

Village of Combined Locks

2023

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.wi.gov Find agendas and minutes under Resources.

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2023 SPRING ELECTION

April 4, 2023, is the date of the Spring Election. There are a number of races on the ballot. Included are: State Supreme Court Justice, Outagamie County Executive, Village President, Village Trustees, and Kimberly and Kaukauna School Board Members as well as a referendum.

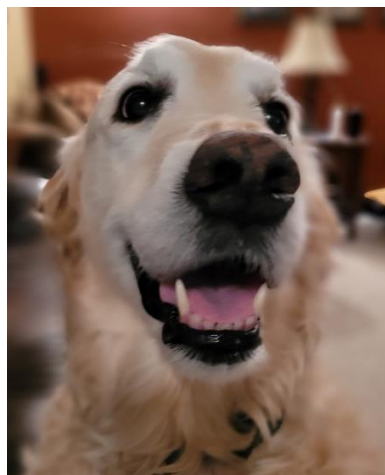
Village President Candidate:
Vote for not more than 1
John Neumeier (I)

Village Trustee Candidates:
Vote for not more than 3
Ken Heckner
Jackie Jaeger
Cathy Vander Zanden (I)
Brad Schinke (I)



Contact the Clerk's Office at 920-788-7740 ext. 202 for information regarding absentee ballots. In-person absentee voting begins March 21, 2023 and ends at 5:00pm on Friday, March 31, 2023. You can also request an absentee ballot and register to vote at www.myvote.wi.gov

DOG LICENSES



Remember to license your dog by 04/03/2023. 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 04/01/2023 when you license your dog. Your veterinarian can provide the necessary documentation. A \$5 late fee is charged for dogs licensed after 04/03/2023. 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 and Open Book

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Village of Combined Locks, Outagamie County

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §70.45, the assessment roll for the Year 2023 assessments will be open for examination starting on the 11th day of April, 2023 at 12:00pm until the 8th day of May, 2023. The Roll Book will also be available online beginning 04/11/23. Visit: accurateassessor.com/roll-books

You may set an appointment to talk to an assessor by visiting accurateassessor.com then click on **APPOINTMENTS**. Appointments will be conducted over the phone. An assessor will call you at your appointed time. Calls will take about 15 minutes.

Additionally, the assessor will be available on the 27th day of April between 12:00pm and 2:00pm for in-person appointments. Instructional material will be provided at the open book 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 Monday, May 15, 2023 beginning at 5:30pm 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).

2023 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 2023 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 3rd.

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 17th. 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.



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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.wi.gov/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.



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.wi.gov/large-rubbish/>

- 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/>

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FREE TIRE COLLECTION

Village residents who need to discard old tires (car tires or smaller) may do so the week of April 17th through April 21st. **Tires must be placed curbside on your normal garbage collection day.**

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



2023 Collection Dates: (Wednesday and Saturday)

May 10 & May 13	June 7 & June 10	July 12 & July 15
August 9 & August 12	September 13 & September 16	October 4 & October 7

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	Mercury	



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 2023 reservations as of 11/01/22.
Non-residents may request 2023 reservations as of 01/03/23.

Parks: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2023 reservations as of 11/01/22.
Non-residents may request 2023 reservations as of 04/03/23.

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 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.

Park responsibilities:

I understand that I am responsible for keeping the park clean, including keeping garbage in the large, green garbage cans, cleaning the bathrooms, and washing the tables. The interior rooms also need to be cleaned and swept before I leave.

I understand that Cars are not allowed to be driven on or be parked on the grass. The park must be vacated by 10:30PM. There are no exceptions to this rule. Loud and unnecessary noise is prohibited per Village ordinance 9.06. Noise that disturbs the peace and quiet of adjacent property owners will not be tolerated.



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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 due to expire May 2026 and **Zoning Board of Appeals** – One (1) three-year term due to expire May 2026.

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, April 11, 2023**.

GOT STUFF?? TIME FOR A RUMMAGE SALE!!



The poster is for a "COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE" on "SATURDAY MAY 20TH, 2023". It features logos for the Village of Kimberly, Town of Buchanan Wisconsin, and Combined Locks Est. 1920. The text "COME & SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP!" is prominently displayed with colorful shopping bags. A QR code labeled "SCAN ME" is in the bottom right. To the right of the poster, a red starburst contains the text "FREE LISTING" and instructions to list address, time, and dates for the sale weekend, plus a 20-word ad/description. Below this, it states the ad will be posted on May 12th on the Facebook event page, and information must be submitted before Monday, May 8th. A dark blue box at the bottom right contains a Google Form link and a QR code.

FREE LISTING
List your address, time and dates for the sale weekend, plus a 20-word ad/description

Your ad be posted
May 12th
on the Community Wide Rummage Sale event page on Facebook

Ad information must be submitted before
Monday, May 8th

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Plan Commission to Visit and Evaluate Parks – Join Us!

The Village Plan Commission plays a large role in our parks planning. The Commission members will be visiting each park over the next several months. Please join us and share your opinions and ideas about the park conditions, amenities, needs and wants. This is the schedule:

- **Memorial Park:** Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00pm at the park shelter
- **Van Zeeland & Blaeser Parks:** Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00pm - start at Van Zeeland Park shelter
- **Lindberg Park:** Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00pm at the park shelter
- **Coonen & Green Way Parks:** Wednesday, July 12th at 6:00pm - start at Green Way Park shelter

If you can't make it to the meetings, please share your opinions and ideas by sending an email to gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov

ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

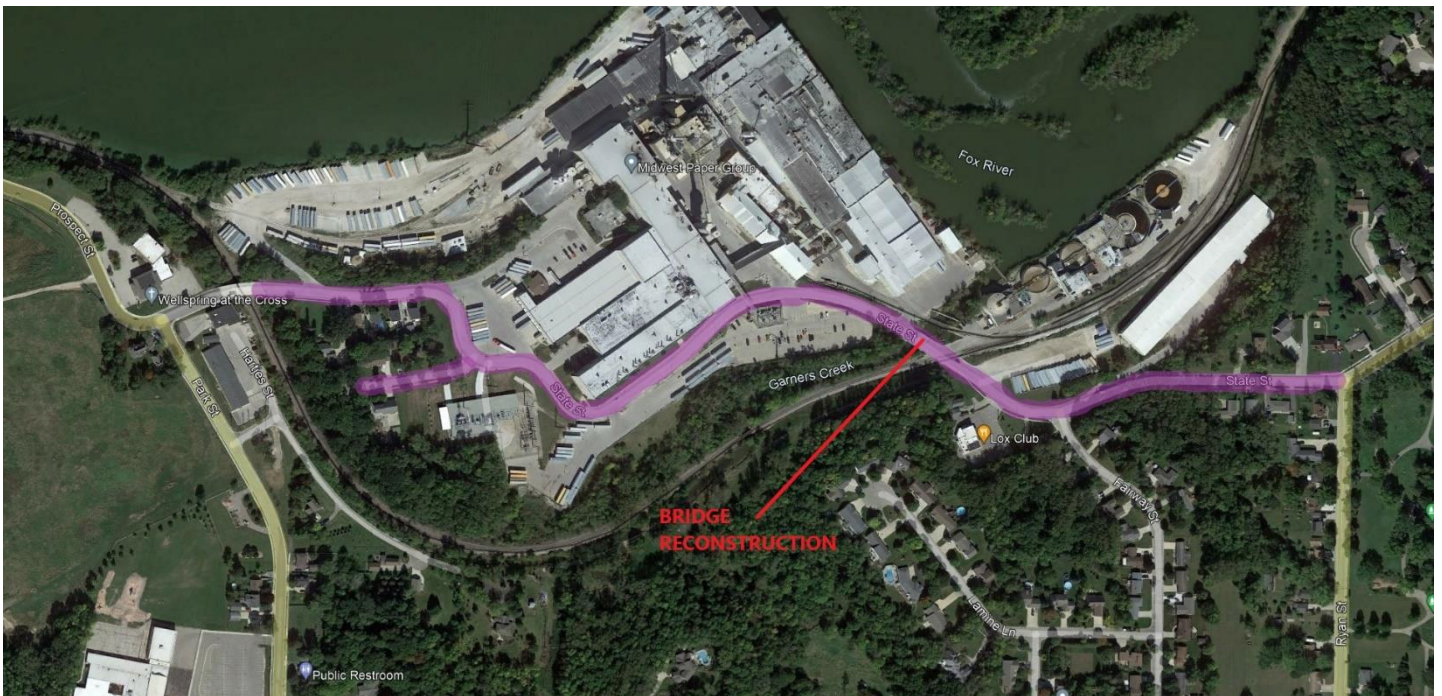
A large and time-consuming road reconstruction project is set to begin in early April. The project is expected to take six months to complete. The construction will begin at the 500 block of Prospect Street and continue through State Street to the intersection of Ryan Street. State Street will be impassable due to replacement of the bridge between McKinley Paper and the Lox Club. This project also includes reconstruction of Janssen Street.

It is very important that you avoid the construction area and use alternate routes; especially since the bridge will be out. The more traffic the contractors have to direct, the longer the project will take. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Information for residents who live in the construction area: 500 block of Prospect Street, Janssen Street, State Street, Fairway Street, Lamine Lane, and Vosters Vista. You will need to allow extra time to get to and from work, school or other travelling. Mail will not be delivered directly to your homes. Instead, groups of mailboxes will be placed in the closest area possible to you but outside of the construction area. All packages sent via United States Postal Service will be held at the Kaukauna Post Office.

The Lox Club will be open during construction, but patrons should access it from the east for the duration of the project.

Residents who are directly affected by this project will be invited to a pre-construction meeting. Watch for the meeting notice in your mailbox soon.



Outagamie County Sheriff's Office



Helpful Tips to Prevent Theft!

Recently, the Fox Valley area, Outagamie County, and surrounding counties have experienced an increase in mail thefts, catalytic converter thefts, and thefts from within vehicles overnight. We can work together within our communities to ensure citizens are informed which will hopefully assist with deterring these types of incidents. Here are a few helpful hints to prevent theft in your neighborhood!

1. **Be observant!** (If you see something, say something) Often times, it's reported that an individual didn't know if they should call law enforcement. Ultimately, law enforcement is here to protect our communities and what you saw might be extremely helpful in solving an issue that could be occurring locally.
2. **Consider investing in residential surveillance cameras.** Camera systems have become significantly more user friendly over time and can be easily set up in a few steps.
3. **Consider switching to paperless billing.** Switching to paperless billing helps with not receiving as much mail that contains personal information/banking information.
4. **Don't place outgoing mail in your mailbox overnight.** If possible, bring outgoing mail to the local post office. Important types of mail may include documents that contain personal information, checks, and other items of value.
5. **If you're away from home, request the post office to hold your mail.** Suspects of mail theft often appeal to residences that appear unoccupied or on vacation.
6. **Sign up for Informed Delivery by USPS.** This is a FREE service that shows you preview images of incoming mail plus status updates about your incoming and outbound packages.
7. **Lock vehicles and exterior doors of residence.** If possible, park your vehicles within a locked garage, lock your vehicles, and lock all exterior doors of the residence.
8. **Lights!** Keeping exterior lights on can be a significant deterrent as it is not as easy for an individual to be concealed. Investing in LED lights will help with cost effectiveness as well.

A photograph of a large, ornate stone columbarium monument with multiple niches for urns. It is set in a cemetery with trees in the background.

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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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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.



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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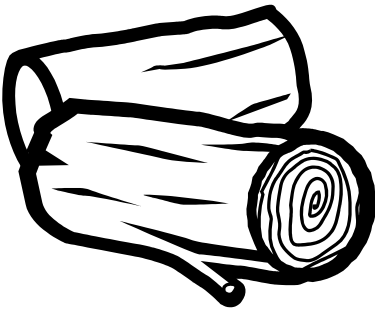
Baseball/Softball Kick-Off is in May!

- Mondays:** coed teeball
5th – 8th grade girls' softball
5th – 6th grade boys' baseball.
- Wednesdays:** coed teeball
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.



FIREWOOD CUTTING

Our DPW crew is still cutting down numerous Ash trees in the Combined Locks parks. Once the main cutting is complete, the wood will be placed at the east parking lot of the Don Fries Recreational Area (bottom of the sledding hill). After registering at the Clerk's Office and signing a waiver, residents will be able to cut and take the wood they need. **The signed waiver is required.**

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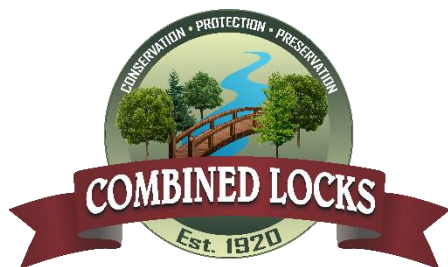
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Village Board Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30pm Combined Locks Civic Center Council Chambers

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.