

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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Alternate Side Parking in Effect Starting November 15

The Town has an ordinance that mandates alternative side parking from November 15 through March 15. The ordinance (4.01) can be found on the Town's website.

If you park on the street, you must park on the even side of the street on even-numbered days, and on the odd side of the street on odd-numbered days, between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am. There is a \$50 ticket for non-compliance. This ordinance (like similar ordinances in other municipalities) is in place to allow your public works department to safely and effectively clear snow and ice from Town roads.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Contact Information

Town Office	223-1104
Public Works	575-2369
Advanced Disposal	251-7878
Building Inspector	576-6370

Fall Yard Waste Collection

The Public Works staff collects yard waste this fall until November 30 (or until it snows). 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 Budget Meeting

The Town's annual Budget Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

A draft of the 2018 budget is available by contacting the Town Office, or you can pick up a copy at the meeting. The Town levy will be voted on at this meeting. The current budget draft has no increase in Town taxes.

All residents are welcome to attend!

Town Officials / Staff

Town Board

Dwight Johnson (Chair)
Ron Bristol
Dean Larson
Kathie Linzmeier
Dave Young

Plan Commission

Ron Bristol (Chair)
Jim Frater
Liz Johnson
Michael LaForest
Dave Young

Clerk/Treas/Admin.

Mike Wolf

Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)
Steve Kearney

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 posted on the Town's website. If you don't already receive the newsletter by mail or email and would like to, please contact the Town Office.

Chipping Brush

The Town's Public Works staff chips brush year 'round, and does so once a month from November through March.

You can do your part to help make the Town's operations more efficient. Please pile your brush all in the same direction, with the butt ends facing the road. If you have a small amount, consider waiting until you have more before putting it out by the road. And please place small twigs in a container of some kind.

Town Plan Commission

The Town Plan Commission is a 7-member deliberative body that considers issues relating to development in the Town (zoning, e.g.), in addition to considering improvements in the Town's parks. Issues such as these are discussed and voted on, and these recommendations get forwarded on to the Town Board. For example, all public hearings for rezones are hosted by the Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission typically meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Building Permits

When in need of a building permit, call the Town's building inspector: Dean Eppler at 608-576-6370. Dean is in the Town Office between 9:30 and 10:30 Wednesday mornings.

Property Taxes

The Town Board and Town staff continue to work to hold property taxes in check, while providing quality services to residents and businesses. Last year your municipal taxes went down 10%, and the year before that they decreased 30%. Although there are no guarantees, it is hoped that the town's taxes can stay at this level (or perhaps decrease further) in the last 10 years of the Town's existence.

Access to Town Board Agendas

The Town Board typically meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. There are three ways to access Town Board agendas.

The most effective way for most people is to have agendas emailed to them. If you aren't already getting agendas via email and would like to, contact the Town Office at bgadmin@blmgrove.com.

Another way is to go to the Town's website: www.blmgrove.com, and go to the Town Board link. From there, click "Agendas" from the drop-down menu. Agendas are posted on the website no later than the Monday preceding a meeting.

Lastly, a paper agenda is posted outside the front door of the Town Hall at 1880 S. Stoughton Road.

School Districts

The Boundary Agreement with the City of Madison stipulates that Blooming Grove will cease to exist on November 1, 2027 -- 10 years from now.

It is important for residents to know that school district boundaries are not the same as municipal boundaries. And the boundary agreement between Blooming Grove and the City of Madison does not address school district boundaries.

Therefore no property, nor resident, will be moved from one school district to another as a result of the Town going away in 2027.