TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

3/4/25

Upcoming Election: Tuesday, April 1

The polls will be open at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, April 1. This election is for non-partisan contests including a State Supreme Court Justice and local school boards.

Please refer to the Town's website for up-to-date information about voter registration and absentee voting: www.blmgrove.com (click the down arrow by the Government tab and choose the Election Information option). You can vote absentee by mail, absentee in person in the Town

Contact Information

 Town Office (John)
 608-223-1104

 Public Works (Cory)
 608-575-2369

LRS (trash/recycling) 608-580-0580 Building Insp. (Roger) 414-639-6314

Sheriff (non-emerg) 608-255-2345

Town Annual Meeting

The Town's Annual Meeting is on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. A review of 2024, including reports from various departments, are on the agenda.

Spring Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection runs from April 1 to May 15. Please make sure that yard waste, and only yard waste, is placed in bags that weigh no more than 40 pounds. Plastic bags need to be tied at the top; paper bags don't need to be tied. Place bags by the road, and they will be picked up within a week. For more information, call Cory at 608-575-2369.

The Town thanks those residents who have made the switch to paper bags! Paper is much better for the environment compared to plastic... and allows your Public Works staff to more efficiently dispose of yard waste. You can buy paper bags for this purpose at nearby home improvement stores or online.

Town's Annual Clean Sweep

Every spring the Town conducts a Clean Sweep in one of its three parks. This year, the Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 from 7:00-11:00am in the Gallagher Plat at Thurber Park, 3325 Thurber Avenue. Town residents are welcome to dispose of almost any kind of item. (Items we <u>do not</u> accept: yard waste, hazardous waste, paint, tires on rims, or more than four tires per household). Questions about the event can be directed to Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske at 608-575-2369.

Town Officials / Staff

Town Board Ron Bristol (Chair) Frank Woznick Amy Schroeder Jeff Teuscher Dave Young

<u>Plan Commission</u> Dave Young (Chair) Dwight Johnson Erin Pierce Mike Meyers Jeff Teuscher

<u>Clerk/Treas/Admin</u> John Wright

Deputy Clerk/Treas Kellene Leicht

<u>Public Works Dept.</u> Cory Buske (Supervisor)

Chipping Brush

The Town's Public Works staff chips brush weekly during April and May. You can do your part to help make the Town's operations more efficient by piling your brush all in the same direction, with the butt ends facing the road. Only branches 6" or less in diameter will go through the chipper.

Check out the detailed parameters of what will and will not be chipped, by going to www.blmgrove.com. From there, click on "Chipping Policy".

Cemetery Spaces for Sale

There are spaces available for sale in the Blooming Grove Cemetery, located just to the east of LaFollette High School on Pflaum Road. A space costs \$1000 for nonresidents, and only \$400 for Town residents.

Contact the Town Office at 608-223-1104 for details.

The Future of Blooming Grove, and School Districts

The Town of Blooming Grove will cease to exist on October 31, 2027. Between now and then the Town will be viable thanks to the fact the vast majority of its residents are protected from annexation.

It's important to know that school districts are not the same as municipal boundaries. To illustrate, children in the April Hill neighborhood in Blooming Grove currently attend McFarland schools. That will not change as a result of the Town's dissolution in 2027.

Retirement Celebration

Mike Wolf, who served the Town of Blooming Grove for over twenty-two years as the Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator, retired on January 10, 2025. Mike is spending more time with family and traveling. You might even see him in the crowd during the next sporting event! Mike, we all wish you well and thank you for your service to the community!



State Law Requires Licenses for Dogs

Upon submission of an application, the Town issues dog licenses -- which are mandated by state statute. The license is just \$20 for spayed and neutered dogs, and \$29 for intact. The license application can be printed off the Town's website: www.blmgrove.com. Click on Forms & Permits, and you'll find it there. Licenses are good for one calendar year. State law calls for a \$5 increase in the cost of a license if issued after April 1.

Is there a problem with your trash and recycling pickup?

If your garbage and/or recycling bin were missed on one of the pickup days, or if you have concerns about the useability of your carts, please notify LRS at 608-580-0580 or BLtownservice@LRSrecycles.com.