



VILLAGE OF PLOVER COMMUNITY NEWS

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Spring 2021

Administrator Viewpoint:



Many of our residents and businesses are aware that the Village has been working on improvement plans for Lake Pacawa Park that will transform this park into the cultural center of our community and honor the legacy of Clarence and Regina Worzella, who envisioned Lake Pacawa Park as a destination for family fun and activities. The renovation of this beloved park began with the Band Shell at Lake Pacawa Construction Project in 2019. In a show of community support, the Band Shell Project was fully funded by donations from Village residents and businesses.

We are now on the cusp of beginning construction on the second phase of Lake Pacawa Park improvements. The Village Board and staff are extremely proud of this project because all improvements were designed with inclusivity in mind, so that people of all ages and abilities are able to enjoy the new and exciting additions to the park. The focal point of the Project will be a 6,000 square foot inclusive splash and play area which will include a splash pad, two separate play areas, 4 shade structures, a small pavilion, and a donor recognition feature. Other components of the Project include an accessible canoe/boat launch facility and associated parking, new park shelter (that will replace the two existing Lions shelters that are outdated and in need of repair), a paved, multi-use trail around Lake Pacawa, two ADA Accessible fishing piers, and improvements to Lake Pacawa (including removal of invasive species, cleaning up the beach area, replacing the sand in the beach area, and adding a seat wall along the beach).

Construction on the Lake Pacawa Phase 2 Construction Project is scheduled to begin on August 2nd of 2021 and will be complete by July 31, of 2022 – just in time for Celebrate Plover. The cost of this Project is \$4.168M. The Village of Plover has committed to fund the public infrastructure improvements for the project with Tax Increment District funds (1/2 of project costs). The Village of Plover and Celebrate Plover Foundation, Inc. have launched a fundraising campaign to raise the remaining \$2.084 million for this Project.

The Fundraising Committee is off to a great start. More than \$470,000 in donations and commitments for this incredible project have been secured as of March 12th, which means that we are at 22.5% of our fundraising goal. Those donations are a great example of the generosity of our communities and businesses for worthwhile projects like this one! Your support can help make this wonderful example of community mindedness and inclusivity a reality. As such, I encourage you or your business to consider a donation to the Lake Pacawa Phase 2 Project.

More information on the Fundraising Campaign can be found at <https://www.celebrateploverfoundation.com/>. Donations can be made at <https://www.celebrateploverfoundation.com/> or checks may be made out to “Celebrate Plover Foundation, Inc.” at P.O. Box 37, 2400 Post Road Plover, WI 54467 or dropped off in person M-F 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the aforementioned address.

Dan Mahoney

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 2, 11:30am
- Mon, May 31
- Mon, July 5
- Mon. September 6

Your Village Board Members

Tom Davies, President

Kendra Schiefelbein Ward 1

Adam Raabe —Ward 1

Orville Damrau—Ward 2

Gary Wolf—Ward 2

Steve Fritz—Ward 3

Al Tessmann—Ward 3

Burning Permits

With Spring comes yard clean-up! Please remember that all residents within the Village of Plover **must** obtain a burning permit **prior** to burning.

Permits can be picked up at the Fire Department office Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 4:30pm. We can also complete permits over the phone and mail to residents if they prefer not to come in. There is no charge for the permit and they are issued on a daily basis.

Small fires for warming or cooking purposes that are contained in a fire ring (campfires) do not require a permit. If you have any questions, please call (715) 345-5310.



Water Department Update

The Village of Plover Water Utility is working to reduce operation costs by identifying water losses and implementing energy saving practices. These efforts quickly became apparent over the past year.

- In early 2020, the Village completed \$2.9M worth of upgrades to the drinking water treatment system. Various mechanical and control components were becoming less reliable due to age, thus triggering upgrades. The upgrades will provide improvements in reliability and efficiency.
- A Leak Detection Program is an annually conducted approach towards finding water leaks. By discovering and ultimately repairing these leaks; the utility can reduce costs to repair hydrants, mains, service laterals, and valves.

Benefits of these activities was quickly realized. For the 2020 calendar year, Plover pumped 479 million gallons versus the 5-year rolling average of 561 million gallons pumped annually. This equates to reduced operating costs and improving the long-term capacity of the water system.

Other items to note:

- The replacement of approximately 4,700 water meters is nearly completed. We expect to have all meters replaced by October of 2021. This project began back in 2016.
- The owner is required to have two shut off valves by the water meter. They should be kept in good working condition and ready for use in case of an emergency or a meter exchange. If the valves do not hold or break during a meter exchange by the utility, the owner is responsible for hiring a plumber to make necessary repairs.
- Protect water meters from damage or freezing condition. The homeowner is responsible for the replacement cost of a damaged meter.
- If you notice the sound of running water, dirty water, decreased water pressure, or a loud meter, contact the Water Utility to check for possible water lateral leaks.
- Per the State of Wisconsin and Village of Plover ordinance, all private wells are required to have a Well Operation Permit. Contact the Water Department for questions. 715-345-5254
- 2021 CAPITAL PROJECT- The water tower located on Lincoln Avenue will be reconditioned with a new coat of paint.

Matt Saloun, Water Dept. Manager

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 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.

Julia Mann, Village Treasurer

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 2022 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 fall and spring 2022 newsletters. 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

Brush & Yardwaste Pickup

Brush/Garden Waste Begins April 5

Yard Waste Materials Begins April 12

(Weather Permitting)

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 man-

ner to prevent them from falling/blowing out of the vehicles/trailers.

Compost site hours:

Opens for the season on Thursday, April 8.

- Mon. Noon—6pm
- Thu. Noon—6pm
- Sat. 9:00am-3:00pm

Questions?

See the Info Guide on the Village website at www.ploverwi.gov/,

•Public Works
715-345-5257

•Administrative Office
715-345-5250

Bill Konkol,

Public Works Mgr.

Roy Hopfensperger

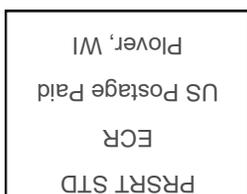
Asst. Public Works Mgr.

Points of Interest

- Brush/Garden Waste Pickup Begins April 5 weather permitting. See ploverwi.gov/curb-brush.htm
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Yard Material/Brush Drop-off Site opens April 8 at noon. Hours: M & Th Noon-6:00, Sat. 9:00-3:00
- Yard Materials Pickup Begins April 12 weather permitting. See: ploverwi.gov/curb.htm
- Korean War Memorial Ceremony, June 6, 10:45am
- Celebrate Plover - Sat. July 31, Lake Pacawa? - Covid 19 Dependent
- Check Village of Plover, Plover Fire Dept, and Plover Police Dept. Facebook pages and Village of Plover website: ploverwi.gov for updates!
- The Village Info Guide is now on our website!

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