

POLICE CALLS

The Sun Prairie Police Department is joining other law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin in participating in the annual 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign from Dec. 17-Jan. 1, 2022.

To help identify impaired drivers on our roads, 5,752 law enforcement officers in Wisconsin are trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. Citizens can help in several ways:

- If you plan to celebrate, identify a sober designated driver or find a safe alternative way home. Never allow someone to get behind the wheel impaired.

- Protect yourself and your passengers every time you travel. Ensure everyone is buckled up. Watch your speed and eliminate distractions.

- Download the free "Drive Sober" mobile app from the WisDOT website. The app includes a "find a ride" feature to help locate mass transit and taxi services;

- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons a safe ride home.

- If you encounter a driver you suspect is impaired, call 911. Provide as much detail as possible on the driver, vehicle and

location. "Drivers impaired by alcohol or other drugs risk the safety of everyone along our roadways," SPPD Sgt. Jason Lefeber said. "During the Drive Sober campaign and throughout the year, our goal is to help ensure all travelers reach their destinations safely."

Lefeber thanked the community for its support throughout the year to help keep Sun Prairie's streets and community safe.

PMMS student referred

Sun Prairie Police Lt. Ryan Cox said a 12 year old male student was involved in two separate incidents last week with a teacher at Patrick Marsh Middle School where the student allegedly threatened the teacher with violence on one occasion and on a separate occasion actually struck the teacher with his shoulder in an alleged attempt to tackle the teacher causing injury to the teacher.

The 12 year old male student was referred on one count of Battery and one count of disorderly conduct for the first incident. A second incident involving the same 12-year-old student who allegedly attacked a separate teacher as well

in a more recent incident involved the student pushing the teacher into a wall, making threats, and then spitting on the teacher. The student was referred for disorderly conduct, battery and discharging bodily fluids for that case.

Female cited after collision closes Windsor Street

Sun Prairie police cited a female Dec. 15 in connection with a two-vehicle crash in the late afternoon that closed Windsor Street near Highway 151 for about 39 minutes.

Police responded to the crash at 4:58 p.m. Cox said one vehicle had a green light but no arrow while attempting to turn onto southbound 151 from Windsor. That driver failed to yield the right of way while making that left hand turn which was observed by an officer.

Upon completion of the investigation, police cited Dominique Posadowska, 33, from Sun Prairie for failure to yield right of way while making a left turn, no insurance and operating after revocation.

Cox said the driver of other vehicle was transported to a hospital for treatment.

—Compiled by Chris Mertes

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license, vehicle, auto insurance and must pass a background check.

Connie Dettmer, a retired special education teacher, delivers meals once a week to area seniors, and loves the experience.

"I get a lot more out of it than I give and it's nice to be able to see people who may not have a visitor for the rest of the day," Dettmer said.

Dettmer even brings a former student and her 90-year-old aunt to help out some days. She said it's an important service to bring meals to seniors.

"It was a big deal when the first surge of COVID-19 hit because it was the only way people could get their meals," Dettmer says. "And it is still a big deal."

A meal and a smile

Volunteer Jane Zuelsdorf drops off cards and notes along with meals she delivers to people. It's her way of paying back to

the service that helped a relative.

It takes Zuelsdorf about an hour to do her seven-mile route with plenty of time to stop and chat with people.

"It doesn't take much time and it makes me feel good," Zuelsdorf added.

Families, couples, friends and even a group of co-workers can sign up to do a route. Subs are also available if volunteers need to miss a delivery.

Dane County contracts with Colonial Club to make and deliver the meals. Volunteers help keep the costs down for participants. The suggested donation for the meal is \$4 but it takes \$9 to produce it.

Volunteers can also help prepare and package the meals at the Colonial Club kitchen.

People not only get a nutritious meal delivered but get to see a friendly face each day. Jennings said the visit can serve as a wellness check for participants. Colonial Club follows up if people weren't there to receive

their meal or didn't come to the door.

"This service really allows people to stay in their homes where they want to be and not have to go to an assisted living facility," Jennings said.

Supporting community

There are other ways to help at the Colonial Club. Volunteers are needed at the gift shop, the receptionist desk and in the office.

Volunteers can also help shovel snow off sidewalks or give seniors rides to medical appointments in Sun Prairie, Madison and Middleton. Volunteers for this ride program need to have a COVID-19 vaccination and can receive mileage reimbursement.

Jennings said helping out boosts community efforts.

"Our Colonial Club volunteers are an integral part of our operations and support the mission of helping and supporting our neighbors," Jennings added.

To find out more information or to fill out a volunteer application, visit www.colonialclub.org or call Laura Jennings at (608) 837-4611 ext. 129.



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and laundry/game room in addition to residential units. The third and fourth floors also have an additional resident lobby area, community room space and residential units.

The proposed building footprint is 34,765 gross sq. ft., with a total gross floor area of 154,500 sq. ft. for all four floors.

The building will be served by both surface parking and covered indoor parking on two levels, all accessed from a common curb cut located along Lane Street.

All 121 internal parking spaces are proposed for residential use. The lower level of the building, which matches the overall building footprint, includes 61 spaces of enclosed parking, and is accessed from a ramp that drops six feet in elevation from West Lane Street.

An enclosed ground level parking area includes 32 spaces plus an additional 28 elevated "car-stacker" spaces for residents in the southern wing of the building and uses a ramp traversing up to seven feet, accessed off the same common entry drive from Lane Street.

An additional 16 parking spaces are provided in an open-air surface lot accessed from Lane Street on the southwest side of the building.

The surface lot spaces are proposed to be temporary for Phase 1 and would be replaced in a future development effort by a covered parking structure with 57 total spaces for both public and private use in Phase 2. Including the 28 car stacker spaces, a total of 137 spaces are provided in Phase 1 equaling 1.489 spaces per unit. The internal parking ratio equates to 1.32 spaces per unit.

"The proposed plan is also highly consistent with the recommendations of the Sun Prairie Stronger Plan, which specifically examined the site as part of a broader revitalization effort and envisioned a proposed mixed-use development designed with a density and intensity of use befitting the prominent intersection of West Main Street and South Bristol Street," reads the staff report, which was written by the same firm that wrote the Sun Prairie Stronger Plan because of a planning division staff shortage at the time the Lokre development was submitted to the city.

"This includes providing ground floor commercial space and enabling outdoor seating opportunities through the careful



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This perspective of the Lokre Development Company's proposed four-story, mixed use building looking north and west from the Lane-South Bristol Street intersection emphasizes a yellow mural with the words "City of Sun Prairie Stronger" on the south and east façades.

design and disposition of the building relative to the Main and Bristol intersection. While the proposed development represents an increase in height and intensity of use in respect to the site's current condition and immediate surrounding context, the new building would be in substantial alignment with the vision for the site and surrounding district established in 2020 Sun Prairie Stronger Plan," the staff report reads. "The proposed building does make efforts to create visual interest while attempting to balance a contemporary design approach and aesthetic with the architectural character of the downtown district."

The public hearing for the proposed building included comments from Steve Tremlett, a South Street resident who was a member of the Sun Prairie Stronger Plan Committee.

"I think it does match with what the plan was talking about — increasing density, providing more residential in the downtown," Tremlett told the commission.

"Some of my comments are more about this being a very special project and there's been a lot of chatter in the community about multi-story, multi-family density and so while I'm the only one making comments, I think, long-term, I wanted to point out a few things that I thought that may improve it," Tremlett said. Tremlett questioned whether the plaza needed to be elevated and even suggested installing additional trees to minimize the visual impact of a four-story design.

"One way to kind of, you know, when you're right up next to the building, that fourth floor disappears, but as you move further away from the building, that fourth floor will still be visible. And one technique that I suggest is considering a different material cladding for that upper floor that is lighter than the base brick," Tremlett said.

"That's usually used either in color or in a different material to help make that kind of disappear from the primary

three stories. Plus also — consideration of beefing up the cornice of that third story on the front tier is another way to improve it, so something to consider."

Commissioners made no motions to change the design to incorporate Tremlett's suggestions.

Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser, who chairs the plan commission, said he was happy with the exterior changes and the number of studio apartments, which were questioned at the November commission meeting.

A market survey by Baker Tilly showed adequate demand for the studio apartments in downtown Sun Prairie. "I am good with that," Esser added, referring to the study.

One question was asked about the timeline for Phase 2, which is the possible expansion into the Sun Prairie Utilities property to the west at 125 W. Main St.

Kugler said that as much as the developer wants to purchase the property, and perhaps some of the downtown wants the property to develop, SPU is constrained by approval from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin on any new headquarters proposal.

Esser — a member of the SPU Commission — said the SPU Commission is proceeding with the idea the property will be purchased and that a new SPU headquarters could be constructed soon.

"Right now we're working on a development concept that would get us off that [125 W. Main St.] property in about two years," Esser added, "the start of 2024." SPU has already secured land options to construct its facility on land located north of and adjacent to Linnerud Drive — not far from where a SPU storage building is already located on Craftsman Way.

Kugler said it is unknown whether the Lokre proposal will proceed to the council next week because of the timing of a City of Sun Prairie tax increment finance (TIF) assistance request made by Lokre to help finance the proposed development.



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reported. Leonard was paid \$37,834 in salary through the end of the year, according to the city separation agreement. He will receive city health insurance until Dec. 31, 2021.

The city council appointed Matthew Dregne as the interim city attorney on July 6. Dregne's hourly rate is \$225 an hour.

Leonard was hired as a city attorney in September 2013. City Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer described Leonard as a dedicated and loyal employee in a letter written after Leonard's resignation.