

Village of Combined Locks

2026

Spring Newsletter



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Laura Lindberg

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

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
7:30am to 4:30pm
Friday 7:30am to 11:00am

2026 SPRING ELECTION

April 7, 2026, is the date of the Spring Election. There are a number of races on the ballot. Included are: Justice of the Supreme Court (State), Circuit Court Judge (Branch 2 and 3), County Supervisor, Village Trustees, Kimberly School Board Members, and Kaukauna School Board Members.

Village Trustees (two-year terms):

Vote for not more than 3

Laura Lindberg
Al Leicht
Tim Stutzman
Dennis D. Williams



Contact the Clerk's Office at 920-788-7740 ext. 202 for information regarding absentee ballots. In-person absentee voting begins March 24, 2026 and ends at 5:00pm on Friday, April 3, 2026. **The hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm.** You can also request an absentee ballot and register to vote at www.myvote.wi.gov

DOG LICENSES



Remember to license your dog by 04/01/2026. 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 04/01/2026 when you license your dog. Your veterinarian can provide the necessary documentation. A \$5 late fee is charged for dogs licensed after 04/01/2026. Dog owners who do not license their dog are also subject to a fine of \$75 or more.

VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS TAXPAYERS
Notice that the Assessment Roll is Open for Examination, Open Book,
and Board of Review

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Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §70.45, the assessment roll for the Year 2026 assessments will be open for examination starting on the 25th day of March, 2026 at 8:00am until the 28th day of April, 2026. The Assessment Roll Book will also be available online beginning 03/25/26. Visit: accurateassessor.com/roll-books

You may set an appointment to talk to an assessor by visiting accurateassessor.com then click on **Open Book Assistant**. Appointments will be conducted over the phone on April 7th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. An assessor will call you at your appointed time. Calls will take about 15 minutes.

Instructional material will be provided to 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 Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Combined Locks Civic Center Council Chambers, 405 Wallace Street, Combined Locks WI 54113 for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the forty-five day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §70.47(1).

2026 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 2026 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 1st.

Automobile 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 weeks of April 20th and 27th. 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. **When you first use water after we flush your area, it is best to run ONLY cold water through your tub faucet or an outside hose bib for a few minutes.** Your cooperation is appreciated.



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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 weyenbergk@combinedlocks.wi.gov (make sure to include your specific address).

"I request brush collection at **123 My Street** on the next available collection date"

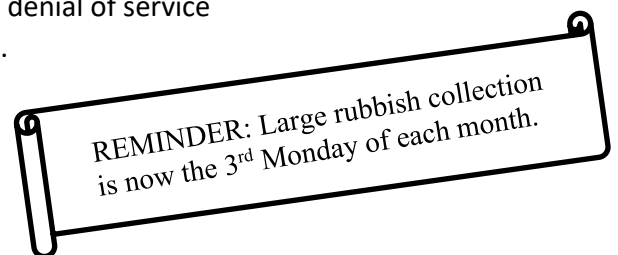
Please contact the Clerk's Office at (920) 788-7740 ext. 202 if you are having difficulty sending the email request. The Village has adopted this brush collection procedure to help streamline the delivery of that service.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Brush is collected weekly, on Wednesdays, April through July
2. Brush is collected on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from August through October.
3. The Village will collect real 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 6:00am on the collection day.

Brush Collection Rules:

1. 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. 3 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 6:00am 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/>

Lindberg Park Redevelopment

Plan Commission has been discussing the redevelopment of Lindberg Park since 2020 when Van Zeeland Park redevelopment was also being considered. The Village Board voted to delay Lindberg Park updates and focus on Van Zeeland Park in 2020. It's now time to get back into planning for Lindberg Park, and your input matters!

These are some of the items that were recommended by the public back in 2020:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve trails • Keep "nature" theme • Build small amphitheater • Use more of the available acreage • Create overlook • Improve shelter • Create mountain bike trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversify park equipment • More pickle ball courts • Improve parking • Separate parking from playground • Improve trail connections • Create zip line
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The Village Board chose to revamp the parking lot for Lindberg Park as part of the Park Street road reconstruction in 2025. This helped reduce the cost and improved drainage in the park and for neighboring property owners. We have also recently marked the wooded area in Lindberg Park with colored ribbons that indicate a potential mountain bike trail.

Now is a great time to visit the park and formulate some ideas for future redevelopment. Please watch for the summer newsletter for your chance to share your vision of future Lindberg Park. A survey will be included and a public input session/meeting scheduled for August/September.



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You're in the Village of Combined Locks, and you need an ambulance. Who do you call? 911

For the past few years, the Village of Combined Locks has partnered with the City of Kaukauna Fire Department to contract for ambulance service. What does this contract get us?

It gets us a guaranteed double-paramedic ambulance to the Village within 10 minutes of the call to 911. Kaukauna has 3 ambulances in their station and can staff all 3 in the event that they are needed. If for some reason there are no ambulances available, they will request Gold Cross Ambulance to be dispatched in their place.



In addition to Kaukauna Ambulance responding to calls in the Village, Combined Locks Fire & Rescue and Buchanan Fire & Rescue join together and are automatically dispatched at the same time as the ambulance to provide a municipally-owned, non-transporting EMT-Basic First Responder service. The Fire Department EMT's carry medications, equipment, defibrillators and are highly trained to provide immediate correction to many life-threatening conditions.

If you need non-emergency ambulance service, Kaukauna is still the provider of that service, as well as First Responders from the Fire Department. So, if you need an ambulance in Combined Locks, the number to call is 911. This is true for emergency as well as non-emergency calls for service.

The 911 Dispatcher who answers the call will ask you a series of questions which relate to the reason the ambulance is being sent. They may seem like a lot, but it's to get the best information to us as possible, and each call is treated the exact same way utilizing an Emergency Medical Dispatch protocol.

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TIRES

CURBSIDE TIRE COLLECTION

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 10 for collection the week of April 13 – April 17. Place tires curbside on your normal garbage collection day.

Park and Room Rental

(Rental Fee | Security Deposit)

Mark Van Thiel Room

Resident \$100 | \$100
 Non-Resident \$150 | \$150

Memorial and Van Zeeland Parks

Resident \$100 | \$100
 Non-Resident \$200 | \$200

Golden Agers Room

Resident \$75 | \$100
 Non-Resident \$150 | \$150

Lindberg Park

Resident \$50 | \$100
 Non-Resident \$100 | \$100

Rooms: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2026 reservations as of 11/01/25. Non-residents may request 2026 reservations as of 01/02/26.

Parks: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2026 reservations as of 11/01/25. Non-residents may request 2026 reservations as of 04/01/26.

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 it 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.



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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** – Three (3) three-year terms that will expire May, 2029, **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Two (2) three-year terms that will expire May, 2029, plus One (1) one-year term that expires May 2027, and **Sex Offender Residence Board** – One (1) five-year term that will expire May, 2031.

Applications are available at the Village Clerk's Office, 405 Wallace St., Combined Locks WI 54113 or on the Village's website: www.combinedlocks.wi.gov on the home page under Events. Applications must be received in the Clerk's Office by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**.

GOT STUFF?? TIME FOR A RUMMAGE SALE!!

A promotional poster for a community-wide rummage sale. The left side has a green background with white text: 'COMUNITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALE' in large letters, followed by 'COME AND SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP!' and 'TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS, VILLAGE OF KIMBERLY' with wavy lines separating the text. At the bottom, it says 'MAY 1ST - 3RD, 2026'. The right side shows a person's hand holding several colorful shopping bags (red, pink, gold) in front of a stone wall with white clouds in the background.

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You can also access the link on the Village's Facebook Page under Events
Deadline: April 26th



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SPRING SCAM AWARENESS

TAX SEASON SCAM

Spring time tax filing unfortunately leads to scammers pretending to be the IRS.

Common Tactics:

- Phone calls claiming you owe back taxes and must pay immediately
- Threats of arrest or license suspension
- Requests for payment using gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency.



HOME IMPROVEMENT & CONTRACTOR SCAMS

As homeowners begin spring projects, door-to-door scammers often appear.

Red Flags:

- “We’re working in the neighborhood and have leftover materials.”
- Pressure to pay large upfront deposits in cash.
- No written contract.
- No proof of insurance or local references.

PACKAGE DELIVERY & TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS

You may receive texts claiming:

- “Your package is delayed.”
- Click here to reschedule delivery.”
- These messages often contain malicious links.

Tip:

- Do not click unknown links.
- Track packages directly through the official shipping company website.



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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

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.
- 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.

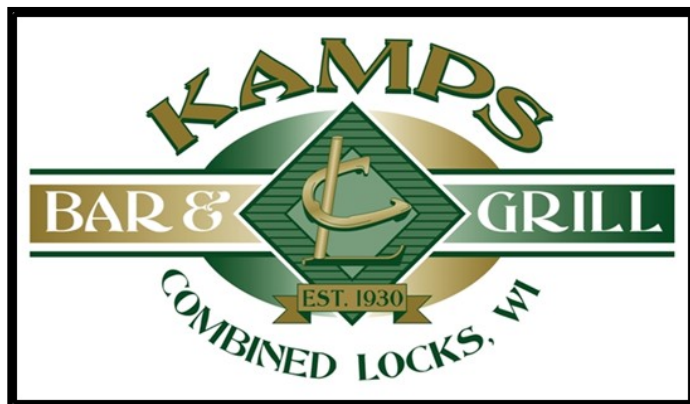
MORE INFORMATION:

Report illegal discharge of pollutants to: Keith Weyenberg, Director of Public Works & Utilities (920) 788-7744. Learn how you can help improve our local waterways: <http://www.renewourwaters.org>

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REMINDER: Chapter 215-10 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.

ATTENTION VAN ZEELAND PARK AREA RESIDENTS: There is a dog feces problem in your newly renovated public park. Dog owners are being irresponsible and leaving piles of dog feces on the ground where children play. Please be on the lookout for these irresponsible dog owners and report them!
Clerk's Office: 920-788-7740 ext. 203



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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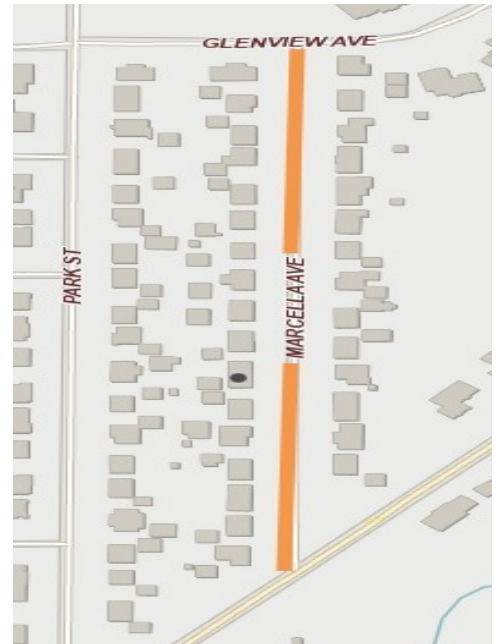
Baseball/Softball/Teeball starts May 4th! See you there!!

Youth games are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 5:00pm.

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

UTILITY CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Utilities will be replaced on Marcella Avenue beginning as early as March 23, 2026. Please use marked detours and avoid the construction area as much as possible.



WATER RATE INCREASE PENDING

Proposed new rate for CL customers = \$6.60 per 1000 gallons

Current rate for CL customers = \$5.49 per 1000 gallons

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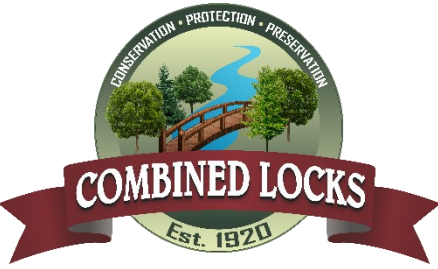
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Village Board Meetings

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.