



BLACK EARTH NEWS

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Newsletter

MAY 2022

Budget Plan/ Equal Pay

Black Earth Utilities offers an Equal Pay/ Budget Plan to its customers. This option makes it so you will pay the same amount per month, based on your historical utility usage. The goal of this option is to more evenly spread the cost of your utilities out over the course of a year and to minimize unexpected high bills. This is a free service! Call 608-767-4900 to see how much your budget amount would be.

New Program for Homeowners

Wisconsin Help for Homeowners (WHH) is a new statewide program that can help with overdue bills like mortgage payments, property taxes, utilities, and more. The program is open to individuals and families who live in Wisconsin with overdue housing-related bills, both with and without a mortgage, who meet income and other eligibility requirements, and have experienced a qualified economic hardship since January 21, 2020. Up to \$40,000 per household may be available to help with overdue housing bills. call the Village office for more info or visit: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/Homeowner-Assistance.aspx#>



THANK YOU, DEPUTY VINEY

“I have had the pleasure of serving Black Earth for just shy of 7 years. Some days have been tough, but by far most have been wonderful. Thank you Wisconsin Heights area for being a phenomenal, loving, supportive community. I will miss being a part of your lives. May 9th will be my final day as your Black Earth contract deputy. I am thrilled to share that I have been promoted to Detective. I will forever cherish my days in Black Earth. Thank you all so much!”

There will be a special *Coffee with a Cop* event on Friday, May 6 at 10am and a farewell luncheon to follow at noon. All are welcome to attend. Contact the Village Office at 608-767-4902 if you would like to bring a dish to pass or make a donation.

The Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.



Street Light Out?

Report any street light outages online at vanguardelectric.org/street-light-repair-request-form

Brush Pickup has Begun!

Brush pickup occurs on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of the month, approximately April-November depending on weather. Brush must be placed curbside with the cut ends toward the road by 7:00am. No leaves, grass, or material with dirt attached will be picked up and there is a 20 minute maximum per residence per brush pickup day.

Need a Burning Permit?

Obtain your free burning permit by visiting dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits or by calling 1-888-947-2876.

Planning on Digging?

Don't forget to call Digger's Hotline! Always call 811 at least three days before any project.



CONCERTS RETURN!

See the full schedule on the reverse of this page.

Black Earth Public Library & Community

LIBRARY HOURS

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.

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS:

The Library will be CLOSED Saturday, May 28—Monday, May 30, reopening on Tuesday, May 31 at 9:30am.

Activity Grab Bags for Kids

Starting Monday, May 2, we will have Activity Grab Bags filled with activity sheets, a fun craft, a sticker sheet, and a stamper available! Stop in to get one, or give us a call to reserve your bag.

Teen Advisory Board

Want to help make the library a fun and useful place for teens? Looking to earn some volunteer hours? Well, join our Teen Advisory Board! Our TAB meets monthly and is for students in grades 6-12. New members are always welcome! For more information and to see when our next meeting is, please visit our website, blackearthlibrary.org.

Recipe Club is Back!

Enjoy May's recipe theme of "Delicious Bars" at the next Coffee with a Cop (Friday, May 6 at 10 a.m.). Bring some bars to share and grab a recipe to make later.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Club on Beanstack

Go to 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, you may continue on paper or transfer to Beanstack.)

"Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Library Program

Children and teens can stop by the library to get a Summer Library Program bag starting Wednesday, June 1! Readers of all ages, including adults, can sign up for our Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 1. The Friends of the Black Earth Library will donate \$1 to a library project for every Activity Log finished and every Beanstack Badge earned. Plus you can vote for the project you would like the donations to go toward supporting. Visit blackearthlibrary.org for more information, and for details about our upcoming summer events!

Join the Friends of the Black Earth Library!

Your support can help make the Friends fundraising efforts go even further. Our annual trivia nights, pie auctions, art auctions and book sales help support literacy and ensure that our library remains a vital resource for kids and adults alike. For more information on how to join, please email Pat Mommaerts, President, at mommapa@tds.net, or stop by the library for more information.

The Friends of the Black Earth Library Annual Meeting

Wednesday, **May 11 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Village Community Meeting Room.

The meeting will include the election of the office of President and Treasurer to two year terms. Other items for discussion will include the Friends fundraising plans for 2022. The meeting is open to the public.

Rock Painting in Veterans Park

Friday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. Paint a rock to decorate your garden or porch! All supplies will be provided, and all ages are welcome.

Concerts in the Park 2022 Tuesdays at 6:30pm — Free! Veterans Memorial Park



- **June 21—Union Road Band** (Variety of hits—multi genre)
- **June 28—Eric Nofsinger Band** (Country hits/classics)
- **July 5—The Honey Pies** (Traditional, contemporary & original Americana)
- **July 12—The Wundo Band** (Classics, country, originals)
- **July 19—The Gary Beal Band** (Polka)
- **July 28—Hot August Nights—a tribute to Neil Diamond**

Food will be available for purchase each week, sponsored by local non-profit organizations. A farmer's market featuring local vendors will also make an appearance at Concerts. Interested in having a booth? Contact Jared at jbrammerson@blackearthwisconsin.com for more information. We hope to see you at the park!