

Village of Combined Locks

2021

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 Find agendas and minutes under Resources.

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2021 SPRING ELECTION

April 6, 2021, is the date of the Spring Election. There are a number of races on the ballot this April. Included are: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Outagamie County Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Village President & Trustees, and Kimberly and Kaukauna School Board Members.

Village President Candidate:
Vote for not more than 1

John Neumeier (I)

Village Trustee Candidates:
Vote for not more than 3

Cathy Vander Zanden (I)
Brad Schinke (I)
Justin Krueger (I)



Contact the Clerk's Office at 920-788-7740 ext. 202 for information regarding absentee ballots. In-person absentee voting begins March 22, 2021 and ends at 5:00pm on Friday, April 2, 2021. You can also request an absentee ballot and register to vote at www.myvote.wi.gov

DOG LICENSES

Remember to license your dog by 04/01/2021. 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 04/01/2021 when you license your dog. Your veterinarian can provide the necessary documentation. A \$5 late fee is charged for dogs licensed after 04/01/2021. Dog owners who do not license their dog are also subject to a fine of \$75 or more.



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.

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.
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.

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2021 Revaluation

The Village of Combined Locks will be performing a **market revaluation** in 2021.

The last time Combined Locks performed a revaluation of all property was in 2017. Since then the market has changed and **assessed values are no longer reflective of the current market.**

The state of Wisconsin is a Market Value state. This means property values are required to mirror the fair market value of comparable properties to ensure property owners are paying their fair share of taxes.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Revaluation?

A revaluation is where the assessor reviews all property within the village and modifies each to its **current market value.** A periodic revaluation ensures equity amongst all property types while bringing assessed property values in line with market rates as required by State law.

Why is a revaluation being conducted?

The revaluation is being conducted to **bring all property types to current market rate** and to comply with the valuation requirements of State law (sec 70.05(5) (b), Wis. Stats.)

Will my taxes increase the same as my value?

An increase in value **does not** directly correlate to an increase in your taxes. If your property value increase proportionally and no new taxes are collected your share of taxes will not increase.

When will this new assessment go into effect?

The property tax bill you receive in **December 2021** will be based on the new assessment value of your property.

You will have an opportunity to formally review your new assessment with the assessor at the Open Book. You can visit www.accurateassessor.com to set an appointment. You can call or email the assessor anytime with questions/concerns.

Does the Village get more tax revenue from a revaluation?

No, there are **no additional revenues collected** when property is revalued. A revaluation ensures that all property owners pay their fair share of taxes and the municipality complies with state law. Your tax burden may increase or decrease depending on your **property's style, location, and year built, etc.**

How can my assessment change when I haven't made changes to my property?

Economic conditions such as **recent home sales** in your neighborhood, sales of reasonable **comparable buildings,** and **market conditions** will influence the value of your real estate.

Will the assessor visit my property?

Assessors will only need to visit properties with completed permits or sales that they need to review, etc. **Not all property will be visited in this revaluation.** The assessor will use market data available from recent sales and property data already on file to determine your new value.

Open Book (In Person)

Wednesday, May 5th from 4-6 pm

Open Book (Telephone)

Wednesday, May 5th from 2-6 pm
Thursday, May 6th from 2-6 pm

Board of Review

Monday, June 7th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

In person Open Book and Board of Review will be held at: **Combined Locks Civic Center**, 405 Wallace Street

If you have questions regarding the 2021 revaluation please email info@accurateassessor.com or call 1-800-770-3927.

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. **Weather permitting**, the Yard Waste Site will open April 1st.



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.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing helps remove minerals that discolor the water. This work will be done during the week of April 19th. 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.



TIRES

FREE TIRE COLLECTION

Village residents who need to discard old tires (car tires or smaller) may do so the week of April 19th through April 23rd. **Tires must be placed curbside on your normal garbage collection day.**

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM – OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

The Outagamie County Hazardous Material Collection Program operates May through October. 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.recyclomoreoutagamie.org/appointments

2021 Collection Dates:

May 12 & May 15
August 18 & August 21

June 23 & June 26
September 15 & September 18

July 21 & July 24
October 20 & October 23

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

Cleaners:

Drain & Oven Cleaners
Pool Chemicals
Household Cleaners
Polishes & Aerosols

Garden & Lawn Care

Herbicides/Insecticides
Fungicides/Pesticides
Weed Killer
Poisons

Miscellaneous:

Oil & Lead Paints
Varnish/Stains
Paint Thinners/Strippers
Spray Paints/Adhesives
Wood Preservatives
Kerosene
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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:
<https://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 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.recyclomoreoutagamie.org/>

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

Van Zeeland Park is receiving some exciting upgrades in 2021 and will not be available for use in 2021.



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 11/01/20. Non-residents may request 2021 reservations as of 01/02/21.

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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 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.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

Combined Locks Fire & Rescue is currently accepting applications for the position of Volunteer Firefighter. Individuals with daytime availability (shift workers, those who work-from-home, etc.) are highly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to village residents. Experience is great, but not required, as we will sponsor training at one of the area Technical Colleges if needed. If accepted, new hires must be able to complete State Certified Firefighter 1 within one year of hire.

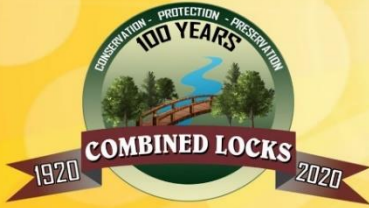
To obtain an application packet, stop by Village Hall or visit our web page at <https://combinedlocks.org/clerk-treasurer/fire/> and print one off.

The completed application can be mailed, dropped off in person or emailed back.

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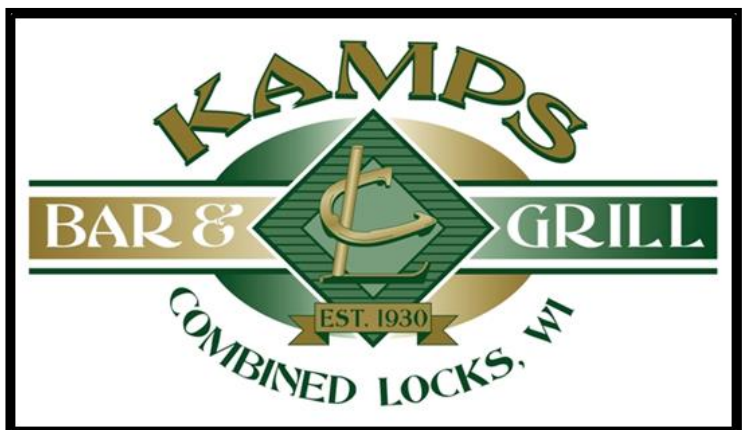
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Paperfest and the Village of Combined Locks will host the 33rd Annual Paperfest and Combined Locks Centennial Celebration "Do Over" from July 15th – July 18th at Memorial Park in Combined Locks. This is a free-admission community driven festival featuring live music, great food, sporting events, games, carnival rides, family fun, fireworks, a lumberjack show, trolley rides, a Centennial Parade, and much more! Paperfest strengthens our community by utilizing the expertise of our volunteers and generosity of our great sponsor partners to bring the community together and have fun!

Interested in being a part of the parade? We are looking for businesses, civic groups, families, marching bands, and more to be part of the Centennial Parade. Contact us at parade@paperfest.com



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.

- Motor oil
- Oil filters
- Antifreeze/transmission fluid
- Paint
- Solvent/degreaser
- Cooking grease
- Detergent
- Home improvement waste (concrete, mortar)
- Pet waste
- Yard waste (leaves, grass, mulch)
- Excessive dirt and gravel
- Trash
- Construction debris
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Other

For more information or to report an illegal discharge of pollutants, please call: Ryan Swick, Director of Public Works (920) 788-7744

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.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.) and batteries at designated collection locations.
- Clean up after your pet.
- 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.

For more information on how you can help improve our local waterways, go to:

<http://www.renewourwaters.org>

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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!

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COMBINED LOCKS RECREATION

Baseball/Softball Kick-Off is May 6th!

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

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

Thursdays: 1st – 2nd grade boys' baseball, 3rd – 4th grade boys' baseball & 3rd – 5th 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.

SUMMER STREET CREW JOBS AVAILABLE

Graduating high school seniors (18 years old and older) and college students are needed to help with parks and streets maintenance this summer. Typical duties include: grass cutting, cleaning park shelters, painting playground equipment, collecting brush, collecting large rubbish, and maintaining planting beds throughout the Village. Applications are available at the Combined Locks Civic Center – Clerk's office.

2021 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Construction projects in the Village include:

- ❖ Utility replacement on Steven Street and the 200 block of Jean Street
- ❖ Street reconstruction on Steven Street, Elm Street and Prospect Street
- ❖ Van Zeeland Park redevelopment – regrading and shelter construction
- ❖ Regrading and installation of drain tile at Blaese Park

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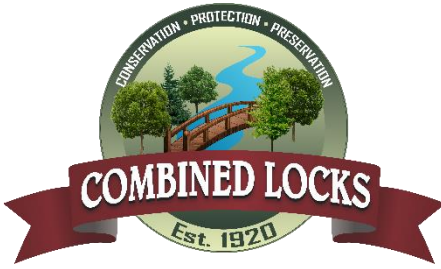
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Village Board Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30pm Combined Locks Civic Center Council Chambers
All Village Board meetings are open to the public, and there is an opportunity for anyone in attendance to ask any question of the Village Board. The Village 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.