

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Election: Tuesday, April 2

The polls will be open at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, April 2. This election is for non-partisan races such as local school boards, and also includes the U.S. Presidential Primary.

Please refer to the Town's website for up-to-date information about voter registration and absentee voting: www.blmgrove.com. You can vote absentee by mail, absentee in person in the Town Office from March 19-29, or in person on election day itself.

Contact Information

Town Office (Mike) 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 24 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. A review of 2023, including reports from various departments, are on the agenda.

Town Officials / Staff

Town Board

Ron Bristol (Chair)
Dean Larson
Amy Schroeder
Jeff Teuscher
Dave Young

Plan Commission

Dave Young (Chair)
Liz Johnson
Cheryl Larson
Mike Meyers
Jeff Teuscher

Clerk/Treas/Admin

Mike Wolf

Deputy Clerk/Treas

Kellene Leicht

Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)

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 4 from 7:00-11:00am in April Hill Park on Carncross Drive. Town residents are welcome to dispose of almost any kind of item. (Items we don't accept: yard waste, hazardous waste, paint, tires on rims, and more than four tires per household). Questions about the event can be directed to Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske at 608-575-2369.

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 non-residents, 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.

Maintaining Your Stormwater Culvert

Town residents who live north of Milwaukee Street have street/curb outlets and underground infrastructure to deal with stormwater management. But all other Town residents rely on culverts and ditches to make sure rainfall doesn't create ponding or flooding.

For those folks who have a culvert underneath their driveway, please remember to properly maintain it -- both structurally and in terms of keeping debris from clogging it up. Your property and the property of your neighbors will be well served if you make sure the water properly flows through your culvert, and through the ditches along your property.

Thank you for being a steward of your property, and a good neighbor!

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 \$15 for spayed and neutered dogs, and \$20 for others. 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.