



# BLACK EARTH NEWS

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Newsletter

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## VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve 12/24: 8am-12pm  
Monday 12/27: Closed  
New Year's Eve 12/31: 8am-12pm  
Monday 1/3: Closed

## PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Property tax bills will be mailed prior to or by December 20th. If you have not received your property tax bill by December 27th, contact the Village office as soon as possible. The first half of your property taxes are due to the Village by January 31, 2022.

Property tax bills can be paid by mail, during office hours with cash or check, or you may also use the utility drop box located to the right of the main entrance on the village hall. All payments received over the weekend of New Years dated 12/31 will be posted in the 2021 tax year.

## THREE TRUSTEE SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2022

Have you considered running for Village Board? Three Village Trustee seats are up for election on the April 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. The incumbents are James Coyle, Terry Moyer, and Mary Scott. Trustee positions have a term length of two years. Contact the Village Office for more information!



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Holiday Hours

12/23: Open 10am - 2pm  
12/24 & 12/25: Closed  
Friday 12/31: Closed  
Saturday 1/1: Closed

### Friends of the Black Earth Public Library Silent Art Auction

Get your bids in soon! The silent art auction will take place in the Black Earth Library November 19th through December 10th.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Black Earth Library to benefit the Black Earth Library. Winning bids will be announced Friday, December 10th at 4:30pm.

## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

It's getting to be that time of year! Here is a refresher on snow removal rules:

- ⇒ All vehicles must be moved off of public streets within 12 hours of the end of any snowfall over 1 inch and cannot be parked on the street again until the snow has been cleared by the plows. (Ord. 255-21)
- ⇒ During a declared Snow Emergency no parking is allowed on any street until all snow has been cleared. (Ord. 255-20)
- ⇒ All snow and ice must be removed from all public sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of any snow event. (Ord. 236-6)

## SANTA WILL BE AT THE FIRE STATION 12/11

Stop on down to visit with Santa at the Black Earth Fire Station (711 Blue Mounds St) on **Saturday, December 11th from 2:00pm—4:00pm**. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided!

## UTILITY MORATORIUM

November marks the beginning of the utility moratorium, meaning disconnections due to nonpayment cannot occur until April. You are still responsible for paying your monthly bill during the moratorium. There are programs available to help pay for your utilities if you are unable to make payments. Call the Village office or visit [www.HomeEnergyPlus.wi.gov](http://www.HomeEnergyPlus.wi.gov) for more information.

## TRASH/RECYCLE FEES INCREASE 1/1/22

Beginning January 1st you will see a \$0.50/month increase on your utility bill for trash/recycling fees, increasing from \$10.50 per month to \$11.00 per month.

## HAVE YOU MOVED?

You must update your voter registration if you have moved since you last voted. Do this now to save time and paperwork later! Update your registration at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)