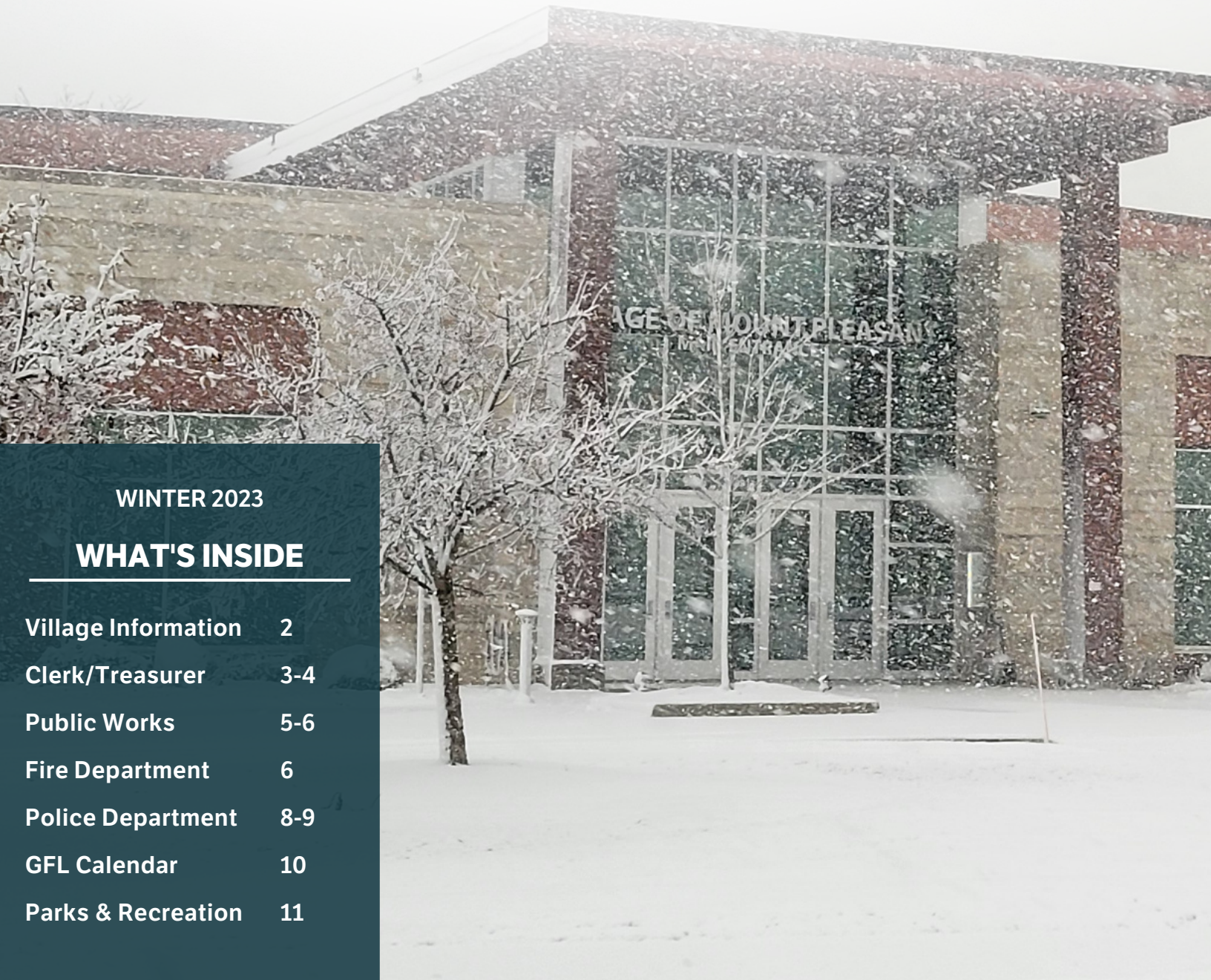




# Mount Pleasant VILLAGE NEWS



WINTER 2023

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# VILLAGE INFORMATION

8811 Campus Drive  
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(262) 664-7800  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Webpage**  
www.mtpleasantwi.gov  
**Email**  
info@mtpleasantwi.gov

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency .....	911
Main .....	(262) 664-7800
Assessor .....	(262) 664-7822
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) 664-7876
Police Administration .....	(262) 884-0454
Police Non-Emergency .....	(262) 866-2300
Public Works .....	(262) 664-7843
Sewer Utility .....	(262) 664-7849
Storm Water Drainage Utility .....	(262) 664-7849

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



-  @VillageofMountPleasant
-  @MountPleasantWI
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## 2024 ELECTIONS

### Election Dates

- February 20, 2024 - Spring Primary (if necessary)
- April 2, 2024 - Spring Election
- August 13, 2024 - Partisan Primary
- November 5, 2024 - General Election

If a Spring Primary is necessary, the deadline for voters to register by mail or online is January 31, 2024. After that, voters must register in person in the Clerk's office, or at their polling place on Election Day. The last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is February 15, 2024. For more information visit [MyVote](#).

### Sign Up to be A Poll Worker

Are you interested in becoming a poll worker? The Village Clerk is accepting applications! Poll workers are an important role in the success of an election. Having an adequate number of poll workers to staff the polling places ensures that voters receive the assistance they need at the polls. Find the application on our [website](#).

## PROPERTY TAX BILL CREDITS

### Lottery and Gaming Credit

Properties that were used as a primary residence by the owner on January 1 qualify for one lottery credit. If you did not receive a Lottery & Gaming Credit on your tax bill and you are eligible, you have until January 31 to file an [application](#) with the Village Clerk-Treasurer. If you received the Lottery & Gaming Credit on your bill and do not qualify, you need to submit a [removal request form](#) to the Village Clerk-Treasurer by January 31 and pay the additional amount due. For assistance completing the application, contact the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

### First Dollar Credit

If your real estate bill has an "assessed value improvement" amount, the credit should automatically show on your tax bill. Anyone entitled to the credit that did not receive it, must appeal directly to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue at (608) 266-2486.

## PET LICENSING

It's time to renew dog and cat licenses! Pet licenses are valid from January 1 through December 31. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required with your [application](#).

Why should you license your pet?

- State Law and Village Ordinance require licensing your dogs and cats in Mount Pleasant.
- Ensures your pet is protected from rabies.
- Lost pets who are licensed can be reunited with their owners quickly.

Residents are reminded of [Village Ordinances](#) which prohibit dogs being at large and also require owners to pick up pet waste.



## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Property tax bills will be mailed around mid-December. Include the following with your payment: parcel or bill number on the check, phone number on check, tax bill payment stub, endorsement on back of escrow checks - make sure all parties have signed. Include a self addressed stamped envelope for a receipt. Receipts can also be printed online from the Racine County [website](#).

### Where to Make Payments

By Mail, Dropbox, or In-person:

Village of Mount Pleasant Treasurer  
8811 Campus Drive - Mount Pleasant, WI 53406  
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The 24-hour secured drop box is located outside the Village Hall main entrance doors on the east wall. Credit or debit card payments are not accepted at Village Hall.

### Online Payments

E-Check and credit card payments can be paid on our [website](#). E-checks are subject to a \$0.75 convenience fee. Credit card payments are subject to a 2.35% convenience fee.

## Village Hall Holiday Closures

In observance of the Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. holidays, Village Hall will be closed on the following dates:

December 25, 2023  
December 26, 2023  
January 1, 2024  
January 2, 2024  
January 15, 2024



## New in 2023!

**Johnson Bank will no longer issue receipts for tax payments, they will instead offer a drop box for property owners to use. It is strongly recommended that you do not use cash.**

**The following Johnson Bank locations have a drop box available: 6700 Washington Ave. and 5901 Durand Ave.**

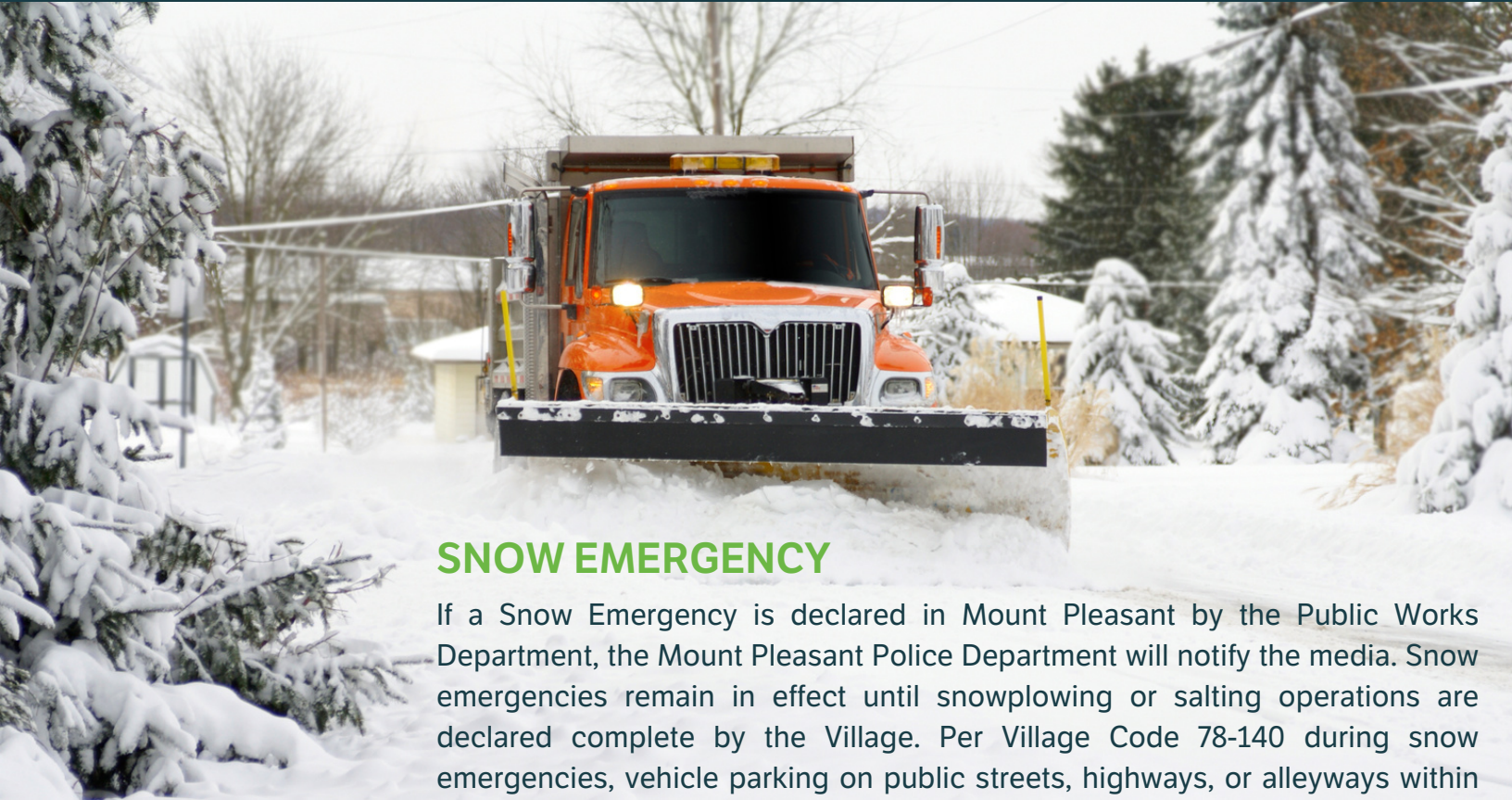
### Payment Due Dates

Your payment must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 to be applied in 2023. To avoid penalties, full payment or first installment must be paid by January 31, 2024. If paying in installments, your second installment is due and payable to the Racine County Treasurer by July 31, 2024. Mount Pleasant cannot accept second installment payments.

### Additional Information

Any payment, including online payments, returned by your bank or cancelled will be assessed a \$25 return fee. If your escrow check exceeds the amount due, a refund will be mailed to you 6-8 weeks after the payment clears all banks. Do not combine any other payments (pet license, sewer payment, etc.) with your property tax payment.





## SNOW EMERGENCY

If a Snow Emergency is declared in Mount Pleasant by the Public Works Department, the Mount Pleasant Police Department will notify the media. Snow emergencies remain in effect until snowplowing or salting operations are declared complete by the Village. Per Village Code 78-140 during snow emergencies, vehicle parking on public streets, highways, or alleyways within the Village is prohibited for periods of 30 minutes or more. Residents are asked to be mindful of snow emergencies to allow the snowplows to safely clear the roads as quickly as possible.

## SNOW REMOVAL

The Village would like to remind residents and property owners of our Municipal Code regulating snow and ice removal from sidewalks. Section 70-6 mandates that "...occupants or owners of every building, tenement, or premises fronting upon any street within the Village, and the owners or any unoccupied building or premise fronting on any street in the Village, shall keep the sidewalks adjoining such premises reasonably free and clear of snow and ice and, after and during every snow, such persons shall clear the snow from such sidewalks before 10:00 AM of each day. No snow or ice shall be placed upon any street, alley, highway, road, sidewalk, and crosswalk."



## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas tree collection begins January 8, 2024 and will run until January 19, 2024. Trees will be picked up on your regular trash collection day. Trees must be free from decorations and lights. Residents should place trees at the curb line or edge of the roadway, **DO NOT** place trees on the road. Live wreaths can be placed with your regular trash collection. Tree collection dates may be altered due to poor weather conditions. The Village will post delay announcements on our website and social media accounts.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

All routes are delayed by one day following a no pickup holiday. For example, if Christmas Day is Monday and your normal service day is Wednesday, you will be serviced on Thursday. Residents who are normally serviced on Friday of the week, will be serviced on Saturday. Holidays that fall on a weekend do not impact the pickup schedule. There is no garbage or recycling pickup on the following holidays:

- New Years Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

# FIRE

## ADOPT A HYDRANT

As the winter weather starts, the South Shore Fire Department would like to remind residents of the Adopt-A-Hydrant program. During heavy snowfalls many of our fire hydrants get buried, making it difficult for our firefighters to locate and access them during an emergency when every second counts. Help South Shore Fire by becoming a hydrant hero! Select a hydrant close to your home or business. After a snowfall:

- **Clear your hydrant of ice and snow.**
- **Keep a three-foot clearance around the hydrant.**
- **Clear a path from the hydrant to the street.**

A cleared hydrant is a happy hydrant! Have an elderly neighbor? Take a few minutes to help shovel out their hydrants as well. Spread the word and encourage others to adopt hydrants near them!



**Follow South Shore Fire Department  
on Facebook**



## 2024 VILLAGE BUDGET

### Taxing Jurisdictions

The Village Board approved the 2024 budget on November 13, 2023. Mount Pleasant property taxes support four taxing jurisdictions: Village of Mount Pleasant, Racine County, Racine Unified School District, and Gateway Technical College. When property owners pay their real estate tax bill, each one dollar is distributed in the following manner:

- **Gateway Technical College**  
\$0.04 -or- 4%
- **Mount Pleasant**  
\$0.36 -or- 36%
- **Racine County**  
\$0.18 -or- 18%
- **Racine Unified School District**  
\$0.42 -or- 42%



### Mill Rate

The mill rate is calculated by dividing the total taxes needed by the total assessed value of Mount Pleasant and multiplying by 1,000. The mill rate for Mount Pleasant 2023 property taxes is \$6.07 per \$1,000. Property tax dollars are used to pay for village services. Each \$6.07 is allocated in the following manner:

- **PUBLIC SAFETY | \$2.80**  
Supports the Mount Pleasant Police Department protection services, South Shore Fire Station protection services, and Racine County Dispatch services.
- **PUBLIC WORKS | \$0.69**  
Supports the maintenance, repair and snow clearing of approximately 133 miles of road and right-of-way. Also supports compost site operations, solid waste and recycling collection.
- **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION | \$0.57**  
Supports the operations of Administration, Attorney, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessor, Election, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, Municipal Court, and Village Board departments.
- **PARKS & RECREATION | \$0.10**  
Supports the maintenance and operations of nine parks totaling over 300 acres, as well as funding for Joint Park. Also supports the various park recreational programs.
- **PLANNING | \$0.03**  
Supports the operations of the Community Development Department.
- **DEBT SERVICE | \$0.92**  
Accounts for revenue and expenses related to Village payments for principal and interest for bond issues.
- **CAPITAL | \$0.67**  
Supports capital projects for roads, buildings, protective services and village hall equipment.
- **SHARED | \$0.29**  
Supports shared services with Racine and Racine County including bus services and public health services.

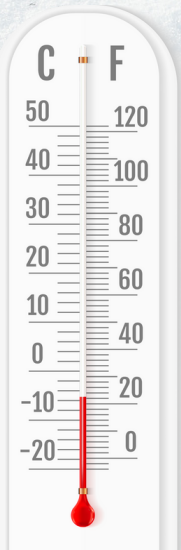
# BEWARE OF PORCH PIRATES



As the holiday season approaches, online purchasing and package delivery will be in full swing. Porch pirates, or thieves who steal deliveries off porches and doorsteps, can strike any time of year, but their crime tends to increase during the holidays when they are on the lookout for unattended packages. If you plan to shop online, here are some precautions you can take to help avoid package theft any time of the year:

- Ship to the store
- Request signature confirmation
- Deliver at work
- Use an Amazon Locker
- Deliver to a friend or family member’s house
- Use a secure mailbox service

When placing your order, be sure to sign up for tracking and delivery notifications so you can monitor the delivery status of your packages. If you have a video doorbell or security cameras, customize the motion sensitivity and view area settings to detect activity when you are not home.



## WINTER WARMING CENTERS

Winter Warming Centers are places for people to seek temporary relief from extreme cold temperatures. Racine County has several designated warming centers located throughout the County for those needing temporary relief during the cold weather months.

The following five warming centers are the closest to Mount Pleasant Village Hall:

- **Ascension All Saints Hospital**  
3801 Spring Street - (262) 687-4011
- **Malecki’s Piggly Wiggly**  
5201 Washington Avenue - (262) 619-3230
- **Racine Family YMCA - Image Management Branch**  
8501 Campus Drive - (262) 634-1994
- **Target**  
5300 Durand Avenue - (262) 554-6998
- **Walmart Supercenter**  
3049 Oakes Rd - (262) 598-8702

[View a full list of warming centers in Racine County and their hours.](#)

# CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

## 2023 ACADEMY CLASS

2023 marked the 9th year the Mount Pleasant Police Department hosted its Citizen Police Academy. First started in 2015, this 12-week course allows citizens an upfront look at law enforcement and what it takes to work the streets of Mount Pleasant. From lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences, academy students experience some of the basic recruit training that new officers have experienced in their training. Some of the topics covered include:

- Police tactics
- Crime scene investigations
- Firearm training
- Emergency vehicle operations

The Citizen Police Academy runs from September to November on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with additional Saturday classes to allow the students the opportunity to get more hands-on experiences.

What are the requirements to join the Citizen Police Academy?

- Must be 18 years or older
- No felony arrests
- Have the ability to perform some light and physically challenging activities
- Must agree to follow all policies and rules of the Academy's instructors

We will begin accepting applications for the 2024 Citizen Police Academy class in August. Announcements will be posted on the Village website and Police Department Facebook page.



Week A
  Week B
  Holiday: No Pickup
  Delayed Pickup Day

## January 2024

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

## February 2024

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## March 2024

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B.	31						

## April 2024

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## June 2024

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## August 2024

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## September 2024

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## November 2024

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## December 2024

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The Village of  
Mount Pleasant's

4th Annual

HOLIDAY

# Tree Lighting



DECEMBER 10th

4pm - 6pm



Mount Pleasant Village Hall  
8811 Campus Drive

HOLIDAY BINGO HOT COCOA

VISIT FROM SANTA GAMES

TREE LIGHTING AND MORE!

Tree Lighting at 5:45 pm



# Happy Holidays!

from the  
Village of Mount Pleasant

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