

Cross Plains Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Village Hall Closed on September 7
- ◆ Plan Commission meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm.
- ◆ Public Safety Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Parks & Recreation Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm at the Library.
- ◆ Village Board meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm.

A message from the Village President

By the time you read this we should be half way through summer and hopefully everyone is having an enjoyable summer. The highway project is in full swing and is on schedule to be completed by November 1st. The pedestrian and traffic plan for Park Street has helped to keep residents safe and address the parking for the displaced residents along Main Street. Just a reminder, Park Street is the best way to get to all the businesses on Main Street. You can access Mill Creek Parkway via Wilson or Jovina Street. Please go slow when driving these streets, and stop at the stop signs. Remember a lot of pedestrians, including young children, are walking and playing in the area.

There is plenty of other activity in the Village in addition to the highway project. The new apartment complex at the old Zander Creamery site is making progress and will open at the end of August. The final restoration work for Mill Creek Parkway was completed this spring and the Streetscape Committee is working on the signage, which will be in place later this year.

Please stop by the local businesses along Mill Creek Parkway during construction season. Wednesdays are a great day to visit the downtown area. The Farmer's Market

takes place from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, in the parking lot at Mill Creek and Wilson Street.

There are plenty of activities going on this summer for you and your family. The Parks and Recreation Department have their summer programs in full swing. The pool is open daily and is a great way to cool off and beat the heat. There are even lap swim hours for adults during the evening. The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library offers many programs for people of all ages. Library members can use the LINK catalog feature on the Library website to choose from a large selection of books for summer reading. To find out more about the programs being offered, visit the Village and Library websites, or stop by the Village Hall and Library.

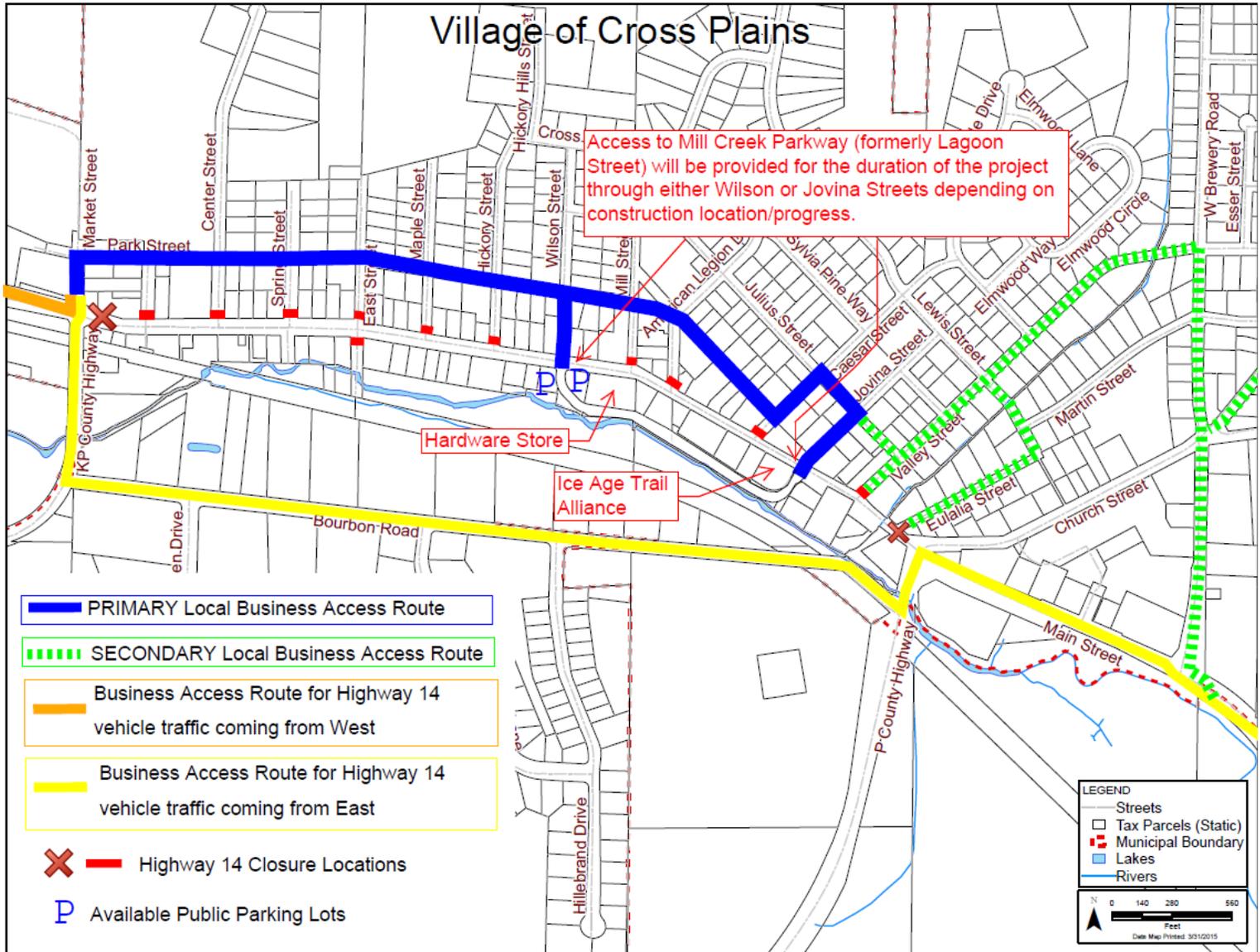
The Village created a new committee system in June. Two new committees were created including the Public Safety Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee. These Committees meet once a month and if anyone is interested in serving on one of our committees they can contact me or give your name and contact information at the Village office.

Have an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely

Pat Andreoni
Village President

US Highway 14 (Main Street) Reconstruction

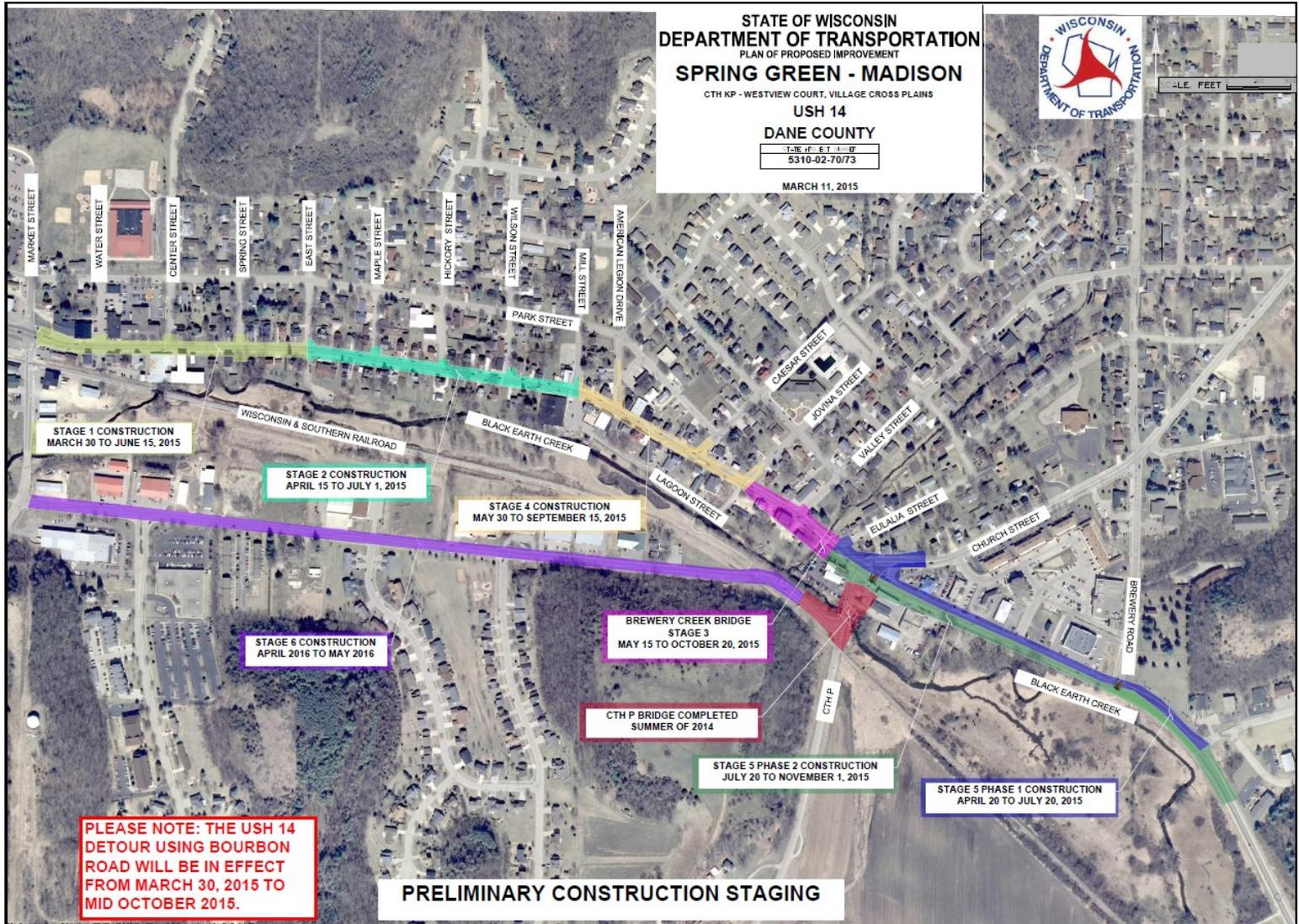


Highway 14 (Main Street) is officially closed from County Highway KP (Market Street) to County Highway P (Church Street). The official detour route will utilize County Highway KP, Bourbon Road, and County Highway P for the duration of the project. Local access to businesses and residents is provided using two routes:

- 1) **Primary Access**—Local access is primarily available off of Park Street from Market to Caesar Street. This route will provide access to Mill Creek Parkway either through Wilson or Jovina Streets. Public parking lots are available at the south east/west corners of Main Street and Mill Creek Parkway.
- 2) **Secondary Access**— As an alternative to the primary access route, a secondary route is available using Brewery Road to Valley Street to connect with additional businesses and the primary route.

Residents are encouraged to consider additional trips to local businesses to help support them during the construction project.

US Highway 14 (Main Street) Reconstruction



March 30 - Project Start

- Stage 1 - Market to East: Mar 30 thru Jun 15
- Stage 2 - East to Mill: Apr thru Jul 1
- Stage 3 - Jovina to Eulalia: May 15 thru Oct 20
- Stage 4 - Mill to Jovina: May 30 thru Sep 15
- Stage 5
 - * Phase 1 - Eulalia to Westview (north side): Apr 20 thru Jul 20
 - * Phase 2 - Eulalia to East Village Limits (south side): Jul 20 to Nov 1

November 1 - Project End (final date subject to change).

Project Contact Information:

- ⇒ Project Leader - Kim Ballweg
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Weekly Construction Public Information Meetings:

Every Wednesday at 11:00 am

Construction Field Office
45 Glaciers Edge Square (next to PT Firearms)

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

Wisconsin's First Green Library



Changes on the Library Board

Library board members, Denise Baylis and Charity Hirsch, have stepped down from the Library Board. We thank them for their dedication and service to the library, and wish them well. Also, we'd like to welcome newly appointed members, Ellen Alberts and Carolyn Abbott.

Summer Library Program is June 15 – August 1

This year come find your inner hero with some smashing activities as we celebrate *Every Hero Has a Story*. We will be building a Lego city together this year as our super-readers find themselves leaping over tall buildings with their reading skills! Readers will also be earning pet food and supplies that we will donate to the Dane County Humane Society at the end of the program. Some super performers will draw heroic crowds who will get to see their awe-inspiring skills: The remaining schedule is as follows:

7/21 @ 10: meet all kinds of *Dog Heroes*,
7/28 @ 10: *Dane County Humane Society*,
8/1 @ 6: Grand Finale Pool Party!

For those who need a little extra encouragement, we have teen volunteer reading buddies ready to assist. All of the reading they do with a buddy counts toward their goal in the program. For more information about this please call Catherine Baer at 798-3881.

Registration for the children's summer reading program and workshops is available at www.rgpl.org.

Join us and keep your kids reading over the summer.

Summer Storytimes – SuperTots, Tuesdays @ 10, SuperKids Booktime, Thursdays @ 10:00

The days we have summer program shows on Tuesday mornings (7/21 and 7/28), there will be a SuperTots Playtime (free play in the storytime room) at 10. For the SuperKids (ages 3-6), we have a full schedule of storytimes with lots of special guests! Find a detailed schedule on our website. If you would like to be included on our email list for storytime news, please send a message to Catherine at cabaer@rgpl.org, or call 798-3881. Find more information on our website: www.rgpl.org/children/.

2015 Adult Summer Library Program is June 15 – July 31

Please join us this summer as you **ESCAPE THE ORDINARY**, and find out what's extraordinary at your public library!

Adults 18 and up can register at the circulation desk for the Adult Summer Library Program. This year's grand prize is a **\$200 gift certificate for Harvest Restaurant in Madison!!** There are also weekly drawings for other fabulous prizes! Check it out on our website at www.rgpl.org or stop by the library for details. *Summer comes but once a year - make it out of the ordinary!*

Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines

Join us **July 30th @ 6:30 PM** when we screen the documentary film, *Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines*, which traces the fascinating evolution and legacy of Wonder Woman. From the birth of the comic book superheroine in the 1940s to the blockbusters of today, **WONDER WOMEN!** looks at how popular representations of powerful women often reflect society's anxieties about women's liberation. **WONDER WOMEN!** goes behind the scenes with

Library hours: Mon, Wed, and Thur: 9am-8pm, Tues & Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 10am-2pm

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, 2107 Julius St., Cross Plains, WI. 53528 – 608-798-3881-www.rgpl.org

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library Children's Programs

Lynda Carter, Lindsay Wagner, comic writers and artists, and real life superheroines such as Gloria Steinem, Shelby Knox and others who offer an enlightening and entertaining counterpoint to the male dominated superhero genre. This program is in partnership with Wisconsin Public Television/Independent Lens Series.

Art Exhibit – 5th Grade Glacier Creek Students Join the *Baltimore Love Project*

This summer the library is home to several large paintings created by 5th grade students at Glacier Creek Middle School. After studying the history of graffiti and street art in the United States, students worked with artist Michael Owens to create paintings in the style of his *Baltimore Love Project*, a series of large-scale murals with the simple message, "Love," spelled out through hand silhouettes. The results are spectacular, so don't miss the opportunity to enjoy and be inspired!

Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group

Join the Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group the last Thursday of the month at 6 PM for a spirited discussion of fiction and nonfiction works.

Morning Movie

Morning Movie is on hiatus for July and August. Watch for information when we start a fresh season in September!

Thursday Night Jam Session

Did you know that the library hosts a music jam session every Thursday evening at 5:30 PM? Stop by with or without an instrument, and enjoy the fun!

Computer Assistance

The library staff is happy to help patrons using library computers with questions. People can also get one-on-one basic instruction by calling 798-3881 for an appointment.

Wisconsin's Digital Library, Powered by OverDrive

Download audiobooks, eBooks, music and videos directly to your computer or for use with a variety of devices, including iPhones, iPads, Android devices,

Nooks, Kindles, and more. Just click on the *OverDrive* button located on our library homepage.

Additional Services Available at the Library

Study rooms for small groups

Free meeting space for non-profit groups

Color Laser Printing

Black & White Photocopying

Document Scanner

Fax Service

Exam Proctoring

*Community rooms and kitchen can be rented for private events. Please call 798-3881 for details.

Find Out About Becoming a Member of the Friends of the Library!

The *Friends of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library* is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides support for library programming and special projects. Membership forms can be found at the circulation desk.

The Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society Research Center

Located in the library, the historical society research center is open by appointment. Contact Joan Schneeberger at 608-437-1357 or Pauline Brunner at 798-2217.

Get Your Cap Times Here!

The library now carries the weekly *Cap Times*. Stop by each week, and get your free copy!

Library is Local Drop-off Site for the Mazomanie Food Pantry

When you return your library materials, don't forget to bring in a non-perishable item for the food pantry.



Your donations are much needed and greatly appreciated! Please, no expired or opened goods.

Police Department News

It is great to see the beautiful weather is finally here after a brutal winter. The great weather brings us all outdoors and with that I wanted to send out a few reminders.

Village ordinance requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. Please be courteous to others and clean up after your pets if you are out walking. You must also keep control of your pets. Village ordinance prohibits animals running at large unless it is on your own property or the property of another with their permission.

School will be out for the summer by the time this newsletter goes out. Let's all be careful and watch for those bicycles. If you are riding a bicycle you must ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as traffic. Bicycles also have to follow the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. Be sure to stop for the stop signs.

We also receive several complaints every year of bicycles being stolen. It's a good idea to lock your bikes up when not at home. You may also stop down at the police department and get a license for your bike. The license is free and it only takes a few minutes. If we recover a bicycle it also assists us in getting it back to the owner.

State law prohibits certain items from being on the road. Skateboards, which include long boards, cannot be ridden on the roadway. You can ride on the sidewalks and of course we always have the skate park (which may be getting some new equipment I understand). Motorized scooters are also prohibited from being in the road. Finally we appreciate everyone's continued cooperation and emphasis on driving safely during this construction season as everyone shares the road on the detour routes.

Chamber of Commerce



The Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce members and our community benefit directly from your involvement!

OUR MISSION: To promote a strong economy and high quality of life for our Chamber members and the Cross Plains area communities.

The Chamber needs volunteers to help build awareness of our community, promote business members, and hold events in our community. Please consider being a part of this great organization in whatever capacity you are able. If you are interested in a particular area we welcome your involvement.

Upcoming events: (volunteers needed for all)

July 2015

- 18-19 – Saint Francis Church Picnic
- 22 – Chamber Golf Outing – See our website for the registration form. Donating a prize and sponsoring a hole is a great way to promote your business. If you don't golf, join us for networking and dinner!

- Jul 31 - Aug 1 ~ Spike Rett's Volleyball Tournament and Fund Raiser

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 31, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Texas Hold 'Em tournament at Main Street Lanes.

Saturday, August 1, Noon - 5 p.m. Bean Bag tournament at Jodi's Bar & Grill.

Saturday, August 1, Noon - 6 p.m. Luck of the Draw Volleyball Tournament, Legion Park, Cross Plains.

Saturday, August 1, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. DJ Petty Cash and Party on the patio at Coaches Club.

Sign up for an event today!

Go to www.crossplainschamber.net for more information and to see the full calendar.

WONDERING ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

The Chamber website has an area for the latest and greatest information we have available. Wondering about something you don't see? Let Amy know and we'll do the best we can to get an answer. You can also follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

Support Local Businesses – Utilize Chamber Bucks!

A Chamber Buck is a gift certificate, created by the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce to encourage local shopping which, in turn, strengthens our economy and supports business growth. Chamber Bucks can be redeemed at most Chamber member businesses. You can use them at local restaurants, auto part stores, and service centers, retail stores, local chiropractic offices, and more! Unlike traditional gift certificates, Chamber Bucks can be redeemed at over 60 local businesses, for whatever the recipient of this great gift desires. Chamber Bucks can be purchased from Executive Director Amy Hansen and are available at State Bank of Cross Plains. Chamber bucks work similar to ordinary checks. Businesses just deposit them as they would personal checks and they are paid by the CPACC Bucks account.

CROSS PLAINS IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Please support local Main Street businesses during construction: *(Local access is provided via Park Street and Mill Street. For a complete membership list, construction updates and more visit: www.crossplainschamber.net and like us on Facebook.*

Volunteers needed for Chamber Ambassador Program

The Chamber is working on building our Ambassador Program. Our mission as Ambassadors is to significantly increase membership retention by improving communications with our membership and increasing membership involvement and support of all Chamber events and activities. Please let Amy know if you want to be part of this fun, energetic, positive team. (amy.cpchamber@yahoo.com)

Are you looking for ways to promote your business? The Chamber has many sponsorship opportunities including our After Hours Networking and Lunch and Learn events.

GET INVOLVED TODAY! Individual memberships are only \$75/year, Business memberships starting at \$225
Community Involvement ~ Business Development ~ Communication ~ Networking
For more information check out our website www.crossplainschamber.net or contact Executive Director Amy Hansen at amy.cpchamber@yahoo.com.

Parks & Recreation News

Community Awareness

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to give a special thank you to four local businesses for their contribution in helping make a scoreboard on the small diamond at Baer Park a reality. A special thank you to: State Bank of Cross Plains, Coaches Club, Culvers of Cross Plains and Middleton Community Bank. Your generous donation of \$1,500.00 is what makes Cross Plains a great place to work, play, and live. New emergency signs have been installed in a number of our local parks. The signs were added to establish landmarks for our park users who may be in need of emergency services. Signs were installed at Baer Park, Raspberry Park, Legion Park, and Park School.



Recreation Programs

Intro to Floor Hockey

Join the Cross Plains Parks and Recreation Department for an instructional course where participants will learn the basics of floor hockey through different drills, games, and some friendly competition. Teamwork, good sportsmanship, and FUN will be strongly encouraged!

When: July 30– Sept 3 **Days:** Thursdays **Fee:** \$40.00 **Where:** Park Elementary School Gymnasium

Session 1: 5-7yr olds **Time:** 5:30pm-6:30pm

Session 2: 8-12 yr olds **Time:** 6:30pm-7:30pm

Soccer (Volunteer Coaches Needed)

This program is offered to boys and girls ages pre-k through 3rd grade (as of 2015-2016). This program stresses the fundamentals of soccer and sportsmanship in a fun relaxing atmosphere. T-shirt included!

<u>Session</u>	<u>Days/Time</u>	<u>Park/Fee</u>
Pre-k (Age 4)	Tues & Wed 5:30-6:30 pm	Raspberry \$40.00
Kindergarten (Age 5)	Tues & Wed 5:30-6:30 pm	Raspberry \$40.00
1st Grade	Tues & Wed 6:30-7:30 pm	Raspberry \$40.00
2nd Grade and 3rd Grade	Tues & Wed 6:30-7:30 pm	Raspberry \$40.00

Messy Fest

Ready to get messy? Children will go to several stations and do things that Mom and Dad would not allow! Such things include: eating without utensils, painting with their feet, and decorating each other with whip cream. This is going to be extremely messy, so please wear appropriate clothing and bring a towel.

Session 1: August 3 Ages 5-7, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Session 2: August 10 Ages 8-11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Fee: \$20.00 **Where:** Baer Park (Large Diamond Shelter)

Parent's Night Out: Science-tastic

Parent's Night Out is a once a month program where your child(ren) will participate in fun activities, crafts, a movie, pizza and popcorn while you enjoy a little time away! You can feel comfortable knowing your child (ren) will be safe with our trained and CPR certified staff.

Day: Friday, August 14th

Time: 5:30pm-9:00pm

Ages: 5-13 yrs old

Fee: \$20 per child

Farmers Market Flyer

MCPSD News

Secondary students will have different bell time schedules in 2015-16 as schedules were finalized at Glacier Creek, Kromrey and MHS in April. The middle school day will still start at 8:20 a.m., but school will end at 3:36 p.m., which is 14 minutes earlier than it has been in 2014-15. Classes at MHS will begin on A and B days at 8:25 a.m., while school will end at 3:44 p.m., which is 14 minutes earlier than it has been in 2014-15. Late starts have been eliminated.

The new schedule is more than 40 hours above what is required for secondary students by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. In addition, instructional time for each middle school class in the new schedule will only be one minute less than it currently is. All classes at MHS will now be 87 minutes in length.

The improvements were made after significant feedback from staff, students, parents and community members over a number of months. At MHS, first-year principal Steve Plank oversaw a staff committee that met more than a half-dozen times and looked at multiple versions of possible schedules.

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District received the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Award during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in early June.

Superintendent Don Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Tom Wohlleber, Board of Education President, Bob Green and former MHS environmental science teacher, Deb Weitzel, who wrote much of the grant, attended the ceremony. The MCPSD District found out in April that it was one of just 14 districts in the nation to win the award in 2015.

Incumbent Anne Bauer along with Sean Hyland, Kelly Kalscheur and Linda Yu captured seats on the Board of Education.

Hyland, a Cross Plains resident, ran unopposed in Area II, and will replace Terry Metzger, who didn't run for a second term, while Kalscheur ran unopposed in Area I. She will replace Brian Hornung, who was appointed to the Board a year ago to replace Jim Greer, who took a new job in Dallas. Yu received 2,421 votes to narrowly defeat Todd Smith (2,343 votes) in Area IV. She will replace LeeAnne Hallquist, who decided not to run. Bauer received 3,096 votes to defeat Tia Eady (1,707 votes) in Area V. Bauer currently serves as the Board's Treasurer. The election was held on Tuesday, April 7.

Staff members Tim Ashe and Jolene Wochenske along with students Denae Brown, Shelby Noble and Andrew Plumb have been named recipients of 2015 Herb Kohl Foundation awards.

Ashe, a special education teacher at Glacier Creek Middle School, and Wochenske, a German teacher at Kromrey Middle School and MHS, were among 102 educators to receive Kohl Fellowship awards. Plumb, a senior at Middleton High School, received a Kohl Excellence Scholarship.

Brown, a student in MCPASD's 21st Century eSchool and Noble, who is from Cross Plains and attends Clark Street Community School, received Kohl Initiative Scholarships. All five District recipients were honored at a banquet at Monona Grove High School April 19.

The Board of Education approved a remodel of the Glacier Creek library-media center earlier this spring that will turn the area more into a learning commons.

Glacier Creek was built in 1996 and the LMC was created to accommodate 750 students. Enrollment at the school is nearing 1,000 so the current space doesn't fit the needs of a 21st century LMC, Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning Sherri Cyra said. When it was built, it also wasn't set up to support electronic devices. She also said the shelves need to be lowered so fifth- and sixth-graders can access them.

The remodeling will begin in mid-June and should be completed by mid-August, J.H. Findorff project manager Aaron Zutz said.

Remaining funds from the successful referendum in 2012 will be used to pay for the remodel. State law requires that funds approved by referendum must be used on the facilities that were a part of the referendum. Project savings also were used to build an outdoor amphitheater at Glacier Creek.

Cross Plains - Berry Historical Society

The hours are changing at the Research Center at the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Public Library at 2107 Julius Street. Beginning June 1st until September 1st the curators will be at the library from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. However, you may ask for help by any one of the librarians and they will be happy to assist you at any other time. You may also set up an appointment with curators Joan Schneeberger at 608-437-1357 or Pauline Brunner at 608-798-2217 at any time.

The Museum at Brewery Road is open on the 1st and the 3rd Sundays during the months of June, July & August, from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. You may also call Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147 for an appointment at the Museum, at 2204 Brewery Rd.

Our regular meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the basement of the St. Martins Lutheran Church at 2437 Church Street on the second Monday of April, May, September, October, November and December.

We are always looking for new members, so if you have any questions or would like to join the organization please call Lyle "Doc" or Charlotte Esser at 608-798-2147.

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School District (608) 829-9000
Email matt@cross-plains.wi.us

Village Website:
www.cross-plains.wi.us

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www.facebook.com/crossplainswi

Yard Waste and Branch Pick Up

Blowing grass, leaves and other yard waste is detrimental to the environment and can end up draining into the creek. Alternatively yard waste can be brought to the Public Facilities garage, located at 1255 Bourbon Road. The dump site is located at the West side of the building. The Village will collect branches the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Branches must be set out to the curb of the residence. To have your address added to the biweekly list, please call Village Hall at 798-3241.

Along with the nice weather dog owners can take their canine companions on walks. Ordinance 21.09(d) requires owners to pick up their pets leavings immediately to ensure the Village right of ways are kept sanitary. Please help keep our Village beautiful.

