Madeline Park’s ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 1, was an exciting day for the community. Many gathered for a short ceremony put together by the Village of Sussex and the Sussex-Lisbon Area Historical Society. Those who attended were welcomed to tour the historic train depot and enjoy the new park.

The **Pints in the Park** event, which followed the ribbon cutting ceremony, brought over 2,000 friends and family of the Sussex area together for craft beer, food trucks, and yard games. Thank you for sharing in celebrating and enjoying Sussex’s parks!

If you missed the event, please take time to visit Madeline Park, located at the corner of Waukesha Avenue and Elm Drive, to enjoy the new amenities.

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**Village Park Getting Ready for Major Changes!**

The Village has broken ground on some exciting new amenities in Village Park. The new facilities include four pickleball/half-court basketball courts, an accessible playground, recirculating splash pad, and rentable pavilion with indoor and outdoor space.

In preparation for the project, the Village reconstructed a portion of Weaver Drive, improved pedestrian access by adding sidewalks and crosswalks to Main Street, and completed other site work. Work on Weaver Drive is complete and this entrance is now back open to the public.

The new amenities will open by Memorial Day 2020.

*Follow us on social media for construction updates and visit villagesussex.org/parkconstruction to learn more.*
Village President

It has been a fun and busy summer in Sussex. We are excited about the new amenities currently under construction in Village Park. There will be something for everyone to enjoy next summer, including a new splash pad, inclusive playground, multi-sport courts, and pavilion.

I enjoyed talking to many of you at Pints in the Park at Madeline Park and Prides Crossing Park. We were thrilled with the success of this new traveling beer garden and food truck event. Don’t worry if you missed the first two events; you can still join in on the fun on August 29 at Armory Park and September 27 at Village Park. Special events are a great opportunity to enjoy our beautiful parks system, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the company of friends.

Several residents have asked me about the construction happening at Highway 164 and Lisbon Road. There’s a new private development called Highlands Business Park going in there. I’m excited to welcome some new businesses to our community, which will include light industrial with likely some offices and retail.

As we transition into fall, we are excited to try a new piece of equipment for leaf collection. The new equipment will help with collection in rainy or freezing weather. You’ll still see the leaf vacuums out, as well, so that our crews can move through the Village as quickly as possible. We have a lot of beautiful trees in this community, which means lots of leaves to collect come fall.

I’m proud to call Sussex home, and I hope you are as well. I look forward to seeing folks at the Winter Farmers Market in the Civic Center, Pints in the Park, Spooky Sussex, and the Tree Lighting.

Thanks for choosing Sussex,

Greg Goetz

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As summer wraps up and fall begins in the Village, it’s a great time to soak in the last of the warmth and enjoy some of our great community events, like Spooky Sussex and the Family Outdoor Movie and Touch-A-Truck events. Our Parks crews will soon enough be getting the ice rink back open for the winter. Our Public Works crews will be working with some additional equipment this year to enhance the leaf collection process in October and November.

The Village’s engineering staff is putting the final touches on designs for the Maple Avenue reconstruction project, which will start in spring 2020 and run all construction season. Private utility companies will work this fall and winter to upgrade and move their infrastructure ahead of our work next year. Maple Avenue is the last of major road reconstructions; in 2021 and beyond we’ll be back to mill and overlay projects in the neighborhoods.

On the utility front, the Village has completed Well 8 and all water is now being treated for radium. The Village will decommission the old water trust wells 1, 2, and 3, and those properties will be put back on the tax rolls. Upon completion, the Village will have spent over $9 million to comply with the DNR and EPA requirements for radium in a very short time frame. The second step of the water rate increase ordered by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin will go into effect in January of 2020. The Village will look to mitigate these second-step costs through reductions in the sewer rates for Village residents and businesses.

The new community playground, splash pad, pickleball courts and pavilion are under construction. We are planning a celebration for around Memorial Day of next year to open these new facilities to the public. Over the next 10 years there will be many other upgrades and refreshment to Village Park to ensure this great community resource will serve Sussex well for another 60+ years.

Thanks for making Sussex special. I hope you and your family have a great fall.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Smith

The Village partners with Payment Service Network (PSN) to provide an electronic option for both receiving and paying your utility bill. Access to the service is through the Village of Sussex website (villagesussex.org/payonline).

After registering with PSN, you are able to do the following:

- Opt out of receiving a paper bill and receive an e-mail bill instead. You can select this option even if you choose not to make your payment online. By selecting this option, you will receive your bill sooner than a bill that is mailed.
- Schedule recurring monthly payments to come out of your bank account at no charge to you. This option is also available using a credit or debit card, but there is a small fee (2.75% of the amount charged plus $0.50 if the amount charged is less than $100).
- See up to two years of your online payment history.
- Maintain control over your banking information and make changes as needed.

If you do not want to register with PSN, you are still able to use the online payment system to make a one-time payment. You would need to select that option after entering your account information.

In addition to the online options with PSN, the Village continues to offer the ACH option where the payment is taken from your checking account on the due date. You can also sign up for this option on the Village website listed above.
Secure Your Load: 
*Trailering Brush & Debris*

**Wisconsin State Statutes** require that all devices used to haul cargo, including truck beds and trailers, must be capable of meeting certain criteria.

In addition to cargo securement rules, there are regulations that require tie downs be attached and secured in a manner that **prevents its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping.** [Wis. Stats. 348.10(2)]

Load width may not extend over **6 inches** past the passenger fender line. Load width may not extend past the driver side fender. [Wis. Stats. 348.09]

Load length may not extend over **4 feet** past the rear unless clearly marked with a 12-inch square **red flag.** [Wis. Stats. 347.20]

**Help keep our roadways safe and free of falling debris by securing your next load.**

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Doorbell Cameras: A Crime Deterrent

Doorbell cameras, installed near a home’s front entrance, can increase security at your home. These cameras allow you to view and record a live video feed from outside your front door on a smartphone, tablet, or other device. They are more subtle than a security camera, while still providing the functionality of a doorbell.

Doorbell cameras should be installed in plain sight—cameras warn burglars that a security system is in place, acting as a deterrent to crime. This can be especially helpful where packages are routinely delivered to people’s homes and left unattended on the front stoop.

Help us protect our neighborhoods! If you do capture video of a suspect, do not post it on social media right away as the online exposure can hurt our investigation. Instead, call us first at (262) 446-5070.

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**Fall Fire Safety Tips**

As we approach the fall season, here are a few safety reminders:

- **Have your heating system inspected by a qualified service technician.** Defective heat exchangers can emit dangerous or deadly carbon monoxide into a home.

- **Change your clocks, change your batteries!** The end of daylight savings is a great time to replace batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

- **If you have a fireplace, have your chimney cleaned and inspected** regularly.

- **Conduct regular fire drills** in your home. Have a home escape plan with two ways out and a meeting place outside. Always sleep with your bedroom doors shut.

- **Celebrate Fire Prevention Week**, October 6-12, by practicing your home fire escape plan.

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**Keep Them Clear! Adopt a Fire Hydrant**

Talk with your neighbors and develop a plan to keep your fire hydrants clear of snow during the winter. Clear a perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work (about 3 feet), removing any snow and ice.
In April 2019, I became the new director of the Pauline Haass Public Library. Many of you know me already; I’ve worked at the library since 2012, first as an Adult & Teen Services Librarian and then as Assistant Director. I’m so pleased to have the chance to lead this talented and hardworking staff.

The Sussex community is such a warm and friendly one; one of my favorite parts of the job is being able to greet so many of you by name. It’s also a community that’s growing by leaps and bounds, so it’s an exciting time to be a part of it. We at PHPL have the chance to grow and adapt with you, finding new ways to serve you while continuing to provide the traditional services and welcoming environment you know and value.

I became a librarian because I love the way that public libraries reflect the particular needs and interests of their communities. No two libraries are the same, because no two communities are. We’re all aiming for the same things—access, literacy, inclusion, personal enrichment, exploration, civic and social engagement—but that looks a little different everywhere. At PHPL it means early literacy play spaces, always-available digital resources like e-books and online courses, our KidsLab (a STEAM makerspace), meeting rooms for community groups, a no-wait “Lucky Day” selection of popular books and movies, comfortable spaces with WiFi and computers, and a wide array of programs for all ages. And as always, it means a collection filled with the things you want to read, watch, and listen to. We believe that offering all of this connects people to information, ideas, and one another, and that makes Sussex a better place to live.

As we head into fall, we’re planning fun events, from Stuffed Animal Sleepover to “The Office” Trivia Night, updating computers and increasing WiFi connectivity, beginning a project to digitize local history materials in partnership with the Sussex-Lisbon Area Historical Society, and more.

I’m eager to keep learning about what you want to see at your library, so stop in and say hi!

How-To Festival
Life is more fun when you’re learning new things, and the How-To Festival on Saturday, October 5, is the place to pick up new skills in 30 minutes or less!

From bread baking to beekeeping to backpacking, local experts from all walks of life will share their knowledge in a series of fun and practical learning experiences. There’s something for everyone at this free, all-day event!

Visit phplonline.org to learn more.

Growing Strong Readers in Sussex

“You are your child’s first teacher.”

Whether you’re a parent who loves that idea or one who is terrified at hearing those words, the library has a program for you.

What we now know about babies’ brain development and how toddler activities (including play) lead to reading is exciting and compelling. Grow Strong Readers, a four-session series starting this fall, will share this news in a fun, casual way that will send attendees home inspired and armed with ideas. Learn just how your interactions with your little ones are building their brains, and gain a new confidence as that first teacher in their lives.

Visit phplonline.org to learn more.
Curbside Leaf Collection

The Village of Sussex will make improvements to its leaf collection process this fall. We recognize that as the Village and the trees continue to grow, so does the quantity of leaves that need to be collected. Staff will continue to use the leaf vacuums for a majority of the collection because it leaves less debris behind and keeps our streets cleaner; however, it does not work as efficiently on large piles or when the leaves are wet or frozen. Therefore, the Village has added a Tink Claw attachment for its loader and a pusher box for its skid loader that will work together to speed up the collection of larger leaf piles and wet leaves.

The Village’s goal is to collect the leaves from each home every two weeks during the leaf collection period, which starts October 21. Visit the Village’s website once collection starts to view the map and learn which quadrant of the Village is being collected at any given time.

Utility Rate Changes

The second step of the water rate increase ordered by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) will go into effect in January 2020. This increase was ordered by the PSC to pay for the mandated radium projects. The Village will look to mitigate these second-step costs through reductions in the sewer rates for Village residents and businesses. The PSC regulates water utilities and sets water rates in the state of Wisconsin. Once these rates are finalized, information will be included in your utility bill.

Radium Update

The Village was ordered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to make a significant investment in the water system in order to comply with radium standards. The Village is now compliant with these radium standards.

To meet these standards, the Village invested over $9 million into the water system.

• Treatment facilities at Wells 4 and 5 have been online since October 2018.
• Wells 6 and 7 are blended to provide radium compliant water.
• The Village’s newest well, Well 8, has been online since July 2019.
• Wells 1, 2, and 3 have been removed from the system operations and are being decommissioned this fall.

Residue left over from cooking fats—fats, oils and grease (FOG)—can cause problems when poured down the drain. FOG and debris can build up in drain lines and cause backups in both private and Village-maintained sewer systems.

Avoid expensive plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system by following a few simple rules:

• Never pour grease, fat or used cooking oil down the drain.
• Scrape or wipe cooled grease or fat from all dishware and cookware before washing and put in the trash.
• Clean up grease spills with paper towels or other absorbents before mopping.
• Limit garbage disposal use to non-greasy food materials; dispose of greasy food waste in the trash.
• If you have a grease trap, make sure it is properly maintained.
Parks & Recreation News

Civic Center Ice Rink
The Village Ice Rink, located next to the Civic Center on Main Street, will return for winter 2019/2020. The rink is scheduled to open in mid-December (weather dependent) and will be open until mid-to-late February (weather dependent). Because the rink is weather dependent, be sure to check the Village’s website to see if the rink is open.

When open for the season, the skating rink hours will be 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Restrooms are available in the Civic Center or Pauline Haass Library for most of these hours.

The rink is always open skate; there are no designated times for specific skating activities.

Winter Disc Golf
The Village Park Disc Golf Course will remain open throughout the winter!

The course may close with significant weather events or flooding in early spring; check the website for the course status.

Winter Market Returns
The Sussex Winter Market will return for the 2019/2020 season. The Winter Market takes place indoors at the Sussex Civic Center. The market dates are:

SUNDAYS
9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
November 3 & 17
December 1 & 15
January 5 & 19
February 9 & 23
March 8 & 22

Vendors will vary, so plan to visit the market often!

Open Gym
The Civic Center Multipurpose Room will be open on select days and times beginning in January 2020. Watch for the Winter/Spring Activity Guide for details.

Planning & Development News

Coming soon …

… A new Froedtert Primary Care Clinic at the corner of Prospect Circle and Hwy 164, adjacent to BMO Harris Bank. Construction of the 17,600-square-foot building will begin this fall and should be ready in late summer 2020.

… Highlands Business Park at the intersection of Highway 164 and Lisbon Road. We celebrated the groundbreaking of this new private development in July. The Highlands Business Park will include mostly light industrial, with likely some offices and retail.
HYDRANT FLUSHING  
OCTOBER 14–25

Flushing removes sediment and maintains clarity and quality in the water distribution pipes. Water may become discolored after hydrant flushing. If this happens, run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears. If the water doesn’t clear the first time, wait a few minutes and run the water again. Avoid washing clothes until the water clears.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

Overnight parking is prohibited November 1 through March 31 on all village streets between 2 and 6 a.m. Parking is also prohibited year-round on a number of street segments throughout the Village. View the complete list on our website. To receive overnight parking permission where or when it is prohibited, call (262) 246-5237 and choose voicemail option #1. Leave your name, vehicle make, model, type and license plate, phone number and address where your vehicle will be parked. Permission is limited to three times per month, except when extenuating circumstances arise, such as driveway repairs. Failure to call for permission will result in a parking citation.

PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax bills are mailed by Waukesha County by the third Monday in December, based on information on file at the Register of Deeds office on November 1. Tax bills can be paid in two ways: in full by January 31; or in three installment payments, which are due January 31, March 31 and May 31. If a due date is missed for an installment payment, the entire balance becomes due. Pay your property tax bill online at villagesussex.org.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Waukesha County Energy Assistance will be at Sussex Outreach Services (located at the Sussex Civic Center) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2019, and Wednesday, February 19, 2020. For more information, call (800) 506-5596.

SNOW REMOVAL

Owners are required to remove snow or ice that has formed or been deposited on the sidewalks within a 24-hour period. The Village assists with snow removal on sidewalks along arterial streets.

NIGHT DROP

There is a Night Drop located inside the north entrance of the Civic Center. The Night Drop may be used for after-hours payment of parking tickets, property tax bills, water/sewer bills and other correspondence.

MOVING?

If you move or sell your home, you must notify the Village to cancel auto payment of your utility bill. The Village is not notified by closing companies. Call (262) 246-5224 with this information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUSSEX FARMERS MARKET: CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Sundays through October 13 • 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

PINTS IN THE PARK TRAVELLING BEER GARDEN: ARMORY PARK
Thursday, August 29, 5 to 8 p.m.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT & TOUCH-A-TRUCK: CIVIC CENTER
Friday, September 13, 5 p.m.

PINTS IN THE PARK TRAVELLING BEER GARDEN: VILLAGE PARK
Friday, September 27, 5 to 8 p.m.

SENIOR DINNER PARTY: CIVIC CENTER
Wednesday, October 2, 4 p.m.

SPooky Sussex: Village Park
Friday, October 18, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

HOliday Swag: CIVIC CENTER
Wednesday, December 4, 10 a.m.

TREE LIGHTING: CIVIC CENTER
Friday, December 6, 6 p.m.

SENIOR DINNER PARTY: CIVIC CENTER
Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.

BUNNY LUNCH: CIVIC CENTER
Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.

For more information about these and other special events, visit villagesussex.org/specialevents