

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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You can (easily) help keep our Lakes & Rivers cleaner!

Gutters and culverts transport material directly to our community's lakes and rivers. For that reason it's important that we make an effort to minimize solid material that goes downstream.

You do your part by bagging your leaves, and putting them out for your Public Works staff to pick them up and properly dispose of them. Leaves naturally have phosphorous in them, and by properly disposing of them we help the environment -- especially our lakes.

For detailed information about yard waste collection, turn this page over and read the article in the upper right-hand corner. And thank you for continuing to be a part of the solution!

Contact Information

Town Office (Mike) 608-223-1104
Public Works (Cory) 608-575-2369
Waste Management 888-960-0008
Building Insp. (Roger) 414-639-6314
Sheriff (non-emerg.) 608-255-2345

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 15 at 5:30pm at the Town Hall. Copies of the proposed 2022 budget will be available as of October 29; contact the Town Office at 608-223-1104 for more information.

The proposed draft of the 2022 budget includes a small decrease in the Town 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/Treasurer/Admin

Mike Wolf

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Kellene Leicht

Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)
Steve Kearney (Patrolman)

Dissolution of the Town of Blooming Grove: October 31, 2027

The Town has six years remaining. On November 1, 2027 the Town will cease to exist, and all remaining properties in the Town at that time will be in the City of Madison.

A reminder that school district boundaries are unaffected: those of you living in April Hill will continue to be in the McFarland School District, even after the Town goes away.

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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.

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!

Municipal Property Taxes

The Town Board and staff continue to strive towards providing quality services to residents and businesses, while at the same time doing so as efficiently as possible. Keeping your property taxes in check is always part of the equation.

Of course the Town only has control over the amount of the Town's portion of your tax bill. Dane County, Madison College and your local school district set their own budgets and levies; the Town has no authority or responsibility for those amounts on your tax bill.

But as the Town winds down its operations in the next six years, it will continue to keep a close eye on property taxes... so as to minimize them without compromising the services you have come to expect.

Yard Waste Collection

Fall yard waste collection runs from October 15 through the month of November (unless accumulating snow gets in the way).

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 a week.

For those that want to go the extra mile, you can use large paper bags instead of plastic bags. Heavy-duty paper bags are biodegradable, and are therefore easier for the Public Works staff to dispose of your yard waste AND they are better for the environment. These kind of bags are available online or at virtually any home improvement or hardware store.

The Town appreciates your consideration!

No Elections this Fall

There aren't any fall elections in Wisconsin in odd-numbered years.

The next election will be in February of 2022. Check out the Town's website for information about this election, as well as all future elections.