



## **Free Summer Recreation Program!**

The Dane County Sheriff's Office, Black Earth & Mazomanie Police Departments, and Dane County's Joining Forces for Families proudly present the 2024 Summer Recreation Program! This program is geared toward kids entering 2nd grade and older. If your child is younger and would like to participate, please ensure an adult accompanies them. Chaperones are encouraged and welcome to ride the bus for transportation as well. **Participants must have a 2024 Registration Form on file in order to participate in activities. Do not forget there is a special permission form to attend the August 20th activity.** Forms can be picked up and turned in at any time to the Municipal Buildings in Black Earth or Mazomanie, or emailed to [kartman@danesherriff.com](mailto:kartman@danesherriff.com). If you have any comments, questions, or would like to make a donation please contact Deputies Calvin Watkins 608-225-4209 or James Kartman at 608-643-9499.

## **Community Survey**

The Village of Black Earth is updating its Comprehensive Plan and performing a Housing Study. This survey is part of the public engagement effort for citizens to inform the Village's Comprehensive Plan as well as Housing Study content.

Hard copies of this survey are available at Village Office. Please return survey hard copies in person to Village Hall by August 1, 2024.

The Village appreciates residents' feedback on this Community Survey, which will inform Comprehensive Plan and Housing Study goals for the community over the next ten (10) years!

Please visit [blackearthwisconsin.com](http://blackearthwisconsin.com) to find the survey link, or follow this QR code:



## **IT'S TIME FOR FIELD DAYS!**

Field Days 2024 will be **Friday, August 9th & Saturday, August 10th at Veteran's Park.** A **Kan Jam** tournament will kick off the fun-filled weekend on **Friday** along with the beer tent and concessions. Contact the BEvents committee to sign up for the tournament! Saturday starts off with the parade through town at noon, followed by kids activities, entertainment and the concessions stand/beer tent opening up after! **Does your organization want to be in the parade? Call 608-516-1907 for details!** Of course, an awesome fireworks display will be at dusk, weather permitting! 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 at [www.facebook.com/BEventsBEWI/](http://www.facebook.com/BEventsBEWI/)

## **Black Earth Historical Society Open House // Saturday August 10th** **1:15-4:00 PM**

Join the Black Earth Historical Society on Saturday August 10th at their Open House at 1022 Blue Mounds Street, the History Center. Speak with the Historical Society's members about the history of Black Earth and the its surrounding area. Learn about the people who settled here and made it such a great place to live.

## **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.

## **Storytime and Toddler Art will return on Tuesday September 3 at 11:30 AM.**

### **August Activity Grab Bags for Kids**

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Thursday, August 1. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

### **Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, September 4th | 10:30am**

Join us for a discussion of the memoir The life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson. Copies of the book, including audio and large print versions, are available at the library.

### **LEGO Club at the Library**

**Friday August 2nd from 1:00-3:00 PM**

Come to the library and build LEGOs with friends! Best for school-age kids, but the whole family is welcome.

### **Spice of the Month Club**

Each month we will be providing "take - and-make" kits featuring a different spice, herb or blend. Each kit will include enough spice to make both of the recipes included.

The kits are free but supplies are limited.

Please, only one kit per household. For

August we will be offering Dill Weed.

### **"Adventure Begins at Your Library"**

#### **Summer Library Program**

Our Summer Reading Challenge ends Saturday, August 10th! Don't forget to log your reading and activities to earn your Beanstack Badges, and get entered into our grand prize drawings in August. Also, make sure you have voted for the library project that you would like the donations from the Friends of the Black Earth Library to support. Go to [blackearthlibrary.org](http://blackearthlibrary.org) for more details.

## **National Night Out!**

**Tuesday August 6th, at Lions Park in Mazomanie at 5:00 PM**

Join the Black Earth and Mazomanie Fire Departments, Police Departments and EMS in welcoming first responders to demonstrate at National Night out.

### **Events to include:**

**\*\*New this year: LIVE Demonstrations\*\***

- Army Blackhawk Helicopter Landing

- Vehicle Extrication (Mazomanie Fire Department, Black Earth Fire Department and Dane County District One EMS)

- K9 Demo (Dane County Sheriff's Office)

- Haz Device Demo (DCSO Bomb Squad)

- Police vs Fire/EMS tug-a-war

### **Garden Club**

**Thursday August 22nd from 6:00-7:00 PM at Veterans Memorial Park**

Veggies, herbs and flowers, OH MY! Garden Club is an informal discussion with gardeners and growers where you can get advice from others in the community. Whether you're just starting out or a Master Gardener, please come by to ask questions, share your experiences, and swap veggies with growers in the area. This is a volunteer-led program.

### **Friends of the Black Earth Library**

#### **Book Sale**

**Friday, August 9 | 10am - 5 pm**

**Saturday, August 10 | 10am - 2 pm**

#### **Village Meeting Room**

The Friends of the Black Earth Public Library are having their annual book sale! Come shop through hundreds of gently used books, movies, music and more during library hours. Bring your own bag and fill a bag for only \$5 - what a deal! A preview for Friends members only will be during the first half hour of the sale on Friday, August 9th at 9:30 AM. Not a member? No worries, buy a membership at the door. You can also sign up at the library to volunteer to help out on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

