



# BLACK EARTH NEWS



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Newsletter

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## WISCONSIN HEIGHTS ALUMNI

Wisconsin Heights Alumni Association, Inc., Co-Chairs Ron Johnson class of 1964, Dennis Wood class of 1965, and Pat Wood class of 1966 wants to send out a big **THANK YOU** to the classes having donated money for scholarships for Wisconsin Heights Seniors.

A scholarship for \$1000 will be awarded to a graduate of Wisconsin Heights in May of 2021. A request by Wood goes out to the classes of 2016, and each class beyond 1966, celebrating their 5 year increment gatherings. Although any donations from alumni is welcomed.

Individual gifts of \$25 to the Alumni Scholarship program would be very appreciative. When preparing to hold your reunions please pass the hat for the Wisconsin Heights Alumni Association, Inc. scholarship.

Donations may be mailed to:  
Wisconsin Heights Alumni Association, Inc.  
c/o Dennis Wood  
1808 East St.  
Black Earth, WI 53515

## WATER SYSTEM CHANGES

The Village of Black Earth Water Utility is considering changes to existing fluoride treatments in the water system. A survey will be coming out in the next month along with information on what it means to have fluoride in the water system. Stay tuned for details!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Village Board Meeting

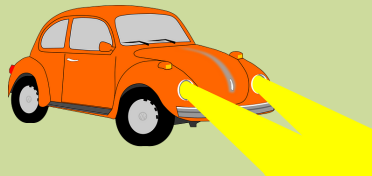
Tuesday, May 4th, 6:00pm

### Board of Review

Tuesday, May 13th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

## COP'S CORNER

Hello! As the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers! Showers also bring the need to put your headlights on. In 2016 a law was passed in Wisconsin requiring drivers to turn on their headlights when weather conditions limit visibility. Limited visibility means conditions which make objects not clearly visible 500 feet from your vehicle. Don't spend a lot of time trying to figure out just how far 500 feet would be. Err on the side of caution and turn your headlights on when it is raining, foggy, or snowing. Daytime running lights are **NOT** the same as turning on your headlights. Daytime running lights do not activate your tail lights. For others to see you coming and going, you'll need to turn on your headlights.



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### WELCOME SPRING!

Brush pick-up has started and will continue throughout the year until snow season begins. Brush will be chipped on the first, third, and fifth (if it occurs) Wednesday of the month, weather dependent. Stack your brush in one direction and with the butt ends facing the street. The chipper can handle up to 6" diameter material. Also, it is greatly appreciated if small twigs are put in a container or on a tarp of some sort, as it eliminates the need of raking each pile after chipping. Any brush with dirt or root balls, nails or wire will not be chipped, as these materials dull the chipper blades. A twenty minute time limit per residence has been in effect for many years. Remaining brush will be chipped at the next chipping date, or the homeowner may call the village office prior to the scheduled date of brush chipping to make arrangements to have the entire brush pile chipped. Leaves and lawn clippings are not collected during the summer months. They can be deposited in the compost bin north of the Public Works building during these times.

Manual meter reading continues to occur. **Please keep the path to your meters free of obstacles and the meter itself in clear view.** Please remember if you have pets in the yard, to call in your meter reading.

## NEW VILLAGE YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

Subscribe to the Village's YouTube channel for free to listen to Village Board meetings and stay up to date of what is happening in the community! Subscribe by going to: [www.tinyurl.com/6wbfec49](http://www.tinyurl.com/6wbfec49) or by clicking the YouTube icon located in the top right corner of the [www.blackearthwisconsin.com](http://www.blackearthwisconsin.com) web page. Call Dani at 767-4902 if you need help! Please note that our website is still currently under construction. Call the office at 608-767-2563 if you have any questions or need assistance.



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# Black Earth Public Library & Community

## Library

### Memorial Day Closure

The library will be **closed** Saturday, May 29 – Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day weekend.

### Library Hours

The library has returned to no-contact walk-up pickup only for reserved books. When notified that a reserved book has come in, patrons will need to call the library at 608-767-4905 to schedule a pick-up appointment. Access to the library will be allowed by appointment only for browsing, using library computers/Wi-Fi, printing, photocopying/scanning. Visit [blackearthlibrary.org](http://blackearthlibrary.org), and find us on Facebook and Instagram for more updates.

Appointments will be available most of our regular hours (BUT HOURS MAY VARY):

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

### Build Your Own Storytime

Visit our YouTube channel anytime for videos of your favorite songs, rhymes and stories to enjoy at home. Go to [blackearthlibrary.org](http://blackearthlibrary.org) and click on our YouTube link.

### Build Your Own Twist & Shout

Dance and sing with Kirsten to songs by The Learning Groove! Just visit our YouTube channel to find your favorite tunes, and get those wiggles out whenever you want.

### 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!

### "Tails and Tales"

#### Summer Library Program

Get your Summer Library Program bag and join the Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge beginning Monday, June 7! Visit our website at the end of May for more details.

### Meet our New Team Member!

Hello! I'm Bailey Anderson, and I'm excited for my new role as the Library Director at the Black Earth Public Library beginning in May. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in Black Earth and serving the community.

I'm originally from Iowa, and earned a Bachelor's degree at Central College in Pella, Iowa before moving to Wisconsin for my Master's degree in Library & Information Studies. I have over 10 years of experience working in libraries, including most recently as the Circulation Supervisor at Stoughton Public Library. I'm passionate about making the library a welcoming, equitable, and comfortable environment for all.

I'm currently living in Madison with my partner Nick, our 12-year-old Shiba Inu, Emi, and our 13 plants. When I'm not working, you can usually find me cooking, going for hikes at one of Wisconsin's fabulous parks, working on my latest embroidery project, or reading, as well as trying out new restaurants and going to Forward Madison FC soccer games.

*Welcome, Bailey! We're excited to have you join our community!*



## PLANT DONATIONS NEEDED

The Village of Black Earth would like to spruce up the three Welcome to Black Earth signs in the Village. If you have plants that need to be split this spring we are asking for plant donations. Below is our wish list. Perennials are especially welcome! Please call the Village Office at 608-767-2563 to arrange pick up. Thank you!

### SPRING FLOWERS

Tulips • Daffodils • Iris • Bleeding Hearts

### SUMMER PLANTS

- Purple cone flowers
- Black-eyed Susans
- Wine and roses weigela
- Coral bells
- Daylily (many different varieties, colors, heights)
- Dwarf Burning Bush (all season changing color)

### FALL PLANTS

- Sedum (butterfly bush)
- Dwarf Diablo ninebark
- May night salvia (late summer)