



PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES

Spring/Summer 2026

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR....by Richard “Dick” Green

Welcome to Spring! Our first and last snowstorms this winter were both big ones with no frost in the ground for either one. The result was more snowplow divots in the ROW than normal. Public works will get those repaired. Our brush/yard waste site is open Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday so get your annual sticker (\$10.00).

The town board has voted to lower posted speed limits from 55mph to 45mph on the following roads: Koshkonong Rd., Tower Dr., Spring Rd., Center Ave., and Drotning Rd. Our roads are not built for high speed. This will eliminate any 55mph speed on all but a portion of Washington Rd. which we share with Christiana. The town of Dunkirk has also reduced speeds from 55 to 45mph.

This summer’s road work will be a 2” overlay on Lunde Circle, Havey Ln., Bonnie Ln., Penny Ln., Nancy Ln., Pleasant St., River Estates Ln., Giehler Dr., Duncan Rd., and Scott Circle. Chip sealing will take place on Williams Dr. from the dam to Hy. MN and a portion of Washington Rd. All of this work will be dependent on the bids we get in May. We are also considering new pavement of the asphalt in front of town hall/town garage. We are holding off reconstruction of Williams Drive between Hy. B and the dam until 2027. We just got notice from the DOT that we are in line for a grant to cover 50% of the costs to rebuild that portion of Williams Drive. Please thank employee Bryce Sime for his efforts to obtain this grant. We are also waiting to hear from Dane County as to if and when decisions will be made about the Lower Yahara River Bike Trail. It currently ends at Kegonsa State Park. Do we make the southern portion of Williams Drive wide enough for a bike trail and will the County help with those costs? If the trail is to go down Williams Drive, a serious safety concern is the narrow bridge at the dam.

The City of Stoughton has received their permits from the DNR to proceed with phase 1 of their whitewater park project on the Yahara River. I requested a separate hearing for all of our residents with property along the river but was denied. Property owners on the river should report any changes you observe immediately to the town office.

If you are walking/running on our town roads please wear bright visible clothing, walk single file, and do so against the traffic for your safety. Take time to enjoy summer and fall in Pleasant Springs.

Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in Wisconsin Municipalities

In Wisconsin, **extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)** refers to the legal authority granted by statute to cities and villages to regulate land use and development in areas **outside their corporate limits** — but within a certain distance — if they follow specific cooperative procedures with adjoining towns.

If you are applying for a land division or rezone, you may fall within the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction Boundary with the City of Stoughton and Village of McFarland. The boundary is 1.5 miles. You will need to contact the municipality as well to make an application with them for review and approval.

RULES & REMINDERS ON SAFETY WHEN WALKING & BIKING:

Pedestrians must:

- Yield to drivers when crossing a road where there is no intersection or crosswalk or where the pedestrian does not have a green or walk signal and where vehicles have a green signal
- Not suddenly move into the path of a closely approaching vehicle that does not have sufficient time to yield for a pedestrian
- Walk in single file and along the left side (facing traffic) of a highway when not walking on a sidewalk. Note: This law does not apply to bicycles. [Bicycles operate under the same laws](#) as other legal vehicles on the road and should always stay on the right side of the road.
- Take extra care at night and at dusk. Walking at night increases your chances of death or injury. Drivers cannot avoid what they can't see. When walking at night, wear retro-reflective outdoor clothing, shoes, or lights to make yourself more visible. Avoid wearing dark clothing. Don't assume drivers can see you.

Bike Safety:

- Bicycles are considered vehicles on Wisconsin roadways and all types of vehicles need to share the road to keep everyone safe. Bicyclists must obey the rules of the road and must be treated as equal users by other vehicles. Bicycles are particularly vulnerable to injuries, but there are simple things bicyclists can do to greatly reduce their risk of crash, death or injury.
- Be visible – if you can't see the driver, they can't see you
- Be seen when stopped
- Obey traffic laws, signs, and signals
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Enhance visibility with proper lighting
- Wear a helmet

This information is from the WI Department of Transportation

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.

DOG LICENSES

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

2025 AUDIT REPORT

Town of Pleasant Springs Presentation to the Town Board Board - March 17th, 2026

GENERAL FUND BALANCE				
Details of General Fund Balance	2025		2024	
Reserved for environmental programs	\$	216,293	\$	216,293
Reserved for ARPA program		-		9,854
Designated		1,327,445		1,132,921
Undesignated		-		-
Total General Fund Balance	\$	1,543,738	\$	1,359,068
Analysis of General Fund Balance	2025		2024	
Unreserved fund balance (Designated/Undesignated)		1,327,445		1,132,921
Operating expenditures		2,230,694		2,389,024
 % of Operating expenditures		 59.51%		 47.42%
GFOA recommended minimum for % of operating expenditures is no less than 2 months of GF operating expenditures (~16%-17%).				

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT				
Total General Obligation Debt	2025		2024	
Town	\$	624,470	\$	566,797
G.O. Debt capacity	\$	42,319,235	\$	40,739,095
% of Debt limit used		1.48%		1.39%

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES				
Revenues and other financing sources	2025		2024	
Taxes	\$	1,025,121	\$	957,982
Intergovernmental		609,047		568,975
Licenses and permits		62,427		72,683
Fines, forfeitures and penalties		510		306
Special assessments		1,518		328
Public charges for services		223,352		236,924
Investment income & miscellaneous		78,391		78,225
Debt issued		415,000		415,000
Total	\$	2,415,364	\$	2,330,423
Budget	\$	2,352,762	\$	2,274,800
Expenditures	2025		2024	
General government	\$	268,852	\$	286,409
Public safety		333,083		335,203
Public works		1,031,451		1,403,616
Health and human services		11,259		9,118
Culture, recreation and education		18,213		26,841
Conservation and development		4,522		3,294
Capital outlay		181,509		9,300
Debt service		381,805		315,243
Total	\$	2,230,694	\$	2,389,024
Budget	\$	2,294,397	\$	2,233,726
Net change in fund balance:	\$	184,670	\$	(58,601)
Budgeted change in fund balance:	\$	58,365	\$	41,074

The information presented above is derived from the current and prior year financial statements.

USE COURTESY, PLEASE

Taking your dog for a walk? 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. Dog waste should be disposed of properly and not thrown in a waterbody or other public areas. Please remember to keep your dogs on a leash or on your property.

TOWN OF PLEASANT SPRINGS BOAT LAUNCH

The first boat launch sticker is free of charge per resident household. A replacement sticker or additional sticker is \$10.00. If you sell your vehicle or replace your windshield, you can peel off the previous sticker and bring it to the Town Hall, you will be issued another sticker free of charge, otherwise, it's \$10.00.

The Boat Launch is located at 2267 Williams Point Drive. **You must have your sticker clearly visible on the front windshield (preferably on the lower left-hand corner of the driver's side).** If you don't have a sticker, there are daily permits located at the Boat Launch for a \$5.00 daily permit fee. The Boat Launch is monitored frequently, so please make sure you have your sticker placed on your windshield or a daily permit, otherwise you may get a citation.

***We can only accept exact cash or check payments. Sorry for any inconvenience.

TOWN OF PLEASANT SPRINGS YARD WASTE SITE

A new sticker must be purchased each year. The Boat Launch sticker can no longer be used as the Yard Waste sticker. You must have a sticker to use the Yard Waste Site, and you must be a resident! The Yard waste site is located behind the Town Hall at 2354 County Hwy N., Stoughton WI. Cameras have been installed at the site to help monitor the hours and usage of the Yard Waste Site, to include vehicles without the sticker located on their windshield.

***We can only accept exact cash or check payments. Sorry for any inconvenience. The site is opening on **April 2, 2026** for the season.

Yard Waste Site Hours: OPEN - Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9:00am – 7:00pm. CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Do not deposit garlic mustard into the yard waste site. Please dispose of it in a garbage bag and place it in the trash.

****BRUSH IS LIMITED TO 3" DIAMETER!! **NO CONTRACTOR DUMPING!!**

If yard waste is brought to the site in bags or containers of any type, please take those with you and do not leave them at the site.

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: 7:00am-2:45pm. Saturday: 8:00am-10:45am. Closed Sundays and Holidays

For more information visit: [Clean Sweep | Dane County Waste & Renewables](#)

SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2026

Potential roads for paving:

- Country Aire Estates: Havey Ln, Bonnie Ln, Penny Ln, Pleasant St, Nancy Ln, River Estate Ln
- Lunde Cir
- Country Club Park: Giehler Dr, Scott Cir, Duncan Rd

Potential roads for Sealcoating/Crack filling:

- Washington Rd
- Williams Dr.



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.

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

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.



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 the 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 – tn.pleasantssprings.wi.gov

ATV/UTV USAGE

The Town Board adopted an ATV/UTV ordinance in 2025. Signs have been installed per state statute and all town roads are open to ATV/UTV use. Operators must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid operator's license. ATV/UTV's must have proof of insurance and must ride single file on the far right-hand side of the pavement and observe posted speed limits. Operation of ATV/UTV's is prohibited between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM.



The ATV/UTV club applied for and **has received permission to run on County BN, County MN and County B between County N and Washington Rd. in Pleasant Springs.** County N and County B between Hy. 51 and County N are **still prohibited.**

DON'T LET RAIN RUIN YOUR PAPER RECYCLABLES

You can do these three things to **keep paper materials dry** in your recycling cart:

- Always keep your recycling cart lid closed so that rain (and snow) cannot contaminate the paper or cardboard.
- Empty and rinse out all liquids from other recyclable containers that you place in the recycling cart.
- Only place dry paper goods, including cardboard, in the recycling cart. If it is soaking wet, place it in the trash cart.



Thank you for being a Super Recycler!

– *A message from Pellitteri*

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 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.

A building permit must be obtained from the Town Building Inspector prior to commencing any of the following work:

- (1) All new buildings-construction including, but not limited to, residential dwellings, garages, agricultural buildings, and sheds over 120 square feet in area.
- (2) All building additions that increase the physical dimensions of an existing building, including, but not limited to, decks, porches and garages.
- (3) All alterations to the interior and/or exterior structure of an existing building including, but not limited to, kitchen remodeling, bath remodeling, remodeling an attic and/or basement for living space, window replacement, changes in exterior finish such as brick façade, clapboard or vinyl siding, and roof replacement and repair. No more than three layers of roofing shall be installed on any roof.
- (4) All alterations to the heating, electrical or plumbing systems of an

**To obtain a building permit,
please contact the Building
Inspector at:
(608) 445-9715**

existing structure.

(5) Replacement of major building equipment, including furnaces and air conditioners. Water heater replacement shall require a permit if the plumbing, venting, electrical or gas supply system is altered.

(6) Demolition of all existing structures. This includes all agricultural structures, such as silos, chicken houses, tobacco sheds, etc.

A **building permit application** can be found on our website at:

<http://pleasantsprings.org/buildingpermits.html>

More information can also be found in the Building Construction town ordinance (Chapter 70), which can be found on our website at <http://pleasantsprings.org/ordinance.html>

**Note: If a project requires a driveway access damage deposit and permit, NO BUILDING PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED until the proper damage deposit permit has been issued.*

DAMAGE DEPOSITS: Many projects may require obtaining a Driveway Access Damage Permit and deposit prior to issuance of building permits. For questions regarding driveway damage deposit permits, contact the Public Works department at (608) 205-9169.

If your driveway access is contiguous with a town road, a \$1,000 access damage deposit and permit must be obtained prior to commencing any of the following work:

(1) Any construction, demolition, or landscaping (with the exception of roofing projects) that requires material and/or equipment weighing twelve or more tons (24,000 lbs.) including delivery vehicle weight.

(2) All debris dumpsters that weigh and/or require equipment weighing twelve or more tons (24,000 lbs.) including delivery weight. No dumpster shall be placed on public property.

If your landscape/Remodel project requires equipment that weighs less than 24,000 lbs. a permit with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required.

FRIENDS OF YAHARA BAY

Are you aware the City of Stoughton has proposed removing the Fourth Street dam to develop a whitewater rafting park? This may significantly impact water levels and wildlife in the river and bay. Information is posted to the town's website at tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov under Community, click on Yahara Waterway, or see **Friends of Yahara Bay** on Facebook for info.

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.

OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES

Always check the fire conditions before you burn. You can check the current fire conditions, wildlife reports, and burning restrictions on the DNR's website:

<https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/BurnRestrictions>

- 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 608-873-3063.
- 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 leaving a 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

Dane County Sheriff: Lock Your Car Doors, Take Valuables with You

Finally, the weather is starting to get nicer! Sadly, this is the time of year too when the Dane County Sheriff's Office receives an uptick in reports for thefts from vehicles. This can be easily prevented in most cases. Theft is a crime of opportunity that can be reduced through awareness and prevention. In most cases, suspects are not breaking car windows to gain entry if doors are locked, unless maybe valuable items are left in plain sight. Here are some vehicle and home safety tips to follow to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.

- Lock your car doors, keep valuables out of sight, or better yet take them inside with you.
- Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended or unlocked.
- Keep exterior residence lights on at night to light up your property.
- Lock all doors and windows to residence. Also, important to lock entry door from garage to inside as well.
- Invest in exterior cameras that capture numerous angles of your property in the event something happens law enforcement will have a higher success of identifying suspect(s).
- Be an observant and aware neighbor. Look out for one another and report suspicious activity.

If you see something say something. Be observant and aware of our surroundings and what is happening in your neighborhood. If something doesn't look right it probably isn't. Report to your local law enforcement agencies any suspicious activity. Be a good witness by gathering make, model, color, and most importantly, a license plate for the suspicious vehicle. Also, a clothing description, height, weight, and race of the suspected person are also important to gather for law enforcement to go off of. Here are the numbers below to report criminal activity.

Emergency: 911 Dane County Non-Emergency: (608) 255-2345

Dane County Sheriff's Office
Community Deputy Zach Barton
Southeast Precinct
Barton.zachary@danesherriff.com

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: www.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.

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 at: www.tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov, and on the posting board outside of the Town Hall. *Please note: Due to certain circumstances, meetings may be cancelled and / or rescheduled to another date other than the regularly scheduled meeting.

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 the 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.

Pleasant Springs Sanitary District – Commissioner Opening



Get Involved with Your Community

The Pleasant Springs Sanitary District will need a Commissioner in April 2026 when Scott Haumersen's term ends. The Sanitary District Commission is responsible for all administration, finances, ordinances, infrastructure, and policies governing the Sanitary District.

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

If interested, please send a written statement of interest and specific qualifications for serving to the Pleasant Springs Town Board, 2354 County Highway N, Stoughton, WI 53589. The envelope should be clearly marked "PSSD Appointment" on the front. Personal interviews may be conducted by the Town Board prior to appointment. If you have any questions regarding the position, please contact the Clerk at 608-873-3063 or email at clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org.

TOWN OF PLEASANT SPRINGS

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

Spring / Summer 2026

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-8:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday-8:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday—CLOSED (we are generally available at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Thursday—8:00am to 4:00pm
Friday—CLOSED
Please call the office for additional availability.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Town Office: 608-873-3063

EMAIL: clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov

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

Town Chairman..... Dick Green, (608) 480-9590 – rgreen@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov

Supervisor #1Faith Schuck, (608) 234-0759 – faith.schuck.townps@gmail.com

Supervisor #2Eric Olson, (608) 575-9272 – eric.olson.townps@gmail.com

Supervisor #3Renee Gouaux, (608) 628-2933 – renee.gouaux@gmail.com

Supervisor #4Melanie Miller, (608) 513-9894 – melanie.miller.townps@gmail.com

Clerk/TreasurerMaria “Pili” Hougan, (608) 873-3063 - clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov

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