



**Lt. John Omelina**  
20 years of service

**FF/EMT Tim Pie**  
28 years of service

## ► Two Long-Serving South Shore Firefighters Retire

South Shore Fire Department has two retirement parties this week to honor veteran firefighters. Tim Pie retired with over 28 years of service, saying he will miss the comradery of hanging out and working with fellow firefighters who are “like a second family.” Lt. John Omelina retired after over two decades with SSFD. He is a leading trainer and mentor for SSFD, and helped establish the Racine County Fire Academy that trains firefighters for SSFD, Caledonia, and the City of Racine. Omelina was named 2025 Instructor of the Year by the Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors.

## ► Bank Breaks Ground on Durand

Johnson Financial Group in late February kicked off a project to replace its 1976 bank branch at 5901 Durand Avenue. It will be torn down, and a new one will open in the same spot in 2027. Village President David DeGroot said he’s “looking forward to the next 50 years of Johnson Financial serving our community.”



## ► Compost Site Opens April 1

The seasonal Compost Site for Village residents reopens April 1, weather permitting. Residents can drop off brush, grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste. The site also offers free mulch, wood chips, and compost to residents.

Open Book begins April 7 after the Village’s 2026 property assessment notices are mailed, and lasts through April 28. During Open Book, property owners can discuss assessed values with an assessor, learn more about any changes, and examine the assessment roll for properties across Mount Pleasant.

## ► Eggcellent March Events

Big bunnies, egg hunts, and games are coming in March with two free Village events. Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation’s Cottontail Trail returns to Village Hall on March 21 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Mount Pleasant Police Department’s Lakeside COP House at 2237 Mead Street hosts an egg hunt on March 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

