

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 \$6.067 million budget for 2021 municipal operations, debt payments, capital projects, and capital purchases. It includes a tax levy of \$1,656,788. This tax levy is a 6.81% increase over the previous year and equates to an increase in the tax rate of \$0.35/\$1,000 of assessed value. The increase is due largely to \$5 million of new debt the Village incurred to mill and overlay Prospect Street, redevelop Van Zeeland Park, purchase a new fire truck, and reconstruct State Street. A summary of the 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 governmental agencies with the authority to levy a tax in order to support their activities. Those agencies include the Village, the County, the State, the School District, and the Technical College. A comparison of each jurisdiction's tax rate from 2019 to 2020 is printed on your tax bill.

Tax Credits and Special Charges

Lottery Credit: Check your 2020 real estate tax bill to see if you received a lottery credit. Properties in the Kaukauna School District receive a \$147.70 credit, and properties in the Kimberly School District receive a \$130.79 credit. Residents who own their homes as of 01/01/20 and use it as their primary residence also as of 01/01/20 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 2020 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 \$110, and each 96-gallon cart is \$157 for the 2020 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 truck 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, 2021.
- ❖ If you intend to pay your property taxes by installments, the first installment must be made (or postmarked) by January 31, 2021, payable to Village of Combined Locks. The second installment must be paid to the Outagamie County Treasurer by July 31, 2021.
- ❖ First installment or full property tax payments can be made in person by January 31, 2021 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 12/24, 12/25 & 01/01

2021 Dog Licenses Available

The 2021 dog licenses are available for purchase. The cost is \$7 for spayed or neutered pets, or \$12 for unsprayed or unneutered pets. A current rabies vaccine showing an expiration date of later than 04/01/2021 is required to purchase a license. Proof that your pet is spayed or neutered is also required.



2021 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 2021 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.

Christmas Week Schedule

Tuesday Schedule – NO changes

Thursday Schedule

Trash pickup on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Recycling pickup on Thursday December 24th.

New Year's Week Schedule – NO changes to regular Recycling and Solid Waste pickup.

Christmas tree pickup: Two options, Wednesday January 6th and Wednesday, January 27th.



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 take action 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 \$50 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 prohibited from 2:00am to 6:00am from December 1 through April 1. 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.



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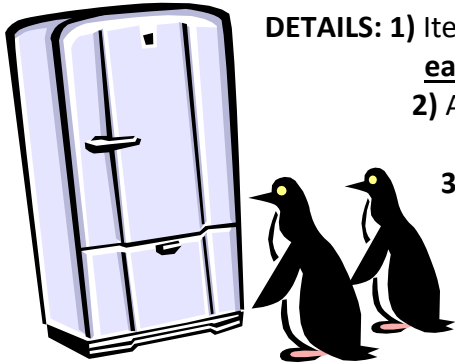
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Large Rubbish Collection Reminders

- ❖ **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 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.recyclomoreoutagamie.org/>



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2020-2021 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 11/02/20. Non-residents may reserve parks as of 04/01/21.

2020-2021 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 2021 reservations as of 11/02/20.

Non-residents may request 2021 reservations as of 01/02/21.



Winter Weather Tips from Sergeant Van Handel

BE PREPARED

full tank of gas ice scraper/snow brush sand/shovel jumper cables
flashlight first aid kit *don't forget your medications* cellphone charger
water/snacks
boots, gloves
blankets, warm clothes

FOR WINTER DRIVING

Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or emergency road closures

- **Safety First** – Avoid driving when roads are treacherous!
- **Clear it Before You Go** – Remove ice and snow from windows, lights and mirrors
- **Go Slow in Ice and Snow** – Relax and take it easy
- **Stay Focused** – Distractions can wait
- **You Cruise, You Lose** – Avoid cruise control in winter conditions
- **Keep Your Distance** – Stay 200 feet behind snowplows – Stop safely

511

Call 511 or visit 511wi.gov for real-time traveler information, including winter road conditions

DRIVE SAFELY

As winter weather approaches, the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office would like to prepare you for whatever the elements throw at us!

Wisconsin Department of Transportation illustrated things to consider for winter driving. It is worth noting the importance of keeping your distance between other vehicles and 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 Non-Emergency. Consider moving out of traffic if you have the ability to do so.

We want you to get where you need to be safely all times of year and understand the heightened concerns with winter driving conditions. If you need us, call us!

Safe Travels,

SGT. Tyler Van Handel
Outagamie County Sheriff's Office



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NEW Community Food Pantry

A food pantry has been installed near the Combined Locks Post Office. We've chosen this location because of its proximity to the Senior Housing and for students who may pass by on their way to or from Janssen Elementary School. This food pantry will be similar to the Free Little Libraries you see around the Valley.

Sharing restrictions: November → April

DRY GOODS ONLY PLEASE

During the winter months please leave dry goods only as canned goods and glass jars will freeze. Thank you!

A special "thank you" to Public Works employee Keith Weyenberg who built the pantry, and Travis and Phil at Sign Country who designed and donated the graphics.



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Combined Locks Recreation

Every player who was registered AND paid for the 2020 season, which was canceled, is considered a **RETURNING** player for 2021.

Online registration for the 2021 Baseball/Softball/TeeBall Leagues is coming in January. **Returning players** (residents and non-residents) and new Combined Locks resident registration begins 01/04/21 at noon and closes at noon on 01/13/21.



Online registration for non-resident new players begins 01/16/21 at 9:00am and closes at 4:00pm on 01/22/21.



Registration forms will be available on the Recreation page of the Combined Locks website: www.combinedlocks.org at the end of December. Registrants will need to print the forms, complete them and email them back to the proper email address. Specific instructions will be on the website soon.



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.

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.

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.



2021 Election Schedule

February 16, 2021 Spring Primary – *If needed*
April 6, 2021 Spring 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 - 04/06/2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the Village of Combined Locks, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for Village Trustee begins on April 20, 2021. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

Office
Village President
Village Trustee
Village Trustee
Village Trustee

Incumbent
John Neumeier
Justin Krueger
Cathy Vander Zanden
Brad Schinke

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2020, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, in the office of the Village Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

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



2021 Construction Projects

The Combined Locks Village Board recently adopted the 2021 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.



- Mill and overlay Prospect Street from Elm Street east to Park Street
- Steven Street utility replacement and street reconstruction
- Elm Street reconstruction from Williams Street west to CTH N
- Redevelopment of Van Zeeland Park



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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. 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. *This is the **last call** for family stories and memories.*

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 50th or 75th 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!



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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.