

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The next election takes place on Tuesday, November 5. Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. In order to vote a resident must be registered in the Town of Blooming Grove, and must provide a valid proof of identification when they vote. Most folks use their valid Wisconsin driver's license, but other documents are acceptable. For a complete list of acceptable IDs, go to www.bringit.wi.gov. See the reverse side for more information about what's on the ballot.

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 Budget Meeting

The Town's annual budget meeting will take place on **Monday, November 11 at 5:30pm** at the Town Hall. All are welcome to attend. The 2025 budget draft includes a reduction in the Town's property tax levy.

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)
Steve Kearney

Alternate Side Parking

The Town's alternate side parking ordinance is in effect from November 15 through March 15 every winter. Cars must be parked on the even side of the road on even-numbered days between 1:00am-7:00am, and on the odd side of the road on odd-numbered days between 1:00am-7:00am.

Three years remaining in the Town's existence.

In 2006 the Town of Blooming Grove and City of Madison approved an agreement, known as the Cooperative Plan. The Plan is lengthy and detailed, but the end result is the Town will cease to exist as of October 31, 2027. Any and all properties in the Town at that time will automatically be annexed into Madison.

Between now and then the Town will continue to provide services to its residents and businesses just as it has been. For those who are interested, the entire Plan can be accessed from the Town's website at www.blmgrove.com (click on "Links").

Town Office Hours

The Town Office is open
8:00-4:00 Monday thru
Thursday and 8:00-
noon on Friday.

Yard Waste Collection

Fall yard waste collection runs from October 15 through November 30 (unless accumulating snow gets in the way before then). Please make sure that yard waste, and only yard waste, is placed in bags that are tied at the top and weigh no more than 40 pounds. Put these bags by the road, and they will be picked up within a week.

For those that want to go the extra mile, you can use paper bags instead of plastic bags. Heavy-duty paper bags, made especially for this purpose, are easier for the Public Works staff to dispose of, and are better for the environment because they are biodegradable. These kind of bags are available online or at virtually any home improvement or hardware store. The Town appreciates your consideration!

Chipping Brush

The Town's Public Works staff chips brush once a month from November through March. 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".

What's on this ballot?

Besides partisan races for U.S. President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, etc., there are also referenda on the ballot. One would change the State Constitution, and others have to do with increased funding for school districts (specifically for Madison Schools and McFarland Schools). There's also a non-partisan race for Dane County Executive.

Cemetery Spaces for Sale

There are spaces 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 just \$400 for Town residents.

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

You can (easily) help keep our Lakes & Rivers clean!

Gutters and culverts transport material directly to our community's lakes and rivers. For that reason it's important that we make an effort to minimize solid material that goes downstream.

You can do your part by bagging your leaves, and putting them out for your Public Works staff to pick up. Leaves naturally have phosphorous in them, and by disposing of them properly we help the environment -- especially our lakes.

For detailed information about yard waste collection, read the article at the top of this page... and thank you for continuing to be a part of the solution!