



BLACK EARTH NEWS

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Officer Kartman's Tip of the Month:
WATCH FOR DEER!! With the days offering less daylight, remember to use your bright lights as much as possible when driving in the dusk/dark/dawn hours. Even on busy highways, please flip back and forth as necessary to help expand your viewing capabilities to help watch for critters on the move!

Christmas Tree Lighting

Please join the Lions Club at their annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Veterans Park on Sunday December 8th. The official lighting will be about 6:15 PM. There will be hot cocoa and cookies to enjoy before and after the lighting.

Water Lateral and Main Letter

If you reside within the Village of Black Earth's Public Water Utility District, you should have received a letter regarding a recent water lateral and main survey that the Village was required to participate in. This survey was hosted by the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that Wisconsin residents and homeowners are educated about their drinking water. This survey is meant to help us update our records in the Public Works Department as people have performed updates and remodels over the years. If you have any questions regarding the materials used in your water lines, please feel free to contact our Public Works Department at 608-767-2063 to set up a time for them to help you with identification. If you already know, and would like to report the type of piping your house has, please feel free to fill out a short survey at: <https://arcg.is/1PLeWT> to help us update our inventory. We appreciate your feedback!

Important Phone Numbers

- 608-767-2563 Village Main Number
- 608-767-2063 Public Works Department
- 608-843-0428 Public Works Department After Hours Emergency Line
 - Report water main breaks, sewer backups, or other emergencies
- 608-767-2561 Vanguard Electric
- 608-235-7737 Vanguard Electric After Hours Emergency Line
 - Report an electrical outage, downed lines, or other electric emergencies



Village Holiday Hours

Office hours will be adjusted as follows:

- Tuesday, December 24 - Closed
- Wednesday, December 25 - Closed
- Tuesday, December 29 - Closed at 12pm
- Wednesday, January 1 - Closed

Join the Village Board as a Trustee: Spring Elections Approaching!

Are you interested in running for Village Trustee? The Spring Election is just around the corner, and three trustee seats will be up for election. The process starts in December in order to appear on the ballot in 2025. Contact our office for more information on filing deadlines and additional details.

We at the Village of Black Earth, wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

happy holidays

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.

Holiday Hours:

Tuesday, December 24th: 9:30AM-1 PM

Wednesday, December 25th: CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31st: 9:30AM - 1 PM

Wednesday, January 1st: CLOSED

December Activity Grab Bag for Kids

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

Tuesday Storytime at the Library

December 3, 10, 17 | 11:30am-12pm

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

Tuesday Toddler Art at the Library

December 3, 10, 17 | 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.

Silent Art Auction

Friends of the Black Earth Public Library Fundraiser ends December 6

The annual Silent Art Auction is a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Black Earth Library. Get those bids ready, because we have some fabulous donations of art and handmade crafts. Winning bids will be announced on Friday, December 6 at 4:00PM. All funds raised directly benefit the Black Earth Library.

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 information about the featured spice, two simple recipe suggestions, and enough spice to make both recipes included. The kits are free, but supplies are limited. Please, only take one kit per household. For December we'll be offering star anise.

Cookie Days

Do you love baking cookies this time of year? The Village office and Black Earth Police Department will be accepting donations of cookies, through December 19th, to help offer holiday treats to community members that could use some cheer this season.

Black Earth Toy Drop-off

December 2nd through December 19th, the Village office, in conjunction with the Black Earth Police Department, will be hosting a toy drop-off. All toys donated, will be gifted to local families in need this holiday season. Please feel free to reach out to the office for a list of wished for items.

Tax Bills

Property tax bills will be getting sent out around Monday, December 16th. Payments will be accepted in the Village office until Friday January 31st.

Dog and Cat Licenses

Do you have a dog or a cat, and live in the Village? Please don't forget to come down to the Village office to get a license for them. We will need you to bring an up-to-date rabies vaccination certificate to help us complete the license application.

Find the Gingerbread Man

In the month of December, come by the library to find the hidden gingerbread man in the children's area. When you find the hidden picture each week, come to the circulation desk for a treat!

Winter Break LEGO Club

Friday, December 27 from 1pm-3pm

Come to the library during winter break and build with LEGOS! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Great for all ages.

Book Discussion

Wednesday,

December 18 at

10:30am

Join us for a discussion of the book Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan.. Copies of the book, including audio versions, are available at the library.

