

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Election: Tuesday, April 4

The polls will be open at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, April 4. The ballot includes races for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Blooming Grove Town Board, local school boards, etc.

A reminder that **voters must present a valid photo identification in order to vote**. For most folks, a current Wisconsin driver's license or Wisconsin DOT-issued ID will suffice. For those who don't have either of those, there are other options including but not limited to a current U.S. Passport, military ID, or certificate of naturalization. Refer to www.bringit.wi.gov for more information. You are encouraged to make sure you have a valid photo ID prior to Election Day!

Contact Information

Town Office	223-1104
Public Works	575-2369
Advanced Disposal	251-7878
Building Inspector	576-6370
Waunona Sanitary Dist.	249-0705

Spring Yard Waste Collection

The Public Works staff will collect yard waste from April 1 through May 15. Please remember:

- * bags must only contain yard waste
- * no animal waste in bags
- * bags must weigh less than 40 lbs
- * bags must be tied at the top
- * collections will be done weekly

If you wish to dispose of yard waste yourself any time of the year, you can contact the Dane County landfill at 838-9555.

Town Annual Meeting

The Town's Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

A summary of 2016 will be provided by the Town's auditor, the Plan Commission, Public Works staff, the Dane County Sheriff's Department and others.

All residents are welcome to attend!

Town Officials / Staff

Town Board

Dwight Johnson (Chair)
Arnie Berg
Ron Bristol
Kathie Linzmeier
Dave Young

Plan Commission

Ron Bristol (Chair)
Jim Frater
Liz Johnson
Michael LaForest
Kellene Leicht
Dean Larson
Dave Young

Clerk/Treas/Admin.

Mike Wolf

Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)
Steve Kearney

Fire Chief

Glenn Linzmeier

Communicating with Town Residents

The Town's website is continuously updated with the latest information, including but not limited to upcoming meetings, elections, licensing and permit issues, office hours, as well as yard waste, garbage and recycling pickup times/days. You are encouraged to bookmark our website for easy reference: www.blmgrove.com. A reminder that the Town newsletter is now mailed only to those who have requested it. Otherwise it is disseminated electronically, and is also posted on the Town's website. If you don't already receive the newsletter and would like to, please contact the Town Office.

The Town's Property at 1880 S. Stoughton Road has been Sold

In January of this year the Town sold the property where the Blooming Grove Town Hall resides (1880 S. Stoughton Road).

Q. Why?

A. The Town began using the City of Madison Fire Department for fire and EMS services on July 1, 2015. By January of 2016, the last of the Blooming Grove Fire Department interns had moved out of the fire station. The station was then cleaned and prepared to be sold. The Town Board recognized that taxpayers would be more advantaged if the entire lot was sold -- instead of just the fire station. So in May of 2016 the Board decided to put the entire lot up for sale.

Q. Who purchased the property, and for how much?

A. Dane County purchased the property on January 12, 2017 for \$1.4 million.

Q. What about the Town Office and Public Works operations?

A. A condition of the sale is that the Town lease back the Town Hall for \$1 per year through 2027. (The Town ceases to exist on November 1, 2027.) So the Town's operations will continue at 1880 S. Stoughton Road just as they have been.

Q. What will Dane County use the property for?

A. Multiple County departments will be using the fire station, including the bookmobile and at least one emergency management vehicle.

Q. What will the Town do with this one-time revenue?

A. The Town will use the money to pay off the fire station loan and other loans the Town has taken out in the past. Paying off these loans will eliminate interest and debt payments and help keep property taxes low.

Q. How has this impacted my property tax bill?

A. In 2015 your town taxes went down 30%. The last tax bill you received (for 2016) decreased your town taxes by an additional 10%.

Town's Annual Clean Sweep

Every spring the Town conducts a Clean Sweep in one of the three major parks. This year the Clean Sweep will take place in April Hill Park on Carncross Drive. It will be on Saturday, May 6 from 7:00am to 11:00am... and is for Town residents only.

You can dispose of almost anything. Exceptions are tires on rims, more than 4 tires per person, and hazardous materials. Contact Cory at 575-2369 if you have any questions.

Support the Historical Blooming Grove Historic Society

The Historic Society hosts a garage sale every year, and this year's event is May 12-13. Stop in to visit the multitude of historical items on site... and find some treasures of your own at their garage sale.

The Historic Society is located at the Dean House, 4718 Monona Drive -- adjacent to the Monona golf course.