



### Village President John Neumeier

#### **Village Trustees**

Cathy Vander Zanden Tim Stutzman Brad Schinke Mike Rietveld Jim Ponto Ken Heckner

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

## Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov

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## 2024 SPRING ELECTION

April 2, 2024, is the date of the Presidential Preference & Spring Election. There are a number of races on the ballot. Included are: Presidential Preference, Democratic and Republican Primary, Circuit Court Judge, County Supervisor, Village Trustees, Kimberly School Board Members, Kaukauna School Board Members, and State Referendum.

#### Village Trustee Candidates: Vote for not more than 3 Jim Ponto (I)

Mike Rietveld (I) Tim Stutzman (I)



Contact the Clerk's Office at 920-788-7740 ext. 202 for information regarding absentee ballots. In-person absentee voting begins March 19, 2024 and ends at 5:00pm on Friday, March 29, 2024. The hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm. You can also request an absentee ballot and register to vote at <u>www.myvote.wi.gov</u>



## DOG LICENSES

Remember to license your dog by 04/01/2024. Dog licenses are required in the State of Wisconsin as per Wis. Stats. §174.05. The dog license fee is \$7 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$12 for unaltered dogs. You must provide proof of rabies vaccination with an expiration date later than 04/01/2024 when you license your dog. Your veterinarian can provide the necessary documentation. A \$5 late fee is charged for dogs licensed after 04/01/2024. Dog owners who do not license their dog are also subject to a fine of \$75 or more.

## VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS TAXPAYERS 2024 is a Market Revaluation Year

(all dates listed below are tentative - final dates will be published in the June newsletter)

Accurate Appraisal is conducting a Village-wide market revaluation for 2024. All properties in Combined Locks will be reassessed. A Notice of Assessment will be mailed to all property owners in July. This document notifies you of your property's new assessed value. The new assessed value is then used to calculate your 2024 tax bill.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §70.45, the assessment roll for the Year 2024 assessments will be open for examination starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024 at 12:00pm until the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 2024. The Roll Book will also be available online beginning 07/23/24. Visit: accurateassessor.com/roll-books. The Roll Book may also be viewed at the Clerk's Office, Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace Street.

You may set an appointment to talk to an assessor by visiting **accurateassessor.com** then click on **APPOINTMENTS**. Appointments will be conducted over the phone. An assessor will call you at your appointed time. Calls will take about 15 minutes.

Instructional material will be available at the Clerk's Office in July for persons who wish to object to valuations under Wis. Stats. §70.47.

# Notice of Board of Review Meeting

The Board of Review will meet on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 28</u>, 2024 beginning at 5:30pm at the Combined Locks Civic Center <u>Council Chambers</u>, 405 Wallace Street, Combined Locks WI 54113 for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session and hearing scheduled appeals.

# 2024 YARD WASTE PERMITS AVAILABLE

Residents who use the Yard Waste Site to drop off grass clippings, SMALL amounts of SMALL brush, garden debris, and automobile waste oil are **required** to have a 2024 permit. The permits are available to purchase at the Clerk's Office. The fee is \$10. The permit is needed to help the Village keep costs down and prevent non-residents from using this taxpayer funded service. **Weather permitting,** the Yard Waste Site will open April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Automobile Waste Oil** is collected at the Yard Waste Site year-round. A permit is still required. <u>Please</u> remember to close the lid on the oil tank before you leave.

# HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing helps remove minerals that discolor the water. This work will be done during the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. When you see Village employees flushing hydrants in your neighborhood, avoid using water for 30-60 minutes to avoid having the discolored water drawn into your house. Your cooperation is appreciated.





# **Curbside Brush Collection Returning Soon**

Large brush is collected curbside with a simple request. To request brush collection either call (920) 788-7740 ext. 211 or email the statement below to <a href="mailto:swickr@combinedlocks.wi.gov">swickr@combinedlocks.wi.gov</a> (make sure to include your specific address).

"I request brush collection at **123 My Street** on the next available collection date" Please contact the Clerk's Office at (920) 788-7740 ext. 202 if you are having difficulty sending the email request. The Village has adopted this brush collection procedure to help streamline the delivery of that service.

# The procedure is as follows:

- 1. Brush is collected weekly, on Wednesdays, April through July
- 2. Brush is collected on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from August through October.
- 3. The Village will collect Christmas trees after the holidays see collection calendar for specific dates.
- 4. Residents are required to contact the village to request collection of brush. Residents must call or email no later than 3:00pm on the day before collection.
- 5. All brush must be on the terrace as of 6:30am on the collection day.

# **Brush Collection Rules:**

 Curbside brush collection is provided for tree pruning only.

- The service is not provided when an entire tree has been removed.
- 2. Curbside brush collection is not provided when it has been cleared or removed from vacant land or when the property owner has paid another individual or commercial service to prune the tree(s). Petrified wood is not collected curbside but can be disposed of at the yard waste site for residents with a valid yard waste permit.
- 3. Small brush piles, thorny brush and evergreen branches must be bundled with string/twine at a maximum of 2 feet in diameter. Brush is not to be placed in any container.
- 4. Roots/root balls must be removed from brush. They can be placed in your regular garbage cart.
- 5. Large brush piles are limited to 4 feet high (from ground level) by 4 feet wide and piled so that all cut ends are facing the same direction. Each 4' x 4' brush pile must be a minimum of 2' away from the next pile.
- 6. A site may be established for one month each year for residents to drop-off brush that is not collected curbside or allowed at the yard waste site. The month will be set at the discretion of the Director of Public Works and based on weather conditions.
- 7. Failure to comply with these collection rules will result in denial of service and a municipal citation after 10 days of non-compliance.

# 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: https://combinedlocks.wi.gov/large-rubbish/
- **DETAILS: 1)** Items must be curbside by 6:30am on the day of collection and no earlier than noon the day before collection
  - 2) Appliances require a pre-paid \$20 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 Recycling and Solid Waste website for electronics disposal information: <u>http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/</u>

# Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) Allowed on Village of Combined Locks Roads This is only an excerpt of the new ordinance. Contact the Clerk's Office for a copy of the entire ordinance.

## Sec. 10-4-1 Utility terrain vehicles

# (a) Purpose

(1) To create uniform procedures and requirements for the use and operation of utility terrain vehicles on Village of Combined Locks roads.

# (b) Definition of Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)

- (1) In this section Utility Terrain Vehicle means the following:
  - (a) A commercially designed and manufactured motor driven device that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards in effect on July 1, 2012, that is not a golf cart, low-speed vehicle, dune buggy, mini-truck, tracked vehicle, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle, as defined by Wis. Stat. § 340.01(2g), that has been designed to be used primarily off of a highway, and that has, and was originally manufactured with all of the following:
    - (1) A weight, without fluids, of 3,000 pounds or less
    - (2) Four or more tires
    - (3) A steering wheel
    - (4) A tail light
    - (5) Two headlights
    - (6) A brake light
    - (7) A width of not more than 65 inches as measured laterally between the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, exclusive of tires, mirrors, and accessories that are not essential to the vehicle's basic operation.
    - (8) A system of seat belts, or similar system, for restraining each occupant of the device in the event of an accident.
    - (9) A system of structural members designed to reduce the likelihood than an occupant would be crushed as the result of a rollover of the device.

# (c) Designation and authorization of UTV routes

- (1) All Village roads, with a speed limit as posted, are authorized UTV routes unless otherwise posted.
- (2) County and state highways located within the Village may be authorized for UTV use by Outagamie County or the State of Wisconsin only.
- (3) The Village Board or its designee may temporarily close any UTV route or portion thereof due to hazard, construction or any other emergency condition.
- (4) The Village Board may permanently close any UTV route or portion thereof for any reason by posting signage for prohibited routes and by providing notice to the public.

# (d) Conditions for use of UTV routes

- (1) Adoption of limitations as set forth by Wis. Stats. § 23.33
- (2) UTV operators shall observe posted or legal speed limits
- (3) UTV operators shall ride in single file and cannot ride on the shoulder of the road
- (4) UTV operators and riders shall observe all laws of the State of Wisconsin pertaining to the use of UTVs
- (5) UTV operators shall have a valid driver's license and be at least 16 years of age
- (6) UTV operators and riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet
- (7) UTV operators shall have headlights and taillights on while operating on any Village UTV route
- (8) UTV operation is prohibited from 10:00pm until 7:00am unless actively engaged in snowplowing.

- (9) UTV operators shall have liability insurance in force on any UTV operated on Village roads and shall have proof of insurance in their immediate possession, which shall be displayed upon demand from any law enforcement officer. Liability insurance shall have the following minimum coverages:
  - (a) \$10,000 property damage coverage
  - (b) \$25,000 single injury/death coverage
  - (c) \$50,000 multiple injury/death coverage

### (e) Signage

- (1) UTV routes shall be marked with route signs in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § NR 64-12, and all other applicable state and local laws.
- (2) No person may intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any UTV route sign or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any UTV route sign.

### (f) Unauthorized Off-Road Operation Prohibited

- (1) The unauthorized off-road operation of a motor vehicle is prohibited.
- (2) Except for authorized maintenance vehicles and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) operating in areas authorized by the Village Board, it shall be unlawful to operate any minibike, snowmobile, go-kart, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), or any other motor-driven craft or vehicle principally manufactured for off-highway use on Village streets, alleys, parks, sidewalks, bikeways, parking lots, any public lands, private lands, or parking lots held open to the public. The operator shall at all times have the written consent of the owner before operation of such craft or vehicle on private lands.

### (g) Enforcement

This section may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin and is not intended to limit or prohibit any law enforcement officer or Department of Natural Resources warden from proceeding under any other ordinance, regulation, state, law, or order pertaining to the subject matter addressed herein.

**Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any remaining provisions or applications of this ordinance.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Date introduced: October 17, 2023 Date approved and adopted: December 5, 2023

Village of Combined Locks

John Neumeier, Village President Attest:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Official, signed resolution on file at the Clerk's

Racquel Shampo-Giese, Village Administratol/Clerk/Geasurer





# **CURBSIDE TIRE COLLECTION**

NEW We are no longer able to dispose of scrap tires for free at the County landfill. Village residents who need to discard old tires (20" car tires or smaller) must pay \$10 per tire at the Clerk's Office by April 12 for collection the week of April 15 – April 19. Tires must be placed curbside on your normal garbage collection day.

# Park and Room Rental

	(Rental Fee	Security Deposit)		
Mark Van Thiel Room		Memorial and Van Zeeland Parks		
Resident	\$100   \$100	Resident	\$100   \$100	
Non-Resident	\$150   \$150	Non-Resident	\$200   \$200	
Golden Agers Room		Lindberg Park		
Resident	\$75   \$100	Resident	\$50   \$100	
Non-Resident	\$150   \$150	Non-Resident	\$100   \$100	

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- **Rooms**: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2024 reservations as of 11/01/23. Non-residents may request 2024 reservations as of 01/02/24.
- Parks: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2024 reservations as of 11/01/23. Non-residents may request 2024 reservations as of 04/01/24.

Security Deposit: Minimum \$100 or equal to the rental fee.

# **Room Amenities:**

The Mark Van Thiel Room is available for family parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, etc. The capacity is 75 people and includes a small kitchen with refrigerator, sink and stove.

The Golden Agers Room is available for smaller family parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, etc. It includes a refrigerator, counter space and a sink. Maximum 30 people.







#### VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS NOTICE TO RESIDENTS BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Village of Combined Locks is accepting applications from residents for appointment to the following: **Plan Commission** – One (1) three-year term due to expire May 2027 and **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Two (2) three-year terms due to expire May 2027.

Applications are available at the Village Clerk's Office, 405 Wallace St., Combined Locks WI 54113 or on the Village's website: <u>www.combinedlocks.wi.gov</u> on the home page under Events. Applications must be received in the Clerk's Office by **Tuesday**, **April 9**, **2024**.

# GOT STUFF?? TIME FOR A RUMMAGE SALE!!



https://forms.gle/pwqXcR532JNvbfZDA

You can also access the link on the Village's Facebook Page under Events Deadline: May 13<sup>th</sup>





# **Outagamie County Sheriff's Office**





# **Helpful Tips to Prevent Theft!**

Recently, the Fox Valley area, Outagamie County, and surrounding counties have experienced an increase in mail thefts, catalytic converter thefts, and thefts from within vehicles overnight. We can work together within our communities to ensure citizens are informed which will hopefully assist with deterring these types of incidents. Here are a few helpful hints to prevent theft in your neighborhood!

- 1. **Be observant!** (If you see something, say something) Often times, it's reported that an individual didn't know if they should call law enforcement. Ultimately, law enforcement is here to protect our communities and what you saw might be extremely helpful in solving an issue that could be occurring locally.
- 2. **Consider investing in residential surveillance cameras.** Camera systems have become significantly more user friendly over time and can be easily set up in a few steps.
- 3. **Consider switching to paperless billing.** Switching to paperless billing helps with not receiving as much mail that contains personal information/banking information.
- 4. **Don't place outgoing mail in your mailbox overnight.** If possible, bring outgoing mail to the local post office. Important types of mail may include documents that contain personal information, checks, and other items of value.
- 5. **If you're away from home, request the post office to hold your mail.** Suspects of mail theft often appeal to residences that appear unoccupied or on vacation.
- 6. **Sign up for Informed Delivery by USPS.** This is a FREE service that shows you preview images of incoming mail plus status updates about your incoming and outbound packages.
- 7. Lock vehicles and exterior doors of residence. If possible, park your vehicles within a locked garage, lock your vehicles, and lock all exterior doors of the residence.
- 8. Lights! Keeping exterior lights on can be a significant deterrent as it is not as easy for an individual to be concealed. Investing in LED lights will help with cost effectiveness as well.





# **RENEW OUR WATERS – STORM WATER EDUCATION**

Rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or letting fertilizer fall into the street drains affects our water systems. As water makes its way to the storm drain it picks up pollutants like oil from car leaks and bacteria from pet waste. How can you help? We can choose products carefully and shape our lawns and pavement so water soaks into the ground. When we do,

runoff is reduced, pollutants get filtered out and streams and groundwater are protected. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce the threat and improve water quality and our lives.



# Storm water pollution found in your area! (This is not a citation)

This is to inform you that our staff found the following pollutants in the storm sewer system in your area. This storm sewer system leads directly to Garner's Creek and/or the Fox River.

Home improvement

Yard waste (leaves,

waste (concrete, mortar)

Excessive dirt and gravel

Detergent

Pet waste

grass, mulch)

- Motor oil
- Oil filters •
- Antifreeze/transmission • fluid
- Paint
- Solvent/degreaser
- Cooking grease

# Remember: Only Rain Down the Drain

To keep the storm water leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Repair auto leaks.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.)
  - and batteries at designated collection locations.
- 920-731-1111 920-233-0111
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard water when possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors.
- Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- Sweep up and properly display of construction debris like concrete and mortar.

# MORE INFORMATION:

Report an illegal discharge of pollutants, call: Ryan Swick, Director of Public Works (920) 788-7744. How you can help improve our local waterways: http://www.renewourwaters.org



Contact GFL for all your temporary dumpster needs from construction projects to home clean out.





Trash

Other

Construction debris

Pesticides and fertilizers

# **REMINDER: Sec 7-1-10** Animal Feces.

- a) Removal of Fecal Matter. The owner or person in charge of any dog, cat, horse, or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any street, alley or other public or private property, unless such matter is immediately removed therefrom by said owner or person in charge. This Section shall not apply to a person who is visually or physically handicapped.
- b) Accumulation of Fecal Matter Prohibited on Private Yards. The owner or person in charge of a dog or cat must also prevent accumulation of animal waste on his own property by regularly patrolling and properly disposing of the fecal matter.



The Perfect Lawn Make an effort not to blow grass clippings/cuttings onto pavement. If you do, sweep them up, then place them around the roots of shrubs or vegetable plants where they help retain moisture.

Chemicals and weed killers are not needed for a healthy lawn, and they're one of the main reasons we have green algae in our lakes and streams.



### Good Dog, Good Owner

Prevent bacteria in our streams by carrying small plastic bags when walking your dog. Collect droppings, tie a knot in the bag and dispose of it properly. Do not throw pet waste down the sewer.

At home, pick up pet waste often. Even waste in your backyard can pollute local waterways.

# **Rain Barrels**

A rain barrel is a system that collects rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff. Rain barrels come in a wide variety of materials, designs and colors. Rain barrels can be purchased at local hardware stores, Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste, or can be built at a rain barrel workshop. Rain water is best for plants. Instead of paying for water from the tap, you can use the water you collect to keep your landscape healthy—saving you money!







# COMBINED LOCKS RECREATION

Baseball/Softball Kick-Off is in May!

Mondays:	coed Teeball
	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls' softball
	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' baseball

Wednesdays:	coed Teeball	
	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade girls' softball 5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' baseball	
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Thursdays: $1^{st} - 2^{nd}$  grade boys' baseball $3^{rd} - 4^{th}$  grade boys' baseball $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$  grade girls' softball



# Come on down and enjoy watching the games and eating great ballpark food!





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.



VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS **405 WALLACE STREET** COMBINED LOCKS WI 54113 920-788-7740

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## CONTACT US

#### **Combined Locks Civic Center**

Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer **Deputy Clerk-Treasurer** Administrative Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Baseball/Softball/Teeball Program Director Todd Riesterer

**Public Works Department Director of Public Works** 

**Police Service with Outagamie County Sheriff's Office** 

## **405 Wallace Street**

MONDAY – FRIDAY

Racquel Shampo-Giese Sarah Lesnick Jim Reese Ken Wiedenbauer

300 Park Street Ryan Swick

**405 Wallace Street** Sgt. Justin Ross \*\*Emergency\*\* 911 920-788-7740

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7:30AM TO 4:00PM

920-788-7744 swickr@combinedlocks.wi.gov

920-832-5000 justin.ross@outagamie.org

**Village Board Meetings** 

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.