

# TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Election: Tuesday, April 3

The polls will be open at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, April 3. The ballot includes races for Town Board, local school boards, Dane County Board, State Supreme Court, 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 is sufficient. 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](http://www.bringit.wi.gov) for additional information.

### Contact Information

Town Office	223-1104
Public Works	575-2369
Advanced Disposal	251-7878
Building Inspector(Tony)	576-1434

### Fall Elections

This fall qualified electors have the opportunity to vote for Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. House of Representative, and other statewide offices.

The primary (when each party determines its candidate for the general election) is August 14. The general election is November 6.

If you have any questions or concerns about this fall's elections check out the Town's website, or contact the Town Office at 223-1104.

### Town Annual Meeting

The Town's Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

A summary of 2017 will be provided by the Town's auditor, Plan Commission, Public Works staff, Dane County Sheriff's Department, and others.

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)  
Liz Johnson  
Michael LaForest  
Cheryl Larson  
Amy Schroeder  
Jeff Teuscher  
Dave Young

#### Clerk/Treas/Admin

Mike Wolf

#### Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)  
Steve Kearney

**Town Website: [www.blmgrove.com](http://www.blmgrove.com)**

The Town's website is updated at least once a week to keep you informed. You can access a great deal of content on the site, including but not limited to: information and schedules for trash/recycling pickup, dog license applications, building inspector contact information, town office hours and closures, pertinent information about elections, town ordinances, and agendas and meeting minutes for Town Board meetings. You are encouraged to bookmark our site, and refer to it when you have a question or concern.

### Chipping Brush

The Town's Public Works staff chips weekly during the months of April and May.

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.

### The Future of Blooming Grove & School Districts

The Town of Blooming Grove will cease to exist on November 1, 2027. Between now and then the Town will be able to stay viable thanks to the fact the majority of residents are protected from annexation.

It's important to know that school districts are not the same as municipal boundaries. To illustrate, children in the April Hill neighborhood in Blooming Grove currently attend McFarland schools. That will not change as a result of the Town's dissolution in 2027.

### Yard Waste Collection

Spring yard waste collection runs from April 1 through May 15.

Please make sure that yard waste, and only yard waste, is placed in bags that are tied at the top and weigh no more than 40 pounds. Put these bags by the road, and they will be picked up within the week.

You can dispose of your own yard waste any time of year by taking it to the Dane County landfill. For more information about the landfill, call 838-9555.

### Dog Licenses

State law requires dogs to have licenses no later than April 1 of every year. A dog license is \$15, or just \$10 if the dog is neutered or spayed. You can get a dog license at the Blooming Grove Town Hall.

### Maintaining Your Stormwater Culvert

Town residents who live north of Milwaukee Street have street/curb outlets and underground pipes to deal with stormwater management. But all other Town residents rely on culverts and ditches to make sure rainfall doesn't create ponding or flooding.

For those folks who have a culvert underneath their driveway, please remember to properly maintain it -- both structurally and in terms of keeping debris from clogging it up. Your property and the property of your neighbors will be well served if you make sure the water properly flows through your culvert.

Thank you for being a good steward of your property, and a good neighbor!

### Town's Annual Clean Sweep

Every spring the Town conducts a Clean Sweep in one of its three parks. This year the Clean Sweep will take place in Thurber Park at 3325 Thurber Avenue. It will be on Saturday, April 28 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 including oil and paint. Contact Cory at 575-2369 if you have any questions.

### Cemetery Spaces for Sale

There are cemetery spaces for sale in the Blooming Grove Cemetery, located just to the east of LaFollette High School on Pflaum Road. A space costs \$600 for non-residents, and \$400 for Town residents.

Contact the Town Office at 223-1104 for details.