

# Village News

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OF  
CROSS PLAINS

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Plan Commission meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**
- **Public Safety Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Parks & Recreation Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Library.**
- **Village Board meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**
- **Library Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:15pm.**

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## A message from the Administrator



I think it is safe to say we have entered the middle of summer here in the Village of Cross Plains – recreation programs are in full swing, the municipal pool is busy, and the weather is heating up. I hope all of you find time this summer to relax and enjoy the beauty of our Village!

### Looking ahead to 2018

The Village Board officially kicked-off the 2018 Budget process at their June 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Currently, Department Heads are preparing their 2018 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan proposals for Village Board consideration. While we are at the beginning stages of our budget process, we do know of one major project that will be taking place in 2018... The street and utility reconstruction of County Highway P through the Village from near Culvers to the northern Village limits. This project will also include work along Baer Street, from Pleasant View Lane to County Highway P. While the exact schedule will not be known until a bidder has been selected, work is expected to occur between May and October of 2018. The project will include: replacement of existing water main and sanitary sewer, complete reconstruction of the existing street pavement, and construction of new curb, gutter and sidewalks, along with some intersection re-alignment. As with any large project, the Village is currently working out several details regarding the specifics of the project in preparation for construction. Interested in learning more about this project? The Village will be hosting an open house at Village Hall (2417 Brewery Road) on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 6 PM to review the preliminary design, take comments, and discuss the project in general. All are invited and encouraged to attend.



### Development Updates

I am sure all of you will agree with me when I state that our Village has seen some significant development over the past several years. Many of you might be wondering what exactly is going on around the Village, here is a little update on current development happenings around the Village. The Glacier Ridge subdivision located just south of the Glacier Creek Middle School was approved in 2016 and is a residential development being constructed by Veridian Homes. The development has a total of 43 single-family home lots. At the time of writing this article the Village has received a total of 20 building permits for the subdivision.

Esser Place, the mixed-use building located on Main Street being developed by Iconica, is expected to be complete by the end of July. When complete, the three-story building will include first floor retail space as well as 45 residential units in a mixture of studio, one and two-bedroom apartments with underground residential parking.



The Village Plan Commission is in the final stages of completing its work on the Glacier Ridge Square Redevelopment Plan. The Village was awarded a Dane County Better Urban Infill Development (BUILD) grant to create a road map for viable design improvements and implementation strategies to ensure that the Glacier's Edge Square Shopping Center, and surrounding parcels, remains viable into the future. The Redevelopment Plan will outline specific recommendations for future Village consideration. More information on this project can be found on the Village's website under "Special Projects" on the left side of the homepage.

Should you have questions or comments regarding Village issues, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phone (608-798-3241 ext. 105) or email ([cstene@cross-plains.wi.us](mailto:cstene@cross-plains.wi.us)).

Caitlin Stene  
Village Administrator/Clerk

# Did you Know?

## Got Brush?

The Village has brush pickup the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Residents are required to call the Village Office at 608-798-3241 Ext 102 to request a brush pickup. If you call after hours, or no one answers, simply leave a message at that number with your Name, Address and Request to be placed on the brush pickup list. The definition of Brush is – any woody type material with a diameter of the lead in a lead pencil or larger.



The definition of Yard Waste is – grass clippings, leaves, flowers or garden plants. The brush pickup procedure has two (2) phases – smaller piles are picked up first and a list of larger piles is created by a two (2) person crew. Once the smaller piles are picked up throughout the Village then Staff goes back through the Village with a three (3) person crew and an additional piece of equipment to pick up the larger piles.

Due to the large volume of brush placed out for pickup – there are times it takes up to a week to completely cover the Village. Brush pickup is for brush trimmed by property owners ONLY. If the brush is generated by a contractor hired by a property owner, the Village will NOT pick up the brush. Contractors MUST remove any material they generate themselves.

Brush should be placed near the curb away from mailboxes, fire hydrants, signs or poles that are near the street. If you have a brush pile placed at the curb, do not park a vehicle on the street near the pile. Brush should be stacked neatly with the butt (cut) end closest to the curb.

Brush, such as a brush that has a root system attached will NOT be picked up. The wood chipper will be damaged if roots or dirt are run through it. Roots from shrubbery should be cut off and disposed of by other means by the property owner.

If your brush pile is not picked up, please look at the pile to see if there is a tag attached explaining why it was not picked up. If there is no tag attached it means that the crews missed the pile and please call 798-3241 ext. 102 to report it so it can be picked up.

## Ways to Save Water Indoors & Outdoors

• Check all faucets, pipes and toilets for leaks.	• Install water saving showerheads and ultra-low-flush toilets.
• Take shorter showers.	• Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.
• Turn off the water while brushing teeth or shaving.	• Rinse vegetables in a full sink or pan of water.
• Use a bucket instead of a hose to wash your car.	• Rinse dishes in a full sink or pan of water.
• Wash full loads of clothes.	• Keep an eye on your bill to spot leaks. If your water bill spikes suddenly, there's a good chance that a leak is the culprit. Call in a plumber to check your lines to save water and cash!
• Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden and cleaning.	• Don't over-water landscaping
• Water your lawn or garden early in the morning or late in the evening.	• Adjust sprinklers so that they don't water the sidewalk or street.
• Don't water on cool, rainy or windy days.	• Install a rain barrel. Rainwater harvesting is a great way to keep your plants hydrated without turning on the hose or sprinkler.
• Fully load your dishwasher.	• Plant drought-tolerant or low water-use plants and grasses.

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### Don't Forget!



**Trash pickup on Holiday weeks will be on**

**Friday instead of Thursday, unless the holiday falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, then it will remain the regular schedule pickup time.**

**Holidays observed by Town & Country Sanitation are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Christmas Day.**

### Yard Waste Disposal

Yard waste is to be transported to the west side of the Public Facilities Garage located at 1225 Bourbon Rd and piled within the concrete bunker area.

The definition of Yard Waste is – grass clippings, leaves, flowers or garden plants. Absolutely NO brush is to be brought to the Yard Waste site.

Empty all bags or other containers of yard waste, remove plants from posts. There is a garbage can adjacent to the Yard Waste bin for containers to be placed in.

There will be a video monitoring system installed in the near future so that violators of the dumping rules can be identified and ticketed.

## Meet the Village People

*Starting this newsletter, we will feature a short profile on one member of the Village team. Our hope is each newsletter you learn more about the Village and our employees who work hard to make Cross Plains a great place to live, work and play!*

**Name:** Catherine Baer

**Position with the Village:** Youth Services Librarian at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

**Year started working for the Village:** 2006

**Tell us what you do as the Youth Services Librarian.** I am responsible for all children's programming at the library, including the summer library program, book clubs, story times, read to a dog, 1000 books before kindergarten, 4K outreach visits, and other more intermittent programs we have for youth at the library. I also manage the children's collections, help kids find books to read and answer general reference questions. I work in circulation as well, serving all of our patrons at the circulation desk.



**What is your favorite part of your position?** The most rewarding of all is helping kids find just the right book. Especially when there is something specific they are seeking and then we are able to provide it here and make them happy. But interacting with kids in story times and at school visits runs a close second.

**What do you like to do in your free time?** I have a background in folk music and dance, and am very involved with Folklore Village, in Dodgeville, where I serve on the Board of Directors. I am a square dance caller and my husband is a musician and has played with a few different bands. Our whole family loves to sing together and play music, including our two daughters. We also love hiking in natural areas, especially parks and prairies.

**If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?** I would love to be super strong so that I would never have to ask for help lifting and moving anything - especially boxes and shelves of books!

The Parks, Recreation, and Conservancy Department is in full gear, providing programs and special events while also working to upgrade our facilities. This Spring/Summer has been quite eventful; some events we hope never return, with others being a breath of fresh air. As you continue to read our article, I think you'll understand why!

## *Events we hope don't return.....*

### **"The train that could" Cross Plains Pool**

The Cross Plains Pool, in existence since 1968, decided that after 49 years of service, it was time for a small update to its piping. It all began like the previous 48 years, cleaning out the vessel of leaves, debris, and algae; filling the vessel with 298,000 gallons of water while we wait patiently to exercise the valves and start the new pump and impeller. Monday, May 15 we started to fill the vessel. Eight hours later, the vessel was ready to fill and the pump was ready to be primed. One full day of circulation and all of the metals would be out of the water and ready for chlorine! The 2017 season was off and running.

Tuesday, May 16 the morning started off with an inspection of the vessel. That inspection resulted in the 2017 season being put on pause, as the vessel was losing roughly 3,000 gallons of water per hour, while under pressure. The next 8 hours would consist of a number of troubleshooting techniques, all of which came up empty. At this point, we knew the leak was in one or more of our return inlets. We also knew that this "event" was going to take some time and patience.

Wednesday, May 17 we brought in a specialist to search for the leak with a camera. After 4 hours of searching each pipe, we were still not successful finding a leak. We now truly realized that we were going to have to saw a 4'X4' hole in each space directly above the return inlets, at a maximum of 22 holes. Finding a needle in a haystack never felt so spot on!

Tuesday, May 23 after 3 full days of hammering out concrete and digging rock, we found our leak. During the summer months, 18 holes is typically a fun round of golf; the 18 holes (out of 22 inlets) that we dug, weren't quite as fun. Nonetheless, we found the culprit. The return line, roughly 3 feet deep, was completely broken at the "L" and split all of the way into the wall. We'd now spend the rest of the day fixing the pipe and prepping the holes for new concrete.

Wednesday, May 24 the vessel would get its second cleaning of the season as concrete would be added to the 18 holes on the deck. Once cleaned, we began filling the vessel with another 298,000 gallons of water, waiting impatiently to start the pump and make sure the vessel would now hold the water. After 6 hours of filling we started the pumps; the 2017 season resumed.



Although the starting of the 2017 season didn't go as planned, Village staff came together and made sure the pool opened on Memorial Day, just like the previous 48 years. I'd like to personally thank our talented Public Facilities staff for their continued efforts, going above and beyond whenever they're needed. I'd also like to thank you, our community for the continued support of one of our most precious gems, the Cross Plains Pool.

## *Breath of fresh air.....*

### **"Old Blue put to rest" Baer Park Scoreboard**

On June 15, 2017 a new scoreboard was installed on the large diamond at Baer Park. The old scoreboard, believed to be installed in the early-mid 70's was asking to be retired. Year after year, old blue was really starting to show it's age; lightbulb sockets not working, controller unable to operate, and it's color starting to fade. Although the decision was tough, we knew what we had to do! All funding for this project came from Cross Plains Baseball at a total of \$9,899.00. A special "Thank You" to Jim Nonn and Stan Nonn for helping make this happen. Thank you to Zauner Trucking & Excavating for the use of their Lull and Village Staff for helping erect the new board. We're still looking for advertising on top of the new scoreboard. If your business would like to advertise on the board, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 798.3241 ext. 107.



### **Zander Park Trail Expansion**

After two years of planning, phase 1 of the Zander Park Trail Expansion will soon be underway! June 25, 2017, the Village Board accepted a bid from Joe Daniels Construction at a cost not to exceed \$329,699.00. The project is set to begin early September with construction to be completed by October 31. The project will add 88 linear feet of black-top, 750 linear feet. of boardwalk, and two new bridges. One bridge will replace the existing bridge behind the old fire station as the other bridge will be placed directly adjacent to Spring Street.

Funds for this project include \$50,000.00 from Zander Place Apartment Project, \$39,000 from Recreation Trails Grant, and the remainder coming from the Village of Cross Plains Capital Budget. The project will also include new signage and benches to be added to the path from Spring Street to Bourbon Road.



The 2018 budget currently includes phase 2 of this project, expanding the Zander Park Trail south over the railroad tracks and then West to Hwy KP. The Village has received the Dane County PARC grant \$200,000, Recreational Trail Grant \$205,000 for phase 2 of the project.

**New programs that are near the registration deadline:**

**Bricks 4 Kidz – Amusement Park Camp**

Get your ticket to ride at Bricks 4 Kidz very own Amusement Park! Campers will build a new ride each day, learning how to make things spin, roll, turn and rock. Then they will take what they have learned to design their own thrills and challenges. Motorized models maximize the action and the fun. Each camp day includes carnival- themed games, group challenges, model-building and more.

When: Aug 7 – Aug 11  
 Days: Monday – Friday  
 Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm  
 Ages: 5 – 10 yrs old  
 Fee: \$150.00  
 Where: Northwest Dane (1837 Bourbon Rd)  
 Min: 10 Max: 20  
**Registration Deadline: Aug. 1**

**NFL Flag Football**

NFL Flag Football is a nationally recognized program that teaches young players the fundamentals of football and how to have fun! Participants will receive a reversible replica NFL football jersey.

**Volunteer Coaches Needed.**  
 Dates: September 9 – October 28  
 Place: Baer Park  
 Fee: \$65.00 per child  
**Registration Deadline: August 9**

Session	Practice / Games
Grades k – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday / Saturday
Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday / Saturday
Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> *	TBD / Saturday
Grades 5 <sup>th</sup> *	TBD / Saturday
Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> *	TBD / Saturday
Grades 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	TBD / Saturday

**After School Program**

New this year the Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a daily afterschool program. Specifics for this program are still being ironed out, but information should be available by the end of July. Please check our website at [www.cross-plains.wi.us](http://www.cross-plains.wi.us) for more information. We will be emailing this information out once it is available.

**Pool Opens Memorial Day May 29th**  
 Location 2106 Lewis Street  
 Telephone (608)-798-3891  
 Pool Season\* May 29-August 27  
 \*Pending staff availability



**Day Pass Fees**

Resident	Non-Resident
Ages 0-2-Free	Ages 0-2-Free
Ages 3-10-\$3.00	Ages 3-10-\$4.00
Ages 11-up-\$4.00	Ages 11-up-\$5.00
Adult Lap Swim-\$3.00	Adult Lap Swim-\$4.00
<b>(Family max 3-10/ \$12.00)</b>	<b>(Family max 11-up/ \$15.00)</b>

**Lap Swim**  
 The pool staff will accompany anyone wanting to swim laps on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 5:00pm-5:45pm. **Lap swim on Sundays from 11:45 am-12:45 pm.**

**Pool Hours**  
 Mon-Fri: 1:00pm-5:00pm & 7:00pm-8:30pm  
 Saturday-Sunday: 1:00pm-8:30pm\*  
 Mon-Fri: 1:00pm-8:00pm  
 Sat-Sun: 1:00pm-8:30pm\*  
 \*Depending on pool party rentals

**Pool Membership Rates**

Resident	Non-Resident
Individual-\$60.00	Individual-\$85.00
Family-\$100.00	Family-\$130.00
Lap Swim Pass-\$30.00	Lap Swim Pass-\$40.00

Family passes are limited to immediate family members who reside in the same home. Pool passes will not be pro-rated.



# Rosemary Garfoot Public Library Programs & Services

## The “Chase” is On!

Groucho Marx once said, “Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend. Inside of a dog it’s too dark to read.” No problem, we have the dog and books and it’s not too dark for either of them. Our canine buddy, Chase, will be back the 3rd Monday of each month, 4-5:15, and he loves a good book. Kids can sign-up to read to Chase for 15 minutes.

Call or email Catherine for information. [cabaer@rgpl.org](mailto:cabaer@rgpl.org), 798-3881.



## Calling Almost Teens—A.K.A. TWEENS!

Kids love snacks, kids love to read, so , we’re marrying books and snacks for a fun and interesting afterschool diversion. If you’re 10-13 years-old, love to chat , eat, and read, then sign-up @ the library and join the fun. Tween Book Club meets one Monday a month @ 4 PM. Check our website at [rgpl.org](http://rgpl.org) for the next date.

## 1000 Books and Applepalooza—What’s That?

Reading to kids from birth on is one of the most important things you will ever do. We’re here to help with that, and all it will take is a minimum 1000 books. Please join our *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program. Once you’ve logged reading 1000 book to your little one, their photo will be added to our apple tree wall of honor, and they will receive a special book. Our annual **Applepalooza** celebration honoring our first finishers, in-progress kiddos, and new participants, is happening **Saturday, Sept. 23rd** from 10:30-12:30. Want details? Contact Ms. Catherine @ 798-3881 or stop by the library to sign-up today!

## We Look New Again!

Thank you to Dave and Sue Vondra of DEW Signs & Custom Engraving, who created the original outdoor library sign. Dave noticed the 11-year-old sign was weathering and needed a face-lift and he offered, for-free, to refurbish it. Now the sign is as beautiful as ever.



## A Community Conversation

Learn ways to strengthen communities, *and* get to know your neighbors. Crossroads Coffeehouse in partnership with the Library, will bring you *Crossroads Community Conversations*. Join the next conversation on Wed., August 2nd at 7:00 when we’ll talk about TimeBanking, a system of non-monetary resource sharing that will benefit you, your business, organization, family and friends. Gary Messinger, Outreach Director for Dane County TimeBank, will facilitate the conversation. Meetups are at the Coffeehouse, 2020 Main St., Cross Plains. For details, check-out the library and Crossroad’s websites., ([www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org) and [www.crossroadscoffeehouse.net](http://www.crossroadscoffeehouse.net)). *Everyone is welcome!*

## Don’t Be Blinded By the Light—The Great Eclipse is Coming August 21

Learn how to be wowed by the first total eclipse in the continental U.S. since 1979 as Astronomy Educator, John Heasley, of Driftless Stargazing, LLC, presents a program at the library on this long-awaited event. Join us Thursday, August 17th, 6:30 PM to learn everything you need to know. Also, get a free pair of ISO Certified Safe Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses, yours to keep—while supplies last. Please call to register 798-3881. *This program is free and open to the public.*

## Total Eclipse of the Heart (and Sun)

We have the chance to witness astronomical history when the first total solar eclipse in the U.S. since 1979 , happens on August 21. Though Wisconsin won’t experience totality, there will still be enough moon to make the watch worthwhile. Come party at the library like it’s 2099. That’s when the next total solar eclipse will arrive in the continental U.S. The party starts at 11:30 AM when the eclipse begins. We’ll have viewing glasses, celestial treats and if clouds roll by, we’ll stream NASA’s real-time site and make the best of whatever Mother Nature tosses our way. Doesn’t it make your heart sing?



## The Art of Seed Saving

On Thursday, August 24th at 6:30 PM, Certified Master Gardener, Deb Pienkowski, a volunteer from Dane County UW-Extension, will be at the library to teach you how to save your vegetable and flower seeds. *This program is free and open to all ages. Please call 798-3881 to sign up.*

Visit Our Website at [www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org), on Twitter #rgpubliclibrary, or like us on Facebook!

**Morning Movie** From Sept.— June, you can catch a morning flick at the library. Coffee's on at 9, show-time is 9:30. The Sept. 14th pick is *The Beautiful Fantastic*.

**Legend Lake: a Talking Circle—Film and Discussion**



Stop by on Sept. 13th at 6 PM for a screening of the short documentary film, *Legend Lake: a Talking Circle*, and a discussion with the film's producer, J. David Stanfield. This program is part of **Getting to Know Our Neighbors: Wisconsin's Tribal Nations and Communities** and is funded with a grant from *Beyond the Page*. Explore information about land rights and use that exist in our own backyard, and learn more about tribal nations in Wisconsin. *This program is free and open to everyone.*

**Horse-Human Connection**

Humans have connected with horses on a deeply personal and emotional level for centuries. Celebrate and honor this connection by joining us on Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:30 PM to screen the documentary "Unbranded," followed by special guest speaker, Dr. Robert Streiffer, UW-Madison Department of Philosophy, who will talk about Animal Ethics. This program is funded by a *Beyond the Page* grant and *is free and open to everyone.*



The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library is honored to be a certified member of the Music & Memory program. This program recognizes that music is tied to memories and emotions and personalized music has the power to unlock memories lost to dementia. Through this important program, library staff will gather information about someone's personal history including music that was significant to them. A playlist will be created and music will be loaded onto an iPod that will be provided for in-home use for as long as needed. For more details, contact Pam at 798-3881.

**Donate Now to the Friends of the Library Amazing (Previously Owned) Art Auction Fundraiser**

Have a Picasso that simply doesn't go with your sofa any longer, or how about that velvet Elvis in your closet? Then donate those works of art to the Friends of the Library annual silent art auction. Donations of professional quality art in good condition— framed paintings, prints, lithographs, photography, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, textiles and glass are being accepted at the library now through October 19th. Proceeds from the auction go to enhance library programming and special projects. Donations are tax deductible.

**Storytime Start-Up**

Regular storytime programming will resume in August with Wiggles and Giggles (babies and toddlers) starting on August 1st at 10 AM and Big Kids Booktime starting on August 3rd at 10 AM. For questions, please contact Ms. Catherine at 798-3881. If you wish to be added to our email list, send a note to [cabaer@rgpl.org](mailto:cabaer@rgpl.org).

**ON-GOING STUFF @ THE LIBRARY**

**Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group.** Meets the last Thursday of the month at 6 PM

**Open Music Jam.** Thursday nights at 6 PM. All abilities welcome!

**Food Pantry Drop-Off Site.** Donations of non-perishable, non-expired food items can be dropped in the front foyer cart.

**Computer Assistance.** One-on-one computer assistance is available by appointment. Call 798-3881.

**Used Book Sale Donations.** Gently used books, CDs, DVDS, puzzles not musty or moldy, are accepted. No encyclopedia sets, Time/Life sets, text books are accepted. Friends of the Library thank you for your donations.

**Career Assistance from the Department of Workforce Development.** 3rd Friday, 9 AM, by appointment. Call the library, 798-3881.



# Village of Cross Plains Public Works Department

## Important Information to Note: Sewer Adjustment Policy

The Village Board at their June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting approved Policy #2017-01 regarding sewer adjustments. This policy was proposed to standardize the Village's bill adjustment procedures and create uniformity in how adjustment requests are handled. The policy will apply to situations when a utility customer requests a bill adjustment due to their metered water usage exceeding the historical average metered usage by twenty percent (20%) or more based on the average usage of the immediately preceding 4 billing cycles. Below please find the general guidelines of the procedure including the application process for requesting an adjustment.

### General Policy Guidelines

- If a request for a sewer adjustment is received from a customer, the Village will review the consumption concern to verify that there was not an error in data entry or a malfunction of Utility-owned equipment. If an error or malfunction is found, the Village will correct the error and adjust the bill accordingly.
- If it is determined by the Director of Public Facilities that water was consumed but not returned to the sanitary sewer system, the Village Board, at its sole discretion, may authorize a credit to a customer for sanitary sewer charges. Village Staff does not have the authority to offer a credit, all adjustments require Village Board approval.
- Adjustments will only apply to the current utility billing cycle.
- No adjustments shall be made for sewer services supplied after a customer has been notified by the Village of a potential problem and has had an opportunity to correct the condition.
- If an adjustment is deemed warranted by the Village Board, the amount of the adjustment shall be based on the incremental amount of water metered over historical averages.
- It is not fiscally responsible to consider billing adjustments for situations of high water usage that was returned to the sanitary sewer system. This is due to the fact that the water utility and the wastewater department incur the same costs to pump and treat clean water as it does dirty water.
- The Village is not responsible for plumbing matters or problems that occur on the customer side of the meter. It is the responsibility of the utility customer to monitor for malfunctioning appliances and fixtures, water leaks, and water wasting habits.

### Application

The customer must submit a request for an adjustment in writing to the Village Board by delivering the request to the Village Clerk. The request shall include the following information: the situation that occurred including documentation that the water did not return to the sanitary sewer system, and what has been done to correct the situation. The request may include a statement from a licensed plumber certifying that the issue was found and corrected. Village Staff will review the written request and determine if additional information is needed. If the request is determined to be complete and accurate, the request will then be placed on the agenda of a future regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board. The Public Facilities Director may choose to submit a written report of the situation to the Village Board for its consideration. The Village Board shall then review the item and render a decision based upon the information presented. The decision of the Village Board shall be final.

Our hope is that this policy creates a procedure for utility customers to dispute the metered usage in an unbiased, equitable manner by the Village Board who serves as the Village's Water Utility governing body. If you have any questions regarding this policy please contact Caitlin Stene, Village Administrator ([cstene@cross-plains.wi.us](mailto:cstene@cross-plains.wi.us)) or Jerry Gray, Public Facilities Director ([jerry@cross-plains.wi.us](mailto:jerry@cross-plains.wi.us)).

## Village Boards, Commissions and Committees Update

Did you know that the Village has several established Boards, Commissions and Committees who meet regularly to discuss and make recommendations on various village-related departments and projects? Each board, commission and committee is established in Chapter 5 of the Village's Code of Ordinance and are given specific duties to accomplish. Unless otherwise specified in Wisconsin State Statutes, these governing bodies are made up of elected Village Board members and appointment Village residents. All appointments to a board, commission, or committee is made by the Village President with confirmation by the Village Board. Below please find an update on the recent activity and upcoming items on the agenda for the Village's various governing bodies.

### ***Assessment Board of Review***

The Assessment Board of Review is a quasi-judicial body that hears and decides appeals of property assessments. This board held its annual meeting on May 5, 2017. The meeting included examination of the 2017 property assessment roll and the holding of one hearing for an objection to real property assessment. This board has completed its work for 2017 and will meet again in 2018.

### ***Library Board***

The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library Board is an appointed governing body, responsible for all aspects of the public library. In recent months, the Board dealt with installation of new library boilers, approved the library's annual report that's filed with the Department of Public Instruction, and proffered support for a new grant-funded program called Music & Memory. Next on their agenda is the library's 2018 budget.

### ***Parks and Recreation Committee***

The Cross Plains Parks and Recreation Committee is an appointed governing body, responsible for making recommendations to the Village Board regarding the use and/or development of the Village Park System and Recreational Programming. In recent months, the committee dealt with the expansion of the Ice Age Trail through the Glacial Valley and Cedar Glen Conservancies, a new ordinance allowing dogs in our Village owned parks and conservancies, and action to allow mountain biking in Cedar Hill Conservancy. Next on their agenda is the Parks, Recreation and Conservancy 2018 budget, and adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Cross Plains and the Capital Off Road Pathfinders, Inc.

### ***Planning Commission***

The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Village on the planning and development of the Village. They oversee the physical development of the Village, ensuring orderly development and expansion consistent with the Village's adopted comprehensive plan. Over the past several months, the Commission has been working to complete its work on the Glacier Edge Square Redevelopment Plan and recently recommended Village Board approval of the Sundance Residential Development Proposal. Coming up next on the Commission's agenda is to make a final recommendation to the Village Board on the Glacier Edge Redevelopment Plan.

### **Dog Day of Summer**

Back by popular demand! The 8th annual doggie swim day will be held on Sunday, August 27th from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. This swimming event is for 4 legged friends only. People accompanying their dogs will not be allowed in the water. Dog handlers must be 16 years of age or older. For health and safety reasons, this event has been scheduled to take place after the pool has been closed for the season.

Age: Must be 16 years old to bring a dog; the dog however can be any age!

Date: August 27th

Day: Sunday

Time: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Location: Cross Plains Pool

Fee: \$5.00 per dog/ Handlers free

Max: 50 dogs

Note: Before admittance, owners must show proof of all current vaccinations including rabies and distemper shots. Dogs must be able to get along with other dogs.



## Cross Plains Police Department



**HELP!!** The Cross Plains Police Department is in need of your help. This request is directed at every single resident of Cross Plains. Within the last several weeks we, again, have been taking numerous reports of theft. The vast majority of these thefts have been crimes of opportunity. By that I mean the thefts have been occurring from unlocked vehicles, garages and homes. We looked back in our records and found that in the last 5 years, dating back to January of 2012, we have had 12 residential burglaries in Cross Plains.

Only 2 of those burglaries have been forced entry. In the other 10 entry was obtained through unlocked doors. Likewise, we have taken 66 reports of thefts from unlocked vehicles and garages. We have had only 2 reports, in the last 5 years, of vehicle windows being smashed to gain entry. This is where we desperately need your help. Please make sure that your vehicles are secured whenever you are not in them. Also, do not leave any valuables in your vehicle. Items such as computers, cell phones, purses, and wallets seem to be the items of choice by these criminals. Make sure that your homes are secured as well. Lock your doors whenever not in the house. I even go as far as shutting the garage door and locking my house if I am in the back yard mowing and not able to pay attention. Statistically it seems to reason that if we take away the opportunity by locking vehicles and homes the number of reports of theft will go down drastically. Lastly, if you see or hear something suspicious please call immediately. We have roughly 4,000 residents which means 4,000 sets of eyes watching at all times of the day and night. The police cannot be everywhere at the same time so we rely on you to help us out. Help us help you by locking your doors.

On a lighter note, Officer Ben Miller has been doing a fantastic job with our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook I encourage you to take a look at our page and follow us. Officer Miller is continuously updating the page with new information, events happening in and around Cross Plains, helpful hints, the activities of our Officers, and other useful information. Officer Miller tells me that our web page will also be rolled out in the very near future so stay tuned for that.

During the last school year Jim Billmeyer, aka Blue, was our crossing guard. I am sure many of you have seen him, rain or shine, by the crossing on Church St. near Glacier Creek Middle School. He was assisted by Jim Beall in the afternoon during the second part of the year. They did a great job and their dedication to getting kids to and from school safely is much appreciated. We are still looking for others to become involved as a crossing guard. It is a paid position through the village and the more individuals we have as crossing guards the less obligation there would be for any one person. If you are interested in becoming a crossing guard or have any questions on the position please call me at the police department.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer!!

Chief Tom



Cross Plains Boy Scout Troop 87 has been in the Cross Plains community since the early 70s. Troop 87 was originally chartered by the Knights of Columbus Council until only recently when the charter was transferred to Cross Plains Lions Club. The Troop has about 25 active Scouts between the ages of 11-18. The Scouts meet every Tuesday night at St Martin's Church to prepare for outings, events and work on rank advancement. The local Troop offers a wide range of outings such as camping, backpacking, wilderness survival training as well as recent high adventure outings in Northern WI or Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

In recent years the Scouts have been working with the Cross Plains Lions to clean up Festge Park and other Dane County Parks. Several of recent Eagle Scout projects have been improvement projects in cooperation with Dane County Parks and Ice Age Trail Association Troop 87 regularly does service hour projects for the area community.

At the Troops last "lock in" the Scouts held a Euchre Tournament with local law enforcement officers. This coming September Troop 87 will be co-hosting the Mohawk District's Tour de Custard bicycle camporee at Brigham Park in Blue Mounds. The Troops main fundraisers include Pancake Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday and Concession Stand at Hill and Valley Car Show in September. Troop 87 is well suited for any boy that wants to experience what life has to offer and see new things. The talented group of adult leaders past and present have provided great resources for the Scouts to learn new skills thru life lessons.

Troop 87 recently joined the Cross Plains Chamber to get more involved with local events Troop 87 has always been community focused but not that many people know the Boy Scout story in the Cross Plains Area. Troop 87 is almost 50 years old and we felt it was a great way to get involved with the community and tell our story and introduce people to the Scouts and Leaders of Troop 87. We want to make a difference in our community.

To learn more about Troop 87 check out the webpage and Facebook page.

<https://sites.google.com/site/crossplainstroop87/>

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## Permaculture/Plant walk about

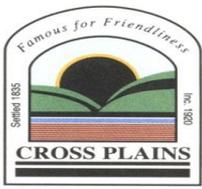
Greetings!

It is finally summer and now is the time to observe and become acquainted with our local landscape! There are some new members to our ecological community, many flowering prairie plants, common native plants, ornamentals, and some non-native invasive species. The ecology of our urban areas is changing (you might say the only constant is change) and I would like to help identify and explain the impacts, uses, and future of our parks and conservancies.

If you are not familiar with permaculture, to me, it is the developing relationship of people and landscapes that promotes **ALL** life with goals of health and wellness. Permaculture works to build healthy soils, create biodiversity, and feed people and animals through the use of companion plants that work with, and benefit each other. Permaculture looks to create functioning eco-systems from our gardens and urban landscapes. Plants have many functions and uses and we should always try and find ways to utilize them. Some examples include breaking up and mixing soil nutrients, green mulch, water holding, nitrogen production, pollinator attractors, food, and more. I always look to work with nature rather than against, and utilize the natural resources right here in our village.

Because of a growing interest in these topics I am offering a plant walk/permaculture discussion in the village Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm. We will begin at the Rosemary Garfoot Public library to take in the prairie in full bloom, then move to Brewery Creekside Park and Dorothy Statz conservancy, and finally we will jump the creek to make a stop at a near-by private residence ending around 8pm. Hope to see you all there!

Dain Ziegler



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### Village of Cross Plains Fall Recycling Event - October 7, 2017

#### Computers, Electronics, Appliances **\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\*** Baer Park - 2620 Church Street

Resource Solutions will be in Cross Plains collecting computers, electronics, and appliances for recycling on Saturday October 7, 2017, from 8am-12pm. Residents of Cross Plains and surrounding communities may bring these items to **Baer Park**, located at 2620 Church Street, during this time.

#### **\*\*EVENT PRICING\*\* 8am-12pm**

**No Charge for These Items:** CPU's, Laptops, Keyboards, Computer Mice, Computer Cords, Circuit Boards, UPS, Power Strips, Calculators, Scanners, Printer Cables, Printers, Small Copiers, Telephones, Cell Phones, Fax Machines, CR's, DVD Players, Stereo Equipment, Remote Controls, Networking Equipment, Lead Acid Car Batteries, Christmas Lights, Extension Cords, Rechargeable batteries from laptops, cell phones, and power tools, Electric Motors, Pots and Pans, Ceiling Fans, Box Fans, Snow Blowers, Grills, George Foreman Grills, Vacuum Cleaners

#### **Recycling Fee for These Items: Monitors CRT and LCD (Flat Screen) - \$20 each**

#### **Televisions: \$20/\$40/\$60**

29" and under - \$20 each

30" to 49" - \$40 each

50" and over, Wooden Console, Projection - \$60 each

#### **Large Copy Machines - \$15 each**

#### **Lawn Mowers - \$25 each**

Oil/Gas must be drained and tires removed

#### **Appliances - \$15/\$25**

Microwaves - \$15 each

Treadmills - \$15 each

Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Furnaces - \$25 each

#### **Freon-containing Appliances - \$20/\$35**

Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Dorm Size Refrigerators - \$20 each

Large Freon Appliances - \$35 each

**\*\*Please call Resource Solutions for a price quote if you don't see your item listed\*\***

Resource Solutions is ISO 14001:2004 Certified and is also an E-Cycle Wisconsin registered collector. At Resource Solutions, all computers, electronics, and appliances accepted for recycling will be recycled for their base metals, glass, and plastics. For more information, please call Resource Solutions at (608) 244-5451 or visit

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