



# VILLAGE OF PLOVER COMMUNITY NEWS

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Fall 2021

## Administrator Viewpoint:

Earlier this year I informed the Village Board and Village staff that I would be retiring in early 2022. My last day of work for the Village will be February 4, 2022. I am pleased to have served as your Village Administrator for more than 20 years and am also proud of my 34+ years of service as a government employee.

With my impending departure, the Village Board has been proactive in developing a Transition Plan for the Village Administrator position that will maintain a strong working relationship between the Village Board, Administrator, Department Heads, employees, and the community. The Plan calls for transitioning Dan Ault from Police Chief to Village Administrator. Mr. Ault will be placed in the Village Administrator position because of his excellent administrative and communication skills, his demonstrated ability to mentor employees to move into increasingly responsible positions, his strong leadership abilities, and his interest and support of the Village's economic development efforts. I have every confidence that Mr. Ault will provide excellent leadership as Administrator for the Village.

The Transition Plan also adds Assistant Administrator duties to the Community Development Manager position to provide much needed help for the Administrator. Steve Kunst will also be mentored for the Village Administrator position, with the goal of moving him into the Village Administrator position upon Mr. Ault's retirement.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Village of Plover residents for allowing me to be your Village Admin-

istrator from 1998 to 1999 and from 2003 until 2022. Plover is such a wonderful community. You are generous, thoughtful, caring people and it has been my honor to work for you these past couple of decades.

To the businesses of Portage County and especially those in Plover, thank you for choosing Portage County as a place to establish and grow your business. I've been fortunate enough to work with many of our local business leaders and find them to be among the hardest working people I've ever met. It has been a pleasure working with you and I am humbled by your support of our communities and our community needs. I can't thank you enough for your financial support of community minded projects such as the Band Shell at Lake Pacawa, the Lake Pacawa Phase 2 Project and Celebrate Plover.

I'd be remiss if I did not thank all the men and women who serve and have served on the Village Board during my time as Administrator. I appreciated working with each and every one of you. We made a wonderful team and I believe we accomplished great things for the Village of Plover over the last twenty years.

I'm especially proud of, and thankful for, all of our current and former Village Department Heads and employees. They have always been a hard-working, dedicated group who really care for our community. Our employees have always had to do more with less, yet they rarely complain and have always strived to keep us financially strong; keep our community safe; keep our streets and parks in tip top shape; provide us with clean water; take care of our wastewater; run accurate, reliable elections; help us grow in a logical,

orderly manner, and so much more. You are the rock on which this Village is built. I will greatly miss working with you.

And of course, I must thank my family, including my wife Carrie, my daughter Erin, my son Mark, his wife Dana, our granddaughters Madelyn and Nora, and Judi, David, and Ben Hall. After all these years of spending more time at work than at home, I look forward to spending more quality time with you and with all of our relatives!

*Dan Mahoney*

## Your Village Board Members

Tom Davies, President

Ward 1 Ross Ballard

Ward 1 Adam Raabe

Ward 2 Orville Damrau

Ward 2 Gary Wolf

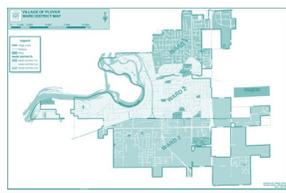
Ward 3 Steve Fritz

Ward 3 Al Tessmann

## Meetings:

- Village Board—1st and 3rd Wed. each month
- Plan Commission—Mon. preceding the 1st & 3rd Wed. Board meeting of each month
- Police & Fire Commission—3rd Tue. of each month
- Balance of Committees/ Commissions meet as necessary

# 2021 Redistricting



Now that the 2020 Census population numbers have been released, work has begun on the redistricting process, i.e. the redrawing of district lines to accommodate population shifts and keep districts as equal as possible in population. This process will result in some Village of Plover residents being shifted from one Trustee Ward to another and/or from one County Supervisory District to another. Residents that are affected will be notified after the County adopts the final plan in November. Maps of the new districts will also be posted on the Village of Plover's website. Please contact Karen Swanson, Village Clerk, with questions at (715) 345-5250.



## New Village of Plover Website!

Village staff are excited to announce we have a new improved website which launched in August!

In addition to finding a variety of information in an easy to navigate platform, you can contact us by email directly from our website, access a variety of forms, or sign up to receive notifications in the Alert Center regarding the latest announcements, meetings, and more! You decide what things you want to be notified about!

If you haven't seen it yet, we hope you take the time to check it out at [ploverwi.gov](http://ploverwi.gov)!

## Dog Licenses Expire Dec. 31



Upon reaching 5 months of age, all dogs must be licensed and have an active certificate of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian.

Stop in or mail a check for the fee, with the current rabies vaccination certificate, to the Village of Plover. The rabies certificate, along with the license, will be returned via mail.

Dog License fees within the Village of Plover are:

- **Neutered / Spayed \$12.00**
- **Un-neutered / Un-spayed \$22.00**

A \$5 late fee will be added if registering after March 1 for each dog without a license after that time. Failure to obtain a dog license, failure to have a dog vaccinated against rabies or allowing a dog to run at large could result in a fine of \$150 for each offense.

*Julia Mann, Village Treasurer*

## Fire Prevention Week Oct 3-9



Fire Prevention Week is Sunday, Oct. 3rd—Saturday, Oct. 9th. It is our hope to celebrate this week in usual fashion with programs at the schools and our annual Open House on Wed. Oct. 6th. We will be monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and will plan accordingly based on caseloads and risk levels at the time. Updates will be released through our website and Facebook page, so please stay tuned!"

## Lake Pacawa Park Closed Until July 2022



Due to Lake Pacawa Park undergoing some exciting changes, it will be closed until July 2022.

For details on all the great things that are being done or to donate to this worthwhile project go to:

<https://www.celebrateploverfoundation.com/lakepacawa>

## Trick or Treat!



**Sunday,  
October 31**

**5:00-8:00 pm**

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# Assessor's Office Update:



The Village has contracted with Tyler Technologies (Tyler) to perform a village-wide revaluation for assessment year 2022. Tyler is the nation's oldest and largest mass appraisal firm and will be working closely with Assessor Debra Edwards in the completion of the project.

The last village-wide revaluation occurred in 2005. Since that time, the average property assessment in the village had fallen to roughly 76% of market value (referred to as assessment ratio or level of assessment) as of January 1, 2020 and it is anticipated that the level of assessment will fall to around 70% for assessment year 2021. Although the last revaluation was conducted in 2005, the changes in the real estate market between 2008 and 2013 allowed for the level of assessment in the Village to stay within the 10% of market value for some years, but the level of assessment has not been within 10% of market value since 2017.

The Village needs to perform this revaluation for 2022 in order to comply with Wisconsin Statute 70.05 which requires a taxation district to assess within 10% (90% to 110%) of fair market value at least once in a four year period. If a district does not assess within 10% of fair market value within a four year period, they have two years to comply or the Department of Revenue will order a revaluation and become the supervisor of the revaluation.

The first phase of the revaluation will consist of an attempt for interior inspections for all properties. The goal of the interior inspections is to ensure the accuracy of the assessment record in order to arrive at an accurate estimate of value for each property. Beginning in July 2021 and continuing through January 2022, members of Tyler's staff will be in the field conducting interior inspections. Beginning in mid-June 2021, property owners will receive a letter from the assessor's office asking them to contact the office in order to schedule an appointment for an interior inspection. The letter will be mailed a minimum of two weeks prior to the dates for inspection. All Tyler staff will carry a Village Identification Card and their vehicle will be registered with the Police Department. Additionally, Tyler staff will follow all appropriate protocol related to COVID-19 including the wearing of face cover. We would ask that in advance of the interior inspection you have interior doors open to avoid Tyler staff from contacting them. Tyler staff will not open any closed interior door.

The second phase of the revaluation will include a market analysis of residential and commercial property sales. This will include reviewing information relating to sales that occurred during 2020 and 2021 to arrive at an estimated fair market value for each property as of January 1, 2022. This phase will take place late-winter 2021 through the spring of 2022. Tyler staff may be in the field performing curbside reviews of properties during this timeframe as well.

The third phase of the revaluation will include mailing a Notice of Assessment to all property owners, and scheduling Open Book meetings with owners that have questions regarding the 2022 assessment and/or wish to dispute the value informally with a member of Tyler staff and/or the assessor. The Notice of Assessment will include the prior year's assessed value (2021), the current year's assessed value (2022) and instructions on how and when to contact the assessor's office in order to schedule an appointment during the Open Book period. It is important to note that although the prior year's assessment will be from 2021, the 2021 assessment has not changed for most property owners since 2005, so the change in assessed value is not the change in the market-place in one year. It is the change over a seventeen year period.

The final phase of the revaluation will be the Board of Review (formal appeals). Property owners that disagree with the assessed value after the Open Book period has completed will be able to appeal to the Board of Review. Unlike the Open Book period, which gives the property owner and assessment staff an opportunity to discuss the valuation informally, the Board of Review operates similar to a court and property owners must prove the assessment is incorrect via submission of exhibits and/or oral testimony to the Board.

It is important to note that the goal of the revaluation is not to increase taxes. Although assessed values may increase 40%, that does not mean a tax bill will increase 40%. For example, the 2020 mill rate (also referred to as tax rate) was \$25.19 per thousand dollars of assessed value (\$0.02519 per dollar of assessed value). With this mill rate, a property with a \$150,000 assessment would have paid \$3,778.50 in taxes for 2020. Had a revaluation taken place and the assessment increased 40% to \$210,000 and the average village-wide increase in assessed value was 40%, the mill rate would have been \$17.99 per thousand dollars of assessed value (\$0.01799 per dollar of assessed value) which is 40% less than the \$25.19 rate above. Although the assessed value increased 40%, the tax rate reduced by 40% resulting in no change in tax dollars.

Updates will be provided in the spring 2022 newsletter. Below is a link to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Guide for Property Owners that contains additional information regarding the assessment process.

<https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>

*Debra Edwards, Village Assessor*

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# Brush & Yardwaste Pickup

Brush/Garden Waste Begins Oct 11

Yard Waste Materials Begins Oct 18

(Weather Permitting) See website for more details!

Curbside brush & yard waste pick up is intended for occupied improved properties only. All rules will be strictly followed and enforced.

Vacant lots / mobile home parks are EXCLUDED.

**Yard Material:** Includes grass clippings, leaves, pine needles and cones.

**Brush:** One pile per parcel no larger than 10' long, 6' wide, 4' high. Includes tree limbs, twigs, small trees, etc., not to exceed 4 inches in diameter.

**Front lot (address side) pick up only.** This includes Cul-de-sacs. Piling in the center of cul-de-sacs or rear lot piling is NOT allowed.

**Corner Lots:** One side of lot only.

**Apartment Complexes / Businesses:** Place pile at public street entrance to the complex/business on outer edge of the roadway surface.

**Compost Site:** Village residents are allowed to drop off ONE load of brush no larger than 10' long, 6' wide, and 4' high per household per date at the Village's compost site, 4496 Coolidge Ave. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED.**

Loads exceeding the limit will be charged a minimum \$25 tipping fee per load payable at the time of drop off.

**No commercial haulers or contractors allowed.**

When transporting brush/branches, they should be covered or confined in such a manner to prevent

them from falling/blowing out of the vehicles/trailers.

### Compost site hours:

- Hours until Oct 30:
- Mon. Noon—6pm
  - Thu. Noon—6pm
  - Sat. 9:00am-3:00pm

- Hours Nov 6 & 13:
- 9:00-am-3:00pm

Closes for the season on Nov 13.

### Questions?

- Public Works  
715-345-5257
- Administrative Office  
715-345-5250

*Bill Konkol,*

*Public Works Mgr.*

*Roy Hopfensperger*

*Asst. Public Works Mgr.*

## Quick Info

- Fire Dept. Open House Oct 6
- Brush/Garden Waste Pickup Begins Oct. 11 See website for details.
- Yard Materials Pickup Begins October 18 See website for details.
- Trick or Treat Sun Oct 31, 5:00-8:00
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Yard Material/Brush Drop-off Site will be open M & Th Noon-6:00, Sat. 9:00-3:00 thru Oct .30 and 9:00-3:00 on Nov. 6 & 13 when it will then close for the season.

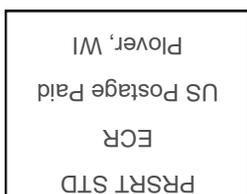
## Village Offices Closed:

The Village offices will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

- Mon Sept 6
- Thu & Fri Nov 25 & 26
- Fri Dec.24 & Mon Dec. 27
- Fri. Dec 31 & Mon Jan. 3

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