TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

Oct-25

Alternate Side Parking RULES

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 1:00 AM-7:00 AM, and on the odd side of the road on odd-numbered days from 1:00 AM-7:00 AM.

Contact Information

Town Office (John) 608-223-1104 Public Works (Cory) 608-575-2369 GFL (trash/recycling) 608-580-0580 Building Insp. (Jose) 414-758-5649 Sheriff (non-emerg) 608-255-2345

Town Annual Budget Meeting

The Town's annual budget meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall. All are welcome to attend. The 2026 draft budget will be available for review beforehand.

No Elections This Fall

There are no elections this fall. The next election is currently scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, if needed. For those residents who have moved into Blooming Grove since the last election (or since they last voted), you may be able to register online at My Vote Wisconsin or at the Town Hall during regular office hours. You can do this any time of the year; just bring a valid proof of residence document with you. Details for voter registration can be found on the Town's website: www.blmgrove.com. Absentee ballots for 2026 can be requested on or after January 1, 2026.

Two years remaining in the Town's existence.

In 2006 the Town of Blooming Grove and City of Madison approved an Intergovernmental Agreement. The agreement 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. For those who are interested, the entire Plan can be accessed from the Town's website at www.blmgrove.com (click on "Links").

Town Officials / Staff

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

Plan Commission
Dave Young (Chair)
Dwight Johnson
Erin Pierce
David Braga
Jeff Teuscher

Clerk/Treas/Admin.
John Wright

<u>Deputy Clerk/Treas.</u> Kellene Leicht

Public Works Dept.
Cory Buske (Supervisor)
Steve Kearney

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, <u>and only yard waste</u>, 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".

Dane County Clean Sweep

The Dane County Clean Sweep Facility is located at the landfill site and operates all year. The facility accepts various items including hazardous chemicals and electronics from Dane County residents. Clean Sweep also accepts hazardous chemicals from businesses and farms. For further information call 608-838-3212.

Access to Town Government

If you're interested, you can get the Town Board's meeting agendas emailed to you. Simply contact John Wright at the Town Office and let him know. He can be reached at bgadmin@blmgrove.com or 608-223-1104.

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 \$1,000 for non-residents, and \$400 for Town residents.

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

Chapter 9.02 Amended

Differences between the application form to rent a shelter and the local park Ordinance has prompted the Town Board to approve changes to the existing ordinance regulating parks owned by the Town. The changes includes a list of prohibited waste items, restrictions on open flames, noise nuisances, motorized vehicles within the park, and exemptions that were not included in the most recent revision to this ordinance made in 2023. The ordinance will be effective the day after publication: November 15, 2025.