

CROSS PLAINS POST

The official Newsletter of the Village of Cross Plains



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Check out our NEW website!!

by Becky Ward

The Village is full of changes in this new year. Not only do we have this redesigned newsletter, we now have a brand new website too! The address remains the same:

www.cross-plains.wi.us

It's now easier than ever to sign up for automatic bill pay (for your water bill), reserve a shelter, sign up for recreation programs, pay fees/bills online and to see what is going on in the Village.

I received a lot of positive feedback about our first issue of the Cross Plains Post. Thank you! If there is something that you would like to see in an issue, please email me: bward@cross-plains.wi.us

Thank you to Craig Bessette for the beautiful photographs in this issue! If you have some amazing pictures of the Village, please email them to me and I will try to get them into an issue!

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JOIN US THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR COFFEE WITH A COP!

From 9am-11am at the Village Office

****Thursday March 21st will be held at Northwest Dane Senior Services located at 1837 Bourbon Road****

Recycling Day

Saturday April 6, 2019



The Village of Cross Plains will be holding two recycling events on April 6th. The first event is Metal Mania. This is where Village staff will come and pick up your metal items to dispose of. This includes items like bikes, bed frames, swing sets, car ramps, pipe- anything metal. Please call the Village Office at 798-3241 to get your name on the list for this special pick up. This pick up is for VILLAGE residents only and is only for metal items. No appliances, wood furniture or other goods will be picked up. This service is FREE.

The second recycling event is for computers, electronics and appliances. This event will be held at the Village Office from 8am-Noon. Please see below for a list of fees associated with items.

Free Items Included:

CPU's, laptops, keyboards, computer cords, mice, circuit boards, UPS, power strips, calculators, copiers, scanners, printers, printer cables, telephones, cell phones, fax machines, VCR's/DVD players, stereo equipment, remote controls, networking equipment, rechargeable batteries from laptops, power tools, lead acid car batteries, Christmas lights, extension cords, electric motors, pots and pans, ceiling fans, box fans, snow blowers, small grills, George Foreman grills, vacuum cleaners.

If you don't see an item you would like to recycle, please call 244-5451 to see if they recycle that item.

Items with a fee:

- Televisions: 29" and under- \$20/each
- 30" to 49"- \$40/each
- 50" and over, wooden console & projection- \$60/each
- Monitors (CRT & Flat screen LCD)- \$20/each
- Large Copy Machines- \$15/each
- Microwaves- \$15/each
- Treadmills- \$25/each
- Large Grills- \$25/each
- Lawn Mowers (oil and gas removed)- \$25/each
- Large Appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, furnaces)- \$25/each
- Air Conditioners/Dehumidifiers- \$20/each
- Dorm Size Refrigerators- \$20/each
- Large Freon Appliances (Refrigerators, Chest freezers)- \$35/each

Common Questions- Public Works



My Water bill seems higher than normal... now what?

Take a walk around your property and look for leaks.

Toilets are by far the most common location of leaks and they can be tricky. Especially as the flushing mechanisms age. A flapper may work perfectly for weeks at a time, then not seal for a few usages, then start working correctly again. Quite often we find that a toilet that is used infrequently will get used and the flapper will fail to seal after. Another location toilets can leak water, is if the tube gets out of adjustment somehow and water overflows down the safety pipe.

I recommend that people change out the internal mechanisms on toilets every 5-7 years at a minimum to avoid these issues. As far as 'How much water would a toilet leak if stuck wide open', studies by the City of New York have determined that it can be as much as 4000 gallons per day. In my 35 years in this business I more typically see 1500-2000 gallons per day if the flapper is not sealed and 300 gallons per day if the flapper allows a slight leak.



Does my water meter need to be replaced?

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission recommends that your meter is replaced at or beyond 20 years old. Water meters are a mechanical device that require movement of water to activate the register mechanism. As the meter ages the metering mechanism typically becomes less efficient at measuring the water due to the wear on the components inside the meter.

It is not uncommon for locations where a new meter is installed to find that the overall water usage billed for, increases due to the increased efficiency of the new meter.

Did you know??...



Our Public Works Department goes through the usage report at every property in the Village EVERY MONTH?? As a courtesy to residents, if your usage is abnormal for your property, we will call you so that you can investigate what may be causing the change. ***Please make sure your phone number is associated with your account so that we are able to contact you if we find an issue!***

We also have a report that lets us know when your meter needs to be replaced as well as other utility equipment. You may receive a letter from us to set up an appointment to have your equipment replaced.

Typical Usage Amounts

- 1 bath - 42 gallons
- 1 shower - 17 gallons
- Washing 1 load of laundry - 45 gallons
- Flushing the toilet - 3 gallons



2019 Election Information



The first election of 2019 will take place on Tuesday, April 2nd 2019. Village residents can cast their vote at the Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station (1501 Bourbon Road); polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The Spring election on April 2nd will include local races to elect a Village President and three Village Trustee positions. Each office is elected to serve a two-year term. Below is the list of Village candidates who are seeking office:

-Village President (1)

-Jay Lengfeld

-Village Trustee (3)

-Sarah Francois

-Judy Kelter Ketelboeter

-Michael Pomykalski

-Chris Gavin

-Lori Zander

These candidates completed the necessary steps required to have their name appear on the ballot.

Voter Information for 2019 Elections

Photo ID: A photo ID is required to vote in Wisconsin. A Wisconsin driver's license, Wisconsin DOT issued ID, military ID card or passport, are some of the acceptable forms of identification. More information is available at <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov>



Registration: If you're unsure that you are registered to vote in the Village of Cross Plains, please check the website: <https://myvote.wi.gov> or contact the Village Clerk's office at 608-798-3241. You can register on the MyVote website or in person at Village Hall with acceptable proof of residency. You may also register on election day at the Fire Station with acceptable proof of residency.

Absentee Voting: Registered voters may vote absentee by mail (you can request a ballot in writing with a copy of your photo ID) or in person at Village Hall as soon as ballots are available. Absentee voting in person at Village Hall will be available weekdays from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. In-person absentee voting ends at 5:00 pm on the Friday before each election.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming elections, voting, or any other Village question or concern, please contact Michael Axon, Interim Village Administrator/Clerk, directly by phone 608-798-3241 or email maxon@cross-plains.wi.us

Seasonal Maintenance Worker

The Village of Cross Plains is seeking Maintenance Worker candidates for seasonal summer employment (flexible Monday-Friday; 7:30am-4:00pm) in both the Park and Public Facilities Departments. Candidates will perform manual labor assisting with routine maintenance and repair tasks (may include: cleaning, operating equipment and brush pick-up)

Know of a student returning home for the summer who is looking for a seasonal position? This is the perfect opportunity!

Applications are available online at www.cross-plains.wi.us Candidates must be capable of performing strenuous physical work in all weather conditions and possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license. Positions are Limited Term Employment. Applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis until all positions are filled. You must be 18 years of age to apply.



Parks and Rec Department

Introducing our new After School and Recreation Coordinator

My name is Katarena 'Rhea' Ketelboeter. I have lived in Cross Plains my whole life and have a love for this village. I graduated in 2016 from the Recreation Management program at Madison College as well as obtaining a Fitness and Wellness Specialist technical diploma in 2017. In 2015, I did a summer internship with the Village of Cross Plains. During my internship, I helped lead programs and camps, planned and programmed various activities, helped out with administrative responsibilities, amongst many other duties. I have also been employed at Harbor Athletic Club in Middleton for over 7 years. I lead youth fitness classes as well as work in their Kids Club. I have a passion for working with children which makes me so excited to be blessed with the opportunity to be the After School and Recreation Coordinator for the Village of Cross Plains Recreation Department. I enjoy walking the awesome trails that we have in the village in my free time as well as spending time with my family and friends. I love that this job gets me meeting new people from the community and allows me to get creative with programming. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and to get started on this journey together!



Rhea Ketelboeter



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that came out to help us celebrate the ribbon cutting for the trail at Zander Park and those that participated in the hike!

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

Spring Break Fun! Forts & Shipwrecks!



Everyone needs a break, even during spring break! On **Monday March 25th, from 6-7:45pm**, there is fun for the whole family with Family Fort Night! Tents, flashlights, walking s'mores and stories make this campout complete!

On **Thursday March 28th, at 2pm**, Wisconsin Water Librarian, Anne Moser, will entertain you as she plunges you into a fascinating program about Great Lake Shipwrecks. After the program, you'll dive into creating a sea shanty and shipwreck art. Program recommended for kids 7 and older.

"With a bucket full of Legos, you can tell any story." -Christopher Miller

Kids 5 and older are invited to participate in the library's monthly Lego Club! The next opportunity is **Monday April 8th from 4-5pm**. Please note that children under the age of 12 must have an adult or caregiver, aged 12 or older, in the library during the program. Sign up is recommended.



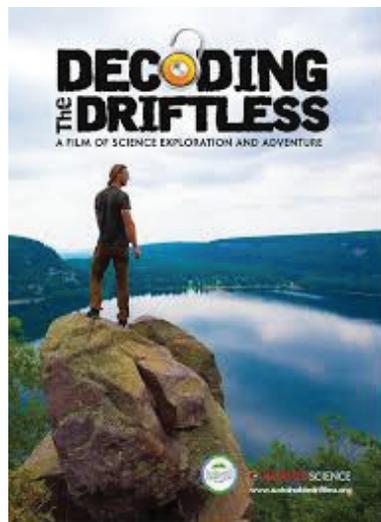
Preventing Basement Flooding

Whether you have recurring basement water issues or you've had a one-time event, Jason Hafeman, one of the experts at Madison's 'Project Home', will be here **Wednesday April 3rd at 6:30pm** to help. With a little bit of planning, a few rules, and some basic landscaping tools, most homeowners can address issues on their own. **NO LARGE MACHINERY**. Join us and find out how! This program is co-sponsored by the Library and the State Bank of Cross Plains.



FREE Special Earth Day Community Event

The Wisconsin State Journal calls it 'A film to knock people's socks off' and they're not kidding! Join us for a wild ride of adventure from the air, ground, water and a secret underworld, as leading scientists, local guides and area enthusiasts reveal their passion for, and knowledge of, the Driftless. Learn why the beautiful region we live in is the only 'island drifts region' in the world. After the film, award-winning co-producer, George Howe, will be there for Q&A. Co-sponsored by the Library and the Gateway to the Driftless organization. Doors will open at 6:15.



Monday April 22nd at 6:30PM
Glacier Creek Middle School Cafetorium

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

Earth Day Celebration- All the Water in the World

School's out and Wisconsin Water Librarian, Anne Moser, is back for a fabulous and amazing program of water science tricks. Join us on **Monday April 22nd at 2PM** for a great opportunity to channel your inner scientist with All the Water in the World.



Lyme Disease- Infection and Prevention

Jean Schnieder, a Clinical Herbalist, will be here on **April 25th from 6:30-7:30PM**, to talk about Lyme Disease and other tick-borne infections, including prevention and treatment of these infections. Sign up is appreciated for this free program.



Free Memory Screening

Free memory screening- create your baseline. On **Friday April 26th**, a specialist from the Aging and Disability Resource Center will be at the library from **9:30AM-12:30PM** to provide free 20-minute confidential memory screenings. Information about memory, memory clinics, brain health and local resources will also be available. Please sign up by calling the library.

Danita Doyla and Lois Lehmann are joining us at the library on **Wednesday May 8th at 6:30PM**, to tell you how to help prevent the Monarchs from going extinct. Learn to create a habitat corridor for Monarchs and other pollinators while adding beauty to your yard or garden, and take home your own milkweed plant! Please sign up so we have enough for everyone!



Square-Foot and Raised Bed Gardens

On **Wednesday May 15th at 6:30PM**, a certified Master Gardener Volunteer from the Dane County UW-Extension will give you ideas for creating your own square-foot gardening beds, a recipe for square-foot gardening soil and information about selecting, growing and harvesting your plants. Call the library to sign up!

For more information about our upcoming and ongoing events, please visit our website!



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Internal Attendance Boundary Committee meets

The Internal Attendance Boundary Committee held the first of what are more than a dozen scheduled meetings on Wednesday, March 6th at the District Services Center.

More than 35 residents applied to serve on the committee and 25 were selected. The meetings are being facilitated by Drew Hawick, who has also worked with DeForest, Sun Prairie and Verona school districts on committees tasked with looking at internal boundaries.

The majority of the first meeting was spent doing introductions, reviewing the charge of the committee and the criteria they should use when evaluating potential options, and learning more about current elementary school boundaries and recent District enrollment along with future projections. The Board of Education will be updated regularly on the work of the committee. The plan is for the committee to finish its work in November and make up to three recommendations on boundaries to the Board.

The District has established an Internal Attendance Boundary Committee web page where you can learn more about the charge, criteria, members and meeting dates. All agendas and documents the committee reviews will also be available on the page. Meetings are also being taped, and will be available on the District's YouTube Channel.

Graduation Rates Up for 2018

The District's graduation rate for the Class of 2018 jumped by nearly 4 percentage points, according to data released by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in February.

MCPASD's graduation rate of 94.7 this past year was also more than 5 points above the state average. MCPASD's graduation rate was 90.8 in 2017 and 88.6 in 2016. The state graduation rate average for the Class of 2018 was 89.6 percent, a 1 percent jump over the year before and a 1.4 percent increase since 2016.

The District's graduation rate for the 6-year cohort, which includes students who were part of the Class of 2016, was 95.5 percent, while the state average was 90.6 percent. That is a 5.4 percent increase for MCPASD over the year before and nearly 8 percent higher than the average in 2016.

Vision Plans For High School Are Shared

Eppstein Uhen Architects' Kim Frerichs and Chris Michaud shared updates on the high school visioning process and reviewed the current floor plans for the rebuilt school at the Board of Education regular meeting on Monday, February 25th.

Frerichs noted there have been four visioning meetings and nearly 80 staff members have been interviewed. Much of the spring will be spent pricing out the ideas being proposed. By May, a final review with staff members will take place to make sure EUA has interpreted what they said correctly, Michaud said.

The rebuilt school is being divided north and south with major access points on each end, Frerichs said. Each area will have a main office, conference space, and reception space. Visitors will also have to enter through one of those main areas once school starts as well. The plans call for six smaller learning communities to make the school feel smaller. This will allow for departmental and inter-departmental collaboration and make the building flexible for teachers.



Photos by Craig Bessette



Cross Plains Annual Trout Days

May 2nd-4th 2019



Trout Day Raffle

The Cross Plains Lions Club, will once again be holding a Trout Day raffle this spring, in conjunction with their annual Trout Day celebration. They will be donating all the proceeds from the raffle to assist in the funding of a new shelter planned for Zander Park. A Simplicity Regent 38" lawn tractor or \$1800 cash will be given away as the grand prize, along with other prizes.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from any Lion member, Kalscheur Implement or at any of the brat stands on Trout Day weekend (the first weekend in May). Thanks to the many area businesses for their support of this raffle. Posters will be placed around the Village this spring with additional information about the Trout Day celebration.



Pictured L-R: Glen Wipperfurth and Maureen Duquette from Kalscheur Implement, Mike Padruitt and Larry Esser representing the Lions Club.

Annual Friends Used Book Sale

While you are out shopping the garage sales on Trout Day weekend, don't forget to stop by the Friends used book sale for a sweet deal on gently used books, DVDs and CDs! The doors open **May 3rd 8AM-6PM and May 4th 8AM-2PM**. Proceeds support library programming.

While you are at the library, check out the Silent Art Auction Fundraiser that starts **April 15th-May 9th**, as well as our new art exhibit opening March 25th created by Claudia Daniels. Her display goes until the end of May.



For more information check out the Cross Plains Chamber website:

www.crossplainschamber.net

Also keep your eyes open for posters around town!

Please join us for a Wine and Cheese
Celebration!

Thursday March 28,
2019
3-6pm

Open House

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Money Savings Options for 2019

Call Vicki Beres, Case Manager 608-798-6937x3, to see if your income and assets qualify you for:

- Energy Assistance with some utility bills this heating season.
- Medicare Savings Program pays you back for your Medicare Part B Premium.
- Extra Help from Social Security to help pay all or a portion of your prescription drug premium and co-payments.
- Have you had a change in your financial circumstances? You may qualify for Food Share. Learn more about the Nutrition Program offered at Northwest Dane Senior Services and area food and clothing pantries.
- There are many Federal, State and Local programs that enable you to continue to live well and safe in your home.

Call for an appointment today!



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Upcoming Garbage Days

March- 14, 21, 28
April- 4, 11, 18, 25
May- 2, 9, 16, 23, 31



Upcoming Recycling Event

Saturday April 6th

Metal Mania!- Call the Village Office
at 608-798-3241 to get added to the list.
Computer, Electronics and Appliance recycling
8am-Noon at the Village Office