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Happy (belated) New Year everyone.

Last year there were a lot of changes and additions that have gone on in and around the Village and this year there will be more. I will try to list only those in the village. I'll start with the ones most noticed.....

1. "Speed bumps" were added downtown along the lakefront to slow the speed of vehicles down and help with driver and pedestrian awareness.
2. There were transient boat slips added to the lakefront for boaters who wanted to tie up and to visit the downtown businesses and restaurants. These are not for long term or overnight parking.
3. Although it took longer than expected, due to product shortages, East Wisconsin Avenue was reconstructed with new sewer mains, water mains, storm sewer lines as well as new asphalt from Prospect Avenue to Maryknoll Street.
4. The first phase of the new DPW building was started in 2022 and is completed. The second phase is scheduled to be completed this June. DPW employees have moved into the Phase 1 portion of the new building with the demolition of the old building now underway.
5. Three of the four railroad crossing sealed corridor projects are almost technically finished. More work may be required for them to be considered for Quiet Zone designation. The medians on Oakton and Capital have to be extended for that crossing to be completed, this is required by the OCR (Office of the Commissioner of Railroads) which has jurisdiction in the State of Wisconsin over railroad crossings, the Village has no authority in this matter.
6. The old St. Mary's Church is now owned by Agape Community Church which is returning the building to its former beauty inside and out. Thank-You Pastor Florin and all the people and businesses that are making this possible by donating time and money.
7. The Cornerstone Development project, The Glen at Pewaukee Lake, located behind the Agape Community Church, is moving along rapidly with new homes going up. This is a great addition for the Village and downtown businesses.
8. The Ford Motor Co. each year puts out a calendar of squad cars from different cities showing their Ford Squad Vehicles. The picture showing the Village's squad car with the downtown background was not only chosen to be in the calendar but was also selected for the front cover. Congratulations Chief and the Pewaukee Police Department.
9. Speaking of the Chief, working with the Pewaukee School District staff and Village Board, the Police Department was able to put together a new contract adding a second Police Officer as a Community Resource Officer for the School District campus.
10. Last year was the 40th anniversary for Park Avenue Pizza, which I was told makes it the oldest family run restaurant in the Village. Congratulations, here's to 40 more!
11. The Village has purchased new electronic poll books for voter registration and voter check in. All election day voting has moved to one location at WCTC-S Building So far very successful. Thanks Cassie.

The Village Board, Planning Commission, Public Works and Safety Committee, and Village staff will continue to work on different ways to improve the Village for the residents and businesses throughout the year as they did this past year. Here are a few items to look forward to...

1. The transient boat dock will be expanded slightly due to the success it had last year.
2. The Village Board has approved the purchase of a new fishing pier to replace the current pier which is over 20 years old. The new pier will be moved slightly closer to the dam to make room for the expanded transient boat dock.
3. The DPW building project, including a salt shed and storage buildings, will be completed.
4. The Village Board and Plan Commission will be going live on YouTube. If you miss us live you can view it at a later date. See the website link listed next to the agenda packet.
5. There is a pier to be added to the end of Lake Street to dock the second Lake Patrol boat. This pier is for Police and Fire Department use only.

6. A new German food takeout restaurant is now open on Park Avenue next to the Laimon Park boat launch.
7. The Beach House Bistro will be adding more outside dining utilizing street parking space similar to Artisan 179, The Handlebar and The Chocolate Factory.
8. Barring any delays or shortages, the Village has ordered a new Lake Weed Shore Conveyor, which should make unloading weeds faster and more efficient for the lake weed crew. It is anticipated that the new equipment will be delivered in 2024.

As noteworthy items come up throughout the year, I will make sure they are put in my newsletter. As the Village moves forward, I hope that this year will be better than last year for everyone.

Jeffrey Knutson VP

“You must have a long-range vision to keep you from being frustrated by short-term failures.” Charles Noble

Michelangelo prayed: “Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish”

Desire and Vision equals success.