

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Election: Tuesday, April 7

The polls will be open at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, April 7. The ballot includes the U.S. Presidential primary, as well as the general election for Town Board, local school boards, and State Supreme Court.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you are encouraged to vote via an absentee ballot. Please refer to the Town's website for up-to-date information about absentee voting and about how the Town will handle the upcoming election: www.blmgrove.com.

Contact Information

Town Office (Mike)	223-1104
Public Works (Cory)	575-2369
Advanced Disposal	251-7878
Building Inspector (Ben)	259-6860
Sheriff (non-emergency)	255-2345

Town Website: www.blmgrove.com

The Town's website is updated at least once a week to keep you informed. You are encouraged to bookmark the site, and refer to it when you have a question or concern. Several applications are available on the website, including for dog licenses, voter registration, absentee voting, and building permits.

Town Annual Meeting

The Town's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall, but will almost certainly have to be postponed due to the current restrictions on gatherings in our state. Please refer to the Town's website for current information.

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
Jeff Teuscher

Clerk/Treas/Admin

Mike Wolf

Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)
Steve Kearney

Your participation in the U.S. Census is important for the Town and the State!

The United States Constitution calls for a count of the population of our country every 10 years, and in 2020 that count officially takes place. The census is very important for the Town of Blooming Grove and the State of Wisconsin, as a myriad of different revenue calculations are dependent upon it. So PLEASE comply with the law, and take a few minutes to complete the U.S. Census form when you receive it.

For additional information, go to <https://2020census.gov/en>.

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. Only branches 6" or less will go through the chipper.

Check out the detailed parameters of what will and will not be chipped, by going to www.blmgrove.com. From there, click on "Chipping Policy".

The Future of Blooming Grove, and 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.

Thank you for Recycling

The Town and Advanced Disposal thank you for taking the time to place recyclables in your blue bins for pickup. Recycling extends the useful life of the county's landfill, and is good for the environment as a whole.

Maintaining Your Stormwater Culvert

Town residents who live north of Milwaukee Street have street/curb outlets and underground infrastructure 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... and through the ditches along your property.

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 is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 7:00am to 11:00am in April Hill Park on Carncross Drive. However, this may be postponed due to the pandemic. Please access the Town's website for up-to-date information about this event.

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.