

October 2016



Upcoming Events

- 2nd Monday of Month — Plan Commission 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday of Month — Village Board 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 3—In-person Absentee Voting Begins
- Sept 26-Oct 14—Fire Hydrant Flushing
- Oct 3-7—Public Power Week
- Oct 31—Community Trick or Treat 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please see the Meeting Calendar at prairiedusac.net for village meetings and agendas.



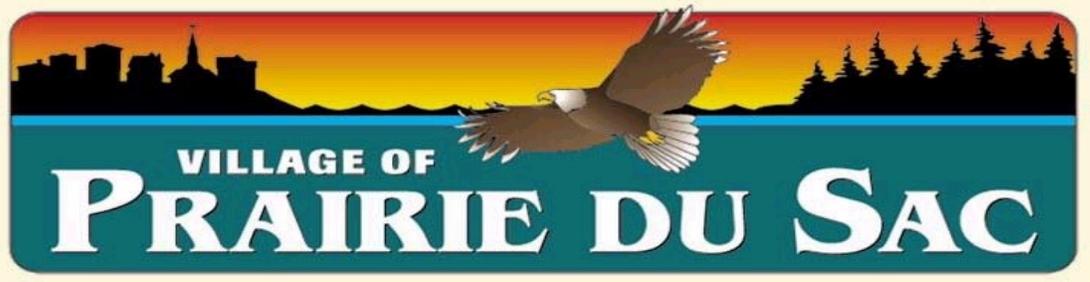
2016 ELECTION DATES

Nov. 8, 2016 - General Election

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Please remember to register if there is a change of name or address. You will need proof of residency when registering to vote.

At all elections now in Wisconsin, voters must show an acceptable photo ID before a ballot will be provided. Please see prairiedusac.net for additional information.



Director of Public Works Retires

After 50 years of public service, our Director of Public Works, Patrick Drone, retired on August 31st. He worked for the Village of Prairie du Sac for over 35 years and will be greatly missed. We are all excited for this new chapter in his life.



Taking on the role as Director of Public Works is, our very own, Troy Murphy. Troy has been our Lead Line Tech for many years. The position of Lead Line Tech will now go to Matt Robison.



Pat Drone on his August 31st climb.

Please protect our environment and our drinking water by disposing of your medications properly



FREE Medication Take Back Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016
9 am–Noon

Sauk Prairie Hospital, 260 26th Street, Prairie du Sac



Just **combine** any unneeded vitamins, herbals, prescription or over-the-counter medications **into a zip-lock baggie** and drive thru to drop them off for safe disposal. It's that easy! Please keep liquids in their original container. Sharps containers will be available upon request for used needles/lancets.

Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the SPH Foundation as part of its From the Heart series. Special thanks to the Sauk City and Prairie du Sac Utilities, Sauk Prairie Police Department and SPH volunteers.





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Call (608) 643-3133

**Police, Ambulance or Fire
 Emergencies**

Call 911

Police Non-Emergency

Call 1-800-377-1195



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The Village encourages residents and businesses to sign up for the community information service designed to deliver important and timely information. This service delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community notifications by e-mail and text message. If you have not yet signed up to receive these messages, please visit www.prairiedusac.net and click on the Nixle image.

PHOTO ID for the November Election

Most Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID when voting at the polls on Election Day or by absentee ballot. There are some exceptions for absentee voters. More information on the Photo ID law is available below or you can find detailed information on Photo ID and the exceptions to the law at <http://bringit.wi.gov>



What Can I Use As Photo ID To Vote?

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 4, 2014 election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services (including retired and dependent uniformed service IDs)
- A U.S. passport book or card

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes:

- A certificate of naturalization (that was issued no earlier than two years before the date of the election)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (can be expired or unexpired)
- A driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- A Veteran Affairs ID card (must be unexpired or have no expiration date)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college that contains the following:
 - Date the card was issued
 - Signature of student
 - Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance
 - The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment, such as a tuition fee receipt, enrollment verification letter, or class schedule. Enrollment verification document can be shown electronically.

MyVote Wisconsin Website

At myvote.wi.gov you can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see what's on your ballot, request an absentee ballot (military and permanent overseas voters only), and check provisional ballot status.



Assistance from the PSC

How can the PSC help?

Prior to contacting the PSC, contact your utility company to try to resolve the problem. If you cannot resolve the problem with your utility company, you may contact the PSC Consumer Affairs Division at 608-266-2001, 1-800-225-7729, or on the web at:

<http://psc.wi.gov/consumerInfo/complaints/index-complaints.htm>

A staff member will obtain information from you and the utility company, and try to resolve the issue.

Meter Readings

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If the utility cannot read your meter, you will get an estimated bill. To avoid estimated readings, you can read your own meter. The PSC requires utilities to read your meter at least once every six months and when there is a change of customer. You must allow these readings or your service can be disconnected.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is an independent state agency that oversees more than 1,100 Wisconsin public utilities that provide natural gas, electricity, heat, steam, water and telecommunication services.



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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Consumer affairs: 608-266-2001 / 800-225-7729

TTY: 608-267-1479 / 800-251-8345

Fax: 608-266-3957

Website: <http://psc.wi.gov>

Your Rights as a Residential Gas and Electric Utility Customer



Disconnections

Utility services can be disconnected if you:

- Fail to pay your utility bill
- Fail to comply with a deferred payment agreement
- Tamper with your meter
- Fail to pay a deposit
- Have a safety hazard
- Live at an address where the prior customer failed to pay his or her utility bill and continues to reside at that address.
- Fail to provide utility access to your meter

A utility must send you a notice before service is disconnected unless the disconnection is due to a safety hazard or self-reconnection.

Reasons for the disconnection, when the disconnection can happen, and ways to contact the utility must be included in the notice. The dispute procedure must be printed on the disconnection notice. Both you and the utility company must make reasonable attempts to resolve the problem.

Winter Disconnection Rules

If the utility service provides the primary heat source to your home, a utility cannot disconnect service from November 1st through April 15th. Before winter, the utility must attempt to contact customers whose service was disconnected for non-payment. Utilities are also required to check the customer's well-being, attempt to negotiate payment plans, and inform the customer about any special assistance available to avoid disconnection.

Deposits

Utility companies may require a deposit for service to ensure payment. A standard deposit cannot exceed the sum of the two largest consecutive bills during the last twelve months. A deposit requested due to non-payment during the winter months cannot exceed the four highest consecutive bills during the last twelve months. The following rules apply to payment and refund of deposits:

- **Existing Residential Service:** A standard deposit can be requested if your service was disconnected during the last 12 months for nonpayment of an undisputed account or your initial application was falsified or incomplete. A winter non-payment deposit can be required if you had debt incurred during the winter that was 80 days or more past due and you had the ability to pay.
- **New Residential Service:** A deposit can be requested if you have an unpaid bill for the same type of service anywhere in Wisconsin during the last six years which remains undisputed. A deposit can also be required if there is good reason to believe that you do not intend to, or will be unable to pay your bills at the time payment is due.

For residential service, the deposit will be refunded, with interest, after 12 consecutive months of prompt payment. You do not have to post a deposit if you can document that your income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Installment Plans

To manage high winter gas bills or high summer electric bills, ask your utility about budget payment plans. This allows you to average estimated annual use into even monthly payments. Every six months, your payment amount is readjusted to reflect your actual use. At the end of a budget year, your bill is adjusted to correct over-billing or under-billing.

You may use installment plans to pay what you owe your utility. They can be used for both current bills and overdue bills. A down payment and installment payments will be negotiated between you and your utility depending on your situation. If the agreed installment payments are not paid, the utility may disconnect your service.

If the disconnection will aggravate a medical or protective services emergency, the utility may delay service shut-off for up to 21 days. The utility may require documentation from a professional involved with the medical emergency or crisis.

Moving?

If you are expecting to move to another location, contact your utility for an estimation of energy costs at the new location. They can provide you an average of how much energy was used or the largest and smallest bills in the last twelve months.