



Mount Pleasant VILLAGE NEWS

SPRING 2023

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VILLAGE INFORMATION

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VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Main	(262) 664-7800
Assessor	(262) 664-7839
Building Inspection	(262) 664-7825
Clerk-Treasurer	(262) 664-7800
Community Engagement	(262) 664-7808
Engineering	(262) 664-7849
Finance	(262) 664-7819
Fire Non-Emergency	(262) 995-1200
GFL (Trash Contractor)	1-800-232-0860
Human Resources	(262) 664-7837
Municipal Court	(262) 664-7831
Parks and Recreation	(262) 664-7840
Planning	(262) 664-7829
Police Administration	(262) 884-0454
Police Non-Emergency	(262) 866-2300
Public Works	(262) 664-7843
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Village Hall is closed on the upcoming dates.



- APRIL 7 – EASTER HOLIDAY
- MAY 29 – MEMORIAL DAY
- JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY
- SEPTEMBER 4 – LABOR DAY

TORNADO SEASON

Peak tornado season in Wisconsin is from April to August. The state-wide Wisconsin tornado drill will occur on April 20 at 1:45 PM and 6:45 PM. Practicing how and where to take shelter could save your life. [Ready Wisconsin](#) outlines a variety of safety precautions to take in the case of inclement weather. Additionally, Racine County [Emergency Management](#) performs an outdoor warning siren test on the first Saturday of every month at 4:00 PM. Residents can view a map of siren locations and coverage [here](#).

TORNADO WATCH

Conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes.

BE READY.

Do you know
the difference?



TORNADO WARNING

A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar.

TAKE ACTION!



AREA VIBES

Areavibes.com ranks Mount Pleasant as the 28th Best Place to live in Wisconsin 2023. Mount Pleasant also ranks with an exceptional livability score of 85/100. The livability score is created by considering different data factors, including amenities, cost of living, employment, housing, public safety, and schools. Read more about AreaVibes Best Places to Live in Wisconsin [here](#).

SPRING ELECTION

The Spring Election is Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Make sure you are ready to vote by checking your voter registration at myvote.wi.gov. Using MyVote, voters can: register online, update their name or address, request an absentee ballot, find a polling place, and view what is on their ballot.

Important Election Dates

- ✓ March 15 - Last day for voters to register by mail or online
- ✓ March 21 - In-person absentee voting begins at Village Hall
- ✓ March 30 - Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail or online
- ✓ March 31 - Last day of in-person absentee voting at Village Hall
- ✓ April 4 - Election Day



WARD	POLLING PLACE
2, 3, 4, 11	Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church 1700 South Green Bay Road
5, 6, 7, 8, 25	Racine Assembly 1325 Airline Road
9, 13, 14, 24	Racine Bible Church 12505 Spring Street
10, 12, 15, 16	Mount Pleasant Village Hall 8811 Campus Drive
1, 17, 18, 20, 23	Messiah Lutheran Church 3015 Pritchard Drive
19, 21, 22	Holy Cross Lutheran Church 3350 Lathrop Avenue

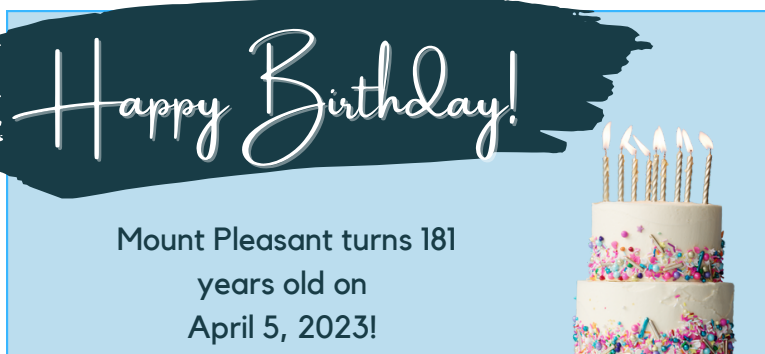
DOG & CAT LICENSES DUE

Dog and cat licenses for the year 2023 are due by March 31. Mount Pleasant Village Code 10-3 requires owners of dogs and cats kept within the Village to license their animals. Pet owners can license their animals at the Village Hall Clerk's Office by submitting the required application and fee. A \$5.00 late fee per animal will be assessed to applicable owners if licensed after March 31. Single-family dwellings are allowed up to three animals. Pet Fancier's Permit applications can be submitted to allow up to seven animals. Multiple-family dwellings are allowed up to two animals per unit. Pet Fancier Permits do not get issued to multi-family dwellings.

If you and your furry friend are out for a stroll we ask for the safety of everyone, you be mindful of our municipal codes that regulate safe handling of dogs and keep your dog on a leash. Please be courteous to your fellow residents and be sure to clean up after your pet.

OPERATOR LICENSES DUE

All Operator (Bartender) Licenses for persons selling or serving alcohol in Mount Pleasant will expire on June 30. Anyone currently licensed will receive a renewal notice in the mail at their last address on file with the Village Clerk. Persons wishing to renew their license must submit an application and fee.



BUILDING INSPECTIONS

From minor updates to significant additions, many home projects require permits in Mount Pleasant. Permits ensure that the work performed meets the safety standards enforced by the State of Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, International Suit of Building Codes, and National Electric Code, as well as the requirements of our Village Code. The Mount Pleasant Building Inspection provides an examination of all construction projects throughout the Village, which entails both plan review and onsite inspections for all residential projects including the construction of new homes, additions to existing homes, remodeling, sheds, garages; and swimming pools. Inspections encompass building construction, heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and electrical inspections. Wondering if your project requires a permit? A list of permit applications can be found [here](#). If your specific project is not listed, we encourage you to [contact](#) Building Inspection before starting your project.

RUMMAGE SALES

As the weather warms up, you may do some spring cleaning around the house. The Village would like to remind residents of section [§54-12](#) of our

Municipal Code if you decide to set up a rummage sale. The owner of any



property in the Village that is not commercial may have up to three rummage or garage sales during any calendar year. Each sale shall be limited to a period of no more than 72 consecutive hours within any one week.

PUBLIC WORKS

NOXIOUS WEEDS

As we make the shift from winter yard maintenance to spring yard maintenance, we would like to remind property owners of our Municipal Code [§38-36](#), stating no persons owning property within the Village shall permit any weeds to grow or pollinate upon his premises. To prevent such growth and pollination, every property owner shall mow, or cause to be mowed, all weeds upon the premises which exceed nine inches in height. This section shall not apply to normal agricultural crops.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Annually, Mount Pleasant contributes funding to make participation in the Racine Wastewater Utility's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event

available to our residents. There are seven scheduled collection events this year. Residents can drop off hazardous waste items from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM on the following dates:

- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July 15
- August 19
- September 16
- October 21

For a list of acceptable items for collection, click [here](#). Due to construction, the collection site for 2023 will be moved to a temporary location located at 1831 Phillips Avenue in the City of Racine.



COMPOST SITE

The Village Compost Site will open for the season on April 1. The Compost Site accepts only: grass clippings, garden waste, leaves separated from branches, and brush/branches (maximum 7' long and 4" diameter). NO milled lumber or fencing, sod, soil, rocks, concrete, garlic mustard, garbage or recyclables is accepted.

Location & Hours of Operation

The end of West Road, north of Washington Avenue

Mid-April through Mid-November

Wednesday: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WASTE OIL & ANTIFREEZE DISPOSAL

The Department of Public Works facility offers a collection site for used oil, used antifreeze, and used oil filters. Residents can dispose of these items free of charge.

The collection site location is 7700 Campus Drive. Residents should use the south entrance to access the reservoirs at the waste oil drop-off area. The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Do not pour motor oil or other automotive fluids down drains, sewers, or into the ground.



PAVING PROGRAM 2023

The annual Village Paving Program is designed to resurface village roads that have reached their life expectancy and can no longer be maintained through regular maintenance such as crack sealing and patching. Every two years, the Mount Pleasant Public Works Department evaluates and rates



every road the Village owns to develop a resurfacing schedule. Roads receive a rating on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being a

brand-new road. All ratings are submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as required. Roads rated approximately a 5 (and lower) are generally the first roads considered when determining the Village's draft 5-Year Paving Program. Funding for road repaving is approved in the Village's Annual Budget.

The following roads or sections of these roads are scheduled for repaving in 2023:

- [Susanne Lane & Melanie Lane](#)
- [S. Memorial Drive & Winthrop Avenue](#)
- [Kinzie Avenue](#)
- [Mead Street](#)
- [Millstone Drive, Tamarack Court, Conifer Court, Pinecone Ridge, & Auburn Court](#)
- [90th Street](#)
- [Village Center Drive](#)
- [Capitol Avenue, Glendale Avenue, and Norton Avenue](#)

Click [here](#) to view maps of the affected roads. The schedule of construction work dates are not yet available. We encourage you to visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates on the projects.

GFL CALENDAR

 Week A

 Week B

 Holiday: No Pickup

 Delayed Pickup Day

January 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
B.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
A.	29	30	31				

February 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A.				1	2	3	4
B.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
B.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A.	26	27	28				

March 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A.				1	2	3	4
B.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
B.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A.	26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A.							1
B.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A.	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
B.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
A.	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
B.	30						

May 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
A.	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
B.	28	29	30	31			

June 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B.					1	2	3
A.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
B.	25	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B.							1
A.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B.	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
B.	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
A.	30	31					

August 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A.			1	2	3	4	5
B.	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
B.	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A.	27	28	29	30	31		

September 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A.						1	2
B.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
B.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
A.	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
B.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
A.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
B.	29	30	31				

November 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B.				1	2	3	4
A.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
B.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
A.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
B.	26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B.						1	2
A.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
B.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
A.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
B.	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
A.	31						

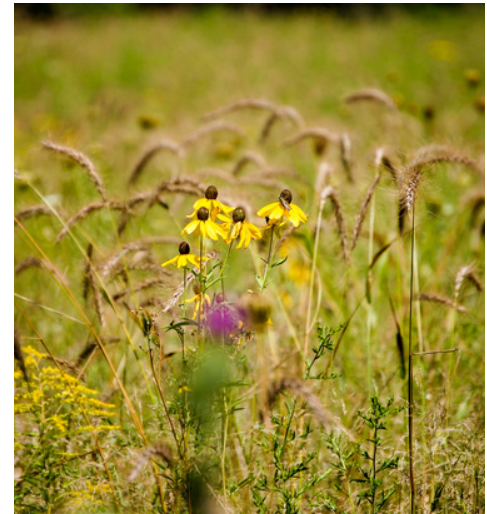
COUNCIL CIRCLE AT SMOLENSKI PARK

Walter Smolenski, a prominent Polish American in Racine, donated this land to the Village of Mount Pleasant in 1993. The Village celebrated the grand opening of the recreational and passive areas of the park in 2002. Then, in 2018, Root-Pike WIN and the Village of Mount Pleasant teamed up to convert a farmland area in the park back to prairie. Thanks to the contributions of the Fund for Lake Michigan and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Smolenski Park re-hosts the native species and ecosystem functions that went hidden for over a century.

This past year, work began designing and constructing the “Council Circle” or “Ring” – a place of rest. As part of different cultures, from Native Americans to the Vikings, this circle acts as a resting spot and promotes eye-to-eye conversation with no one person being the leader of the dialogue. Everyone in the circle has an equal voice.

In honor of Walter Smolenski and his wishes to create a natural area that also pays homage to Racine’s Polish heritage, Polish words of inspiration will eventually be engraved on the benches for encouragement and reflection.

Source: Root Pike WIN



Source: Root Pike WIN



Source: Root Pike WIN

PARK RESERVATIONS

We are excited to announce that on February 6, Mount Pleasant transitioned to a new Parks and Recreation software called [MyRec](#). This software offers a more convenient online registration and payment option for registrants. Citizens can now search and submit reservation requests for park pavilions, shelters, and the new Parks and Recreation Community Room. Information about our youth leagues and activities is also easily accessible. MyRec is mobile-friendly, which allows users to enjoy the features from their smartphone or tablet. All participants must to create an account on the new site to register for programs and submit park facility reservation requests. If you need assistance creating your MyRec household account or submitting facility requests, tutorials are available on our [YouTube](#) channel. If you need additional assistance or have questions, contact our Parks and Recreation Department at (262) 664-7840.

NEW POLICE K9 OFFICER

The Mount Pleasant Police Department is excited to announce the addition of our new K9 officer, Kala. K9 Kala is a two-and-a-half-year-old Labrador retriever. She will be the Department's newest resource for investigating child exploitation and human trafficking cases. K9 Kala is an Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) canine. She has special training to locate items with an internal storage device, including cellular phones, tablets, computers, 'flash drives,' SD cards, and many other electronic items.

When investigating child exploitation and human trafficking cases, it is common for the perpetrator to conceal images and videos on electronic devices and then hide those devices in a building or home. When search warrants are conducted, K9 Kala can walk from room to room to locate hidden electronics. Jordan Detective trained K9 Kala in Indiana. K9 Kala was donated to the Mount Pleasant Police Department by the kNot Today Foundation. kNot Today exists to generate awareness, initiate prevention.

strategies, and support restorative services to end sexual abuse, exploitation, and trafficking of children.

K9 Kala's handler is Detective Justine Justman, who investigates cases involving internet crimes against children, human trafficking, and internet financial crimes. Detective Justman and K9 Kala recently completed their initial training and are now a certified canine team. The two will not only work on Mount Pleasant Police cases but will also assist other agencies and facilities as requested. She will be a major asset in our fight against human trafficking and child exploitation. Not only will K9 Kala be used for electronic detection investigations, but she is also utilized to assist in the de-escalation of volatile scenes, as a comfort dog during the interviews of victims, and as an office therapy K9 for our officers and detectives.

We also want to extend a special thank you to the following contributors who have generously donated additional funding, food, and care to assist in the development of this new K9 program for our Police Department.



- Educators Credit Union
- Support Our Law Enforcement (S.O.L.E.)
- Racine Veterinary Hospital and Dr. Amy Hantschel
- Havahart Pets
- Petco Racine

Without the support of numerous contributors, this would not have been possible. A special thanks to all of you!



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Village of Mount Pleasant - Lakeside COP House
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Mount Pleasant Police K-9 Unit
@mppdk9unit



Village of Mount Pleasant Police Department
@mtpleasantwipd

MOUNT PLEASANT TOURISM FAQ'S

What is the Mount Pleasant Tourism Commission?

The Mount Pleasant Tourism Commission consists of five residents, one of whom represents the hotel industry. The Tourism Commission's primary responsibilities are 1) to determine how to generate overnight stays in Mount Pleasant hotel facilities and 2) to determine how to use the room tax dollars best. The Tourism Commission also reviews submitted Room Tax Tourism Grant Applications and considers the grant requests for events in the area.

How are room tax dollars generated?

Tourism dollars, also called room tax dollars, are generated from overnight hotel stays. Wis. Stats. §66.0615(1m)(a) allows municipalities to impose a room tax of up to 8% on the sales of rooms or lodging to transients. For example: If a hotel generates \$100,000 in one month of revenue, \$8,000 is paid to the Village of Mount Pleasant. Mount Pleasant is currently home to 12 hotels. Seventy-five percent of the total room tax revenue received gets appropriated to the Mount Pleasant Tourism Commission.



How are tourism dollars spent?

State Law mandates that the Tourism Commission spend room tax revenues on tourism promotion and development. The Tourism Commission will consider funding projects and events that benefit the Village or Racine County. Approved grant application funding gets used for various means, including electronic marketing ads, billboards, mailers, web/social media marketing targeting visitors outside of Mount Pleasant, and web enhancements likely to increase tourism/overnight stays.



Why are events sometimes outside of the Village?

The Tourism Commission can approve grant requests and funding for events that benefit Racine County; events are not required to occur in Mount Pleasant. Many events sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Tourism Commission are all-day, multi-day, or traveling events, often resulting in overnight stays. Depending on the event type, event participants or attendees often stay overnight at hotels in Mount Pleasant generating additional room tax dollars to spend on future projects and events.

Why does it say "Enjoy Mount Pleasant" if the event is outside the Village?

"Enjoy Mount Pleasant" is the Mount Pleasant Tourism Commission brand. All awarded projects and events receiving a grant from the Tourism Commission must display the Mount Pleasant logo to show sponsorship.

Additionally, the Village of Mount Pleasant aims to support the work of its Tourism Commission. The Village's social media accounts often promote and highlight events supported by its Tourism Commission to generate awareness of what is happening in Mount Pleasant and its neighboring communities.



SPRING EVENT CALENDAR

Event dates and times are subject to change.

Mahogany Black Art and Culture Expo: February 4th - March 31st

The Wisconsin Black Art and Culture Expo 2023, is a collaborative and inclusive community celebration of black creatives in the arts. It is a two-month-long series of events encompassing activities held at UW-Parkside, Mahogany Black Arts and Cultural Center, and other venues throughout Racine and Milwaukee. [LEARN MORE](#)



Wild for Wine at the Racine Zoo: March 4th

Join the Racine Zoo's fundraising event for the care of their eastern black rhinos, Timu and Kianga, and the conservation of their wild counterparts!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Downtown Racine Corporation's Candy Hop: April 22nd

Join the Downtown Racine Corporation in their Candy Hop! This event will take place on April 22nd from noon to 2 pm at various businesses in the Downtown Racine Area. Bring your friends or family and enjoy a free candy giveaway! [LEARN MORE](#)



American Junior Golf Association Preview: April 28th - April 30th

The AJGA is hosting a preview at Meadowbrook Country Club. This event is open to the public.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Downtown Racine Corporation's Wine Walk: May 6th and 13th

The Downtown Racine Corporation will host Wine Walks on May 6 and 13, 2023, from 1 pm-6 pm. Enjoy the change of seasons in beautiful downtown by sampling 20 delicious wines and 10 beer samples poured at 30 participating businesses. The event costs \$40. [LEARN MORE](#)



FIND LOCAL FUN!

If you are looking for a list of exciting local events, have a craving to try some new cuisine, or maybe need a place to stay overnight while you are here visiting, then be sure to check out the [Enjoy Mount Pleasant Website!](#) It's the perfect resource to find all the best activities, restaurants, and accommodations in the area.





VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS
23



7,558
TONS OF RECYCLABLES
COLLECTED

MUNICIPAL
SERVICE
DELIVERY
IN YEAR

2022



POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE = **26,084**



TRAFFIC & ORDINANCE CITATIONS
PROCESSED = **9,063**



VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS PROCESSED = **929**



529
SOCIAL MEDIA
POSTS

ANIMALS LICENSED



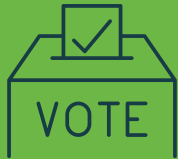
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1,217

THE VILLAGE BOARD APPROVED
44 **17**
ORDINANCES RESOLUTIONS

NUMBER
OF
REGISTERED
VOTERS
18,277



3.66
MILES OF ROAD
RESURFACED WITHIN
THE PAVING PROGRAM



FIRE SERVICE CALLS
571

8,000
CUBIC YARDS OF YARD
WASTE COLLECTED



551

LICENSES
ISSUED BY
VILLAGE
CLERK



RECREATION
PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS
639



FIRE SAFETY
BUILDING INSPECTIONS
866



SUBSCRIBE

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
YOUTUBE VIEWS
1,036

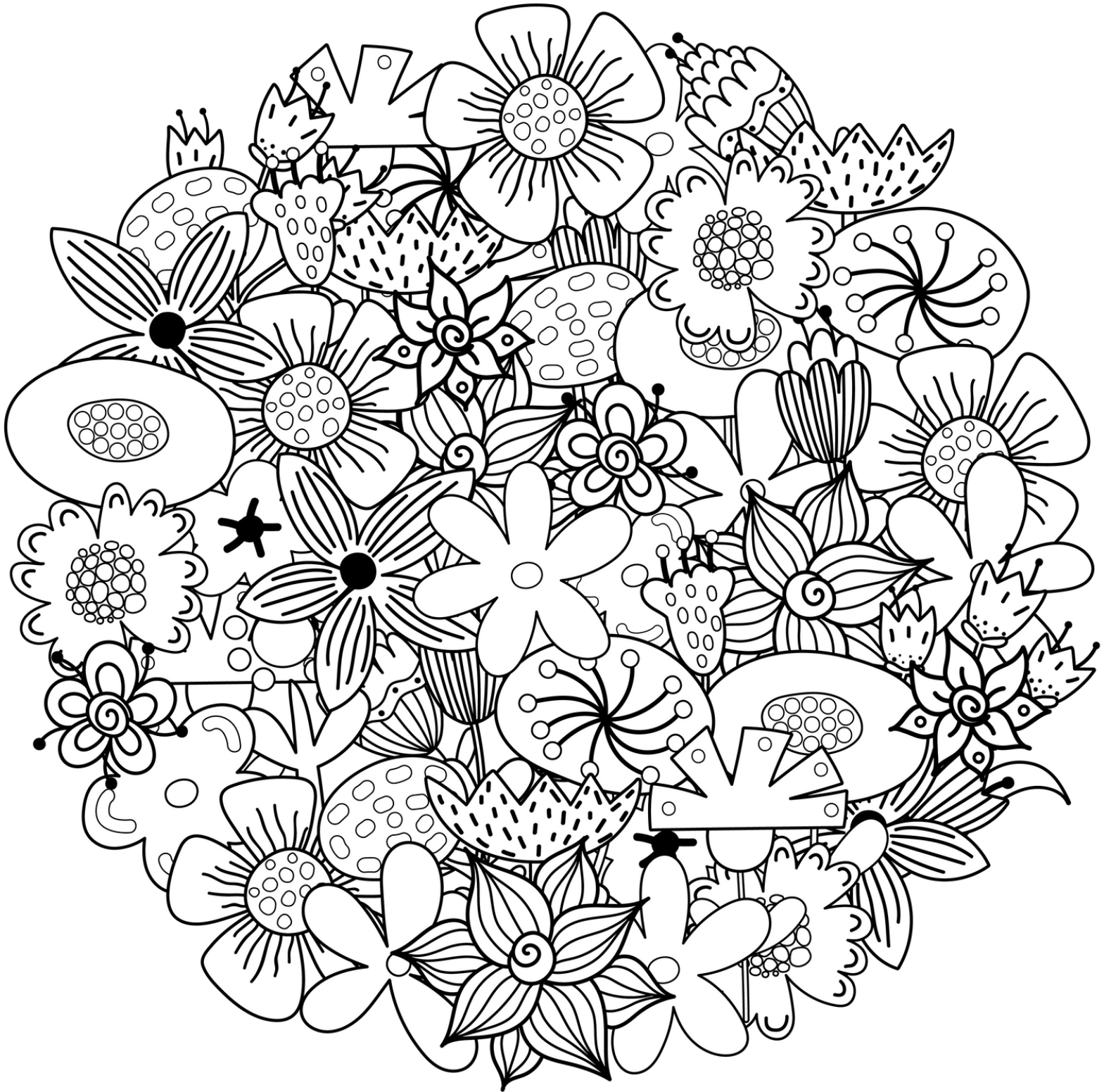


EMS SERVICE CALLS
4,574

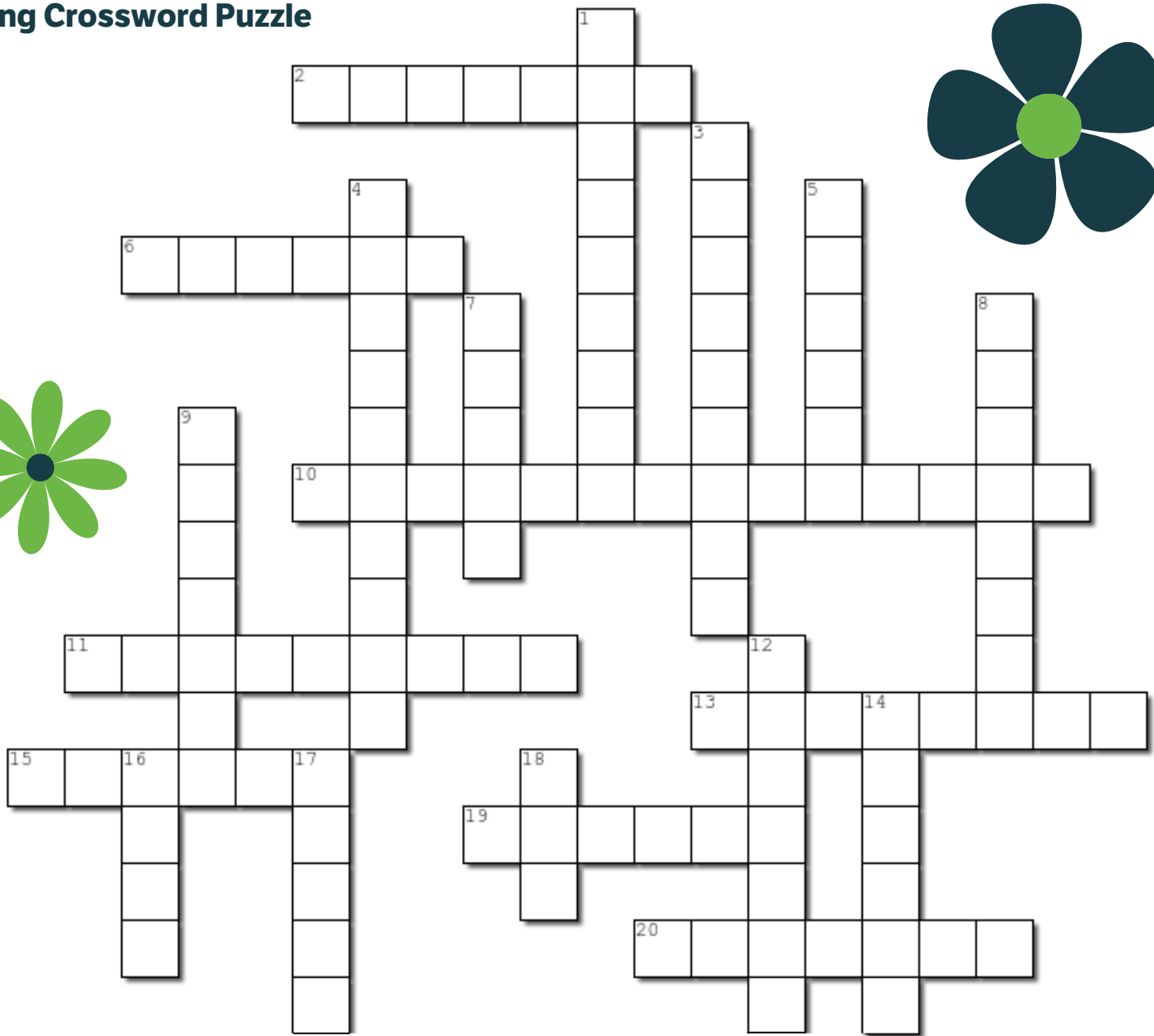
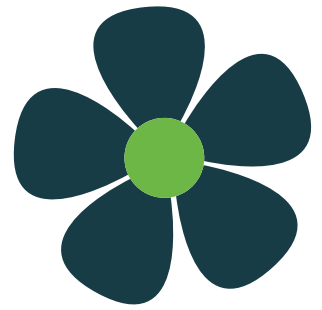
186,616
LINEAR FEET OF SANITARY
SEWERS CLEANED

GALLONS OF WASTE
OIL COLLECTED
6,350

Coloring Page



Spring Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. Animal that tells us if spring is coming
3. Monarch e.g
4. Greek Goddess of Spring
5. Four leaves and considered lucky
7. Fools Day, spring holiday for pranks
8. Tool to protect you from rain
9. The composer of "Four Seasons"
12. What appears after a storm
14. Holiday that falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox
16. Form of precipitation
17. Result of blue and yellow mixing
18. Mother's Day is in this month

Across:

2. Plant with petals
6. Colors that are popular in spring
10. What your clocks do in April
11. Bees _____ flowers to keep plants alive
13. America's pastime
15. The season between winter and summer
19. Vegetables and fruits are grown in this small plot of land
20. April _____ bring May flowers



Cottontail Trail

Village Hall • April 1, 2023 • 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us for a day filled with tons of spring fun!

Event includes:

- ✿ Photos with the bunny
- ✿ Scavenger hunt
- ✿ DIY egg hunt kits
- ✿ Games and crafts

ANSWER KEY:

Down: 1. Groundhog 3. Butterfly 4. Persephone 5. Clover 7. April 8. Umbrella 9. Vivaldi 12. Rainbow 14. Easter 16. Rain 17. Green 18. May Across: 2. Flower 6. Pastel 10. Spring Forward 11. Pollinate 13. Baseball 15. Spring 19. Garden 20. Showers

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