



## Village Office Summer Hours

The Village Office is open 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday - Thursday, and 8:00 am-12:00 pm on Fridays for the summer. This will run through Labor Day. The Village office will also be closed on July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday.

## Call 811 Before You Dig!

If your home improvement project involves digging, **you must contact call 811 a minimum** of 3 days before breaking ground. If you've hired a professional to do work on your property that includes digging, make sure that they have called 811 or made their request online before beginning work. When you call 811, a request is made for all utilities to mark underground water, gas, phone, internet, and electric infrastructure to ensure no damage is done. Different colored flags will be placed in your yard and the yards nearby. Flags can be removed 10 days after marking.

## ATV/UTV Safety

Please practice safe driving and riding habits while operating your ATV/UTV. DNR regulations for safe operation can be found online for your review at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/atv> and the Village of Black Earth ATV/UTV ordinance at [www.ecode360.com/37191761](http://www.ecode360.com/37191761)

## 2022 Consumer Confidence Report

The 2022 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report is available. It is posted at the municipal building and also in the 6/29 edition of the Star News.

## Meter Reading & Fences

If you have a fenced-in area with your electric and/or water meter enclosed, please help make the meter reading process easier on our Public Works Crew by coordinating a time to unlock the fence, or provide a key or code. Contact Public Works Department with any questions at 608-767-2063.

## Village Brush Collection

Brush collection is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of the month (excluding holidays and inclement weather). Call Public Works for brush collection questions at 608-767-2063.

## Concerts in the Park 2023!

Concerts in the Park at Veterans Memorial Park is organized and presented by the dedicated volunteers of the BEvents Committee. While the concerts are free to attend, donations are appreciated. Proceeds go towards next year's concerts and the annual Field Days festivities! Food will be available to purchase each week and is sponsored by local non-profit organizations. See the BEvents Facebook page for the menu each week at [www.facebook.com/BEventsBEWI/](http://www.facebook.com/BEventsBEWI/)

### Tuesdays at 6:30 pm - Veterans Park

- **July 11 - Keith and the Klassics**
- **July 18 - Tony Rocker**
- **July 25 - Hot August Nights** (Also the night of the Black Earth Library Pie Auction Fundraiser!)

### Field Days 2023

Field Days will be Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12. A Kan Jam tournament will kick off the fun-filled weekend on Friday along with the beer tent. Contact the BEvents committee to sign up for the tournament! Saturday morning starts off with breakfast at the park and fun events for kids, then the parade through town! The beer tent with music and concession stand will open after the parade, along with more events at the park. Of course, an awesome fireworks display will be at dusk! Field Days is able to happen due to the generous donations from residents and businesses in the Black Earth area. For information on how to make a donation, contact the BEvents committee on facebook at [www.facebook.com/BEventsBEWI/](http://www.facebook.com/BEventsBEWI/)

**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am to 7:00pm

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**CLOSED July 4 - Independence Day**

**Messy Monday in Veterans Park**

**July 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11-11:30am**

Join us for Messy Monday in Veterans Park! Our fun sensory bin activities are designed to help little ones build fine motor and early literacy skills. Just don't forget to come dressed for a mess. Please note: Outdoor programs will move into the library if the weather is stormy.

**Tuesday Storytime at the Library**

**July 11, 18, 25 | 11:30am-12pm**

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities with friends. Best for babies and toddlers, but the whole family is welcome.

**Tuesday Toddler Art at the Library**

**Tuesdays - July 11, 18, 25 | 12-12:30pm**

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 come dressed for a mess.

**Wednesday Crafternoon in Vets Park**

**Every Wednesday in July | 12pm-12:30pm**

Make fun crafts in the park on Wednesday afternoons. Great for kids 5 and up, but the whole family is welcome. No registration is required! Please note: Outdoor programs will move into the library if the weather is stormy.

**Pie Auction to Benefit the Library**

**Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30pm**

Enjoy a pie and live music at Veterans Park! The Friends of the Black Earth Library will be auctioning off donated pies during the concert's intermission. Enjoy your pie during the concert or take it home with you to enjoy later. Eating utensils will be available. Pie donations from community members are welcome! Drop them off at the park prior to the concert (only pies that do not require refrigeration, please).

**Library Night @ the Duck Pond**

**Monday, July 31 at 6:05pm**

**@ The Warner Park Duck Pond**

The Friends of the Black Earth Public Library have an exciting fundraiser coming up - Library Night with the Madison Mallards! Mark your calendars for the baseball game on Monday, July 31 at The Duck Pond. A portion of all ticket sales using the promo code BEPL23 will go to the Friends of the Black Earth Public Library! Visit our website for the link and for more information. [www.blackearthlibrary.org](http://www.blackearthlibrary.org)

**UnBook Club**

**Saturday, July 22 from 2:30-3:30pm**

What are you reading? Introducing this book club with no required reading - just come hang out and tell us about what you've been reading lately. Meet at Black Earth Veterans Park at 2:30 p.m. In case of rain, meet at the Black Earth Municipal Building across the street.

**Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, July 17 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Come to the library to play trivia, plan teen programs, and eat some snacks! New members in grades 6-12 are always welcome. Visit our website for more information.

**Teen Virtual Reality with Meta Quest 2**

**Thursday, July 13 & 20 from 1:30 - 2:30pm.**

Have you ever wanted to try Virtual Reality games? Well, come to the library and try out the Meta Quest 2 with friends! Best for students in grades 6-12.

**Battle of the Books**

**Thursday, July 27 from 2:00 - 3:00pm**

Sign up individually or form teams with friends to battle! We'll have a quick practice session to get warmed up, followed by the 20 battle questions. Super fun and fast-paced! Best for students in grades 4-9. Everyone wins great prizes and yummy treats for participating. Copies of the 6 books are available at the library.

**Wii Games at the Library**

**Friday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Play fun Wii games with friends at the library on Friday afternoons. Best for school-age kids, but all ages are welcome.