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*Happy New Year!*

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# Water Infrastructure *Project Update*



*The Federal Infrastructure Bill has been signed into law, and we are starting to learn what it might mean for Pleasant Ridge. This is a preliminary look, subject to change as we learn more about how the funding will roll out over the next five years.*

Many kinds of infrastructure are included in the bill: \$284 billion for transportation, \$73 billion for energy, \$65 billion for broadband, \$55 billion for water and so on. Of particular importance to Pleasant Ridge is the \$55 billion for water infrastructure. The key points are:

- Water infrastructure money either flows to the State of Michigan, which will determine how it is spent, or it will be in the form of Federal grants that communities can apply for.
- The State of Michigan expects to receive \$1.3 billion for water infrastructure over the course of five budget years (until 2026). That is roughly \$260 million per budget year. The Governor recently directed State agencies to expedite planning for how this money will be spent. This is the primary pool of money we will be competing for.
- Federal and State funding prioritizes disadvantaged communities or communities that have been disproportionately impacted. The cutoff for disadvantaged community status is a median household income of about \$68,400. Pleasant Ridge has a median annual household income of about \$122,000, so this places us at a lower priority for funding. “Disproportionately Impacted” communities are typically poor and minority communities as used in State and Federal law.
- The final decision on funding will rest largely with the State. We hope that the substantial amount of Federal funding will improve our chances of accessing funds, but it is unknown how much money the State will direct to disadvantaged communities, how much it will direct to communities like Pleasant Ridge, and if the State will award that money in the form of loans, grants, or some combination of the two.

### **What are We Doing Now?**

- We will pursue infrastructure funding through the State of Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF). We will apply for funding sufficient to complete the entire water infrastructure project to ensure that we have the greatest possible chance of receiving the largest amount possible of Infrastructure Bill funding for our project. After the State makes its funding decisions, including any grants or loan principal forgiveness amounts, we will determine how to proceed to complete the project for the lowest cost in the shortest amount of time.
- We are and will continue to pursue all other available outside funding, including Federal grants when they become available. For example, we have been working with Congressman Levin’s office on securing \$650,000 of Federal Community Project Funding (<https://andylevin.house.gov/Community-Project-Funding-Requests>) for the Kensington water main project. The appropriation request has passed the House and has been

waiting for action in the Senate for months now. We remain hopeful that this funding will be approved by Congress. The Community Project Funding is unrelated to the Infrastructure Bill funding. Our project was one of 10 projects that Congressman Levin’s office chose to forward to Congress from over three dozen projects that were submitted for consideration.

- We are proceeding with our plan to replace lead service lines as mandated by the State and the water mains, which was developed under the assumption that we would receive no outside Federal or State funding. Kensington will be replaced during local FY23 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023). If we receive outside funding, we will adjust our plans accordingly.
- We will continue to update residents as water infrastructure funding discussions proceed at the Federal or State level. As always, please contact City Hall if you have specific questions.

### **How Will Pleasant Ridge Fund this Project?**

The water infrastructure millage was approved by the voters at the November 2021 election. The City Commission can choose to levy all, some, or none of the millage during FY23 starting July 1, 2022. As this note is being written in mid-December, the City Commission is in the process of convening a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to study the funding options for this project and to recommend a funding mix sufficient to raise the annual revenue needed to complete the work.

Residents should expect to hear regular reports and updates from the CAC in the months leading up to the City’s FY23 budget being adopted in June, 2022.



## **Street Tree Purchase Program**

**Residents may participate in a cooperative purchase program with the City. The cost to the resident is \$125, or about 1/3 of the total cost to purchase and plant a tree. The City will cover the rest.**

Residents who participate in the program will have a tree planted according to the Street Tree Planting Manual, which can be accessed at: [www.cityofpleasantridge.org/lsvr\\_document\\_cat/public-works/](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org/lsvr_document_cat/public-works/). Species are identified for each street in the manual.

**Program participation deadline:  
Thu., Feb. 3, 2022**

In order to be included in the order, residents must have payment to City Hall by that date. Trees will be planted in the spring, usually in April. **Contact City Hall with any questions. 248-541-2901**





## Pleasant Ridge Foundation William Tigertt Scholarship

Each year the Pleasant Ridge Foundation awards several \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors, based on community service as well as academics and participation in extracurricular activities. All high school seniors (public or private school) who reside in the Ferndale School District may apply.

**Applications are available online at: [www.pleasantridgefoundation.org](http://www.pleasantridgefoundation.org). Applications are due March 26, 2022. Email Karen King at: [kingbaum@aol.com](mailto:kingbaum@aol.com) for more information.**

## PR Woman's Club Scholarships Available

The Pleasant Ridge Woman's Club is once again offering college/vocational scholarships to graduating seniors of the Class of 2022. Scholarships are available to students residing in the Ferndale School District, from public or private schools.

**Applications are available after Jan. 15, 2022 — visit [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org) for an application or pick one up at Ferndale High School. The deadline date for application — April 1, 2022. Non-FHS students may return applications to Kathi Snow, 35 Oakland Park.**

## PR Garden Club News

The Pleasant Ridge Garden Club supports many activities in our community. In addition to planting and maintaining our public gardens, the club provides educational programming for members and the entire community.

**Winter and Spring programs include:**

**Jan. 10, 10 a.m.** LouAnn Linker, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, will speak on birds, their habitats and how to encourage their presence in our community.

**Feb. 7.** A staff member of Michigan State University Extension will present on Woody Ornamentals.

**Mar. 3.** Janet Macunovich, professional gardener, designer, author, and educator on "Planting Well Even When the Roots are Not Right."

**Apr. 4.** Landscape Gardener from English Gardens talk.

Meetings take place in the community center, with both morning and evening programs available. Some programs are presented via Zoom. For more information, please contact **Mary Ann Stella at [stellamary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stellamary@sbcglobal.net)**

## Historical Commission

The historical commission thanks all of those who made our garden tour successful. Without advertisers, docents and those who donate time and treasure the tour could not happen each year. FYI Saturday, September 17, 2022 is "penciled in." We also wish to congratulate owners of centennial homes here in town. Pewabic tiles are available for purchase at city hall to those whose homes have reached this milestone.

**Pleasant Ridge homes turning 100 in 2021:**  
(according to county tax records)

3 Amherst Rd	90 Kensington Blvd
126 Cambridge Blvd	95 Kensington Blvd
48 Fairwood Blvd	27 Oakdale Blvd
16 Kensington Blvd	14 Oakland Park Blvd
23 Kensington Blvd	19 Oakland Park Blvd
24 Kensington Blvd	28 Woodside Park Blvd
60 Kensington Blvd	10 Woodward Heights Blvd
69 Kensington Blvd	38 Woodward Heights Blvd
	76 Woodward Heights Blvd

**100 Year  
Pewabic Tiles**

8" commemorative tiles  
for qualified homes available  
for \$80 purchase at City Hall

**Reminder that the Historical Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month.** The museum contains a file on each home in the city. Look at yours and contribute information for your file. If you cannot come when we are open, contact City Hall and someone from the commission will arrange to meet you there by appointment.

## Join the *Pleasant Ridge Social Club*

Founded in 1911, this Club has been bringing friends and neighbors together for fun and socializing for over 110 years, and is an excellent way for new and established PR residents to get out and meet each other. So if you are new to Pleasant Ridge, or just looking for a way to ease back into being more social, please consider membership!

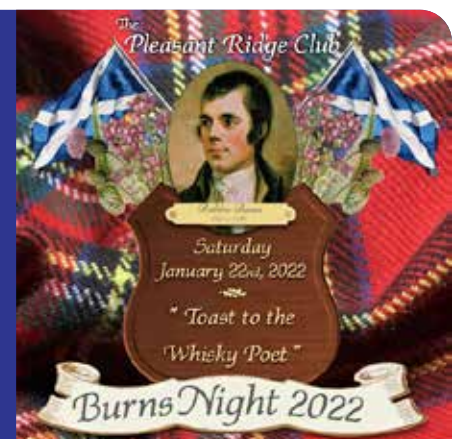
### Upcoming Events:

Burns Night at the Kilgour Scottish Centre in Troy - Help us celebrate the birthday of

Scotland's national poet - Robert Burns. It promises to be a fun night of Kilts, Whisky, Bag Pipes, Haggis, and a wee bit of Song and Dance! Stay tuned for future events.

Event details to follow on the Pleasant Ridge Facebook page.

**For more info on becoming a member, please contact Mark Kueber ([markkueber@gmail.com](mailto:markkueber@gmail.com)), Jeff Husby, or Susie Sherman-Hall via Facebook Messenger.**





# Happening Around Town

## Coffee with the PR Police

**Thu., Jan. 13, 10-11:30 a.m.** Drop-in format. Coffee with a Cop unites police officers and the community members they serve – over coffee – to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Meet with Chief Kevin Nowak, Sgt. Rob Reid and PO JP Cormier.

## Youth Programs:

**Wed., Jan. 19 at 5 p.m.** Make an outdoor feeder or birds/squirrels. \$20 per student, bring your own snack.

**Thu., Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.** Valentine's Day craft. \$20 per student, bring your own snack.

**Tue., Mar. 15.** St. Patrick's Day craft. More details to come.

## American Red Cross Blood Drives

**Feb. 10, Feb. 22 & Mar. 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Give blood. Help save lives! To schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code *pleasantridge*, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## St. Patty's Day Trivia Night

**Tue., Mar. 15 at 6 p.m.** \$7 per person. Includes a full traditional meal. Please bring your smart device if you have one.

## Oscars Awards Movie Series

**Movie schedule to be released in March.** Awards night is Mar. 27.

## Easter Egg Coloring Event

**Thu., Apr. 14.** \$5 per child. Leave with one dozen colored eggs!



*It's EASY to register online for activities and Wellness Center time slots!*

Visit [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org) and click on "Recreation Program Registration" under QUICK LINKS or scan the QR code with your device!

*All events and activities are subject to change and cancellation. Please check with PR Recreation for the latest dates and times.*

**Refund Policy:** No refunds will be issued for any programs or activities unless canceled by the Recreation Department.

# Looking Ahead SPRING SUMMER 2022

## Co-Ed Soccer '22

Registration deadline: February 12.

U6: DOB 1/1/2016-12/31/2017

U8: DOB 1/1/2014-12/31/2015

U10: DOB 1/1/2012-12/31/2013

U12: DOB 1/1/2010-12/31/2011

Registration fee includes jersey and socks.

We will try to accommodate coach and player requests, but no guarantees will be made.



## Co-Ed Baseball '22

**New League this year! Deadline to register is March 1.**

5/6: T-Ball. More league details to come.

7/8 (machine pitch) and Pony League: 9/10 playing with Madison Heights and Clawson.

Minor League: 11/12 and Major League: 13/14 year old division.

Playing with Madison Heights, Clawson and Troy

\*Games begin early to mid May. DOB is 8/31.

## Adult Volleyball League

Deadline to register: March 21, \$250 per team.

Games begin mid-May, end Mid-July.

## Save the Dates!

PR Summer Day Camp Registration: Begins Apr. 4

Camp Dates: M-Th, Jun. 14-Aug. 4

Travel Camp M-Th, Aug. 8-11

Challenger Soccer Camp M-F, Aug. 15-19

## Get in the Swim!



Registration is from Jan. 4 through Mar. 4.

Ages 6-18 years old: DOB 6/1/03-5/31/16

Cost: \$240 Residents/\$380 Non-Residents.

\*Fee includes team swim cap and team shirt

(additional fees: swimsuit, team swag, team towel, etc.).

**Pre-team will be offered in 2022. Practice begins the week of May 16.**

Meet dates: 6/23, 6/27, 6/30, 7/7, 7/11, 7/14

B Finals: 7/23, A Finals: 7/30-7/31

Personalized Swim team towel purchase: \$40 (30 x 66).

Deadline for swim team towel is Mar. 4.



**Please visit the team**

**website at:** [www.pleasantridgepiranhas.com](http://www.pleasantridgepiranhas.com)

For specific swim team questions, please email

Coach Abilyn at: [prswim@cityofpleasantridge.org](mailto:prswim@cityofpleasantridge.org)





# 50+ Club *Day Trips*

## Bath City Bistro: Thu., Jan. 20

Nestled in the heart of historical Downtown Mt Clemens, Bath City Bistro offers modern American cuisine while boasting the area's largest Belgium Trough (feather) Bowling space. Join in for an afternoon of fun and delicious food.

## DETROIT 67: PERSPECTIVES - DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM + COMMON PUB. Wed., Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Register by 2/2. Cost: \$24 (Lunch on your own)

Common is a pub located near the Detroit Historical Museum and has its own historical significance; learn about it at lunch. After lunch, on to experience *Detroit 67: Perspectives*. We will visit the exhibition and participate in discussions surrounding the events of the turbulent summer of 1967.

## HW Public Library Info

Library Open for In-Person Browsing:

Mon. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Tue. 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Wed. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Thu. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

\*FOR GREATEST SAFETY AND AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTINUES, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR VISIT TO 30 MINUTES.

248-543-9720  
26415 Scotia Rd., Huntington Woods, MI 48070



# Exercise Classes at the Rec Center

## Yoga Instructor: Mike Christy

**Mondays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 3-Feb. 7, Feb. 14-Mar. 21**  
**Yoga Blend - \$10/week (with package) or \$12 for drop-in**

*Class Description: This class will blend flowing sequences of yoga postures with longer holds to refine alignment within the postures. All levels are welcome. Modifications and intensifications will be offered so that every student can feel challenged at a level that is appropriate for them. Alignment, breathing, and meditation will be emphasized to access the benefits of yoga for physical and mental well-being. Find out why yoga is one of the best things you can do to feel great physically and mentally! Weekly CDC masking recommendations will be followed in this class.*  
Recommended equipment: mat, yoga blocks, yoga strap

## Yoga Instructor: Julie Brazen

**Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 4-Feb. 8, Feb. 15-Mar. 22**  
**Slow Flow - \$10/week (with package) or \$12 for a drop-in**

*Class description: We will move at a slower, meditative pace with longer holds. Emphasis is placed on breath, alignment, and meditation to balance and calm the body and mind. All levels are welcome. Weekly CDC masking recommendations will be followed in this class.*  
Recommended equipment: mat, yoga blocks, yoga strap

## Yoga Instructor: Lynna Kaucke

**Wednesday: Jan. 5-Feb. 9, Feb. 16-Mar. 23, 6-7 p.m.**  
**Power Yoga - \$10/week (with package) or \$12 for a drop-in**

*Class description: Combines breath and movement to build strength and flexibility. This is a vinyasa style class that builds on the foundations of Ashtanga. We will focus on proper alignment while working to deepen the connection between mind, body and spirit. This class is taught to all yoga levels.*  
Recommended equipment: mat, yoga blocks, yoga strap

**Thursdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10, Feb. 17-Mar. 24, 8:15-9:15 a.m.**  
**Yin-Yin - \$10/week (with package) or \$12 for a drop-in**

*Class description: Students will learn proper yoga alignment through grounded postures and gentle flows. The first half of this class will be a Yin practice. In Yin yoga we work with lines of energy and will stretch our deeper tissues by holding postures for longer amounts of time. For the second half of class we'll connect breath and movement through gentle flows.*  
Recommended equipment: mat, yoga blocks, yoga strap

## Zumba Instructor: Katie McGowan

**Wednesdays 7:15-8:15 p.m., Jan. 5-Feb. 9, Feb. 16-Mar. 23**  
**\$8/week (with package) or \$10 drop-in**

*Class Description: Perfect For Everybody and everybody! Each Zumba® class is designed to bring people together. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness - cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Pretty much the most awesome workout ever. Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it.*

## PR Wellness Center

Open 5 a.m. to midnight, 7 days a week, including weekends & holidays! FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN

Stop at the front desk during open hours to get your key fob. You must be a PR resident and at least 16 years of age. Wellness Center key fob replacement is \$10. Photo ID required for all new and replacement key fobs.

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# Looking for a Summer Job?

*PR Rec has summer employment opportunities for several positions!*

## **Camp Counselor**

- Camp runs 6/13 - 8/11, M-Th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Must have completed 11th grade to apply
- Must enjoy creating memories for kids ages 7-15

## **Lifeguard/Swim Instructor**

- American Red Cross Certified (Lifeguard, CPR & First Aid thru 9/5/22)
- Pool is open Memorial Day - Labor Day

## **Head Lifeguard / Swim Team Coach**

- American Red Cross Certified (Lifeguard, CPR & First Aid thru 9/5/22)
- 18 years or older preferred
- Must have min. of 2 years guarding experience

*All job positions will have mandatory training, dates TBD.*

Submit an application online at: [www.cityofpleasantry.org/recreation](http://www.cityofpleasantry.org/recreation)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2022**

**Questions? Please contact the Community Center: 248-541-2902**

