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## **Trick or Treat!**

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be from 5pm-8pm on Tuesday, October 31. A special Trunk or Treat hosted by the Chamber of Commerce will also be held during the same hours on Webb St (between Mills and Center St)

## **Update Tax Bill Addresses**

If you've recently built your home, purchased land, or otherwise own property but do not live at that address, make sure your tax bill will get to you by verifying your tax bill mailing address. Call the office if you have any questions.

## **New Street Sweeper!**

The Village has purchased a street sweeper! After nearly a decade of not having a sweeper, the Public Works Department is very excited to now have one. Previously, Black Earth contracted with the Village of Cross Plains to sweep the streets with their machine when time allowed in their schedule. Now, Black Earth will be able to sweep more streets more frequently, keeping leaves, dirt, and other debris out of the storm sewers. This helps protect our natural waterways and sewer infrastructure.

## **2024 Elections Coming Soon**

Are you ready to vote in 2024? Save time before Election Day and register now! Not sure if you're registered? Check your voter registration status online at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov). You can update your address if you've moved, change your name, newly register, and request absentee ballots all online.

## **Drug Take Back Day**

**Saturday, October 28 | 10am-2pm**

**Cross Plains Police Department**

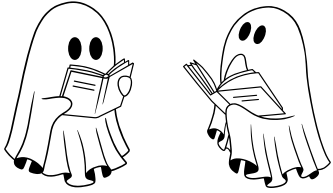
**2417 W Brewery Rd, Cross Plains 53525**

Too often, unused and expired medications find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. Bringing unused and/or expired medicines to a Drug Take Back Day collection site protects you, your family, and your community. It's easy to participate! Just stop by and drop your items into a bin - no questions asked. You can be in and out of a collection site in minutes. Prescription and over-the-counter medications may be disposed of, including capsules, creams, inhalers, ointments, patches, pills, and vials. This also includes pet medication.

## **2024 Village Exterior Revaluation**

There will be an external revaluation of properties within the Village in 2024. This means that our municipal assessor will visit each property in the Village and take photos, measurements, and/or create sketches. They will not enter your home. The assessor will have a branded vehicle, ID, and other paperwork to identify themselves. The date that the assessor will be in the village is not yet known. More details will be shared before their fieldwork.

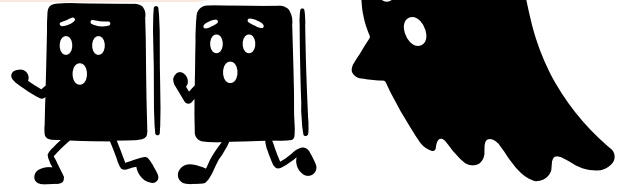
**Why is this happening?** It is required by state law. This ensures fairness and equity in taxation so that each property owner is paying their fair share of taxes. Some property owners fear that taxes will go up if a revaluation is done. This may or may not be the case. Taxes are directly tied to the amount of money that the taxation district needs to collect. This is called the levy. If the total levy remains the same, only those properties that are not presently paying their fair share of the tax burden will pay more taxes after a revaluation. Properties presently paying more than their fair share will pay less.



### 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.

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### October Activity Grab Bags for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Monday, October 2. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

### Tuesday Storytime at the Library

**October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 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

**October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 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.

### Monster Mash Halloween Party!

**Thursday, October 19 | 12pm-2pm**

Join us on your day off of school for crafts, treats, and a scavenger hunt. Great for the whole family. Don't forget to wear your costume!

### Local Author Fair

**Friday, October 20 | 6 PM**

**Black Earth Historical Society**

**1022 Blue Mounds St**

Join us for an evening of readings from five local authors, a Q&A session, and the opportunity to purchase books from featured authors. Many thanks to the Black Earth Historical Society for the use of their space for this event. Featured authors include Dannelle Fraser Gay, Sean Patrick Little, Patricia McConnell, Mark Stegbauer, and Bill Stokes.

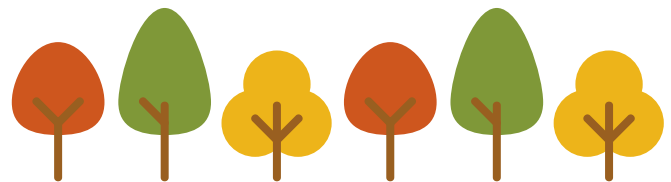


### Brush vs Yard Waste - What does the Village Collect?

**Brush** is woody material like sticks, trimmings, and branches from trees, shrubs, and bushes. It is processed through the wood chipping machine. Brush does not have any dirt attached to it.

**Yard Waste** consists of grass clippings, flowers, plants, small twigs, weeds, pumpkins, etc. The Village does NOT collect yard waste. Yard waste can be disposed of at the Public Works shop on Blue Mounds St. behind the Shoe Box.

Brush collection is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of the month (excluding holidays & inclement weather). Place all brush with the cut end facing the street prior to 7:00 am on collection day. Call 608-767-2063 with any questions. **IMPORTANT: Contractors hired to do tree trimming or other work must dispose of any material generated. It cannot be left at the curb.**



### Other Reminders from the Public Works Department

- Leaf collection is weather-dependent and runs through the end of November.
- Do not place any leaves on the road! Instead, make piles in your yard near the curb. Do not bag your leaves.
- Please keep all brush, bushes, tall grass, snow, and other obstacles away and clear from your electric and water meters so our Public Works crew can access them monthly for meter readings.
- DO NOT put grass clippings into the street. This clogs the storm sewers and harms water quality in the creek.