



## ► Sprucing Up for the Holidays

Start the holiday season in the glow of Mount Pleasant's community tree lighting celebration on Saturday, November 22, at Village Hall. This sixth annual lighting event organized by the Village Parks & Rec crew and Police Department will feature photos with Santa, games and other activities for kids, and a big, red mailbox ready to send letters to the North Pole. The party lasts from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the tree lighting countdown starts at 5:15 p.m.

## ► Batteries Don't Belong in the Trash

It only took one, small household battery to set this recycling truck ablaze in Milwaukee. The fire is another reminder that household batteries shouldn't be thrown in the trash or recycling bin. Many of them can combust when they're compacted. The [Village's website offers guidance](#) on where they should go instead.



## ► Microsoft Hosting Open Office Hours

Microsoft and its data center team will hold a Community Office Hours open house at Mount Pleasant Village Hall on Tuesday, November 4, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., to hear feedback and provide information about the project and other upcoming initiatives.

The [2026 service schedule for recycling and garbage pickup](#) is now available on the Village website. Remember to please have your bins at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your pickup days.

## ► Ellis Named New Fire Chief

Dustin Ellis' dad and uncles were volunteer firefighters in western Kenosha County where he grew up. Like so many who dedicate their careers to public safety, he followed suit. Ellis reached another milestone this month as he became [new chief of the South Shore Fire Department](#), where he has served for over 15 years.

