

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Election: Tuesday, November 3

The polls will be open at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 3. Should you choose to vote in person on November 3, please wear a mask as a consideration to others. Absentee voting is also available.

Please refer to the article on the other side for detailed information about voting in this important election.

Contact Information

Town Office (Mike)	223-1104
Public Works (Cory)	575-2369
Advanced Disposal	251-7878
Building Inspector (Roger)	414-639-6314
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 forms are available on the website, including for dog licenses, voter registration, absentee voting, and building permits.

Town Budget Meeting

The Town's Annual Budget Meeting will be held Monday, November 16 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. Copies of the proposed 2021 budget will be available as of October 30; contact the Town Office at 223-1104 for information.

The proposed draft of the 2021 budget includes a small decrease in the Town's levy.

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 is officially taking 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. If you haven't already done so, please comply with the law and take a few minutes to complete the U.S. Census form.

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

Chipping Brush

The Town's Public Works staff chips brush once a month during the months of 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. Only branches 6" or less will go through the chipper.

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

Alternate Side Parking

Alternate side parking goes into effect on November 15. From 1:00am-7:00am, vehicles must be parked on the even side of the road on even-numbered days, and the odd side of the road on odd-numbered days. \$50 tickets are issued for those not in compliance.

Keeping Dogs on a Leash

Town ordinances dictate that dogs must be under the care and control of their owners -- which means being on a leash. This can be a serious issue, as thousands of people and other pets are attacked annually by unleashed dogs.

November 3, 2020 Election Information

All voters in Blooming Grove have the opportunity to vote for U.S. President, U.S. Congress, State representatives, and Dane County officials. Blooming Grove voters who live in the Madison Metropolitan School District or the Monona Grove School District will also have referenda on their ballots.

You must be registered to vote in Blooming Grove in order to vote. If you need to register, you can do so at the Town Office between now and October 30, or on election day itself. Remember that proof of residence is required when you register.

Voters can choose to vote via an absentee ballot (by mail or at the Town Office), or you can vote in person on November 3.

Voting absentee by mail

In order to absentee vote by mail, a completed application must be received by the Town Clerk indicating you want an absentee ballot for this election. In addition, the Clerk must have a copy of your valid photo ID. You can submit an application/photo via WisVote, or directly to the Town Clerk. As soon as the Clerk has the application and photo ID, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. You can mail your absentee ballot back, or drop it off at the Town Office. In either case it must be received by 8:00pm on November 3 in order to be counted.

Voting absentee in person

You can choose to stop in the Town Office and vote absentee in person from October 20 to October 30. Just have a valid photo ID with you to show the Clerk, and you can vote. Wearing a mask while you're in the office is strongly encouraged.

Voting in person on November 3

The Town facilitates in-person voting on election day, with safety in mind. Social distancing and mask wearing are encouraged, and our election workers do everything possible to provide a safe environment in which to vote. If you are already registered to vote in the Town, all you need to bring is your valid photo ID. Polls are open 7:00am to 8:00pm on election day at the Town Hall: 1880 S. Stoughton Road.

If you have ANY questions or concerns about the election process, don't hesitate to contact the Town Office at 223-1104.