



BLACK EARTH NEWS



Village Municipal Office

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Newsletter

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

July 2021

THANK YOU!!

Once again this year, Chuck and Aletha Theobald helped the Village keep our Village entryway signs beautiful by adding donated plants and maintaining the flower beds. **THANK YOU** to the Theobald's for their work! If you see Chuck or Aletha, please thank them for their continued support of our community beautification.

Thank you to all who donated plants to keep this project going!

COMMUNITY PARK GRAND RE-OPENING EVENT

The flood of 2018 devastated Community Park requiring many repairs to fields, pathways, fencing and more. While the Park re construction has been finished for a bit, COVID restrictions restrained use of the park until now. Come help us celebrate the renovations on Saturday, August 14th. Event details are continuing with a Fun Run/Walk, parade and ribbon cutting ceremony planned at this time.

We are looking for volunteers and parade participants. Please contact the Village office at 608-767-2563.

We will have further details in our next newsletter.

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>



STREET LIGHT OUT??

Need to report a street light that is not working? Now you can submit a request online!

Visit www.vanguardelectric.org, navigate to the Contact page, and click the "Street Light Repair Request Form" link. Your request will be sent directly to Vanguard Electric, and they will respond to it as soon as their schedule permits.

Coffee with a COP



WELCOME BACK!!
September 9th, 2021

9:00 am to 11:00 am
at

The Village of Black Earth
Municipal Building
1210 Mills Street

VILLAGE OF BLACK EARTH MEETING SCHEDULE

Village Board meets the first Tuesday of the month starting at 6 p.m. at the Village hall located at 1210 Mills St.

July meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 7th** due to Independence day holiday and Summer Concerts in the Park.

All meetings are open to the public for attendance.

Black Earth Public Library & Community

The Library is Open!

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

Independence Day Closure

The library will be closed from Saturday, July 3 through Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, July 6 at 10:00 a.m.

New LINKcat Mobile App

Did you hear? There's a new LINKcat mobile app available! 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.

Community Art Project

We're making a chain of flowers with the help of the whole community! Craft kits are available at the library's Grab n' Go station. Make your own flower with our kit, bring it back to the library to add to our flower chain, and watch our chain grow! Craft kits are available for all ages of community members and there's no limit on the number of kits you can take!

"Tails and Tales" Summer Library Program

Readers of all ages can sign up online for Beanstack, 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.

Battle of the Books

Friday, July 16 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Form teams with friends and battle for great prizes! Books are available at the library. Call 608-767-4905 to sign up. Best for students in 4th through 8th grade.

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

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 the Village Office at 608-767-2563



SUMMER CONCERTS ARE BACK!

Concerts in Vet's Park are back!
Black Earth Chamber 2021 Schedule:

July 6: Old Soul Society

July 13: Tribute to Neil Diamond
(Friends of Library Pie Auction)

July 20: Wundo Band

July 27: Eric Nofsinger

Concerts will start at 6:30 pm. Food by nonprofits will NOT be provided this year. Please support our local businesses. Donations will assist with the cost of the bands.

