

# Village of Combined Locks

# 2020

## Spring 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](http://www.combinedlocks.org). Find agendas and minutes under Resources.*

### Village Administrator

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### 2020 SPRING ELECTION

April 7, 2020, is the date of the Presidential Preference Vote and Spring Election. There are a number of races on the ballot this April. Included are: Presidential Preference, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, Outagamie County Circuit Court Judge, Outagamie County Supervisor, Kimberly and Kaukauna School Board Members, Combined Locks Village Trustees, and State Referendum.

#### Village Trustee Candidates: Vote for not more than 3

Kari Bern  
Jim Ponto (I)  
Ken Vander Wielen (I)  
Ken Kempen  
Mike Rietveld  
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 23, 2020 and ends at 5:00pm on Friday, April 3, 2020. You can also request an absentee ballot and register to vote at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)



### DOG LICENSES



Remember to license your dog by 04/01/2020. Dog licenses are required in the State of Wisconsin as per statute 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 04/01/2020 when you license your dog. Your veterinarian can provide the necessary documentation. A \$5 late fee is charged for dogs licensed after 04/01/2020. Dog owners who do not license their dog are also subject to a fine of \$75 or more.

## 2020 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 2020 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. **Weather permitting**, the Yard Waste Site will open April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Waste oil** is collected at the Yard Waste Site year-round. A permit is still required.

Please remember to close the lid on the oil tank before you leave.

## CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION RETURNING SOON

1. Brush is collected weekly—each Wednesday—April through July
2. Brush Collection is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month—August through October and the first Wednesday of November.
3. Residents must call the Village at 788-7740 to request curbside brush collection. As an alternative, residents may complete an online request form that is available on the Village's website, which is [www.combinedlocks.org](http://www.combinedlocks.org).
4. All brush must be on the terrace by 6:30am on normal collection days.
5. Brush that is less than 4ft in length must be placed at curbside in bundles that are no larger than 2ft in diameter and must be tied with twine or string.
6. Larger brush material must be piled in a manner so that all cut ends are facing in one direction along the length of the terrace area.
7. Curbside brush collection does not include: material cut by a commercial tree service
8. Large brush and even large amounts of small brush are **prohibited** at the yard waste site. It costs additional taxpayer dollars to remove large brush at the waste site. Please take advantage of curbside collection.
9. **Leaves will be collected the week of April 20 – April 24. This one-time spring leaf collection is being offered because of the early snow fall that buried the leaves last year. Rake your leaves (no bags) to the curb by Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, and they will be removed by April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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Meetings Held: First Monday of Each Month at 6:00pm,  
Combined Locks Civic Center, Golden Agers Room

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## 2020 OPEN BOOK SESSION & BOARD OF REVIEW

The Open Book Session is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020 from 4:00pm through 6:00pm in the Mark Van Thiel Room at the Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace Street. Open Book is your opportunity to discuss your property's assessed value with the Village's assessor. Property owners are encouraged to attend this open book session if they have questions or concerns about the value placed on their homes. The value placed on your home is used to calculate your 2020 real estate taxes.

Property owners not satisfied with the assessor's assessed value may appeal to the Board of Review. Appeals must be substantiated with factual information. The Board of Review is Monday, May 11, 2020 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at the Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace Street.



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## HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing helps remove minerals that discolor the water. This work will be done during the week of April 20<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.



## FREE TIRE COLLECTION

Village residents who need to discard old tires (car tires or smaller) may do so the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. **Tires must be placed curbside on your normal garbage collection day.**



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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM – OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

Residents have the opportunity to dispose of hazardous materials during the hazardous waste collections held at Outagamie County Recycling and Solid Waste French Road location (3414 N French Road). **Appointments are required** and can be scheduled by calling 920-832-5277 or online at [www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/appointments](http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/appointments)

### 2020 Collection Dates:

May 13 & May 16  
August 5 & August 8

June 10 & June 13  
September 16 & September 19

July 8 & July 11  
October 21 & October 24

**Trailer loads or truck beds/trunks full will be turned away.**

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

#### Automotive:

Gasoline/Fuel Additives  
(NO ON-SITE DUMPING OF GAS)  
Brake, Starter & Transmission Fluids  
Engine Oil/Anti-Freeze  
Lead Acid Batteries

#### Garden & Lawn Care:

Herbicides/Insecticides  
Fungicides/Pesticides  
Weed Killer  
Poisons

#### Cleaners:

Drain & Oven Cleaners  
Pool Chemicals  
Household Cleaners  
Polishes & Aerosols

#### Miscellaneous:

Oil & Lead Paints  
Varnish/Stains  
Paint Thinners/Strippers  
Spray Paints/Adhesives  
Wood Preservatives  
Kerosene  
Mercury



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## 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:  
<http://www.combinedlocks.org/combinedlocks/departments/public+works/default.asp>

- 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:** <http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/>

## 2020 PARK RENTAL

Lindberg Park and Van Zeeland 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 11/01/19. Non-residents may reserve parks as of 04/01/20.



## 2020 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 2020 reservations as of 11/01/19. Non-residents may request 2020 reservations as of 01/02/20.



## QUAD COMMUNITIES CRIME STOPPERS



Quad Communities Crime Stoppers, Inc. is a four community organization that supports the efforts to fight crime in the communities of Combined Locks, Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute through a tip line by phone or email. We work closely with the local law enforcement agencies and the Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute School Districts. Three representatives from each community make up the structure of the Quad Communities Crime Stoppers Board. We meet 5 times per year at Hollanders on the second Thursday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.



## REMINDERS FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

With temperatures slowly getting warmer, it's a good reminder that spring is on the way. And after what seemed like a winter that started early and kept going, it's a very welcomed change.

With this, everyone starts getting the itch to start venturing outside more, and with that will come the inevitable outdoor activities. We'd like to take a minute to touch on the burning aspect of warmer weather. The Village of Combined Locks permits outdoor burning with a few caveats: Only natural, clean wood may be burned in campfires/bonfires. But what exactly does clean wood mean? Well, simply put, it can't be painted or treated with any material to alter its appearance or finish. Only natural unfinished wood may be burned.

Did you know that there are hours that campfires are allowed? If you answered "NO", we're sure you aren't the only one. Campfires must be extinguished before 11:00PM Sunday night through Thursday night, and before 1:00AM on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Also, keep in mind that burning campfires may not create a nuisance for neighbors. Additionally, the fires must always be supervised by a person 18 or older, and water or extinguishment material must be readily available in the event it escapes your control. There are also location requirements. Campfire pits must be no closer than 25 feet from any combustible surface or material.

Many also don't know that yard waste is allowed to be burned as long as certain provisions are met. Read Village ordinance 5-2-9(e) for the specifics. However, no person may have, maintain or use a burning barrel to burn refuse (garbage, cardboard, building materials etc). Again, we all need to be good neighbors and not create a nuisance from smoke or smell for our neighbors. The Fire Chief has the authority to enact a "Burn Ban" in the Village if weather conditions warrant (extremely dry and windy conditions are present).

These are just a few highlights from the Village ordinance regarding outdoor burning. For a full list, visit [www.combinedlocks.org](http://www.combinedlocks.org) and click on "Ordinances". Look at Section 5 "Public Safety" and then ordinance number 5-2-9. Also, if you haven't already, head over to our Facebook page, 'Combined Locks Public Safety'. We share a lot of good information on there and try to keep residents up-to-date on happenings in the Village.



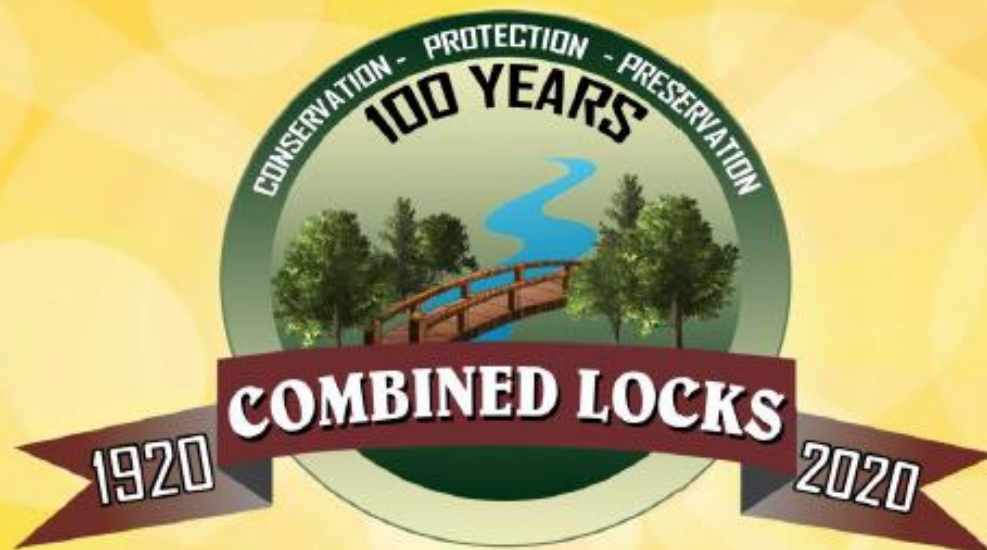
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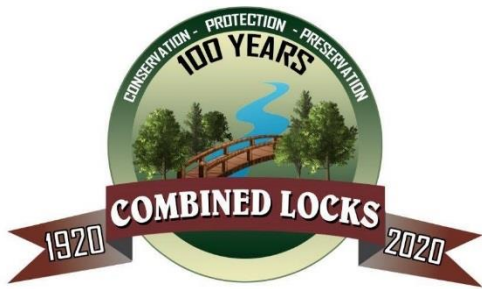
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**Memorial Park, Combined Locks**

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***PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS***

The Combined Locks Centennial Celebration will be held in conjunction with Paperfest 2020. This 4 day celebration will feature free live music, carnival rides, fireworks, parade, food, family fun, sports, and much more! Get an opportunity to view and add to the time capsule. Be a part of history while enjoying the fun community event. It's all about community!



# LAST CALL!!!!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your family stories and memories to fill this once-in-a-lifetime Combined Locks Centennial Memory Book.

Sharing your stories with us is easy. You can complete this questionnaire (use additional paper if necessary) and mail it or drop it off at the Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace St, Combined Locks WI 54113. You can also send the information in an email to: [gieser@combinedlocks.org](mailto:gieser@combinedlocks.org) The requested information is only a sample. You can skip some parts or add more – it's all up to you and what you want others to read about your family and how you landed in Combined Locks. Photographs are encouraged but not required. Submit your story to us ASAP!

**Family Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Members** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Moved to Combined Locks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where We Live in Combined Locks** \_\_\_\_\_

**What Brought Us to Combined Locks** \_\_\_\_\_

**What Keeps Us in Combined Locks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Neighbors/Neighborhood/School Memories** \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you participate/attend the 50<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> Combined Locks Jubilee?**      **Yes**      **No**

What is your best/fondest memory of the jubilee you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Memories About Life in Combined Locks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill in the blank:** Remember When \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print First Name & Last Name

Telephone

Email Address

Still not sure what to write? We have samples from another municipality's memorial book that we are happy to share with you. Just Ask!



## 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.



For more information on how you can help improve our local waterways, go to:  
[www.renewourwaters.org](http://www.renewourwaters.org)

### 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!

## 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.



### 2020 Election Schedule

February 18, 2020	Spring Primary
April 7, 2020	Spring Election – Presidential Preference Primary
August 11, 2020	Partisan Primary
November 3, 2020	General Election

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLING PLACE

Now that people are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for these changes as you are.

### State It

As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They'll check your information in the poll book. Understandably, some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but it is the law, and it helps ensure openness in elections.

### Show It

Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you.

The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs that say Sue can relax.) Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you, even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight.

### Sign It

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address. Now you're ready to vote.

***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.***

## COMBINED LOCKS RECREATION

Baseball/Softball Kick-Off is May 7<sup>th</sup>!

Summer schedule:

**Mondays:** coed tee-ball, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' softball & 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' baseball.

**Wednesdays:** coed tee-ball, 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls' softball & 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' baseball.

**Thursdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' baseball, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys' baseball & 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' softball.

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



## SCOREKEEPING & UMPIRING JOBS AVAILABLE

Responsible students and adults are needed to help with scorekeeping and umpiring for the baseball/softball games. Applications are available at the Combined Locks Civic Center – Clerk's Office. Preference is given to people who know how to "keep the book" and who have previous scorekeeping and umpiring experience.

## 2020 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Construction projects in the Village include:

- ❖ Mid to late summer: Traffic lights will be installed at the intersection of Wallace Street and CTH N
- ❖ Mid to late summer: New streets, sidewalks and driveway aprons will be installed in the Ruys Woods Subdivision
- ❖ Some upgrades to Van Zeeland Park and Lindberg Park may be started—depending on the planning process

- ❖ New entrance/welcome signs will be installed at the intersection of CTH HH and CTH CE
- ❖ Kwik Trip is the first business to locate in the Locks Business Park. Construction began March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is expected to be open for business near the end of July

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The advertisement has a dark blue background. At the top, the text 'FULL SERVICE IN-HOUSE Solutions that help SHAPE OUR COMMUNITIES' is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this, the company name 'McMAHON' is in a large, white, serif font, with 'ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom, the text 'SINCE 1909' is on the left, 'NEENAH WISCONSIN ILLINOIS | INDIANA' is in the center, and '920 751 4200 MCMGRP.COM' is on the right, all in a white, sans-serif font.





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#### **Public Works Department**

Director of Public Works

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**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.