



# PLEASANT SPRINGS SANITARY DISTRICT

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## Happy New Year - January 2023

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### 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 with the majority of our after-hour alarm calls being power outages! In 2022, the main focus of our staff was a maintenance project in each of the grinder pump stations. Old, brittle parts are being replaced with stainless steel parts. The project is 60% complete. Thank you to our residents for cooperating with our staff when the upgrades were being completed.

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. All these 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. Also, if you use a cleaning service, please inform them not to flush their cleaning supplies down the toilet. These are a few of the products that damage the sanitary district pumps and should not be flushed down the toilet:



Tampon applicators floating in Lift Station 6.



- Rags or Cloths—Socks
- Personal wipes (marked flushable)
- Sanitary Napkins or 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](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) or call (608)838-9555.

### Get Involved with Your Community

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

The Sanitary District Commission meets on the second Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m. 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](mailto:clerktreasurer@pleasantsprings.org).

### Thank You Tom Walz and Susan Luellwitz

From January-April, 2022, the district was fortunate enough to have past Commissioner, Susan Luellwitz, step in to fulfill Commissioner duties until we welcomed Tom Walz. Thank you Susan! Tom, a retired attorney, brought his many talents to the Commission. Unfortunately, Tom resigned in December as he plans to be wintering in warmer weather. We thank Tom for his service. So, again we are in need of a Commissioner! If you would like to join the Commission, please follow the steps in the article to your left.

*thank you*

## Commissioners

John Barry, Scott Haumersen, Vacant  
David Pfeiffer, Appointed Treasurer

## Office Hours

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, Brian Shottliff, Cindy Lehr

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

The Commission holds their regular monthly meeting the second Tuesday of each month. Public comments/concerns are always welcome. Agendas are posted at the PSSD administration office and on the District's website at [www.pssd-wi.org](http://www.pssd-wi.org).

## 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.
- 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.

Thank you for your cooperation!



## Easements

Many of our residents have a signed easement for your property where district infrastructure exists. The purpose of the easement is for our staff to be able to access pipes or grinder pump stations should repairs and/or replacement be necessary. A priority for 2023 is for our staff to evaluate if there are any encroachments on these easements. If our staff finds an encroachment, you will be asked to sign a document noting the encroachment and it will be recorded with the register of deeds. The document will also note that the homeowner will bear all costs to remove the encroachment and the district will not be responsible to replace anything other than the ground to suitable grade.

## Backflow Preventor

During the year, at one of our Commission meetings, the district engineer recommended to us to share with our customers that all homeowners should have a backflow preventor installed to protect yourself from a sewer backup from the sewer main. Please check with your plumber if you are not sure if your property has a backflow preventor or not. You are responsible for the lateral from your home to where it connects to the sewer main/grinder pump station. In fact, the District's Sewer Use Ordinance states: **Section 4.7: BACKFLOW PREVENTER-** All floor drains shall have a backflow prevention valve installed at the property owner's expense.

## Do You have a Garbage Disposal?

Let's adopt this motto, "If you can pick it up, throw it away!"

While these appliances are great for fruit and vegetable scraps, they can't handle hard, non-digestible items, and neither can the sewer system. Here's what shouldn't go in the disposal:

- Bones from your chicken, turkey, beef or pork dishes. Shrimp or seafood shells should also be avoided.
- Large fruit seeds or fibrous plant scraps are too tough for blades to cut. Avocado and peach pits are great examples.
- Shells, like eggshells or nut casings shouldn't go in disposals.
- Skins from onions or potatoes can slip past blades and clog pipes.
- Coffee grounds and starchy comfort food scraps (rice, doughs and pastas) can clog your sink over time.  
FOGs – fats, oils and grease – can solidify and clog the disposal.

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## Automatic Payment Information

**Electronic Payments:** 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. You already know how much your bill will be; together we can make sure your bill will be paid on time. Sign up today! You can find the enrollment form on our website [www.pssd-wi.org](http://www.pssd-wi.org) under "payments" and don't forget to enclose a voided check.

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