



Black Earth News

Newsletter

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Village Municipal Office

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HOT TOPIC!

The Village passed an ordinance regarding ATV/UTV's in the Village May, 2019. While the ordinance states they are allowed in the Village, ATV/UTV's are permitted on designated routes with posted signage. There are NO MARKED TRAILS in the Village at this time.

Routes are not posted with signage or designated at this time.

**No Posted Signs =
No operation!**

LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pick up will begin every Monday, weather dependent, leaf piles must be curbside by 7:00 a.m.

Please remember not to place leaves or grass clippings in the street.

METER CLEARING

Public Works would like to remind everyone to help keep water/electric meters clear from vegetation regularly. The crew will be out reading meters around October 9-15th.



ELECTION NEWS

November Presidential election is coming fast.

Please don't forget to have your absentee envelope witnessed and signed for! It is often a reason they get rejected.

DON'T WAIT!! The Village has a drop box available 24/7 for your absentee ballot return. You do not have to wait for the Postal service to get them to us.

To request your absentee ballot, please go to

www.myvote.wi.gov

Wisconsin Heights School Referendum Info.

Matt Crowe will be available Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 26 and 22 in the front corner of Base Camp in Mazomanie from 8—9:30 am to answer questions on the upcoming Wisconsin Heights referendum. Coffee will be provided for anyone spending a few socially distanced minutes informing themselves about the details of the referendum.

COPS CORNER

SCAMMERS!!! During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing an increase in calls from residents on "Scam Artists."

A most recent call involved someone stating they were "Officer Marshall with Black Earth Police". The Village does not have an "Officer Marshall". Deputy Kartman and Deputy Viney cover policing in the Village.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office is following up on these reports, but wants to alert citizens of the scam to avoid anyone giving money to these scammers.

Pandemic and Holiday approaching, we may see an increase in these calls.

Be aware and Don't become a victim to scam!

The More You Know:

Any person who takes, possesses, damages, reuses, or moves any political sign or signs without authorization from the owner of the sign or signs and with the intent to prevent, substantially alter, or substantially obscure the communication of the sign, is guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor.

Leave yard signs alone and certainly don't steal them. It's a crime!



Black Earth Public Library & Community Events

Programs & Events (608) 767-4905

Library

Black Earth Public Library Hours

Vulnerable individuals by appointment: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm

No-Contact Walk-Up Library Service: Saturday 10am-1pm
Open to the public use of library: Monday-Thursday 1-6pm, Friday 1-4pm

If you have questions call 608-767-4905

Beyond the Ingenue – A Virtual Event

Friday, October 9 from 7-8pm

Music Theatre of Madison Illuminates the stories of women from history through original musical theatre songs by local composers, performed by local singers. Please pre-register for this event by emailing crshaffer@blackearthlibrary.org.

Visiting the Beyond (an Interactive Zoom presentation) by Curt Strutz

Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm

Introducing the "Visiting the Beyond" haunted paranormal lecture series. This program is best for teens and up. Email crshaffer@blackearthlibrary.org to pre-register and receive the Zoom link.

Build Your Own Twist & Shout

Dance and sing with Kirsten to songs by The Learning Groove! Just visit our YouTube channel to find your favorite tunes, and get those wiggles out whenever you want.

Healing through Storytelling (via Zoom) by Karl Stewart

Saturday, October 24 at 11am

Meet author and speaker Karl Stewart and discover how he found a path through Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) with his two novels, *The Seventh Cruise*, and *Up Harvey's Creek*. Contact crshaffer@blackearthlibrary.org to pre-register and receive the Zoom link.

Halloween Goody Bags

Trick or Treat! Stop in to get a Halloween Goody bag starting Monday, October 26. Great for kids of all ages.

Go Big Read Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 28 at 10am

Join us in Community Park for a discussion of the Go Big Read selection *Parkland: Birth of a Movement* by Dave Cullen. Copies are available at the library.

Crafty Grab Bags for Kids

A new Crafty Grab Bag is available every Monday. Stop in to get yours, or give us a call at 608-767-4905 to have your bag set aside for pick-up.

Build Your Own Storytime

Kirsten will be reading a new picture book every Monday. Visit our YouTube channel anytime for videos of your favorite songs, rhymes and stories to enjoy at home. Go to blackearthlibrary.org and click on our YouTube link.

Meet our Newest Employee!

Dani Franco

Hello everyone! I'm Dani and I started working for the Village of Black Earth at the end of August as Deputy Clerk. It has been so nice to meet so many of you already. Thank you all so much for a warm welcome!

I am originally from Milton, Wisconsin and have resided in Cross Plains for the last four years with my husband along with our cat and three birds. In my spare time, I love spending time listening to and researching music. I also like watching football (go Pack go!) and I'm a big fan of pub trivia. I really enjoy stand-up comedy, with The Comedy Club being one of my favorite places to spend an evening.

Before starting with the Village, I was working downtown for just over three and a half years at The Madison Concourse Hotel in the Human Resources department. I am so excited to be here and I hope to have the opportunity to serve the Black Earth community for years to come!



Celebrating:

Tony Danz	16 years
Carolyn Shaffer	13 years
Kirsten Rogers	10 years
Shellie Benish	7 years
Scott Schmidt	6 years
Michelle Zander	6 years
Donna Vought	6 years
Jeanne Gosselin	1 1/2 years

