

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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November 6 Election

The fall general election is coming up on Tuesday, November 6. Included on the ballot are races for Governor and U.S. Senator, among others. If you have not yet registered to vote in Blooming Grove, you can do that any day the Town Office is open (including election day) with the exception of November 5. The polls are open on Election Day from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

A valid photo ID is needed in order to receive a ballot. Most folks use their Wisconsin driver's license, but some other forms of photo ID are legally acceptable. Go to www.bringitwisconsin.com for more information about what forms of ID are acceptable.

More information about this election can be found on the Town's website www.blmgrove.com, under "Government".

Contact Information

Town Office (Mike)	223-1104
Public Works (Cory)	575-2369
Advanced Disposal	251-7878
Building Inspector (Ben)	259-6860

Fall Yard Waste Collection

The Public Works staff collects yard waste this fall through November 30. 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 Monday, November 12 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

A draft of the 2019 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

Ron Bristol (Chair)
Dean Larson
Amy Schroeder
Jeff Teuscher
Dave Young

Plan Commission

Dave Young (Chair)
Liz Johnson
Cheryl Larson
Mike Meyers
<open seat>

Clerk/Treas/Admin.

Mike Wolf

Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)
Steve Kearney

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!

Chipping Brush

The Town's Public Works Department chips brush 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. Please place small twigs in a container of some kind.

Road Repairs

The Town, like all municipalities, receives money from the State for road repairs by way of the State fuel tax. The State has not increased the fuel tax since 2004, and due to inflation the buying power of this money has decreased by about 25%. The cost of road repairs has increased as one would expect, but the funding hasn't.

The Town does its best to repair roads with the limited resources available. Every year the Town Board makes difficult decisions as to which roads get repaired, and which have to wait. But eventually we as a state will need to increase revenues in order to properly maintain our roads.

Building Permits

When in need of a building permit, call the Town's building inspector: Ben Koch (pronounced "cook") at 608-259-6860. Ben is in the Town Office from 9:30 - 10:30 on Wednesday mornings.

Snow Emergency Ordinance for Some Town Residents

In addition to alternate side parking, the Town has a snow emergency ordinance in place for those people who live on the following streets: Alvarez, Bruns, Commercial, Furey, Webb, Thurber, Worthington, St. Paul, Memphis, Powers, Gannon, N. Fair Oaks, Christianson and Jacobson. Should 8" of snow fall in one storm (as measured at the Dane County airport), parking is not allowed on either side of any of the streets listed above -- up until 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

Access to Town Board Agendas

The Town Board typically meets the second and fourth Wednesdays 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 click on the "Agendas & Minutes" icon. 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 are not Changing

The Cooperative Plan with the City of Madison stipulates that Blooming Grove will cease to exist on November 1, 2027, nine years from now.

However, it is important for residents to know that school district boundaries are not the same as municipal boundaries. And the Cooperative Plan between Blooming Grove and the City 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 Cooperative Plan between the Town and City.