

Cross Plains Newsletter

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Plains

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Village Hall Closed on May 25
- ◆ Village Hall Closed on July 4
- ◆ Plan Commission meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm.
- ◆ Committee of the Whole meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm.
- ◆ Village Board meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm.

A message from the Village President

By the time you receive this newsletter the Highway Reconstruction Project should be well on its way. The Village has been preparing for this project for the last several years. Included in this newsletter you will find information related to the construction schedule, detours and other important information related to the project. The project will require patience as we deal with the construction activity. The Village will be working with the Department of Transportation, who is administering the project, on any issues that arise.

If you have been around the Village since the project started you know that Bourbon Road is being used as the main detour. Thanks to the Village staff we have a pedestrian and traffic plan for Park Street to help keep residents safe and address the parking for the displaced residents on Main Street. Park Street is also the best way to get to all the businesses on Main Street, and you can get to Mill Creek Parkway via Wilson or Jovina Street. All the businesses along the parkway will be accessible throughout the construction period.

The Streetscape Workgroup has continued to work hard to look at the signage, amenities, landscaping and pedestrian enhancements along the Main Street corridor. Some of the items will not be completed this year, but a plan is being developed to guide the Village as they complete future enhancements. Meetings take place on the

last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

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. The construction will continue even during the Highway project this summer. Mill Creek Parkway will see additional restoration this spring as they complete the work left over from last fall. Also when you visit the businesses along the Parkway you will notice the old market next to the coffee shop has been taken down.

The Parks and Recreation Activity Guide was mailed out in early March, and contains many exciting programs for all ages. You can easily sign up for all programs, including registering for swim lessons, online at the Village website. There are also a number of activities happening at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library as well to help bring in the spring season. Make sure to stop by or visit their website to see all the exciting activities going on.

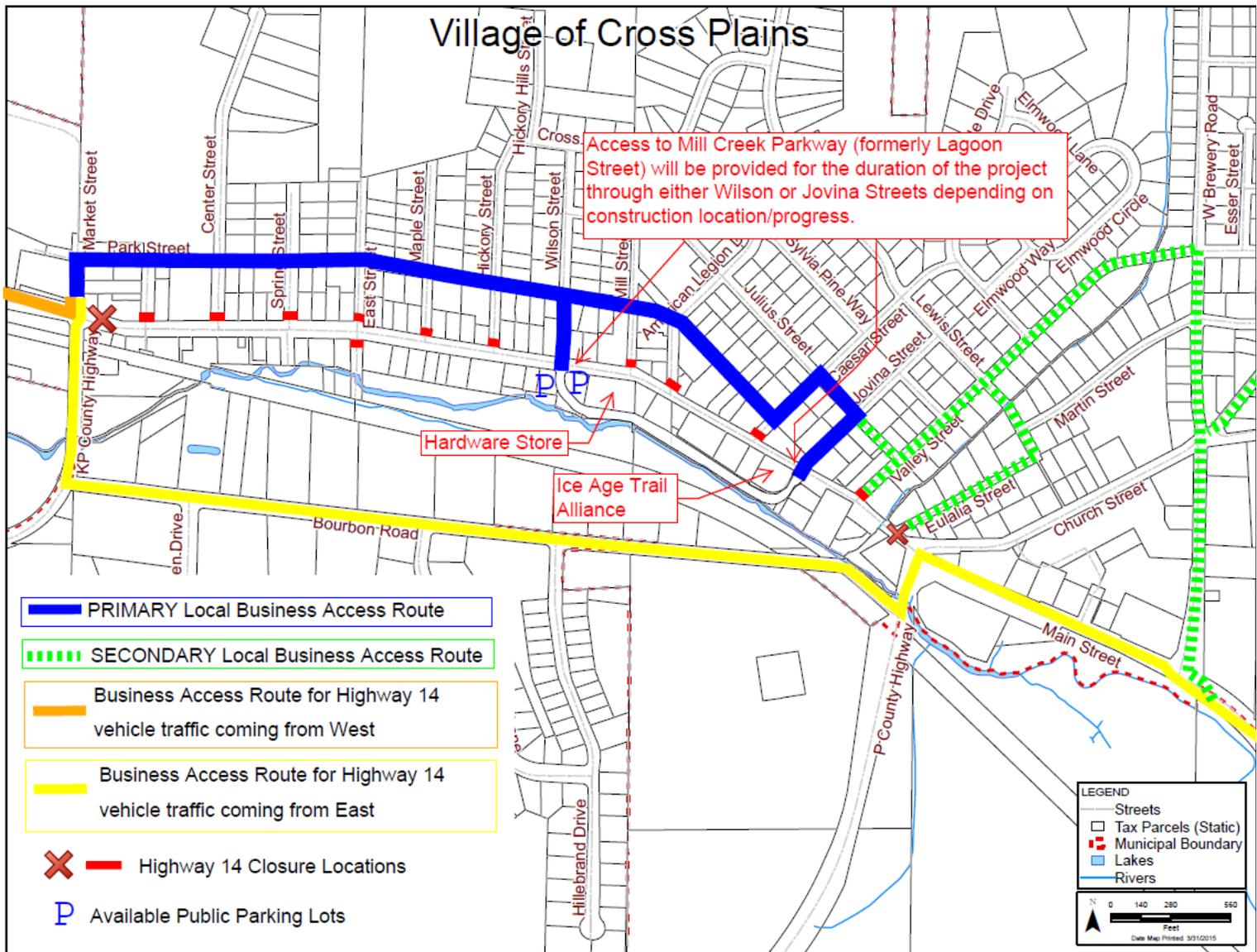
Finally I would like to thank Doug Brunner for his years of service on the Village Board. I look forward to working with the new board members and to ensure the Village is a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Pat Andreoni

Village President

US Highway 14 (Main Street) Reconstruction

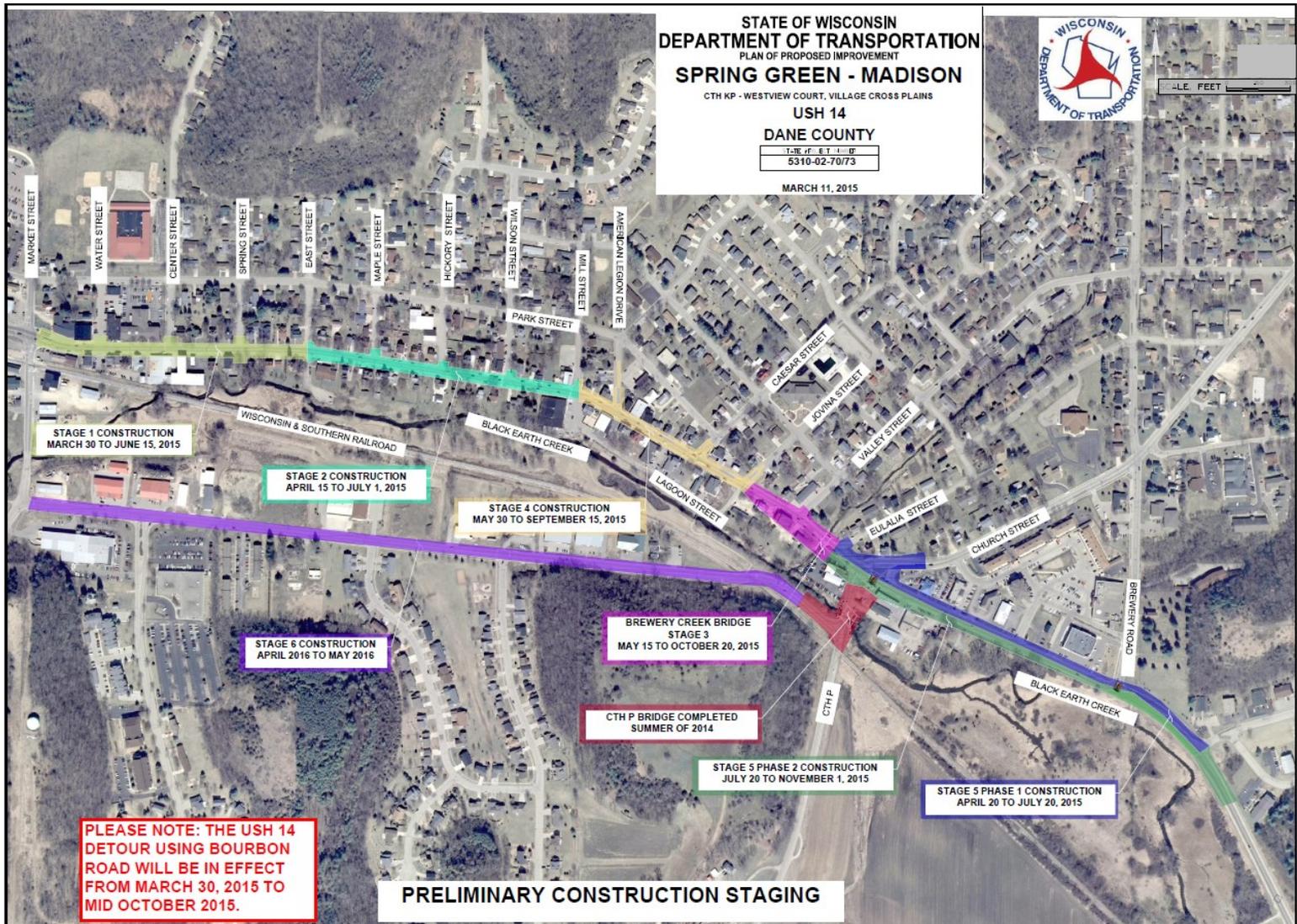


Highway 14 (Main Street) is officially closed from County Highway KP (Market Street) to County Highway P (Church Street). The official detour route will utilize County Highway KP, Bourbon Road, and County Highway P for the duration of the project. Local access to businesses and residents is provided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

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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



Read Together Middleton-Cross Plains

Join the Cross Plains and Middleton Public Libraries in an exploration of Harper Lee's iconic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. From March 2nd through April 30th, drop by the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library to help create art panels that will be permanently displayed in the library. Each panel will reflect the prevalent themes of Justice, Courage, and Respect represented in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Also, the **Children's Theater of Madison** is presenting an interactive reading performance from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, starring Madison-based actor, Richard Ganoung, as Atticus. There will a performance on Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 PM at the Middleton Public Library, and a repeat performance at the **Rosemary Garfoot Public Library on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 PM**. The performances are free and open to all ages so don't miss this opportunity!

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.

Green Tuesdays Environmental Films and Discussion - If you're interested in environmental issues and how they impact world around you, join us for Green Tuesdays, a free series of films, presentations, and conversations about sustainability issues. The group meets at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the month from September through May.

Escape the Ordinary with the Adult Summer Reading Program - Summer reading isn't just for kids. This year's adult summer reading program, **Escape the Ordinary**, kicks off June 15th. Be watching for information about opportunities for some out-of-the-ordinary fun!

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.

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.**

Spring Storytimes – Wigglers and Giggles, Tuesdays @ 10, Big Kids PM Booktime, Tuesdays @ 1:00, and Big Kids AM Booktime, Wednesdays @ 10 - Give our **new afternoon storytime session** a try on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00! This is a great opportunity for 4K kids who go to school in the mornings. Join us as we enjoy storybooks, songs, crafts and other engaging activities. Wigglers and Giggles (baby/toddler) storytimes are offered on Tuesday mornings at 10, Big Kids PM Booktime (preschoolers and 4K kids) happen on Tuesdays at 1, as well as on Wednesdays at 10. As we did in the fall we will continue the programs nonstop, through May 20th. Instead of intermittent breaks, we offer a "Coffee Break" every 5 weeks. Parents and caregivers can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea on us, while the children have a free-play time in our child-centered storytime room. If you would like to be included on our email list for sto-

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

rytime 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

Tween/Teen Book Club - This book club meets once a month to read and discuss books of interest to kids from ages 9 – 18. Join us on **Thursday, April 16th**, as we discuss *The Watsons Go To Birmingham – 1963*, by Christopher Paul Curtis. This program is part of our collaboration with the Middleton Public Library as we celebrate the “Community-Wide Read” of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee. A story told with warmth and humor, by 10 year-old Kenny, *The Watsons Go To Birmingham – 1963*, takes a look at a difficult time in our history through the lens of a loving family. We will serve pizza and watch the movie version of the book after our discussion. The program will run from 4:15 – 6:30. Sign up for the program and get a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

School's Out Movies – April 17th: 1:00 – 3:00 PM - Join us for a free movie and popcorn on this day off from school! We're always interested to know what movies you would like to see. For more information, to make a suggestion or to sign up please contact Catherine at 798-3881.

Earth Day Celebration – April 22nd: 6:00 – 7:30 PM - Join us for *The Life and Times of a Drop of Water* by Wisconsin's Water Librarian, Anne Moser. There will be stories about water, and then a science fair of experiments and demonstrations. Anne always brings fun and amazing science activities when she visits our library – an opportunity not to be missed! This program will be best suited for elementary school aged kids. Come ready to get your hands wet! Sign up at the circulation desk, or by calling 798-3881.

Wisconsin, A Wealth of Water debuts at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library -Stop by the library to see this beautiful photographic display created by the University of Wisconsin's Sea Grant Institute, and Water Resources Institute. Beautiful photographs and text, along with a list of informational websites give us the reminder we need about the value of our water re-

sources. There are also “attack packs” filled with educational resources about aquatic invasive species, available for teachers to check out to use with their students. The exhibit will be on display until April 17th. Don't miss it.

Read to a Dog - Come meet “Diesel” the Great White Pyrenees, and read him a story! Diesel visits the library once a month on a Monday after school and children can sign up for a turn to read to him. This is especially helpful for those who are reluctant to read. If your child needs a little extra encouragement, this may be just the thing. And Diesel loves the attention! This program is scheduled for the following days: March 16, April 27 and May 18th. To sign up for a 15 minute time slot, please call the library: 798-3881.

May 2nd is Free Comic Book Day! - Stop by the library on Saturday, May 2nd while you are out and about for Trout Days. You can pick up some bargains at the Friends of the Library book sale, and go home with a free comic book as well!

Family Games Day – Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 – 2:00 PM - Bring the whole family and join us for a day of games. All kinds of interactive games, new and old will be featured, except for electronic and video games. We will highlight some games about heroes, as we gear up for our summer library program, “Every Hero Has a Story”. The program is completely free, and well-suited to children ages 4 and older. Bring an item for the food pantry and enter to win a prize. Come ready to play!

Summer Library Program begins on June 15 - 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: 6/16 @1: program kickoff with Duke Otherwise, 6/23 @ 10: Nature's Niche with the Critter Crusader, 6/25 @6:30 PM: Folk Heroes Family Night, 6/30@ 10: storyteller, Chris Fascione, 6/9 @6:30 caricature artist Paul Merklein draws *Great Big Faces*, 7/14 @ 1: movie, *The Incredibles*, 7/21 @ 10: meet all kinds of *Dog Heroes*, 7/28 @ 10: *Dane County Humane Society*, 8/1 @ 6: Grand Finale Pool Party! The program will also feature heroic workshops for tweens and teens, including theater games, stage combat, Guitar Hero, a superhero drawing workshop and a book club. We are in need of volunteers to help make the summer program a booming success. If you would like to join our team of superhero volunteers, please call Catherine at 798-3881.

Police Department News

It would appear that nicer weather has finally arrived. The nicer weather will undoubtedly bring more people outdoors. The nicer weather also brings construction season to Cross Plains. The planning stages for the Highway 14 project are drawing to a close and by the time you receive this letter construction will already have started (I hope).

Village staff has worked very hard preparing for the Highway 14 project to make sure it goes as smoothly as possible. The project will bring increased traffic on several of our village streets. Most notably on Bourbon Rd. and Park St. I would ask that everyone be more vigilant while out and about. Several precautionary measures have been planned for on both roads and I hope that you take the time to familiarize yourself with the upcoming changes.

Bourbon Rd. will have several sets of stop lights in place for the construction. Once construction starts there will be operating lights at the intersections of Bourbon Rd. and Market St., Bourbon Rd. and Hillebrand Dr., and also at Bourbon Rd. and County Hwy P. There are also plans to put in some traffic control devices at the railroad tracks on Bourbon rd. The speed limit will remain at 25mph on Bourbon Rd. for the duration of the Highway 14 project. These devices have all been installed to assist with the increased traffic on Bourbon Rd. and for the safety of all. Please make sure that you are alert to these changes.

Park St. will also see some changes during the Highway 14 project. There will be NO Parking on the north side of Park St. The north side of Park St. will be designated as a pedestrian lane and will be marked with a white line and signage. This, hopefully, will give people a safer place to walk and or ride a bike. If you are riding a bike on Park St. make sure you are extra careful and obey all stop signs. This will be particularly important for kids riding their bikes to school. There will be some increase of vehicular travel on Park St. during the construction and it is imperative that we all use extra caution to make sure everyone remains safe.

On a separate note, you may have noticed that the Village now has a Crossing Guard at the school crossing by Glacier Creek Middle School. The program is running smoothly and is appreciated by all the kids that use the crossing. I would like to send out a huge Thank You to Darius and Judy VanFossen for working as our Crossing Guards. They do an excellent job helping keep out kids safe on the way to and from school each day.

Chamber of Commerce

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)

April 2015: 4th – Easter Egg Hunt, 30th – Lion's Trout Days & City Wide Garage Sales
May 2015: 1st-2nd – Trout Days, City Wide Garage Sales, 25th – Memorial Day Chicken BBQ & 5K
June 2015: 26th-28th – Cross Plains World's Fair
July 2015: 18th-19th – Saint Francis Church Picnic, 22nd – Chamber Golf Outing

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. 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.

For more information check out our website www.crossplainschamber.net or contact Executive Director Amy Hansen at amy.cpchamber@yahoo.com.



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EMERGENCY - Police, Fire, EMS 911
Police Department (608) 798-4100
Public Library (608) 798-3881
School District (608) 829-9000
Email matt@cross-plains.wi.us

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

We're on **FACEBOOK!!!**
www.facebook.com/crossplainswi

NWDSS Grand Opening Weekend

You are cordially invited to join us for as we celebrate our new home!

Thursday, April 30th

11:15 a.m. Ribbon Cutting

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

\$8 adults, \$5 children under 10 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

City Wide Garage and Bake Sale

Thursday 4-7 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. -noon

Drop off your donations by Wed., Apr. 29th!

Northwest Dane Senior Services

1837 Bourbon Road Cross Plains, WI 53528
(608) 798-NWDS (6937)

Yard Waste and Branch Pick Up

It is hard to think about Spring, after such a cold winter, but before long residents will have yard waste and branches to dispose of. Blowing grass, leaves and other yard waste to gutters 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.

As the weather clears up, dog owners can begin taking 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.