



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Plan Commission** meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 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.

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Road Construction Season is Here!

As many of you may already know, the Village recently started the street and utility reconstruction County Highway P through the Village from near Culvers to the northern Village limits. This project also includes work on Baer Street. This project began on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Overview of the Project:

The project is split into two phases. The first phase will be the area south of the Military-Church intersection (by the Middle School), the portion north of that intersection is phase two to be completed during the second half of the project. The first phase has a substantial completion date in the beginning of August. The second phase will begin as soon as the first phase underground utilities are completed. We expect work to occur on the Baer Street section during the month of June. The Village has decided to install a temporary road lane just north of Thinnes Street between Church Street and Springfield Road to ensure access for all local traffic throughout the project. Work to construct this road lane will begin with the start of the project. The temporary road will be controlled by traffic signals which will allow alternative one-way traffic on the road at a time. At the end of the project, the temporary road and signals will be removed.

The road construction will progress in waves. The first wave of work will be the removal of the current road surface, which will be followed by the installation of new sanitary sewer. Sewer is the deepest utility installed under the road surface. Third will be the installation of new water main and laterals to homes. After water main installation, MG&E will be installing new natural gas infrastructure. Storm sewer will be the last and final utility installed under the road surface. Following storm sewer, you will see the concrete work including the pouring of sidewalks, curb/gutter, and new driveway aprons. After the concrete curing time period, the road surface will be installed. Crews will be working Monday – Friday, from 7 am to approximately 7 pm. Depending on weather, some Saturday work may occur.

Local Access and Detour Information:

Local access will be maintained throughout the project for residents who live along the project or for those accessing destinations along the project. There are two detours published for the project. Please visit the Village website to view the Local Detour Map and the official Dane County Highway P Detour Map.

Weekly Progress Updates:

The Village will be publishing weekly project updates. The updates will be posted on the Village’s website and directly emailed out to those who have elected to be on the distribute list. Want to be added to the email distribution list? Please contact Caitlin Stene, Village Administrator (cstene@cross-plains.wi.us or 608-798-3241) to be added to the list. You can also visit the Village’s website for information on how to be added to the communication list. Periodic updates will also be posted to the Village Facebook page, please ‘Like’ the Village to stay informed on the project and other village news.

Meet the Village People



Name: Dain Ziegler

Title: Parks Maintenance

Year: I started working with the Village of Cross Plains August of 2016

Tell us what you do as the Parks Maintenance Worker: My position is incredibly varied! I work to maintain the athletic fields by raking diamonds and painting boundary lines, I keep trails open by mowing, trimming, and cutting up fallen trees. I love working to restore our conservancies by removing invasive species and planting the seeds of native prairies and woodlands. I also spend time keeping our parks clean with regular trash runs, building and bathroom maintenance, and split some time helping out with the Public Works crew.

What is your favorite part of your position? My favorite part of my position is the restoration work. Woodlands, prairies, and the natural features of our beautiful village are unmatched. I love spending time caring for the environment which sustains us all. I really enjoy cutting down trees, planting flowers and shrubs, and then explaining my goals to curious village residents keeps me invested in my work every day.

What do you like to do in your free time? In my free time I like to hike, hunt, make firewood, carve things from wood, read, go to yoga at the fire station in town, see live music shows, forage for mushrooms and berries, grow mushrooms and berries, and drinking beer on a porch.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why? If I could have any super power it would be giving people a glimpse into the future. In my work, the restoration process can look very messy and at times destructive. Our Earth is resilient and also works on a time scale much longer than our human time scale. Patience and thinking long term are key! Also, who wouldn't like to see into the future??

Help keep our parks beautiful! Every little bit helps so please refrain from littering!



Storm Drain Mural at Rosemary Garfoot Public Library



Example of a storm drain mural.

This spring the Village of Cross Plains is participating in the Storm Drain Mural Initiative in partnership with the Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP) and the Dane County Office of Lakes and Watershed. As part of this project, a mural will be painted on a storm water inlet near the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library located at the northwest corner of Jovina and Julius Street.

The mural will be designed by a local artist from the Dane Arts Mural Arts organization. The goal of the project is to increase action to prevent stormwater pollution and raise awareness about stormwater pollution, specifically that runoff entering storm drains flows to local waterways. Keep your eyes open for the finished product!

Park was among 135 schools from around the state to be recognized for their success in educating students, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction announced on April 13.

“I was excited and humbled because it was a surprise but that made the recognition even better,” Park principal Monica Schommer said. “Park staff are constantly collaborating around best practices and giving students what they need to succeed. This recognition is evidence of all the great work that we are doing. I am honored to be working with this team of educators.”

Park was one of 40 High-Progress Schools. To be eligible in that category, a school must:

- Fall within the top 10 percent of schools experiencing growth in reading and mathematics for elementary and middle school students or the top 10 percent of schools with the greatest improvement in high school graduation rates.

- Have achievement gaps that are less than 3 points between student groups or show evidence reducing gaps.

There were 24 schools recognized as High-Achieving Schools, while 87 were named Beating-the-Odds Schools. All of the schools either are or were recently receiving Title I funding to provide services to high numbers or high percentages of economically disadvantaged students.

Park was the only school in Dane County to be recognized.

Residents have until Friday, April 27 to complete a survey about facilities planning and possible options to deal with enrollment growth in the District.

The eight-page survey should take 10 minutes to complete. The survey is being conducted by School Perceptions, an independent firm with expertise in conducting surveys to collect feedback. All survey data is returned to School Perceptions and will remain confidential.

Paper copies were mailed to District households earlier this month. You may complete the survey online or by filling out the paper copy and returning it to School Perceptions or the District Services Center, 7106 South Ave., Middleton. You will need an access code to complete the survey online. If multiple adults in a household wish to take the survey, additional access numbers are available by calling the District office at 829-9004.

Nearly 1,900 individuals had taken the survey as of April 17, Director of Communications Perry Hibner said. Results will be shared with the Board of Education at its regular meeting on Monday, May 7. They will also be posted on the District website.

Anne Bauer, Sean Hyland and Linda Yu were re-elected to the MCPASD Board of Education on Tuesday, April 3. Hyland ran unopposed in Area II, which includes the Village of Cross Plains. He received 6,031 votes out of 6,084 votes cast. The results are unofficial until absentee and provisional ballots are also counted later this week.

“I am grateful for the support from our community and I am thrilled to be able to continue to partner with my fellow school board members on the current initiatives and long-term plans,” Hyland said.

Yu, who currently serves as the Board's treasurer, ran unopposed in Area IV, which includes the City of Middleton, Town of Westport and the Town of Middleton. She received 6,071 votes out of 6,122 votes cast.

Bauer ran against Bartlett Durand in Area V, which is the Central area and is bordered by Evergreen Road and extends north to Schneider Road and Pleasant View Road on the east; Enchanted Valley Road extending south on the west end; Schneider Road and Enchanted Valley Road extending west to County Highway P on the north; and Old Sauk Road on the south. She received 5,645 votes (79.7 percent), while Durand received 1,397 votes (19.7 percent).

Bauer was elected to her third term, while Hyland and Yu were elected to their second terms. They will be sworn in at the next regular meeting on Monday, April 23.

There are nine members who make up the Board of Education and each year three seats are up for election. Citizens residing in the areas are invited to run for the Board of Education for a three-year term.

Parks and Recreation Department

Pool Opens Memorial Day, May 28

Location 2106 Lewis Street
Telephone (608)-798-3891
Pool Season* May 28-August 26
*Pending staff availability

Pool Hours

Modified Pool Hours: May 28-June 8

Mon-Fri: 5:30pm-8:00pm
Sat-Sun: 1:00pm-8:30pm*
*Depending on pool party rentals

Regular Hours Starting June 9

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

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 |
| (Family max 3-10/ \$12.00) | | (Family max 11-up/ \$15.00) | |

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 Member Rates

| Resident | | Non-Resident | |
|------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Individual | \$75.00 | Individual | \$100.00 |
| Family | \$115.00 | Family | \$145.00 |

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

Special Events

Tween Night!

Come on out for a fun night with friends! We will have Ping-Pong, Karaoke, PIZZA, beverages, Wii Mario Kart Tournament, Music, and FUN!! This event is free!

When: Friday, June 22nd
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Ages: 11-15

Where: Northwest Dane Senior Center

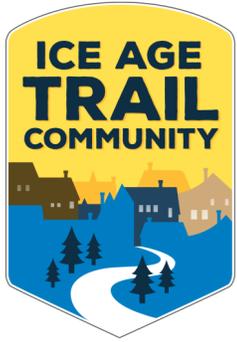
OUTDOOR MOVIE MANIA!

During the day we will have Youth Ball games going on with Concessions. Once ball games are over we will be preparing for a night of fun for the whole family with a bounce house, games and music! The movie will start once it gets dark and there will be concessions for sale!

When: SATURDAY, June 23
Time: 7:00pm
Ages: The Whole Family
Fee: **FREE!**

Where: Park School

Walk & Talk on the Ice Age Trail



The rain stayed away for community members who attended Walk & Talk on the “soon to be” Ice Age Trail in Cross Plains just south of Bourbon Street Tuesday, March 27. The Ice Age Trail Alliance and Village staff were happy to lead interested and engaged residents on a behind the scenes hike and share conservation efforts within the Village of Cross Plains.

Mark your calendar for August 8-12 to come out and join the fun! Hundreds of volunteers will help the Ice Age Trail Alliance build almost 1-mile of new Ice Age Trail right here in Cross Plains, an Ice Age Trail Community, on a Mobile Skills Crew trail building project. This exciting project will be a part of the Cross Plains Ice Age Trail Community Trail Days.



At Mobile Skills Crew events, volunteers that have been certified in crew leadership teach their fellow volunteers trail construction and maintenance techniques. Project goals include working safely, having fun and building premier Ice Age Trail. Three meals are provided each day, along with a place to pitch your tent if staying overnight free of charge for volunteers.

This new-trail construction party in Cross Plains this August celebrates community and built-to-last camaraderie. Tread, signage, stonework and trail stewardship zones will be the focus on this Mobile Skills Crew project. Volunteers will also be needed for food preparation, community outreach, publicity, entertainment and administration. Contact the Ice Age Trail Alliance if you would like to learn more, 608-798-4453, and visit the website to register, <https://www.iceagetrail.org/event/mobile-skills-crew-cross-plains-segment-dane-county/>



Zander Park Trail Expansion

Phase II of the Zander Park Trail Expansion is underway, adding 1800 trail including 1650 linear feet of boardwalk, a new at grade railroad crossing, and a concrete path.

The completion of phase II Zander Park Trail Expansion will further cement the vision and reality, to have a multi-use trail extending from Mazomanie to the City of Middleton. Staff will continue to work diligently with stakeholders outside of the Village limits, to continue this vision, in creating a safe alternative and better quality of life. If you're looking for more information, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Axon at maxon@cross-plains.wi.us or 608.798.3241 ext. 107.





Libraries Rock! 2018 Summer Program

Plan to get the summer off to a rocking start with our program kickoff on **Monday, June 11th at 1 PM**. Stop by to sign up, make an ice cream sundae, and enjoy the musical talents of students from **Glacier Creek Middle School**. See our summer program page for a complete list of exciting opportunities coming your way in June and July!

Want to give back to the kids in the community? Here's how. We are **seeking donations to sponsor our summer program readers who will earn money to support the music programs at our local schools. No donation is too small**. To find out how you can support the program, contact Catherine @ 798-3881.

For complete information about Libraries

Bears Big Day! **4K Completion Celebration** **Monday, May 14th @ 6:00 PM**

All 4K graduates and their parents are invited to a **BIG** celebration at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library. Join Miss Amy from the Middleton Library and Miss Catherine from our library for an evening of stories and a fabulous craft activity. MCPASD 4K Principal Kari Saunders will be there too.

Family Film - Disney's Coco **Saturday, May 19th @ 10:30 AM**

Get inspired for our musical summer by joining us for a screening of this Academy Award winning animated film about Miguel, an aspiring musician whose family's ancestral ban on music leads him to enter the Land of the Dead to find his

The "Chase" is On -- Read to a Dog!

Check our website for a schedule of dates for this fun opportunity to read to our canine pal, Chase. A great opportunity for everyone but especially for reluctant young readers. You can sign up at the front desk or give us a call.

Storytimes at the Library

The Library has wonderful ongoing storytimes for Big Kids, babies and toddlers. Check for days and times at our website or pick up a brochure at the Library.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

It's never too soon to start your child on the path to a love of reading. All children from birth to kindergarten are encouraged to join this special program. Stop by to sign up and get a special keepsake record book and book bag for your child. For more information, check out our *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* webpage at www.rgpl.org/1000-books-kindergarten.

Tween Book Club

Join the Tween Book Group, ages 9-13, for a fun and lively after-school discussion once a month on Mondays at 4:00 PM. A little older than 13? You can join, too. Stop by to pick up the latest book and to sign up. Snacks are provided!



School's Out Programs

Keep an eye on our website for current information about fabulous boredom busters for kids during their free days!

Family Fun Nights

Who can't use a little fun in their lives? Activities designed for families are held throughout the year. Watch the website for exciting events!

Libraries Rock for Adults, Too!



There's fun for everyone at the library this summer! In addition to drawings for terrific prizes, there will be a special evening of music by the red hot ***Dixie Sizzlers*** on July 9th at 6PM! Bring your chair, and we'll supply a refreshing beverage!

Morning Movie

Our morning film series meets at 9:30 AM the second Thursday of the month from September through June. We will finish this season with award winners ***I, Tonya*** and ***Ladybird!***

Gardening Program

This spring the **Life Foundation** has partnered with the Library to offer a free program, **How to Grow Tomatoes in Dane County**, on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM. Please call the Library to sign up!



And don't miss the **annual seed exchange**, sponsored by the **Cross Plains Garden Club!**



Friends of the Library Spring Used Book Sale!

The fantastic Spring Used Book Sale is scheduled for **May 4 & 5!** You will find gently used books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles – something for everyone – so don't miss it!

Proceeds are used to support Library programming and special projects!

Free Career Assistance from the WI Dept of Workforce Development

A Job Service representative is at the library the third Friday of each month from 9:00 AM to noon to assist you. Call the library today to make an appointment!

Carpe Librum Book Group

From literary novels to an occasional thought-provoking non-fiction title, you never know where the conversation will take you. The group meets up the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the library. Books are provided. Questions? Call 798-3881, and ask for Pam.

The Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society Research Center

Located in the library, the historical society research center is open by appointment. Contact Pauline Brunner at 798-2217 to make an appointment.

HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9AM to 8PM, FRIDAY 9AM to 5PM, SATURDAY 10AM to 2PM

For information about youth programming, contact cabaer@rgpl.org.
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*Community rooms and kitchen can be rented for private events.
Please call 798-3881 for details.*

Visit www.rgpl.org and our Facebook page to stay up to date on what's



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.

Are you looking for a way to build awareness of your business? Are you doing all want to support our community? Talk to us about membership! For as little as \$235/year we are your marketing partner! Don't work in town but want to be involved? Individual members are available for \$75/year or just let us know, attend events, volunteer your time...

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.

Chamber members are hiring. Check out our website for current openings at <http://crossplainschamber.chambermaster.com/jobs/>

Do you have an event in our community? Add it to the COMMUNITY CALENDAR at <http://crossplainschamber.chambermaster.com/events/calendar/>. Go to www.crossplainschamber.net for more information and to see the full calendar.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—see our website for member details

Barks on Bourbon – Alyssa Statz
Enchanted Valley Day Spa – Marilyn Statz
Maple Leaf Family Restaurant – Shawn Ademi
The Nation Law Firm – Paul Pritchard

Sixchips Catering – John Soppe
Waunakee Community Bank – Casey Koenig
Zauner Trucking & Excavating—Dan Zauner

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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.

SAVE THE DATE
MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Monday May 28 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce (CPACC) annual Chicken Barbecue will be held at the American Legion Park on Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day).

The parade will begin at 11am at the West end of Park Street with a memorial service immediately following. To participate simply line up at Plastic Ingenuity at 10am. Food sales & beverages will commence at the conclusion of the memorial service. A DJ will play from 12:30-4:30pm; kid's activities will be available to entertain both young and old from noon-4:30pm. CPACC will also accept monetary donations to support local food pantries. The Stingrays swim team will sponsor the annual pie and ice cream sale. The Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to bring the whole family for a fun and relaxing day. This wonderful community event, sponsored by CPACC, attended by 1000 people, is a great way to kick off the start of summer.

ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

10 am registration (lunch available) - 18 Hole Scramble ~ Shotgun start at 11am - Dinner 4:00pm

Deer Valley Golf Course. Don't miss the opportunity to network with about 100 local business people on the gorgeous Deer Valley Golf Course. Bring your foursome, donate a prize, and/or sponsor a hole at our annual fundraiser. No team? No worries, let Amy know and she'll do her best to match you with others. This is a great chance to enjoy the day with clients, coworkers and friends. Not a golfer, let us know! We need help with registration, setting up prizes, and helping out at the gambling holes. If you can't join us for the day, plan to come out for dinner and networking. Where else do you get a chance to let your hair down and promote your business with the Who's Who of the Cross Plains Area?

INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS WELCOME-NO MEMBERSHIP NEEDED

ICE AGE TRAIL COMMUNITY EVENT

AUGUST 10-11, 2018

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

May3 - 5 – CP Lions Trout Days, City Wide Garage Sales
28 – **Memorial Day Chicken BBQ****June**17 – Optimist Fishing Day
19 – **Chamber Lunch & Learn**
27 – **Chamber Golf Outing****July**

14 - 15 Saint Francis Church Picnic

August3-4 – Spike Rett's Syndrome
Fundraiser
10 -11 **Community Trail Event****September**13 – **Chamber After Hours
Networking**
15 – Hill & Valley Antique Auto/Americana Show**October**9 - **Chamber Lunch & Learn**
Halloween events—watch for more information**November**8 – **Community Business Fair****December**1 – Santa's Visit
20 – St Francis Christmas Program**NEW HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES BEING PLANNED FOR 2018!**

The Village and local organizations are honored to continue the traditions of the Dahlk Halloween House. Mary (Mutzy) and John Dahlk gifted the plethora of Halloween monsters and décor to the Village of Cross Plains. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Lion's Club, the Scouts, EMS, American Legion, Optimists, Swim Team, Park School, local businesses, residents, and more, gathered to brainstorm ideas for upcoming years. Do you want to help plan some fun family friendly activities? Contact any of the organizations or Chamber Executive Director Amy Hansen!

Congratulations to our award winners!!**Congratulations to Jim Beall - Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize individuals who have pledged their time and talents to one of the Chamber Teams and/or events.

**Mary (Mutzy) Dahlk - Citizen of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize individuals who have gone over and above and made a positive impact on the Cross Plains Area community through their volunteer efforts and community service activities.

**Ice Age Trail Alliance - Business of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize a local business that displays a commitment to this community, makes a positive impact on the local economy and maintains a responsible & rewarding workplace environment.

**2017-2018 Highlights**

- .. **136 Current Members (including 17 new members)**
- .. Partnered work with Village & UW Extension **completed Cross Plains Market Analysis.**
- .. **Marketed and promoted our community** to residents and businesses in our area and beyond. Advertised via News Sickle Arrow ads, Driftless Explorer Visitor Guide, Facebook Ads & Radio Advertising
- .. Increased ChamberMaster training and usage – Promotions for members & community
- .. \$500 Scholarship awarded to MHS student with ties to Cross Plains
- **Shop Local** Promotions including **Small Business Saturday Scavenger Hunt**
- .. Continued work to promote and **build statewide and regional relationships** including partnerships with the Department of Tourism, Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, Dane County Economic & Workforce Development, MadRep, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Workforce Development of South Central Wisconsin, Political representatives from Congress, Senate, State, County and region, the Villages of Black Earth and Mazomanie, and more.
- .. **Promotional support of community events**
- .. **Partnering** with other groups in our area
- .. Added **Job Fair** Element to Community Business Fair
- .. Key Contact in **Regional Tourism Efforts & Million Dollar Black Earth Creek Connection Fund**
- .. WEDC Connect Community Partner
- .. **763 followers on Facebook!**
- .. New 2 day Ice Age Trail Community **Trail Days** Event
- .. Every Other Month Chamber Event
- .. **Ribbon Cuttings** at 5 Chamber Members
- .. **Monthly newsletter** including member highlights

2018-2019 Priorities & Goals

- .. Market Analysis Implementation
- .. Monthly Newsletter
- .. Tell the Chamber Story & Celebrate our Successes
- .. Partner with Joint Economic Development Committee
- .. Support & promote members including Shop Local Opportunities
- .. Explore how to build existing and create new family friendly events including our new Halloween plans
- .. Explore Entrepreneurship resources

Village Comprehensive Plan and Parks & Open Space Master Plan Update

The Village of Cross Plains is updating its Comprehensive Plan as well as its Parks and Open Space Master Plan. The Village invites members of the public to attend the upcoming workshops to discuss these important plan updates. On June 6, 2018, the Village will hold a workshop for the Comprehensive Plan update at 5:00 p.m., followed by a workshop for the Parks and Open Space Master Plan update at 7:00 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend one workshop or both workshops, depending on their interests.

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| <p>Wednesday, June 6, 2018 Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station 1501 Bourbon Road Cross Plains, WI 53528</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Comprehensive Plan Community Vision Workshop 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Share your ideas about the future of Cross Plains as a whole.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you think Cross Plains should grow? • What opportunities or challenges do you see? • What is your vision for the future of Cross Plains? | <p style="text-align: center;">Parks and Open Space Master Plan Workshop 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Share your ideas about the park and recreation system in Cross Plains.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where should new parks be located? • How can the Village improve its bicycle and pedestrian trails? • Where should the Village invest in its park facilities? |

Know you're coming? Please RSVP with number of attendees and which event(s) you will attend by emailing Jackie Mich at jmich@vandewalle.com

About the Comprehensive Plan: The Comprehensive Plan presents a vision of Cross Plain's future, serves as a guide for the community, and helps community leaders with setting policies and decision-making. The Plan also identifies steps to move toward the community vision by providing information about current conditions, long-term goals and objectives, and recommended implementation strategies. The Plan addresses a wide range of topics, including land use, housing, economic development, community facilities, transportation, and the preservation of agricultural, natural, and cultural resources.

About the Parks and Open Space Master Plan: The Village of Cross Plains recognizes the importance and benefits of parks and open space system in the Village's character and quality of life. The Parks and Open Space Master Plan intends to guide the continual improvement of the Village's park and open space system, inform recreational programming priorities, and maintain the Village's eligibility for state and federal grant funding. This Plan envisions a connected system of parks, open spaces, and trails throughout the community, related to the Village's natural resources, geography and neighborhoods. The Plan will be updated in concert with the update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

For additional information, please contact: Caitlin Stene, Village Administrator

(cstene@cross-plains.wi.us or 608-798-3241)



We're Hiring: Seasonal Maintenance Worker

The Village of Cross Plains is seeking Maintenance Worker candidates for seasonal summer employment (flexible Monday-Friday; 7:30 am to 4:00 pm) in the Public Facilities Department. 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 to 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 temporary/seasonal. Applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis until all positions are filled. You must be 18 years of age to apply.

Pet Waste Impacts Water Quality

Are you a responsible pet owner? You may take your animals to the veterinarian, feed them high quality food, and give them plenty of love and attention. You may not be aware; however, that your responsibility extends to properly taking care of your pet's waste. If waste is left in the yard, in a park, sidewalk or in the gutter, it can easily end up in a storm drain and eventually to our local waterways. Animal fecal matter in the water contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth and pathogens, such as bacteria and parasitic worms that can transmit disease to humans.

Pet waste is not the largest or most toxic pollutant in waterways, but it is one of the many sources that can add up. Just think about how many pets we have living in this community, and you get an idea of the scope of the problem. Pollutants from pet waste can be washed into storm sewers by rain or melting snow. It also can be a problem for children who play outside or residents who garden. Flies can also spread disease from pet waste.

Cross Plains has an ordinance prohibiting the deposit of fecal matter on public property, including sidewalks, parks, and streets. However, many people still do not pick up after their pets.

Some have asked *"after I pick it up, what should I do with it?"*

- ◇ Flush it down the toilet after removing any rocks, sticks or cat litter. This water is properly treated by the wastewater treatment plant.
- ◇ Put it in the trash. Many neighborhood parks and walking paths have trash receptacles available.
- ◇ Dig a hole or trench that is about 5 inches deep. Keep the waste covered and away from vegetable gardens and from any stream, ditch, or well. It also should not be too close to where children play. Don't add the waste to your household compost pile because it won't get hot enough to kill disease organisms in pet waste.

Pet owners can play an important role in protecting the Village's waterways. Proper disposal of pet waste protects water quality and the health of residents of all ages who are enjoying outdoor activities.





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2018 Village Revaluation of Real Estate

In 2018, all property (residential and commercial) located within the Village of Cross Plains will be revalued beginning in May through July. The Village's Assessor, Associated Appraisal Consultants Inc. (phone 1-800-721-4157), will be conducting this revaluation. They will be mailing an introduction letter in May; please watch your mail for this letter. Field staff of Associated Appraisal will be visiting properties for inspection. If the owner is not available, a card will be left asking the owner to make an appointment so the interior of the property can be viewed. Associated Appraisal representatives will not enter any property without the consent of the owner.

Each property owner will be notified of any change to their current assessment and the date of the Open Book and Board of Review. Dates for the 2018 Open Book and Board of Review will be published in the Middleton-Cross Plains Times Tribune and posted on the Village's web site at www.cross-plains.wi.us. Open Book and Board of Review are expected to be held in late fall. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue's publication the Property Assessment Appeal Guide for Wisconsin Real Property Owners, can be found at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>.

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