Village of Combined Locks

2021

Winter Newsletter

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Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30pm. Agendas are posted at www.combinedlocks.org Find agendas and minutes under Resources.

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Municipal Budget Adopted

The Village Board of Combined Locks has adopted a $3.672 million budget for 2022 municipal operations, capital projects and purchase, and debt payments. It includes a tax levy of $1,805,034. This tax levy is an 8.21% increase over the previous year but equates to a decrease in the tax rate of $0.49/$1,000 of assessed value. The decrease is a result of the real estate market revaluation completed earlier this year. Overall, residential property values increased 20.85% and commercial values increased 16.76%. A summary of the 2022 budget is available to review in the Clerk's Office or on the homepage of the Village website: www.combinedlocks.org

Your property tax bill also includes a number of other governmental agencies with the authority to levy a tax in order to support their activities and services. Those agencies include the County, the State, the School District, and the Technical College. A comparison of each jurisdiction's tax rate from 2020 to 2021 is printed on your tax bill.

Tax Credits and Special Charges

Lottery Credit: Check your 2021 real estate tax bill to see if you received a lottery credit. Properties in the Kaukauna School District receive a $187.18 credit, and properties in the Kimberly School District receive a $161.15 credit. Residents who own their homes as of 01/01/21 and use it as their primary residence also as of 01/01/21 are eligible for the credit. If the credit is not on your tax bill already, it is not too late to claim it. Claim forms are available at the Municipal Clerk's Office. Please call or stop in for details.

Storm Water Charge: Storm water charges are added to all parcels in the Village in order to pay for storm water management as required by the Wisconsin DNR. The Storm Water Charge for the 2021 tax bill is $130 per ERU. The value of duplex, unimproved and non-residential properties is based on a percentage of the value of one ERU. These charges are necessary to fund the DNR requirements to reduce sediment and phosphorous in the Fox River and in Garners Creek.

Garbage Charge: Garbage charges are added to each parcel in the Village according to the size and number of garbage carts at the property. Each 64-gallon cart is $120, and each 96-gallon cart is $172 for the 2021 tax bills. These charges cover the landfill and recycling expenses, replacement carts, maintenance on the trash truck, and allows for a reserve fund to replace the trash trucks when it becomes necessary.

Important Tax Payment Dates

- If you intend to pay your property taxes in full, payment must be made (or postmarked) by January 31, 2022.
- If you intend to pay your property taxes by installments, the first installment must be made (or postmarked) by January 31, 2022, payable to Village of Combined Locks. The second installment must be paid to the Outagamie County Treasurer by July 31, 2022.
- First installment or full property tax payments can be made in person by January 31, 2022 at either of these locations:

  Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace Street, Combined Locks
  Community First Credit Union, 600 W Kimberly Avenue, Kimberly
- You may also use the Night Deposit Box located west of the Civic Center's main doors

Village Offices are CLOSED
December 24th &
December 27th

2022 Dog Licenses Available

The 2022 dog licenses are available for purchase. The cost is $7 for spayed or neutered pets, or $12 for unspayed or unneutered pets. A current rabies vaccine showing an expiration date of later than 04/01/2022 is required to purchase a license. Proof that your pet is spayed or neutered is also required.

2022 Yard Waste Permits Available

Residents who use the Yard Waste Site to drop off grass clippings, SMALL amounts of SMALL brush, garden debris, or waste oil are **required** to have a 2022 permit. The permits are available to purchase at the Clerk's Office. The fee is $5. The permit is needed to help the Village keep costs down and prevent non-residents from using this taxpayer funded service.

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Trash & Recycling Reminders

Trash and recycling needs to be curbside by 6:30am on collection days. During winter months, do not place your carts in the street or on top of snow banks; instead place them in your driveway apron. One cart on each side of the apron works best for automated collection. Placing the carts in the street interferes with snow plowing and snow removal.

Always place your cart at least 4 feet away from any other object; including mailboxes. Carts must be placed with the arrows pointing toward the road. Your cooperation helps us to deliver this essential service in an efficient capacity. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Week
NO changes to regular Recycling and Solid Waste pickup on Tuesday or Thursday.

New Year's Week
NO changes to regular Recycling and Solid Waste pickup on Tuesday or Thursday.

Christmas tree pickup: Two options**,** Wednesday January 5th and Wednesday, January 26th.

Snow Removal Practices

Section 6-2-7 of the municipal code explains that it is the responsibility of the owner, occupant, or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk, to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice: and to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk within 48 hours after a snowfall. In the event that ice forms on the sidewalk in such a manner that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant, or person in charge is to sprinkle salt, sand, and or other melting substance to permit safe travel by pedestrians.

The Village no longer sends out warning letters to those property owners or residents who do not have their sidewalks cleared in a timely manner. The Village will act to have snow removed from the sidewalks that are not shoveled in a timely manner and bill the costs as a special assessment to the property.

Prohibited Snow Removal Practices

- Using a private vehicle or snow blower to push snow/ice onto a public street or sidewalk or manually shoveling snow/ice onto a public street or sidewalk
- Shoveling or blowing snow on top of a fire hydrant

If you contract for snow removal, make sure your contractor is aware of these rules.

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Mail Box Damage

No matter how careful our snow plow operators are, mailboxes might get damaged during the snow season. If a mailbox is damaged due to operator error, the operator will notify the Director of Public Works. He will report the location of the incident and the amount of damage. The Department of Public Works may choose to replace the damaged mailbox with a standard mailbox approved by the US Postal Service. The Department of Public Works may, upon request of the property owner, provide not more than $75 towards the replacement cost of said mailbox. A property owner who installs a decorative mailbox or decorative material within the road right of way does so at his or her own risk, and the Department of Public Works shall not be responsible for damages.

Fire Hydrants

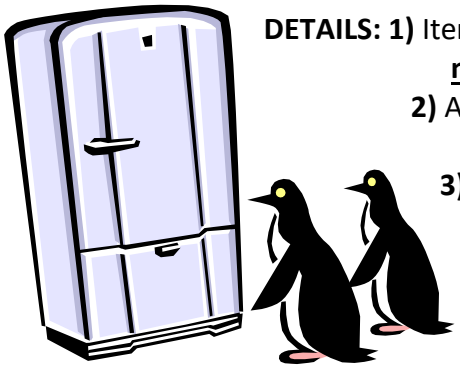
A few minutes of your time after each snowfall to clear the hydrant of snow means that the Firefighters can more effectively fight a fire in your neighborhood.

Winter Parking

Parking on Village streets is <u>prohibited from 2:00am to 6:00am from December 1 through April 1.</u> For the occasional guest parking, please contact the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office at 920-832-5000 for a temporary exception. Vehicles must not be parked in such a manner so as to obstruct the public sidewalk.

Large Rubbish Collection Reminders

- **WHAT:** Residents MUST request large rubbish collection at least 24-hours in advance
- **HOW:** Call 920-788-7740 ext. 1 and leave a message with your address and a request for large rubbish collection or make the request online: www.combinedlocks.org/clerk-treasurer/public-works/large-rubbish-collection/



DETAILS: 1) Items must be curbside by 6:30am on the day of collection and **no earlier than 2 days before collection.**

2) Appliances require a pre-paid fee to be paid at the Clerk's Office at least 24-hours in advance.

3) Electronics are no longer collected curbside as they must be recycled.

Please visit Outagamie County Solid Waste web site for electronics disposal information:

http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/

2021-2022 PARK RENTAL

Lindberg Park: Rental fee $50 for residents; $100 for non-residents

Memorial Park: Rental fee $100 for residents; $200 for non-residents

A separate security deposit is also required for all park rentals. Residents of Combined Locks may reserve parks as of 11/01/21. Non-residents may reserve parks as of 04/01/22.

Van Zeeland Park: Redevelopment is still under way. Future newsletters will contain updated information on the status of the park.

2021-2022 MARK VAN THIEL ROOM RENTAL

The Mark Van Thiel Room is available for family parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, etc. It has a capacity for 75 people and includes a small kitchen with refrigerator, sink and stove. The rental fee for residents is $100. The rental fee for non-residents is $150. A separate security deposit is also required for all rentals.

Residents of Combined Locks may request 2022 reservations as of 11/01/21.
Non-residents may request 2022 reservations as of 01/03/22.

Coffee with a Cop & Firefighter!

WHEN: Friday, December 17th, 2021
From 9:00am – 10:00 am

WHERE: Golden Agers Room, Combined Locks Civic Center,
405 Wallace Street Combined Locks WI 54113

During Coffee with a Cop and Firefighter, the following personnel will be present:

- Sergeant Hartjes
- Fire/EMS Chief Wiedenbauer
- Deputy Van Horn

We look forward to the event so community members can:
Learn more, Discuss community concerns and Grow relationships

All while gathering over a cup of coffee during the holiday season!

Winter Weather Tips from Sergeant Hartjes

As winter weather approaches, the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office would like to prepare you for whatever the elements throw at us! It is worth noting the importance of:

- Keeping your distance between other vehicles.
- Stay at least 200 feet behind snowplows.
- Stopping distance—even with new tires and/or AWD capabilities—is greatly diminished.
- Stay focused and aware of those traveling around you.
- Drive within your means, not everyone else's!

Make sure to stay current with road conditions by calling 511, visiting 511wi.gov, or tuning into local news/radio stations. If you do happen to be involved in a crash, please contact the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office at 911 for an Emergency and (920) 832-5000 for a Non-Emergency.
If you need us, call us!

Safe Travels, Sgt. Trevor Hartjes Outagamie County Sheriff's Office

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COMBINED LOCKS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2022 Baseball/Softball/Teeball Registration

* Registration for all the 2022 Recreation programs will be ONLINE! *

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis due to space limitations

The online registration process will take place in two sessions.

The first session is for ALL RETURNING players (resident & non-resident) from the 2021 season AND any NEW PLAYERS who are COMBINED LOCKS RESIDENTS.

This session opens on Wednesday, January 5th at 10:30am and closes Wednesday, January 12th at 3:00pm.

The second session is for all NEW PLAYERS who are non-residents.

This session opens on Wednesday, January 19th at 10:30am and closes Wednesday, January 26th at 3:00pm.

More information about registration will be posted on the Combined Locks village website www.combinedlocks.org under the Recreation tab the last week of December.

Combined Locks CLAA Advancement Association

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After 47 years of dedicated, generous and invaluable service to the Combined Locks Recreation Department, Barb Vanden Heuvel has resigned from her position as Recreation Director. It will be very strange to be at the ballpark this summer without seeing her there, but we wish her all the best in whatever new endeavor comes her way!

If you see Barb, please wish her well and thank her for all she's done to help build our baseball/softball/teeball program into the greatness it is today!

Community Food Pantry

Combined Locks Community Food Pantry
Sharing Restrictions: November ➔ April

<u>DRY GOODS ONLY PLEASE</u>
During the winter months please donate dry goods only.

<u>The following items will freeze</u>
Canned goods
Glass jars

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 10544 - COMBINED LOCKS

JOHN RIETVELD COMMANDER, 920-788-2493,
Meetings Held: First Monday of Each Month at 6:00pm,
Combined Locks Civic Center, Golden Agers Room

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

Centennial Commemorative Coins for Sale - $5 each

Stop by the Clerk's office during
our office hours to purchase. Great gift!

VOTER INFORMATION

Not registered in Combined Locks yet or have a name or address change?
Get registered or update your information now and save time on election day.
You can complete a voter registration form at: https://myvote.wi.gov/ or at the Clerk's Office.
The Clerk's Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. If you have a driver's license or Wisconsin identification card, you will need it to complete the registration form.
You will also need to provide proof of residence.

All registered voters in Combined Locks vote at the Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace Street. The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm on every election day. ALL voters must show picture identification before a ballot can be issued to him/her. Contact the Clerk's Office if you are interested in voting by absentee ballot. The telephone number is 920-788-7740 ext. 202.

2022 Election Schedule

February 15, 2022	Spring Primary – *If needed*
April 5, 2022	Spring Election
August 9, 2022	Partisan Primary
November 8, 2022	General Election

Please be reminded that political signs, banners, flags must be removed within 10 days after an election per Village Ordinance Section 13-1-143(k)

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
Village of Combined Locks - 04/05/2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election is to be held in the Village of Combined Locks, on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for Village Trustee begins on April 19, 2022. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

Office	Incumbent
Village Trustee	Tim Stutzman
Village Trustee	Mike Rietveld
Village Trustee	Jim Ponto

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2021, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, in the office of the Village Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is needed, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Not interested in running for election? How about being appointed to a committee? Terms for Plan Commission, Zoning Board and Sex Offender Residence Board expire each year, and the Village President considers reappointment of current members or appointment of new members. Contact the Village Administrator for more information. gieser@combinedlocks.org or 920-788-7740 ext. 203

2022 Construction Projects

The Combined Locks Village Board recently adopted the 2022 General Fund Budget which includes some construction projects. More information about timing of these projects will be published on the Village's website: www.combinedlocks.org, and in the spring newsletter.

- Buchanan Road and Janssen Street - water main replacement
- Wallace Street - storm water outfall project
- Kamps Court – mill, overlay and add parking spaces
- Memorial Park Trail Areas – erosion control project
- Van Zeeland Park - continued redevelopment
- Memorial Park & Coonen Park – correct drainage problems

TDS Fiber

TDS is expanding its all-fiber network to Combined Locks. The project will ultimately connect at least 5,500 addresses across Combined Locks and Harrison to the fiber-to-the-home network. Residents will gain access to up to 2Gig internet, TV, and phone. Business customers can choose dedicated fiber connections and voice services. Construction is expected to begin mid-December with services becoming available in phases as work is completed.

TDS' fiber projects in the Fox Cities began launching to customers this fall. To learn more about fiber-optic services visit TDSFiber.com. To view job opportunities with TDS, visit TDSFiber.com/careers.

TDS is headquartered in Madison and has been doing business in Wisconsin for 53 years, serving customers in 32 states. The company is known for hiring locally and having a strong culture of giving back in the communities it serves—even offering employees paid time off to volunteer.

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Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you.

Ice and Snow Control

We can have safe walkways in the winter and cleaner water all year round.
Winter in Northeast Wisconsin is a great time for outdoor fun, like ice fishing, ice skating, sledding and skiing. Here, winter also means mountains of snow to shovel and layers of ice to remove from driveways and sidewalks. We often try to make ice removal easier by using products like salt and sand to melt the snow and ice. Many people do not realize that these products are harming local waters and the animals that rely on them. When the ice and snow melt, the salt and chemicals flow into street drains that lead directly to rivers and lakes.

Shovel Often and Early
Shoveling often during and immediately following the storm removes the snow from walkway and driveways before it gets packed down by tires and feet. The most important part of deicing is removing as much snow as possible before applying salt or sand – it's also great exercise!

Use only the recommended amount. Throwing down more salt will not speed up the melting process.

Make the most of the Salt you use.
It is not always necessary to see bare pavement to have a safe winter surface. Ask yourself if it is necessary that the snow or ice be removed. For salt to be effective, air temperature needs to be warmer than the surface temperature of the area you want to treat. A little goes a long way. Use only the recommended amount. Throwing down more salt will not speed up the melting process. Use only enough deicer to break the bond between the ice and the pavement, then remove the remaining slush by showing.

Limit the amount of sand you use
Sand provides traction. It does not melt ice. Sand, although not chemical, contributes to polluting our local waters. It adds to the excess sediment that is entering waterways, eliminating important habitat for aquatic plants and animals. Sand does play a role in winter road management. It often used by municipalities on roads to help maintain traction. Since ice removal is typically the concern of homeowners, sand may not be necessary.

We hope you continue to patronize the local businesses that choose to advertise with the Village of Combined Locks. Their business cards are printed throughout the newsletter. The Village is grateful for their support.

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Sarah Lesnick	lesnicks@combinedlocks.org
Administrative Assistant	Jim Reese	reesej@combinedlocks.org
Fire/EMS Chief	Ken Wiedenbauer	clfdems@combinedlocks.org
Public Works Department	**300 Park Street**	**920-788-7744**
Director of Public Works	Ryan Swick	swickr@combinedlocks.org
Police Service with Outagamie County Sheriff's Office	**405 Wallace Street**	**920-832-5000**
	Sgt. Trevor Hartjes	trevor.hartjes@outagamie.org
	****Emergency** 911**	

Village Board Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30pm Combined Locks Civic Center Council Chambers

All Village Board meetings are open to the public, and there is an opportunity for anyone in attendance to ask any question of the Village Board. The Village President will ask for Public Comment for matters not on the agenda. This is your opportunity to ask questions about things happening in our community.