



# VILLAGE OF PLOVER COMMUNITY NEWS

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Spring 2022

## Plover, What a Great Place to be!

I would like to start by saying in my first newsletter as your new Village Administrator, thank you Dan Mahoney for all you have done for the Village of Plover. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with Dan on many projects over the years as the Police Chief. I now, with Dan's retirement, have the privilege to continue to serve as your new Administrator. I have been asked many times why would I go from Police Chief to Village Administrator. I think that is a very good question, and to be honest, have asked myself that question several times since we started the transition, all the way back in July of last year. Spending 30 years in Law Enforcement has taught me a lot, and I have been fortunate over my career to be surrounded by incredible people. However, not until I became the Police Chief in Plover did I fully appreciate the fantastic culture and thoughtfulness of our local government and the people of Plover. What I mean by that is not just the Village of Plover employees, but also our elected members and appointed citizen members of our committees and boards. Plover is absolutely a special place where you don't typically hear a lot of controversy or infighting. In fact, most of the time our

meetings are really not too exciting. Its business-like and purposeful and the men and woman of Plover just get things done and keep things respectful. I equate the ability of getting things done to a great culture that has been built. Across our amazing Village we work very well together. Now, not to paint everything as a bed of roses, because well, sometimes things are just out of our means or abilities to make happen and disagreements do occur from time to time. However, the mindset that I see in Plover is responsible stewardship of your hard-earned tax dollars. We have had great people at the helm of your local government over the years and some very good leadership. Your municipal employees have learned to do more with less, they have accepted tremendous responsibility and they value and appreciate the support they have received from you. We do the absolute best we can with what we have. You have shown trust and compassion and I have seen mutual respect being clearly demonstrated by everyone. So as your Administrator, I promise to continue to hear your concerns, respect your views and opinions, study the facts, and do my very best for you. I will work with our elected officials, committees, boards and commissions to express in the best way I can the concerns, needs, and ideas of our

employees and the citizens of Plover. So, Plover, lets get out of our homes this spring, enjoy our amazing parks and incredible community and above all please let's continue to work together to make Plover the absolute best it can possibly be.

*Dan Ault*  
Village Administrator



## Portage County Community Alert!

Portage County Community Alert is a mass notification service for Portage County .

You can receive important emergency (and non-emergency) alerts and public outreach information from our county. You manage what types of alerts you receive. It's FREE!

Sign up at: <https://portagecountycommunityalert.bbcportal.com/>

### Meetings:

- Village Board—1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Plan Commission—Monday preceding the 1st & 3rd Wednesday Board meeting of each month
- Police & Fire Commission—3rd Tuesday of each month
- Balance of Committees/Commissions meet as necessary

### Village Offices

#### Closed:

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

- Fri. April 15, 11:30am
- Mon, May 30
- Mon, July 4
- Mon. September 5

## Your Village Board Members

Tom Davies, President

Ross Ballard Ward 1

Adam Raabe —Ward 1

Orville Damrau—Ward 2

Gary Wolf—Ward 2

Steve Fritz—Ward 3

Al Tessmann—Ward 3

# Burning Permits

Believe it or not, yard clean-up is on the way! We highly encourage all residents to recycle leaves, grass and garden debris by composting or taking excess yard materials, pine needles and cones to the compost site at the Village of Plover Wastewater Treatment Facility, since these materials cannot be burned. If you need to get rid of larger yard debris such as tree branches and brush, a burn permit can be obtained.

Village residents must obtain a burning permit anytime they wish to burn brush outside of their regular fire pit. Only clean, untreated wood, brush and branches can be burned. Permits are free and issued on a daily basis. Those wishing to have a campfire (within their fire ring) for cooking, warming or leisurely purposes do not need to obtain a permit.

Permits (for burning **within** Village limits) can be picked up at the Fire Department Office between the hours of 7:30am - 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.



Looking for a summer job?

The Village of Plover is taking applications for our Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions.

Now paying \$14.50 per hour!

Apply at Indeed.com.



## Brush and Yard Waste Pickup

Brush/Garden Waste Begins April 4  
Yard Waste Materials Begins April 11  
Compost Site Opens April 11

(All Dates are Weather Permitting)

Pick up is intended for occupied improved properties only.  
Vacant lots / mobile home parks are EXCLUDED.

See the Village website for requirements!

## Bike Safety

Springtime is here and the warmer weather means more bicyclists on our streets and sidewalks. The Plover Police Department wants to remind everyone to be aware of your surroundings at all times and ride safely this Spring with these tips:



- Wear a helmet when riding.
- Be visible. If you can't see the driver, they can't see you.
- Go with the flow -always bike in the direction of traffic.
- Ride single file and near to the right side of the roadway as practicable.
- Obey traffic laws, signs and signals.
- When using a sidewalk, bicycles must be ridden single file, operated at a slow speed and yield to pedestrians when present.

## Remember to Permit Private Wells



Due to increased interest from the DNR, the Village of Plover will be placing additional emphasis on either permitting or abandoning private wells. All private wells located in the Village shall be abandoned in accordance with the terms of Village ordinance 505-11 and Chapter NR 812 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code unless a well operation permit has been obtained by the well owner from the Plover Water System. Well operation permits are valid for a duration of 5 years, and then need to be re-applied for after they expire. For details on the procedure to obtain a well operation permit, please contact our Village Water Department at (715) 345-5254.

## Attention Dog Owners



**ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PLOVER**

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

Mail a check for the fee, along 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:

**RECEIVED BEFORE APRIL 1:**

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

**RECEIVED ON OR AFTER APRIL 1:**

- Neutered / Spayed \$17.00
- Un-neutered / Un-spayed \$27.00

This is for each dog 5 months of age or over who fails to obtain a dog license before that time. Failure to obtain a dog license, failure to have a dog vaccinated against rabies or allowing a dog to run at large (dogs must be leashed at all times) could result in a fine of \$150 for each offense.

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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 72% of market value (referred to as assessment ratio or level of assessment) as of January 1, 2021 and it is anticipated that the level of assessment would have fallen to around 64% for assessment year 2022 without performing the revaluation. 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 this has not happened since 2017.

The Village needs to perform this revaluation for 2022 in order to comply with Wisconsin Statute 70.05(5)(b) which requires a taxation district to assess within 10% (90% to 110%) of fair market value at least once in a 5-year period. If a district does not assess within 10% of fair market value within a 4-year period, they have two years to comply, or the Department of Revenue will order a revaluation and become the supervisor of the revaluation.

Beginning in 2021 and continuing into May of 2022, members of Tyler's staff are/were in the field conducting interior inspections. 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. A market analysis of residential and commercial property sales that occurred between 2020 and 2021 is also being conducted as part of the revaluation in order to arrive at an estimated fair market value for each property as of January 1, 2022. Tyler staff may be in the field performing curbside reviews of properties in April and May as well.

A Notice of Assessment will be mailed to all property owners in 2022. 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 which is when property owners can meet informally with Tyler staff or Assessor Edwards to discuss the 2022 assessment. It is important to note that although the prior year's assessment will display as 2021, the 2021 assessments had not changed for most property owners since 2005, so the change in assessed value is not the change in the marketplace in one year. It is the change over a seventeen year period.

Property owners that disagree with the assessed value after the Open Book period has concluded 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 55%, that does not mean a tax bill will increase 55%. For example, the 2021 mill rate (also referred to as tax rate) was \$25.12 per thousand dollars of assessed value (\$0.02512 per dollar of assessed value). With this mill rate, a property with a \$150,000 assessment would have paid \$3,768.00 in taxes for 2021. Had a revaluation taken place with an average village-wide increase in assessed value of 55%, the tax rate would reduce 55% from \$25.12 per thousand to \$16.20 per thousand (\$0.0162 per dollar of assessed value); therefore, a property that was formerly assessed at \$150,000 that increased 55% to \$232,500 as a result of the revaluation would see no change in tax dollars. Below is a sample of the calculations.

	Assess Ratio	Assess Value	Assess Increase	Tax Rate	Rate Decrease	Taxes
Before Revaluation	64%	\$150,000		0.02512		\$3,768
After Revaluation	100%	\$232,500	55.00%	0.01621	-55.00%	\$3,768

Property owners should expect to receive a Notice of Assessment late-spring to early-summer of 2022. Specific dates for the Notice of Assessment, Open Book and Board of Review will be available on the Village website around May 1.

You can find information relating to the general assessment process from the Guide for Property Owners link below.

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

If you have questions regarding the revaluation, please contact Debra Edwards, Village Assessor at 715-345-5250 or via email at [dedwards@ploverwi.gov](mailto:dedwards@ploverwi.gov).

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## From the President's Desk:

As we look forward to spring, we are hopeful that the bulk of the pandemic is behind us. Many things have changed in the Village in recent months. After over 20 years of service to the Village, Dan Mahoney retired in February. Dan Ault has transitioned from his role as Plover Chief of Police to our new Village Administrator. He brings a strong administrative background to fill the big shoes left by Dan Mahoney. He will be working closely with Steve Kunst, Community Development Manager as well as each of the department heads to assure a smooth transition.

The Village is working diligently on the Lake Pacawa Phase 2 Project with completion set for the end of July. The project includes an all-inclusive playground and splash-pad, an improved beach and a paved walking path around Lake Pacawa. We have built a new shelter and concession stand and will put in place handicap-accessible canoe and kayak launches. These are only some of the additions to the park.

**We still need your help** to reach the Lake Pacawa Project campaign goal. This project will not use taxpayer dollars. All gifts, small or large, are very much appreciated. Please send a contribution, payable to Celebrate Plover Foundation, to PO Box 37, Plover, WI 54467. This is a wonderful community project that Plover residents can truly be proud to be a part of!

I am pleased to announce that the Younkers building has been purchased. Planned renovations will take

on a look much like the Shopko building. Improvements to the parking area are planned to make this a comfortable place to relax and socialize. We will also be completing the final stage of the Post Road Reconstruction this summer.

A new project that we are pleased to be involved in is the Farming for the Future development along I-39 south of Lake Pacawa. This will be a large complex dedicated to promote and educate children and adults about agriculture and food production here in Wisconsin. It will include demonstration plots, test kitchens, meeting facilities, experiential classrooms and more. It will be the first agriculture education facility of its kind here in Wisconsin.

As you can see, the Village continues to move forward and grow. I thank you for your support and welcome your questions or concerns. Feel free to contact me at the Village office at 715.345.5250 or by cell 715.340.6444.

Have a great summer! See you at Celebrate Plover on Saturday, July 30!

*Tom Davies*

## Points of Interest

- **Brush/Garden Waste Pickup Begins April 4** weather permitting. See [ploverwi.gov/curb-brush.htm](http://ploverwi.gov/curb-brush.htm)
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility Yard Material/Brush Drop-off Site opens April 7 at noon.** Hours: M & Th Noon-6:00, Sat. 9:00-3:00
- **Yard Materials Pickup Begins April 11** weather permitting. See: [ploverwi.gov/curb.htm](http://ploverwi.gov/curb.htm)
- **Celebrate Plover - Sat. July 30, Lake Pacawa**
- **Check Village of Plover, Plover Fire Dept, and Plover Police Dept. Facebook pages and Village of Plover website: [ploverwi.gov](http://ploverwi.gov) for updates!**

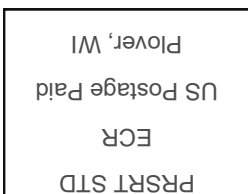
## Korean War Memorial Homecoming

Due to the construction for the Lake Pacawa Project, there will not be a Korean War Memorial Homecoming ceremony this year.

We look forward to this event returning in 2023.

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