



BLACK EARTH NEWS



The Busy B.E.

Village Office will be closed Monday, July 5th in Observance of Independence Day on Sunday, July 4th

Newsletter

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Village Municipal Office

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ANNOUNCING ATV/UTV GUIDELINES FOR BLACK EARTH!

Now that ATV/UTV's are allowed in the Village of Black Earth, we want to be sure you are aware of important guidelines for use.

ATV/UTV usage is authorized within the Village of Black Earth from 7am to 9pm only. ATV/UTVs may only operate on designated routes where the speed limit is 35 mph or less.

All ATVs/UTVs

Must be equipped with (at minimum) 2 white head lamps, a red tail lamp, and a red brake lamp. Lamps must be on at all times during operation.

Must use turn signals. If your ATV/UTV is not equipped with turn signals, you must use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping.

Must be registered and display a rear plate. Out-of-state machines require a temporary or annual trail pass.

May only be operated if not louder than 96 decibels.

Safety

Aftermarket seating is not allowed. People can only ride on seats intended for passengers.

It is illegal to operate an ATV/UTV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

All UTV operators/passengers must have their seatbelts fastened at all times.

It is recommended that all ATV/UTV operators/passengers wear a helmet. It is required that operators and passengers under 18 wear an ATV or motorcycle helmet with the chin strap fastened. Bicycle helmets do not meet this requirement.

Road signs and speed limits are to be obeyed at all times.

Vehicle Operation

No person under 12 may operate an ATV. An ATV operator age 12-15 with a valid safety certificate must be accompanied by an adult on the route.

No person under 16 may operate a UTV on public routes.

All ATV/UTV operators born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess a valid ATV safety certificate and be in possession of it when operating on public routes.

When operating on the roadway, ATV/UTVs cannot pass other motor vehicles or ATVs/UTVs unless they are stationary/parked.

ATVs/UTVs must operate on the extreme right side of the roadway surface, though a left-hand turn may be made from the middle of the lane.

ATVs/UTVs must operate single file.

ATVs/UTV operators must slow to 10 mph, or less, when riding within 100 feet or any person who is not on a motorized vehicle. This includes, but is not limited to, joggers, bicyclists, etc.

ATVs/UTVs must stay on routes and not trespass on private property.

Please reference DNR regulations at <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/le0500.pdf> and the Village of Black Earth ATV/UTV ordinance at <https://ecode360.com/37191761> for complete details.



FLUORIDE IN THE NEWS

The Village of Black Earth water system has long since added fluoride in to the water system to help prevent tooth decay. Black Earth Water System utilizes hydrofluosilicic acid as a fluoride source.

Fluorides are compounds that combine the element fluorine with another substance, usually a metal. Some fluorides occur naturally in soil, air, or water, although the levels can vary widely. Fluoride is also found in plant and animal food sources.¹

Fluoridation of community water supplies is simply the adjustment of the existing, naturally occurring fluoride in drinking water to an optimal level for the prevention of tooth decay. It is similar to table salt with iodine and bread and cereals with folic acid.²

While there are many benefits to fluoride in the water system, there are mounting concerns that in an era of fluoridated toothpastes, high volume of drinking bottled water and other consumer products to boost dental health, the potential risks of fluoridated water may outweigh the benefits for some individuals.

The decision to add fluoride to the drinking water is made at the local level and we want to hear from you whether we should keep adding it or not.

Please send us an email or call and let us know what you think. You may contact us at 608-767-2563 or by email at beclerk@blackearthwisconsin.com. Your comments will be shared with our Public Works Committee and Village Board members.

1. American Cancer Society: <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancer-causes/water-fluoridation-and-cancer-risk.html>

2. American Dental Associations: <https://www.ada.org/en/public-programs/advocating-for-the-public/fluoride-and-fluoridation>

Black Earth Public Library & Community

The Library is Open!

As of June 1, the library will be open to the public without an appointment. Capacity is limited to 10 people at a time, and hours have been adjusted to allow for cleaning at the end of the day.

Monday - Thursday: 10am to 6:30pm

Friday: 10am to 4:30pm

Saturday: 10am to 1:30pm

The library will still offer No Contact Walk Up service for those who prefer to pick up holds by appointment. Please call 608-767-4905.

New LINKcat Mobile App

Did you hear? There's a new LINKcat mobile app available for you starting on June 1! The app can be downloaded in both Apple and Android app stores, and there will be tutorial videos available for your viewing at <https://help.linkcat.info>. You're also welcome to stop in for assistance and we will be happy to help you!

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Benefit provides up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal Lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. For more information on how to enroll please visit www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit or call 833-511-0311.

Take and Make Craft Bags for Adults

Stop by the library beginning Monday, June 7 and pick up your craft bag to make a delightful Beaded Plant Stake. All the beads and wire you will need are included. This Take and Make Craft Bag is best for adults, and supplies are limited.

"Tails and Tales" Summer Library Program

Get your Summer Library Program bag starting Monday, June 7! Just stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to schedule an appointment to pick up your bag. Readers of all ages can sign up online for Beanstack beginning June 7, and join our Summer Reading Challenge. We're donating \$1 to the Dane County Humane Society for every Activity Log finished and every Beanstack Badge earned. Go to blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org to get signed up.

Activity Grab Bags for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, a 3-D paper animal craft, and a bonus prize will be available every Monday morning from June 7 - July 26. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to schedule an appointment to pick up your bag each week.

VETERAN'S PARK ACTIVITIES

Move It Mondays

Mondays, June 7 - July 26 from 10:30 - 11:00am

Come sing and dance in the park! Great for ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome.

Crafternoon

Wednesdays, June 9 - July 28 from 1:00 - 2:00pm

Make fun crafts every Wednesday afternoon. Great for kids 5 and up but all ages are welcome. Limited to 20 kids. Call 608-767-4905 to register.

Easy Tie Dye T-shirts

Friday, June 18 from 2:00 - 3:00pm

Create easy tie dye t-shirts in the park. Best for students in 5th grade and up. Limited to 20 kids. Call 608-767-4905 to register.

Please note: Outdoor programs are cancelled if the weather is stormy.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING
DROP-OFF
JULY 10th
from 9AM-11AM**

Black Earth will hold the Computer, Electronic, and Appliance Recycling Event on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 712/714 Blue Mounds Street. For more info check out our Website or call the Village Office at 608-767-2563.

FARMER'S MARKET STARTING!

Come join and/or shop the Farmer's Market- Black Earth on **Wednesdays from 4-7 pm at Veteran's Park!** Local farmers will have their produce for purchase weekly. If you would like to join the farmer's market, please contact Erin Lucey at 608-293-0116 or by email: erinlucey@gmail.com.



BLACK EARTH CHAMBER ANNOUNCES.....

CONCERTS ARE COMING!!

Summer concert series has been confirmed and is in the works. Watch for more information on the Chamber Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/BlackEarthChamberofCommerce/posts/>

