



# BLACK EARTH NEWS

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Newsletter

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## VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED

The Village Office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## TRASH/RECYCLE FEES INCREASE JANUARY

Trash/recycling fees are increasing by \$0.50/month, from \$10.50 to \$11.00/month.

## PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The first half of your property taxes are due to the Village by January 31, 2022. Property tax bills can be paid by mail, during office hours with cash or check, or you may use the utility drop box located to the right of the main entrance on the Village Hall. If you would like a receipt, provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope or provide your email address.

## DOG & CAT LICENSES

Pet tags are now ready for the 2022 calendar year! Applications must be filled out annually and **must be accompanied by proof of rabies vaccination**. Your vet can get this paperwork to you, or they can send it directly to the village via email at [beclerk@blackearthwisconsin.com](mailto:beclerk@blackearthwisconsin.com) or via fax at 608-767-2064. Spayed/Neutered pets are \$17 per pet with Not spayed/Not neutered are \$22 per pet. Applications can be found on the Village website at [www.blackearthwisconsin.com](http://www.blackearthwisconsin.com) or by stopping in to the Village Hall during our regular business hours.



## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

In addition to the ordinances referenced below, please also keep the area around your electric and water meters clear. Your Public Works crew greatly appreciates it!

- ⇒ All vehicles must be moved off of public streets within 12 hours of the end of any snowfall over 1 inch and cannot be parked on the street again until the snow has been cleared by the plows. (Ord. 255-21)
- ⇒ During a declared Snow Emergency no parking is allowed on any street until all snow has been cleared. (Ord. 255-20)
- ⇒ All snow and ice must be removed from all public sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of any snow event. (Ord. 236-6)

## HAVE YOU MOVED?

You must update your voter registration if you have moved since you last voted. Do this now to save time and paperwork later! Check or update your registration at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

## WANTED: ELECTION WORKERS FOR 2022

Have you ever wondered how elections are conducted or what all goes on to make an election work? Consider being an election worker! You will learn all about elections and you will be giving back to your community at the same time. Training is provided and you will be paid for your time on Election Day. Contact the Village Office and we will answer any questions you have. Call us 608-767-2563 or email us at [beclerk@blackearthwisconsin.com](mailto:beclerk@blackearthwisconsin.com).

The next election will be April 5, 2022, or February 15, 2022 if a primary is required. Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

## UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE

Heating season is here. Black Earth Utilities is a part of the Home Energy Plus Low Income Energy Assistance Program. If you need help paying your utility bill or would like further information, please call 1- 866-HEATWIS (432-8947). For Dane County residents, you can also go to [HomeEnergyPlus.wi.gov](http://HomeEnergyPlus.wi.gov)



# Black Earth Public Library & Community

## NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours are expanding beginning January 3!

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

## Library Closed 1/17/2022

The library will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:30 a.m.

## January Activity Grab Bags for Kids

Starting Monday, January 3, we will have Activity Grab Bags filled with activity sheets, a foam sticker craft, a sticker sheet, a stamper and a bracelet available! Stop in to get one, or give us a call at 608-767-4905 to reserve your bag.

## Trivia Night Cabin Fever Reliever

Saturday, January 22 at Mazomanie Base Camp

The Friends of the Mazomanie and Black Earth libraries are hosting their annual Trivia Night fundraiser! Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and trivia will start at 7:00 p.m. To enter the contest, the fee is \$15/person if you register ahead of time at either library, or \$20/person at the door the day of the event, cash or check. A light supper will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. Teams can be up to 10 people, but if you don't have a team, don't worry - we can add you to one! It'll be a night of friendly competition, all for a good cause!

## Community Art Project

We're making a chain of flowers with the help of the whole community! Craft kits are available at the library's Grab n' Go station. Make your own flower with our kit, bring it back to the library to add to our flower chain, and watch our chain grow! Craft kits are available for all ages of community members and there's no limit on the number of kits you can take.

## Build Your Own Storytime

Don't forget to visit our YouTube channel anytime for videos of your favorite songs and rhymes to enjoy at home. Plus there will be NEW stories to watch every Monday morning! Go to [blackearthlibrary.org](http://blackearthlibrary.org) and click on our YouTube link, or search for Black Earth Public Library on YouTube.

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Club on Beanstack

Go to [blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org](http://blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org) to get signed up for our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Club. All children from birth until the start of Kindergarten are welcome to join. When you've finished the program, your child will earn a free book and book bag. (Note: If you have already started this program on paper, feel free to continue on paper or transfer to Beanstack.)

## Job Opening

The Black Earth Public Library is seeking a part-time Substitute Library Assistant who enjoys working with people. Duties include checking library materials in and out, shelving, patron assistance, and other tasks as needed. Job requires computer knowledge as well as an enthusiasm to learn about library procedures and computer applications, as well as an ability to work with the public. Position pays \$13.00 per hour and includes evenings and Saturdays; flexible availability is required for this substitute position which works on an as needed basis. Must be 18 years of age to apply. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to [banderson@blackearthlibrary.org](mailto:banderson@blackearthlibrary.org) before January 15.

## The Friends of the Black Earth Library Express Their Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the Friends' Silent Art Auction this year. The auction was a resounding success with a record 65 donations of art, and a record number of bids as well. We are really feeling the love from the community, and all the funds raised from this event will directly benefit the Black Earth Public Library.