

# BLACK EARTH NEWS

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## **Register Your Pets by March 31!**

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 rabies vaccination certificate from your vet. Don't delay! **A \$10 late fee applies PER LICENSE** after April 1st. License applications are on the website and in the municipal office.

## **It's 10 pm - Do You Know Where Your Children Are?**

The Black Earth Police Committee wants to remind residents of the Village's curfew ordinance. Curfew within the Village is **10:00 pm** for anyone under the age of 18. The full ordinance can be read here: <https://ecode360.com/9040776>.

## **Snow Removal Reminders**

- It is against ordinance 236-7 to plow, push, shovel, snowblow, or otherwise move snow, ice, slush, etc. into a public street, sidewalk, alleyway, etc. in the village.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of any winter weather event.
- Please move your vehicles off of the street until the plows have gone by.
- If you have a fire hydrant on your property, make sure to keep a clear area shoveled around it so our fire department can access it as quickly as possible in case of an emergency.

## **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](mailto:beclerk@blackearthwisconsin.com).

## **Next Election: Tuesday, April 4**

The next election will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Polls are open from 7am-8pm. **If you have moved or changed your name, you must re-register.** Save time; register online! Visit [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) to check or update your registration online, or request an absentee ballot.

## **Coffee with a Cop - March 9th**

Black Earth Village Hall, 1210 Mills St. from 9am - 11am. Topics: Prescription drug takebacks; Dane County jail consolidation project. All are welcome to attend!

## **Village Board Meeting**

The Village Board will meet next on Tuesday, March 7th at 6pm. Check out the website to view agendas and upcoming meetings for the full Board and its committees.

## **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](http://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.

## Tuesday Storytime at the Library

**March 14, 21, 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

**March 14, 21, 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!

## Adult Craft Night! - RESCHEDULED

### Scrabble Tile Coasters

**Thursday, March 2 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.

## Activity Grab Bags for Kids

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

## Spring Break Events!

The Black Earth Police Department and the Black Earth Library are pleased to announce the dates of the Spring Break Rec Program.

- **Monday, March 20** - 12:30-2:00pm
  - Free Bowling Day at Black Earth Lanes
- **Tuesday, March 21** - 12:30-2:00pm
  - Bingo at Lake Ridge Bank - Black Earth (formerly the State Bank of Cross Plains)
- **Wednesday, March 22** - 12-2:00pm.
  - LEGO Club at the Library (all ages)

No events are scheduled for Thursday

- **Friday, March 24** - 1pm-3pm
  - Wii Games at the Library (all ages)

## Other Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, March 4th @ 2pm**
  - Family-friendly **BINGO** fundraiser at the Black Earth Fire Department, 711 Blue Mounds Street. Proceeds to benefit Black Earth Field Days, including the wonderful fireworks display!
- **Concerts in the Park** will be here soon! Free up your Tuesday evenings now so you can enjoy the wonderful music at Veterans Park. Concerts run from late June through July.
- **Field Days 2023!** Save the Date now! Field Days will be the second weekend of August, the 11th-13th. there will be a parade, fireworks show, live music, and more!