

Village of Combined Locks

2022

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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2022 SPRING ELECTION

April 5, 2022, is the date of the Spring Election. There are a number of races on the ballot this April. Included are: Outagamie County Court of Appeals Judge District 3, Circuit Court Judge Branch 4, County Supervisor District 9, Village Trustees, and Kimberly and Kaukauna School Board Members.

Village Trustee Candidates: Vote for not more than 3

Mike Rietveld (I)
Jim Ponto (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 22, 2022 and ends at 5:00pm on Friday, April 1, 2022. You can also request an absentee ballot and register to vote at www.myvote.wi.gov

DOG LICENSES

Remember to license your dog by 04/01/2022. 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 04/01/2022 when you license your dog. Your veterinarian can provide the necessary documentation. A \$5 late fee is charged for dogs licensed after 04/01/2022. 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/brush-collection.
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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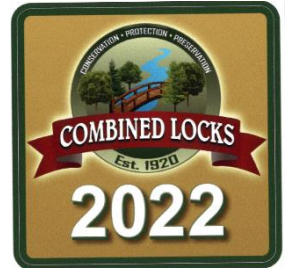
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2022 YARD WASTE PERMITS AVAILABLE

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.

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 18th. 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 18th through April 22rd. **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.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/appointments



2022 Collection Dates:

May 18 & May 21
August 17 & August 20

June 22 & June 25
September 14 & September 17

July 20 & July 23
October 12 & October 15

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.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/>

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.

The redevelopment of Van Zeeland Park continues and the park will not be available for reservations in 2022.



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.



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 – Two (2) three-year terms due to expire May 2025
Applications are available at the Village Clerk's Office, 405 Wallace Street, Combined Locks WI 54113 or on the Village's website: www.combinedlocks.org on the home page under events. Applications must be received in the Clerk's Office by **Tuesday, April 19, 2022.**



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ORANGE BARREL SEASON AHEAD!! 2022 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The 2022 budget includes some construction projects that are sure to interfere with your daily commute.

The water main on Buchanan Road between Shalimar Court and CTH HH/Ryan Street is being replaced starting March 16th. **The road will be closed, and you will need to use an alternate route.** This project is expected to be complete by the end of April if the weather cooperates.



Kamps Court will be resurfaced this summer. Additional parking for Van Zeeland Park and reconstruction of the parking lot on Darboy Road will also be part of this project. This project is expected to start early in May after the park contractor has planted grass.

At this time, the storm sewer project on Wallace Street and the erosion control project near the walking trails in Memorial Park are expected to start later this summer or into the fall.

Coffee with a Cop & Firefighter!

WHEN: Friday, April 8th, 2022 @ 9:00 am – 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 in the Golden Agers room to engage with the Village of Combined Locks citizens.



- Sergeant Hartjes
- Fire Chief Wiedenbauer
- Deputy Van Horn



Attendees can enjoy complimentary coffee while meeting Outagamie County Sheriff's Office and Combined Locks Public Safety members.

We look forward to the event so community members can:



- Learn more about the departments serving the Village of Combined Locks
- Discuss community concerns with the personnel serving the Village
- Grow relationships with the personnel serving the Village

All while gathering over a cup of coffee to celebrate Spring!

REMINDERS FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

With temperatures slowly getting warmer, it's a good reminder that spring is on the way.

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.



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Turn in your used or expired medications for safe disposal.



Bring: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications.

Do Not Bring: Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), mercury thermometers, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc...), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

Outagamie County Emergency Management

Free weather radios to be given away!

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Outagamie County Emergency Management staff will be handing out free weather radios which alert you of weather notifications locally, inform you of outages, and provide pertinent information quickly.

- Display table with emergency preparedness information/handouts and a live weather radio demonstration
- Emergency preparedness starter kit giveaway
- EM staff member to interact with attendees about preparedness and answer questions



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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.

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:

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The Perfect Lawn

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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 5th!

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.

"Thank you" to our 2021 Sponsors

Our apologies to the following sponsors. They were inadvertently missed during our previous "Thank You" notice: **Quad Communities Crime Stoppers** and **StoneRidge Piggly Wiggly**

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.

RECYCLING DON'T: PLASTIC BAG

One of the most critical messages we need relayed to Outagamie County residents is that plastic bags, wraps, and films should NOT go in their curbside recycling bins. They pose a serious hazard to our recycling sorting equipment, which is why any recycling disposed of in plastic bags gets pulled off our sorting lines immediately and goes to the landfill. From Outagamie County Municipal Newsletter.





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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.