

PLEASANT SPRINGS TIMES

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Remarks from the Chair... By Richard "Dick" Green

As winter approaches, we can hope for another mild one. Last year we had mild conditions that resulted in savings on fuel, salt, and overtime.

Looking ahead at the 2026 budget you will see an increase in expenses of 10.79%. Most of this increase centers on the purchase of a new snowplow truck to replace the 2012 truck. We were able to save over \$30,000 by purchasing the chassis this year, ahead of the price increases coming Jan. 1. Overall, we have a 6.54% property tax increase with a mill rate of \$1.27 per \$1,000. 2025's mill rate was \$1.29 per \$1,000. We continue to operate as frugally as possible but the price of everything continues to rise.

We had Dane County complete a speed study at 4 different locations along Williams Drive between County B and Wildflower Rd. Results showed drivers exceeding the posted limit in two areas posted at 35 mph and recommended that we increase the speed limit to 40 mph. We do not plan any changes at this time. We plan to reconstruct Williams Drive in 2027. The plan was to start this project in 2026 but if we wait a year, we may be able to obtain grant monies to cover 70% of the cost. During reconstruction we will plan to take measures to reduce the speed of traffic.

Residents in the subdivisions along Williams Drive between County B and LaFollette County Park need to keep watch for semi-trucks on your roads. All of these roads are posted for a 12-ton weight limit. Trucks continue to come north of County B looking for the Emmi-Roth cheese plant despite the large sign in Oak Knoll Park directing them south. If you see these trucks, take a photo of the license plate and call the Dane County Southeast precinct, 608-266-9122. This problem is the result of the City of Stoughton assigning an address to the cheese plant that does not mesh with the County's address system and refusing to change it.

The major road projects completed in 2025 were overlaying the roads in Oakhill and Bellview subdivisions, pulverizing/paving of Rinden Rd. east of County BN, chip sealing of Center Ave. and Spring Rd., and crack filling in the Springhill subdivision. Road maintenance continues to be the largest expense in our budget.

As I have reported to you previously, some portions of our town roads have been annexed into the City of Stoughton but we continue maintenance of these roads. We have asked the city to compensate us but they refuse to pay. This has been going on for over 14 years. Will the City plow the snow from these roads?

As your town chair, please contact me with your questions/concerns. You will hear from me within 24 hours. Our town employees are here to assist you.

I wish all of you a safe and healthy winter.

The following is a summary of the 2026 Budget

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>2025 BUDGET</u>	<u>2026 BUDGET</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes	\$ 1,025,121	\$1,092,115	6.54%
Other Taxes	96	96	
Special Assessments	0	0	
Intergovernmental Revenues	589,039	583,898	
Licenses & Permits	42,029	42,129	
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	500	500	
Public Charges for Services	234,754	241,233	
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	0	0	
Miscellaneous Revenues	46,225	71,225	
Other Financing/Fund Transfers	436,305	604,238.	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,374,069	\$2,635,434	11.40%
Cash Balance Applied	\$ 0		
TOTAL REV + CASH BAL. APPL.	2,374,069	\$2,635,434	11.40%

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 317,286	\$ 334,193	
Public Safety	318,249	\$ 318,051	
Public Works	\$1,220,958	\$1,214,885	
Health & Human Services	11,259	12,480	
Culture, Recreation & Education/Legal	23,318	26,525	
Conservation Development	7,050	7120	
Capital Outlay	22,805	190,738	
Debt Service	431,806	493,375	
Other Financing Uses	0		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,352,731	\$ 2,597,368	10.79%

Difference 38,066

Summary of Funds	Fund Balance 12/31/2024	2025 payable 2026 Property Tax Levy 1,092,212
General Fund	204,494	
Reserve Accounts/Env. Impact	216,293	
Federal ARPA	9,854	
Capital Projects Fund/Accounts:		
Highway Equipment Replacement	338,841	
Fire Equipment	345,944	
Other Reserve Funds	<u>627,845</u>	
Total	1,743,271	
Less reduction for unavailable funds (179,709)		
Total	1,563,562	
Tax levy under Levy Limit –\$ 1,092,212		
*Tax levy including Debt Service – \$1,092,212		
*Outstanding debt as of January 1, 2025– \$ 566,797		
*Mill rate – \$1.27 per \$1,000 Proposed (1.29 in 2025)		

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.

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.

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.**

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@danesheriff.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://danesheriff.com/Mental-Health-Team>

Pellitteri Updates & Reminder

2026 Waste and Recycling calendars are available on the Town's 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.

Winter Weather

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 to sign up (please include your address and/or municipality) or call [608-257-4285](tel:608-257-4285). Holiday Trash and Recycling: During a week that has a Holiday, garbage and recycling pick up is delayed by one day. Please plan accordingly.

General Waste Collection

- Please make sure your cart is at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day or the night before. Pickup times may vary from week to week.
 - Please make sure the lids on your carts are closed to reduce wind-blown litter, prevent material falling out when the cart is being emptied, and to ensure your materials will fit in the truck opening. Cardboard may need to be cut down to fit.
 - Placing your trash in bags before putting it in your cart for normal pickup helps to cut down on wind-blown litter and allows for easier clean-up if carts tip over. For recyclables, use only clear or see-through plastic bags. (Recyclable items placed in black bags will not be recycled. See our website for more details about recycling contamination.)
 - Be sure to place carts at least 4 feet away from each other and any other obstructions (mailboxes, trees, cars, etc.). Do not place carts in the street. The best placement for carts is on opposite sides at the end of the driveway or on the grass within two feet of the street. In the winter, you may need to shovel out areas for your carts just like you do for mail delivery.
 - Carts will not be collected if they are improperly placed or overflowing (lid is not shut)
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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

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)

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

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. County N and County B between Hy. 51 and County N are prohibited. 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.** Please see the Town ordinance for more information.

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.

2026 Assessment Begins

Accurate Appraisal staff will be doing visits on those properties that have been recently purchased or acquired a building permit during 2025. 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 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.*

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 – DOG LICENSE: 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 tag.** The office can process dog licenses after January 31, 2026 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.



HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL -Update date(s)

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 09, 2026.** Please make sure all the decorations and lights have been removed.

YARD WASTE SITE CLOSURE

The Town of Pleasant Springs Yard Waste Site is scheduled to close November 30th, 2025 and re-open on April 2nd, 2026. The 2026 Yard Waste stickers will be available for purchase early next year. **You must have a yard waste sticker to use the yard waste site.** 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.

***There will be no more leaf collection for 2025**

METAL RECYCLING DUMPSTER

The dumpster located in the Yard Waste Site area is available to residents. Please note that the Yard Waste Site will close on November 30th, 2025. However, the metal recycling dumpster will remain available for use after that date. If you would like to use the dumpster, please contact the Department of Public Works at (608) 205-9169 to schedule a time for staff to open the gate.



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.

2026 Election Information

2026 Election Dates

- February 17, 2026 – Spring Primary (if necessary)
- April 7, 2026 – Spring Election
- August 11, 2026 – Parisian Primary
- November 3, 2026 – General Election



Voter Registration – Visit MyVote at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Register-To-Vote> to register online. You may also register in person at the Town Hall.

Absentee Ballots – Visit MyVote at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Vote-Absentee-By-Mail> to apply for an absentee ballot. Please note, you must apply for an absentee ballot in 2026 to be signed up for 2026 elections. When applying you may choose to sign up for the calendar year or specific election dates. You may also apply in person at the Town Hall.

Unsolicited Voter Registration Forms and Absentee Ballot Requests - You might receive voter registration and absentee ballot request forms via USPS. **These mailings are not from our office**, even though they appear to be. They are sent by special interest groups and the pre-filled voter information is often inaccurate. To ensure you are properly registered or to apply for an absentee ballot, please visit myvote.wi.gov or contact the Clerk's office at 608-873-3063.

A reminder for 2026 elections – The polls are open 7:00am – 8:00pm for every election.

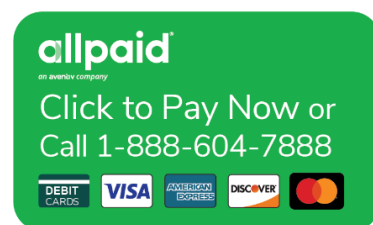
Stay tuned for voting information and election updates on the Town's website:

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

CREDIT / DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Town now accepts credit and debit card payments for the following:

- Operator's License
- Dog License (Only January – mid December)
- Driveway Damage Permits
- Tax payments (Only December – January 31st)
 - December 29, 2025 is the last day to make payments via credit/debit card to allow for time for processing in 2025.
 - January 28, 2026 is the last day to make first installment tax payments via credit/debit card to allow for time for processing in 2026.
 - **MAKE SURE YOU PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION SO WE MAY APPLY PAYMENT TO THE CORRECT PARCEL #!**



To make an online payment:

1. **Before submitting payment, please contact the office to ensure that all necessary forms and applications have been completed.** To make a payment, you will need to know the payment amount, and provide other relevant information to identify your payment. Any required application forms should be submitted in advance.
2. Visit the Town's website at <https://tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov/payments/>, visit allpaid.com and use the search bar to look up the "Town of Pleasant Springs" or scan the QR codes below.
3. Follow instructions and complete the required fields.
4. Submit payment & any required forms or applications to the office.

*****Cardholders pay a 2.95% convenience fee (\$1.00 minimum). There are no charges to the Town of Pleasant Springs for participation in the allpaid® service. Convenience fees are not refundable. *****

Other permits/fees

Dog License

Driveway Damage Permit

Tax (December-January)



TAX SEASON INFORMATION

Tax bills will be mailed by December 15, 2025. 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, 2026. 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, 2026. All personal property tax payments are due in full and may not be divided into payments.

All payments made after January 31, 2026 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:

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025

Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. to noon

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026

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.

MAKE SURE TO ADD YOUR PARCEL #(s) TO YOUR CHECK, PROVIDE A PHONE # OR EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE EVENT WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH YOUR CHECK & SEND YOUR TAX BILL PAYMENT STUB!

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.

NEW: The Town now offers the option to pay taxes online using credit/debit cards. Visit our website or contact the office for information on how to pay online. **If paying online, you MUST enter your**

bill and parcel #. There is a 2.95% convenience fee.

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.

Lottery & Gaming Credit

Owners using their property as a primary residence on January 1, 2025 qualify for a lottery credit. Check your tax bill. Contact the Clerk/Treasurers Office if you have any questions.

TOWN BOARD CAUCUS INFORMATION:

The Town Board will hold its Caucus in January 2026, (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:

Office

Incumbent

Town Board Supervisor 3

Renee Gouaux

Town Board Supervisor 4

Melanie Miller

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.

Stoughton Area Senior Center

248 West Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589, (608) 873-8585, 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.

All adults over 55 years are welcome to participate at SASC. Some services such as case management, loan closet, transportation and home delivered meals which have area eligibility restrictions (i.e. Dane County contracts with McFarland

Senior Center to provide these to Pleasant Springs residents).

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.

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. 3 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 COA Representative at faith.schuck.townps@gmail.com.

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
<https://mcfarland.wi.us/242/Senior-Outreach>

Case Manager: Sara Sprang
Outreach Director: 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](https://www.mcfarland.wi.us/246/Nutrition-Services)

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.



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.

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.

Safety Reminders!!

***As winter weather continues, **we kindly remind residents to be patient with our snowplow drivers.** These crews work long hours—often through the night—in challenging conditions to keep our roads safe and clear. Snow removal takes time, especially during heavy storms, and they must clear main roads first before moving into neighborhoods and gravel routes. Your understanding and patience make a difference.

*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 toters promptly after your trash has been picked up. Toters 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.

TOWN OPEN OFFICE HOURS:

Please note, these are the normal regular office hours. Additional open office hours may apply during elections and certain days during tax collection times.

Monday—8am to 4pm

Tuesday—8am to 4pm

Wednesday—CLOSED, however staff is usually available from 8am to 4pm

Thursday—8am to 4pm

Friday—CLOSED

Town Office: 608-873-3063

EMAIL: clerktreasurer@tn.pleasantsprings.wi.gov

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

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