

Pritzker updates

In April, Village officials visited the site of the Pritzker Archives & Memorial Park Center to check on the construction progress.

The archives building is one of the last structures designed by architect Helmut Jahn, the president and CEO of JAHN, an award-winning, internationally recognized architectural firm. He died in May in a cycling accident in the Chicago suburbs where he lived. He was 81.

When completed, the building will feature approximately 9,400 square feet of gallery open to the public.

The property will include community green space with more than 7,000 feet of walking and biking paths, and picnic areas accessible during business hours. The wetlands on the property will remain undisturbed.

The building will have energy efficient features including solar panels and rainwater collection.

Through collaboration with the Root-Pike WIN, storm-water runoff will be improved. Additional native foliage will be added around the Kilbourn Ditch to maintain its natural state.



Cables are being run inside the structure of the Pritzker Archives & Memorial Park Center (top). At right, Village Trustees Jackie Klapproth Nelson and Karl Ostby stand by a mock up of the outside walls of the building which will stand at an outward angle.



The Somers newsletter is now online only. The new publication is expected to be available quarterly instead of bi-annually which will make the information more timely.

The newsletters are in a pdf format which can be printed or easily read [online](#).

This new delivery method makes it available to a broader audience and saves the Village money on printing and mailing cost.

We hope you like it!

Staff updates

Clerk I

The Town/Village hired Karina Haebig as Clerk I on April 21.

For the past six years, Haebig worked for the Child Protective Services of Kenosha County Division of Children and Families.

She grew up in Somers where she lived for 25 years.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the Somers community in this new capacity," she said.

"She is a great addition to the staff," said Somers Clerk/Treasurer Mary Ann Cole. "Her education and experience make her an excellent fit for the position."

Keep Somers looking good

As a reminder, there are Village/Town ordinances regulating the upkeep of your property. The ordinances address items such as grass cutting, junk cars and how a trailer should be kept.

Chapter 9 of the ordinances addresses junk and abandoned vehicles, Chapter 10 addresses public nuisances and Chapter 21 addresses property maintenance requirements.

For more information, Village/Town ordinances can be found under the Government tab on the Somers [website](#).

April election numbers

The April 7 Spring Election participation was as follows:

■ 165 votes were cast in the Town, a 25 percent turnout.

■ 1,320 votes were cast in the Village, a 24 percent turnout.

New development

Somers welcomes the following new businesses to the area:

■ A multi-tenant building anchored by Taco Bell was approved for the Somers Market Center subdivision. The building will be located just south of Starbucks. It will feature a 300-square-foot outdoor patio.

■ Golden Oil: The Amoco gas station and office building is now open at the corner of 22nd Avenue and 12th Street. It features three restaurants: Chester's Chicken, Subway and Hunt Brothers Pizza.

■ Jersey Mike's Subs opened in May at 3625 Market Lane. It features outside dining.

■ A Dunkin' store, planned for Somers Market Center, has been approved by the Plan Commission and is scheduled to go in front of the Village Board for final approval on July 13.

■ The construction of two four-unit multi-family buildings, located on the east side of Highway H between 11th and 12th streets, is scheduled to go in front of the Village Board for final approval on July 13.

■ The Savannah at Pike Creek is a multi-family housing development on an 88-acre parcel located on the northwest corner of Green Bay Road and Highway L. It consists of 42 buildings containing 330 one- to three-bedroom units and a clubhouse.



The Savannah at Pike Creek



Architectural rendering of proposed Dunkin' store



Golden Oil



Jersey Mike's Subs is open.



Work is underway at the site of a multi-tenant building that will be anchored by a Taco Bell just south of Jersey Mike's Subs.

Public Works gets new equipment

On May 19th, the Somers Public Works Department took delivery of a new tracked excavator made by Mecalac.

The staff was trained on how to operate the new machine.

The purchase is part of a package deal that includes a second excavator by the same manufacturer. That one will be on rubber wheels and is expected to be delivered this summer.

Having both sets allows the department greater flexibility. While the wheeled unit is great on paved surfaces, the tracked one is better suited for work on unpaved surfaces.

Having the two excavators by the same manufacturer will allow for accessories to be interchangeable providing added flexibility and some cost savings.

The pieces of equipment will replace aging excavators facing expensive repairs.

After trading in old equipment, the cost of both units came to \$351,700.



The Somers Public Works Department recently received this new Mecalac excavator distributed by Boston-based Mecalac USA. Mecalac is a European manufacturer.

Car Fire Safety

Cars can catch fire for many reasons. Mechanical or electrical issues are the most common cause. A car can also catch fire as the result of a bad crash. If you see smoke or flames or smell burning rubber or plastic, respond immediately.

What to do if your car is on fire

- Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so, be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- Once you have stopped, TURN OFF the engine.
- GET everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car for anything.
- MOVE everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- CALL 9-1-1.

How to prevent a car fire

- Have your car serviced regularly by a professionally trained mechanic. If you spot leaks, your car is not running properly, get it checked. A well-maintained car is less likely to have a fire.
- If you must transport gasoline, transport only a small amount in a certified gas can that is sealed. Keep a window open for ventilation.
- Gas cans and propane cylinders should never be transported in the passenger compartment.
- Never park a car where flammables, such as grass, are touching the catalytic converter.
- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Know the danger signs

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once
- Oil or fluid leaks
- Oil cap not on securely
- Rapid changes in fuel or fluid level, or engine temperature

Most car fluids are flammable. Heat and electrical sparks plus leaking fluid are all it takes to start a car fire.



FACT

Most crashes do NOT result in fire. In the event of any crash, call 9-1-1. If there is no sign of fire, wait for emergency assistance to help any injured individuals out of the car.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Free carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms available

Somers residents in need of a carbon monoxide detector or a smoke alarm are invited to reach out to the Somers Fire & Rescue Department.

A limited number of alarms are available for free. If interested, call 262-620-3285 or email apisula@somers.org and firefighters will gladly come to your home and install one for you.

If you have one or more in your home, remember to check them monthly to make sure they work.

Most fatal fires happen at night when people are asleep. Alarms give you time to escape.

Smoke detectors should be installed in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Village Ordinances

The Village has contracted with General Code to digitalize the municipal code of ordinances.

The vendor specializes in that type of work for municipalities. The Village of Pleasant Prairie is one of their clients.

Visitors to the Somers website can now look at the latest version of the ordinances.

Additionally, it is now possible to search, email, print and download ordinances.

You can see the new service at the following link: ecode360.com/SO4253

The Town ordinances are not available in the new format as they did not contract with the vendor. They are still available in PDF format on the [website](#).

Firefighters recognized by Froedtert South



Members of the Somers Fire and Rescue Department were recognized by Froedtert South for their outstanding work on a call in November. The patient was in cardiac arrest and thanks to their prompt reaction, he made a full recovery. "Your crew did an exceptional job resuscitating that man," said Froedtert South Emergency Medical Ser-

vices Liaison Jeff Flasch. Pictured are, from left, Dave Piccolo Froedtert South, Firefighter/EMT Nico Celebre, Firefighter Dustin Thorp, Lt. Jodin Froeber, Kenosha County EMS Director Dr. Jessica Lancaster, Lt. Ryan Nelson, Captain Ben Andersen and Froedtert South EMS Liaison Jeff Flasch.

Town/Village Hall upgrades

The Village Board allocated \$110,000 last year for office improvements in two phases.

Phase one was approved on July 14, 2020. This phase included the purchase of office furniture, workspace for the building inspector's office, painting and Americans with Disability Act compliant door openers. As of May 13, 2021, the amount expensed was \$22,994.28.

The remaining money will be used for phase two of the project and includes remodeling the front counter in the reception area to provide added security as well as an ADA compliant counter area. Rasch Construction was the lowest bid for that work at \$17,160.

Seven security cameras were installed around the building in April. Clear-Com was the vendor used for the system. The new system will provide better safety for employees and visitors to the building.

Infrastructure upgrades are ongoing

■ **Paving** — The Village will repave 93rd Avenue, 94th Avenue, 95th Avenue and 14th Street in the Country Charms Subdivision.

Also, to be completed this year is 25th Avenue and 14th Street between 12th Street and 14th Place. The bids were received and Payne & Dolan was the lowest bidder.

■ **Water west of the subcontinental divide** — PTS Contractors has started laying water main pipe with an anticipated completion date of November, pending permit requirements.

■ **Water booster station west of the subcontinental divide** — Pending permitting requirements, completion is scheduled by the end of November.

■ **Sewer west of the subcontinental divide** — PTS Contractors has started laying sewer main pipe and anticipates to be done in November.

■ **Sanitary sewer lift station west of the subcontinental divide** — Camosy Construction is currently in the

process of constructing the lift station and anticipated to have it completed in November.

■ **Sheridan Road side streets water main replacement** — AW Oakes has completed approximated eight of the 21 streets included in the project. Following the water main replacement all streets will be repaved.

■ **Sheridan Road corridor sewer system lining** — Musson Brothers Inc. is in the process of televising sewer laterals and installing cleanouts. They are contracting with Visu-Sewer to do the sewer main lining. All sanitary sewer manholes will be sealed and have water proof manhole covers installed as part of the project. This project is scheduled to be completed by November, pending supply availability.

■ **Sea Wall and 7th Place lift stations reconstruction** — August Winters is currently in the process of reconstructing the two lift stations. They anticipate completion by the fall.

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