



PLEASANT SPRINGS SANITARY DISTRICT

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Commissioners

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Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Thursdays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Staff

Ken Anderson, Mark Klein,
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Service Technicians are on
duty Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.
-noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m.

The Commission meets every
other month on the second
Tuesday of the month at 5:30
p.m. Public comments/
concerns are always
welcome. Agendas are
posted at the PSSD
administration office and on
the District's website at

Quick Facts:

PSSD maintains:

- 17.9 miles of Sewer laterals/Mains
- 9 Lift Stations
- 57 Grinder Pump Stations
- 180 Manholes
- The District has 521 Active Customers
- 297 Customers use Auto-Bill Pay

January 2026 Newsletter



What You Shouldn't Flush or Pour Down The Drain!

Our staff has worked hard to maintain the system and respond timely to emergencies during the past year. We ask all residents of the District to please only flush **human waste and toilet paper** down your toilet. Our technicians **continue** to find wipes, rags, tampons, and tampon applicators in the sanitary lift pumps. In fact, in 2025, staff had to pull and clean pumps at Lift Station 6 seven times! If you live between 2974 and 3054 Shadyside Dr, all of Sheryl Lane, and all of Linnerud Dr, this is coming from your neighborhood. Do not flush your cleaning rags, wipes, tampons and tampon applicators down the toilet. If you use a cleaning service, please inform them to dispose of cleaning rags in the trash. Below is a list of items that should not be flushed down the toilet. All these items clog and damage the pumps and increase costs for the District. Products labeled **flushable** and **biodegradable** need to go in your trash—not your toilet. Again, if you use a cleaning service, please inform them **not** to flush their cleaning supplies down the toilet.

Do not flush the following:

- Rags or Cloths—Socks
- Personal wipes (marked flushable)
- Sanitary Napkins/Tampons and their applicators
- Sand/Gravel-Aquarium stone
- Glass
- Coffee Grounds
- Kitty Litter
- Disposable Diapers
- Condoms
- Batteries
- Metal
- Grease

It is illegal to dispose of paint, motor oil, fuels, medicine, drugs, or other toxic materials in your toilets or drains. The Dane County Clean Sweep Program provides information for disposal of toxic refuse. Visit their website www.danecountycleansweep.com or call (608)838-3212.

Requests for Proposals—Lot 17 Shadyside Drive

The Sanitary District owns Lot 17 on Shadyside Dr. This lot was gifted to the Town of Pleasant Springs by the Quam family for lake access for their subdivision. In the early 1990's the Town sold the lot to the Sanitary District for \$1.00. There is lake access over the entirety of the lot for eighteen parcels as well as easements for existing sewer mains. The District is open to selling it, leasing it, creating a park, etc. As owners of the lot, the District will not allow these easement holders to build any structures or put in a pier on this lot. The Commission has offered the lot to the Pleasant Springs Parks Commission, Dane County Parks, the Bryant Foundation, and FOLKS; all have declined. This coming year, watch for announcements for requests for proposals or contact the office. The Commission is hoping the lot will be maintained for the public's benefit and easement holders, and will be requesting your input.

2025 Maintenance Projects

Lift Station 1 and Lift Station 9 had the new pumps installed during 2025. There is a total of 18 Lift Station pumps and 12 have been replaced so far from original construction. We continue to budget and install two lift station pumps per year. Generators were installed and are operational at Lift Station 5 and 6. The District now has stand-by generators at Lift Stations 4,5,6 and 7. The installation of automatic standby generators will provide protection against service interruptions and potential backups due to power outages caused by more frequent and severe storms. As part of the 2026 budget, funds are approved to install one additional generator at Lift Station 3. Lift Station 9 had a major upgrade with the installation of both pump stands within the station. The old stands had completely deteriorated to the point the pumps could not be connected anymore. The following photos are from that repair.



Original Pump Stand



New Pump Stand



Installed Pump Stand

Strategic Planning Sessions Held in 2025

The Commissioners attended Strategic Planning Retreats on March 20, and April 3, 2025. The Retreats were led by Mr. Darin Harris, of Journey of Collaboration. The goal of the retreats was to determine a strategic planning process to better serve the District and formulate a plan for 5-10 years down the road. In attendance at the retreats were PSSD Commissioners, individuals from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, PSSD Engineering representative, members of the Town of Pleasant Springs Planning Commission, CARPC representative, and members of PSSD and KSD staff. After much discussion and participation by all, the following was determined:

PSSD's Mission: Protect the water quality of Lake Kegonsa and the Lower Yahara River watershed by providing sanitary sewer collection and conveyance service to homes and businesses located near Lake Kegonsa and the Yahara River within the Town of Pleasant Springs.

Vision: Over the next ten years, PSSD will position the District to accommodate growth and development pressures through proactive planning and infrastructure investment.

Strategic Goals:

1. **Growth and Uncertainties:** Work with the Town of Pleasant Springs to maintain governance of the sanitary district to respond to changes in service demand.
2. **System Sustainability:** Create an achievable approach for system sustainability and scalability.

The Commissioners are now each taking a task to lead. We will keep you posted on our progress. Our hope is to shape the District's future and provide quality service for you, our customers.



A Few Reminders...

- If you see water pooling in your yard, this is not normal. Please contact the District immediately!
- Sump Pumps **are not permitted** to be connected to the sewer system. Clearwater must be pumped out into your yard.
- Snowbirds, please contact the office and let Cindy know when you will be at your winter address. We use bulk mailing services, and knowing your winter address will insure you receive your bill in a timely manner. Cindy can send both an email and paper invoice to make sure you receive your quarterly invoice while you are away.
- Please be sure to keep snow and ice off the top of your control box so others can see the alarm light. The service technicians need to be able to see if the red light is on as well as your neighbors if you are not home.
- If you see a red light on at any grinder pump station while out walking or driving by, please call 608-843-6026 immediately. If the red light is on and the station serves your home, **stop using water** immediately until our staff has made repairs. This means no showering, laundry, using a dishwasher, cycling water equipment, or flushing the toilet.



Thank you for your cooperation!

Get Involved with Your Community



The Pleasant Springs Sanitary District has a commissioner term available in April 2026. The Sanitary District Commission is responsible for administration, finances, ordinances, and policies governing the Sanitary District. This is a paid position.

If interested, please send a written statement of interest and specific qualifications for serving to:

Pleasant Springs Town Board-PSSD Appointment
2354 County Highway N
Stoughton, WI 53589

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk at 608-873-3063 or email at clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org.

Electronic Payments and/or Paperless Billing

PSSD has made paying your quarterly user charge simple, fast, and worry-free. Our auto pay option will simplify your quarterly bill paying and remove one task from your to-do list. Simply sign up and your user charge will be automatically deducted from your checking account on the due date. We also have the capability to e-mail your quarterly user invoices and monthly statements.

Enrolling is Easy: Sign up today! You will find the enrollment form on our website: <http://www.pssd-wi.org/payments> Don't forget to enclose a voided check.