round

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Closed Sundays and Holidays

For more information visit: [Clean Sweep | Dane County Waste & Renewables \(countyofdane.com\)](https://www.countyofdane.com/clean-sweep)

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## Animal Services

Public Health Madison & Dane Co. Animal Services assists with a variety of animal-related issues (listed below). Please contact them via the telephone numbers below or visit their website for more information:

<https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/animals>

### Request Animal Services Officer Dispatch (Urgent)

Call **(608) 255-2345** to have an Animal Services Officer sent to help with:

- Aggressive animals
- Animal bites
- Accumulation of animal feces
- Animals in traffic causing safety concerns
- Investigation of cruelty/neglect
- Rabies quarantines and testing
- Sick or injured animals, either wild or domestic
- Stray animals or domestic animals running at large

*Animal Services Does NOT Respond to:*

- Barking dogs. Please call your local law enforcement.
  - Dane County Sheriff: **(608) 266-9122**
- Nuisance wild animals. Please call a Private Pest Control Service.

### Call Animal Services Office (Non-Urgent)

Call **(608) 267-1989** (Animal Services Office) for:

- Information about animal care and health
  - Education about staying safe around animals and preventing rabies
  - Non-urgent complaints
  - General information
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### ATV/UTV's

Please note that the Town Board has held a Public Hearing and several meetings regarding the use of ATV/UTV's on Town roads. The Board has voted on a draft ordinance, and once the ordinance is finalized, the ordinance will go to the Town Board for final approval most likely in late December or early January. If you are interested in attending one of these meetings, the Town Board agendas are posted to the town's website at: <https://tn.pleasantssprings.wi.gov/>, and they are also posted on the posting board outside of the town hall. The draft ordinance is posted to the town's website under the "Announcements" tab.

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## Public Safety Reminder

When walking on town roads, please remember to wear reflective gear or have a light, especially during the dawn/dusk hours. It is important to remember to look toward oncoming traffic when walking and follow the rules of the road. As a driver, watch out for pedestrians at all times and follow the posted speed limits.

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### \*\*\*2025 Assessment Begins\*\*\*

Accurate Appraisal staff will be doing visits on those properties that have been recently purchased or acquired a building permit during 2024. The purpose of the walk through is to obtain a proper listing of the rooms and to gather other essential data or to check the completion of the building permit that was issued. Letters of notification will be sent to those property owners.

**After** property owners receive a letter from Accurate Appraisal, they can make an appointment by phone at **1-800-770-3927** or by logging on the accurate appraisal's website at: [www.accurateassessor.com](http://www.accurateassessor.com) Please make sure when you are scheduling an appointment you go all the way through the steps provided by Accurate Appraisal.

If you do not receive a letter from Accurate Appraisal, you do not need to make an appointment. *If you are having trouble scheduling an appointment with Accurate Appraisal, please contact office staff at 608-873-3063 and they can help you through the process.*

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## Please Use Courtesy

Taking your dog for a walk in the park or alongside the road? Please remember that the law states that it is the responsibility of dog owners to pick up after their pets, per local ordinance chapter 160-1(Q) and 160-7 (ref. Chapter 55-1). Violations may result in penalties issued according to Municipal Code Chapter 1. Dog waste should be disposed of properly and not thrown in a waterbody or other public areas.

**REMINDER:** All dogs must be licensed by March 31st of each year to avoid the \$10 per dog late penalty. All property owners will receive the dog license application with their tax bills. **If you mail your dog license application in with your tax bill, you must include a separate check for the dog license and a self-addressed stamped envelope for us to return the original vaccination certificate and the 2025 tag.** The office can process dog licenses after January 31, 2025 or sooner as time allows. Please make sure to include a valid copy of your dog's vaccination certificate, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you.

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## HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL

You must contact Public Works at (608) 205-9169 first so they can add you to their pick-up route. Please make sure to leave your name and address. Please have your trees out to the road right of way (ROW) in front of your home. **The last day for tree pickup is Friday, January 10, 2025.** Please make sure all the decorations and lights have been removed.

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## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE LIONS CLUB

The Town would like to thank the Lions Club and Thrivent for their donation of a park bench to Pleasant Springs! This bench is made out of recycled plastics and is a wonderful addition to Oak Knoll Park.

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## **YARD WASTE SITE CLOSURE**

The Town of Pleasant Springs Yard Waste Site is scheduled to close December 1st, 2024 and re-open on April 3rd, 2025. These dates are subject to change. **2025 Yard Waste stickers will be available for purchase early next year.** The cost for the sticker is \$10.00. The Town Board would like to thank everyone for utilizing the yard waste site, it has been a successful transition, and they appreciate everyone's efforts cooperating with the rules.

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## **BURNING OF LEAVES & BRUSH**

The Town has a yard waste site located behind the town hall. The Town has had several complaints regarding burning from several neighborhood areas. Please remember if you are in close proximity to your neighbors, the smoke from burning may be very disturbing and irritating to people with allergies and health related issues. Also, remember fires must be attended at all times and must be extinguished at sun down. Please take this into consideration. This may be deemed as a nuisance and local officials may intervene.

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### **Dane County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Team**

The Dane County Sheriff's Office now has a mental health worker embedded within our department. This collaboration is with the Journey Mental Health Crisis Unit. We are able to co-respond to mental health crises in the community and work proactively to connect the community with mental health resources. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call Journey Mental Health at (608)-280-2600 or 911 for emergencies. If you would like more information on these topics, please contact Deputy Leslie Fox at the Dane County Sheriff's Office at (608) 283-3964 or [fox.leslie@danesherriff.com](mailto:fox.leslie@danesherriff.com).

### **Important Phone Numbers**

EMERGENCY: 911 \* non-emergency dispatch: 608-255-2345: Dane County Crisis: 608-280-2600: Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255

Here is the Sheriff's Office website for the Mental Health Team: <https://danesherriff.com/Mental-Health-Team>



## **TAX SEASON INFORMATION**

**Tax bills will be mailed by December 16, 2024. The statutory deadline to mail tax bills is the third Monday in December.** Payments for real estate and personal property tax are due to the Town of Pleasant Springs by January 31, 2025. You must pay at least the first installment of real estate taxes by that date to avoid delinquency. If you choose to pay only the first installment, the second installment is due on July 31, 2025. All personal property tax payments are due in full and may not be divided into payments.

**All payments made after January 31, 2025 must be made to the Dane County Treasurer. You may mail the payment, or pay in person at the Dane County Treasurer's office. Please refer to the tax bill for the correct mailing address.**

Need your tax receipt? Lost your tax bill and want to obtain another copy? Visit Access Dane for a variety of property information:  
<https://accessdane.countyofdane.com>

## **TOWN HALL CLOSINGS:**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 - to close at noon**

**Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025**

**You may mail tax payments, pay in person, or drop them in the drop box that is located in the front entryway. Please allow ample time when mailing payments.**

**The Town DOES NOT accept postdated checks. All postdated checks will be returned to the property owner. Please add a contact # (phone #) if we need to contact you for any reason regarding your payment.**

We strongly urge you not to wait until the last day to make or mail your payment. If your check is incorrect and must be returned to you for any reason, you risk having a delinquent payment because the check was not returned to the Treasurer, or postmarked, on or before the due date.

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## **TOWN BOARD CAUCUS INFORMATION:**

The Town Board will hold its Caucus in January 2025, (usually on or prior to the third Tuesday in January) Please check the website or call the clerk's office for the meeting date and time. At the Town Caucus, nominations for offices are taken from the floor from Town residents, each nomination must receive a second. **Those who wish to be placed on the ballot should attend this meeting for nominations.**

### **The following offices are open this year:**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Town Chair	Richard "Dick" Green
Town Board Supervisor 1	Faith Schuck
Town Board Supervisor 2	Eric Olson

All terms are for two years, ...

**If you are a resident of the Town of Pleasant Springs, and interested in running for office, please contact the clerk's office at (608) 873-3063, or email: [clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov](mailto:clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov). Or the Wisconsin Elections Commission at: (608) 266-8005, email: [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)**

### **2025 Election Dates:**

**February 18, 2025** - Spring Primary Election (if needed)

**April 1, 2025** - Spring Election



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## Stoughton Area Senior Center

248 West Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589, (608) 873-8585, [stoughtonseniorcenter.com](http://stoughtonseniorcenter.com)



The Stoughton Area Senior Center (SASC) is dedicated to the enrichment of the lives of older adults and their families by providing diverse programs, social services and volunteer opportunities. Aside from our case management, loan closet, nutrition and transportation services which have area eligibility restrictions (i.e. Dane County contracts with McFarland Senior Center to provide these to Pleasant Springs residents), **all adults over 55 years are welcome to participate at SASC.**

SASC is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The following is a list of the offerings available to all Pleasant Springs residents; for details see our monthly *Yahara Senior News* newsletter, available at the Center or [stoughtonseniorcenter.com](http://stoughtonseniorcenter.com).

**Programs/ Events:** SASC promotes activities that provide opportunities for skill development, health, fitness, socialization and recreation. A complete list of our scheduled activities may be found in our newsletter. Many events and activities are free, and scholarships are available through our Friendship Fund if needed.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** There are a variety of ways to help at SASC and discussion of new volunteer possibilities is always welcome. Please contact us if you're interested!

**Publications (available on-site, online or by mail):**

- ***Yahara Senior News Newsletter***, monthly newsletter
- ***Stoughton Area Senior Services Guide***, annual directory of services.
- ***Purple Folders***, dementia-specific information and resources
- ***File of Life Emergency Packets***: free wallet-sized and/or magnetic folders for your refrigerator to make lifesaving information accessible to emergency personnel

**Services:**

- Nutrition Dining Site:** serves lunch weekdays at 12:00 PM (11:30 AM on Thursdays) on a donation basis to people over 60 years or older. Participants must make a reservation at least two days in advance. Details/menu on p. 16 & 17 of newsletter.
- Blood Pressure Screens:** dates on p. 19 of newsletter; no registration needed.
- Support Groups:** Grief, Low Vision, Memory Loss Caregivers, and Multiple Sclerosis; for information on these and other support and resources see p. 19 of newsletter

**Fees/Attendance:** Many of our ongoing offerings, such as use of the wood shop, computers and tablets, pool room, card and game groups, line dancing, ping pong, Wii Bowling, handiwork, events, presentations, ukulele and writing groups are free and welcome to drop-in participation. Some other offerings like exercise, art, music or evidence-based health and wellness classes sometimes encourage registration and a donation or required fee to cover instructor costs.

**Questions?** Stop by, call, or view our website, Facebook page, or contact Faith Schuck/Pleasant Springs Commission on Aging Representative at [faith.schuck.townps@gmail.com](mailto:faith.schuck.townps@gmail.com).

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The McFarland Senior Outreach serves seniors in McFarland,



Cambridge, Christiana, Dunn, Pleasant Springs and Rockdale with funding from Dane County and these local municipalities.

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. • 8:00am–4:30pm  
Phone: (608)-838-7117  
[senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.gov](mailto:senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.gov)  
<https://mcfarland.wi.us/242/Senior-Outreach>

Case Manager: Sara Sprang  
Outreach/Case Manager: Katie Gletty-Syoen  
Nutrition Manager: Dawn Wallace

The McFarland Senior Outreach provides meals on wheels. For more information and to request home delivered meals, you may contact McFarland Senior Outreach at (608)-838-7117 or visit their website at <https://www.mcfarland.wi.us/246/Nutrition-Services>

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## What Happened to my mailbox?

Occasionally during the winter season, a snowplow blade will damage a mailbox or mailbox post. The Town will compensate the owner of a mailbox damaged by the impact of a town snowplow blade. The Town has no responsibility for damage resulting from the impact of snow pushed against a mailbox. Please leave a message at 608-205-9169, and a staff member will investigate and determine whether repair, replacement, or reimbursement is appropriate. Reimbursement is limited to a reasonably comparable mailbox and will not exceed \$25.00. No special allowance is made for decorative, unusual, or ornamental mailboxes or posts. *The Town Board may make an exception at their determination depending upon the circumstance.*



The Town is not responsible for installation, or reimbursement of installation costs, and reserves the right to repair the box in lieu of paying for a replacement.

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## Weather Parking Emergencies

Effective July 25, 2008, an ordinance was passed that allows the Town Chairperson, or their designee, to declare a weather emergency whenever three inches of snow has fallen, or as conditions warrant. **During such an emergency, nothing may be parked or placed in the road right-of-way.** This restriction remains in effect for three consecutive 24-hour periods, unless the emergency is cancelled or extended. Notice of these weather emergencies will be given to the same Madison news outlets used by the Stoughton Area School District for school closings, and local cable television.

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## Gravel Road Snow Plow Policy

When it snows, all paved town roads are cleared prior to the gravel roads. Additionally, gravel roads are only plowed when the snow fall is greater than 3 inches. The Town has approximately 69.46 miles of roads to plow, which takes roughly 7 hours to plow driving lanes on the paved roads. Please be patient.

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## Safety Reminders!!

\*When out and about this winter, please **stay back AT LEAST 300 feet from plows on the road, do not attempt to pass a plow truck, and stay back at intersections to allow plow trucks to turn around and continue plowing.** If you have any questions or concerns about snow plowing or sanding, please contact the Public Works Department at 608-205-9169.

\*In an effort to help with snow removal, please remove your trash totes promptly after your trash has been picked up. Totes that sit by the curb for days prevent Public Works from clearing roads in a timely manner, and are also in violation of Town ordinances. Vehicles and other equipment routinely parked in the road right of way also pose a safety hazard and are a violation of Town ordinance.

\*Residents are discouraged from pushing snow across the road. In an effort to remove snow from their own property, Public Works has observed residents pushing snow across the road ways in the Town. Often times this causes a buildup of snow on the road way that can create a hazardous situation for cars. Help keep Town roads safe and clear this winter.

## News You Can Use: Be Salt Wise This Winter

Salt that has been applied to roads and sidewalks over the course of the winter ultimately ends up in our local lakes, streams, and drinking water. Road salt has been used as a deicer since the 1950s, and as a result, chloride concentrations from salt in our lakes have steadily increased with harmful effects to aquatic life and our drinking water. It only takes one teaspoon of road salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water.

Starting at home, you can reduce the amount of salt that is used in the winter and still keep your sidewalks and driveways safe. The Wisconsin Salt Wise Partnership offers the following tips and a wealth of other information on ways individuals and our community can work together to reduce salt use.

- **Shovel:** Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice. The more snow you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.
- **Scatter:** If you use salt, scatter it so there is space between the grains. One twelve-ounce container (like a coffee cup) is sufficient to salt sixty to seventy feet of sidewalk, or about 10 sidewalk squares.
- **Switch:** When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt won't work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter that works at lower temperatures.
- **Select a Certified Contractor:** Check to see if your contractor is already certified through the [Winter Salt Certification Program](#). If not, encourage them to become certified and to follow appropriate [application rates](#).

By working together, we can reduce salt and protect our environment.

For more information go to: <https://www.wisaltwise.com/> or for questions email: [wisaltwise@gmail.com](mailto:wisaltwise@gmail.com).

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

Winter 2024

### **TOWN OPEN OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday—8am to 4pm

Wednesday-closed, however staff is usually available from 8am to 4pm

Thursday—8am to 4pm (Feb.-Dec. 21) 10am to 6pm (Dec. 28-Jan. 25)

Friday—CLOSED

Town Office: 608-873-3063

EMAIL: [clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov](mailto:clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov)

WEBSITE: <https://tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov>

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