



Dog & Cat Tags are Available

2023 Dog & Cat tags are now available in the village office. Neutered/spayed pet licenses are \$17 and unneutered/unspayed pet licenses are \$22. **You must present a copy of proof of current rabies vaccination.** Don't delay! A \$10 late fee applies PER LICENSE after April 1st. License applications can be found on the website

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 snow and ice must be removed from all public sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of any snow event. (Ord. 236-6)
- 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)



Help Name our New Park!

The Black Earth Parks Committee is seeking community input to name our new park! It is located on the North side of the village, near Kwik Trip. Stop by, call the office, or email your ideas to Dani at beclerk@blackearthwisconsin.com.

Primary Election February 21

There will be a Primary Election on Tuesday, February 21st. Polls are open from 7am-8pm. Review your registration online at www.myvote.wi.gov to save time on election day. You must re-register every time you move or if you've changed your name. Do this now to save time and paperwork later! You can also request an absentee ballot online.

Utility Rate Increase in Effect

New electric and garbage/recycling rates are in effect on your February 1, 2023 bill.

Utility Bill Assistance is Available

Do you or someone you know need help paying utility bills? Help is available. Energy Services is a great resource to connect you to the right program for you. Call 1-800-506-5596 or go online to www.esiwi.com.

Veterans Rental Assistance

If you or someone you know is a veteran and need help paying rent, the Veterans Rental Assistance Program (VRAP) is there to help. Call 1-833-947-8727 or go online to www.vrapwi.com.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Contactless service is still available for those who prefer to pick up holds by appointment. Please call 608-767-4905.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 15 | 10:30 a.m.

Vermont Lutheran Church Gathering Place

Join us for a discussion of the novel Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict. Copies of the book, including large print and audio versions, are available at the library.

Tuesday Storytime at the Library

February 7, 14, 28 | 11:30am-12pm

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities with friends. Best for babies and toddlers, but everyone is always welcome.

Tuesday Toddler Art at the Library

February 7, 14, 28 | 12pm-12:30pm

Come create, explore, and play at the library! Our art experiments for little hands are designed to encourage curiosity and build motor skills. Enjoy the process and dress for a mess!

Activity Grab Bags for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Wednesday, February 1. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

New Youth Bowling Program!

There is a new youth bowling program at Black Earth Lanes! The program is on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:30am and includes 2 games of bowling, technique instruction, and score keeping. Contact Black Earth Lanes at 608-767-2382. Ages 9+, \$80 for 8 weeks.

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday, February 4

Base Camp Mazomanie

18 Brodhead St, Mazomanie, WI 53560

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The action starts at 7:00 p.m.

Relieve your cabin fever and raise money for a great cause! The Friends of the Black Earth and Mazomanie libraries are hosting their Trivia Night fundraiser at Base Camp in Mazomanie on Saturday, February 4. Assemble your team, sign up at the library in Black Earth or Mazomanie, and mark your calendar! Cost to register is \$15 per person in advance or \$20 at the door.

Adult Craft Night!

Scrabble Tile Coasters

Thursday, February 16 at 6:00pm

The Black Earth Public Library is hosting an Adult Craft Night where we'll make Scrabble tile coasters. All supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required to attend and will be limited to 20 participants. Call 608-767-4905 or stop by the library to register. If the event is full, you will be placed on a waiting list to be called in case a spot opens up.