

Fall 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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2024 Election Preview

February 20, 2024
April 2, 2024
August 13, 2024
November 5, 2024

Spring Primary, if needed
Spring Election & Presidential Primary
Partisan Primary
General Election

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.



YARD WASTE SITE HOURS: THROUGH NOVEMBER

The Village of Combined Locks provides a yard waste site for village residents to dispose of grass clippings, pruning debris, *brush less than 4' long*, and garden material. **DO NOT** bring brush to the yard waste site that is 4' long or longer – request curbside brush collection instead. The yard waste site is located at 400 Park Street. The site is open seven days a week from 7:00am to 7:00pm. ALL residents using the site must display the yard waste permit on the back of their vehicle. **Purchase your annual permit at the Clerk's Office - \$10.** Please provide vehicle information: **Make, model, year and license plate**

The Yard Waste Site will close for the year as of November 22nd, 2023 (weather dependent). Waste oil is collected at this site all year.



BRUSH COLLECTION REMINDERS

Large brush is collected curbside with a simple request. To request brush collection either call 788-7740 ext. 1 or email the statement below to swickr@combinedlocks.wi.gov (make sure to include your specific address).
"I request brush collection at **123 My Street** on the next available collection date"

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.
The last brush collection date is the 1st Wednesday in November.
3. 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.
4. All brush must be on the terrace as of 6:30am 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 will 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.

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FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves are collected curbside in the fall of each year. Leaf collection typically begins around the second or third week of October and continues until about Thanksgiving. Weather dictates the start and end dates of this service. Residents are asked to rake leaves into the gutter line.



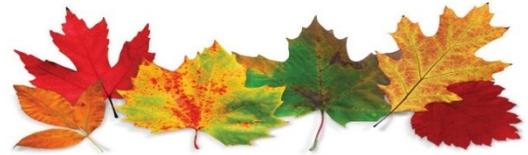
Keep the following in mind when bringing leaf piles to the curb.

- Parked cars should be at least 6' from leaf piles
- Trash and recycle containers should be 6' from leaf piles

Please make sure that leaf piles are kept low so that children cannot be hidden from motorists' view and kept close to the curb so as not to interfere with traffic.

Debris/items to exclude from leaf piles that are placed at the curb for collection:

- NO sticks, branches, glass clipping or yard waste
- NO pumpkins

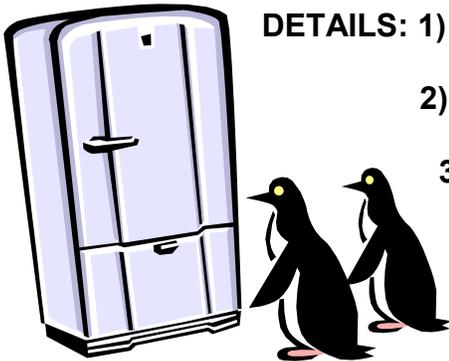


Reminder: LARGE RUBBISH COLLECTION REQUEST REQUIREMENT

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:

www.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 fee to be paid at the Clerk's Office at least 24-hours in advance. (2023 fee is \$20.00 per appliance)
 - 3) Electronics are no longer collected curbside as they must be recycled.

Please visit Outagamie County Solid Waste website for electronics disposal information:

<http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org/>



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To keep 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.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or unpaved surface.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste 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 dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.

REFUSE AND LARGE RUBBISH COLLECTION REMINDERS

Please take care to place your green trash cart **at least four (4) feet away** from your blue recycling cart. The distance is needed to ensure that obstructions do not interfere with the tip-to-dump garbage and recycling collection systems.

Sec. 8-3-3 Recycling Program and Recycling Containers d) Recyclable material containers must be placed for collection by 6:30 a.m. on the day of collection, but not before 12:00p.m. of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection.

Sec 8-3-5 Garbage and Refuse Containers: Preparation for Collection d) Refuse containers must be placed for collection by 6:30 a.m. on the day of collection, but not before 12:00p.m. of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Terrace Trees: It is a good idea to water trees regularly in the fall – especially newly planted trees.

Archery Range: The Archery Range in Memorial Park is open for public use during normal park hours. Normal park hours are daily from 7:00am to 11:00pm. If you are the last person to leave – turn off the lights, please! This is important in the fall, especially after the leaves start to drop.

Mail Boxes: For those mailboxes at curbside, please make sure that the front face of your mailbox is located behind the back of curb.

Winter Parking Restrictions: Winter parking restrictions begin December 1st.

From December 1st through April 1st, parking on the street is prohibited from 2am to 6am.



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Trick or Treat hours are
5:00pm to 7:00pm
October 31st



THANKSGIVING WEEK

Garbage & Recycling Collection Changes

Tuesday collection: No change for trash or recycling collection
Thursday collection: Trash collected Wednesday, 11/22
Recycling collected Friday, 11/24

Tire Collection

Tire collection dates for 2023 are Tuesday, September 19th and Thursday, September 21st. Place tires curbside on your normal garbage collect day. **Limit of 10 car tires or smaller per residence.** This service is discontinued for 2024.



COMBINED LOCKS WATER UTILITY HYDRANT FLUSHING



The Combined Locks Water Department will begin semi-annual water main/hydrant flushing on Monday, September 18th, 2023. The flushing should be completed in one week, but may continue through Friday, September 29th, 2023 if needed.

The water main flushing will remove most of the natural minerals, such as iron, that are harmless but will discolor water. If you see our Public Works Department personnel working in your area, use little, or if possible, no water for 1/2 hour to 3/4 of an hour to ensure that water has "settled down" - so that the discoloration is not drawn into your water system.

If you do find discoloration in your system, stop using water for about 1/2 hour - then draw off the discolored water through the **cold-water faucet only**. Our best advice is for you to wait until after 4:00 p.m. before washing clothes to minimize potential discoloration.

Thank you for your cooperation. Combined Locks Water Utility

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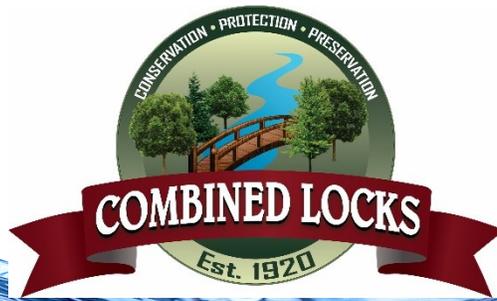
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The Water Department Needs Your Help!

The Wisconsin DNR and Public Service Commission (PSC) are requiring all municipal water systems to complete a system wide inventory of all water services. You can help by self-reporting the service information for your residence. There is an easy 7 question survey that can be found on the Village website at combinedlocks.wi.gov/water-sewer. You can also call 920 788-7740 to schedule an appointment to have one of our village employees stop by and record your service information.

The items that we need to record include:

- Meter serial number
- Water line material and size entering the house
- Water line material throughout the house
- Whether there is a water softener or filter system in the house

Below are examples of what you would need to look for:



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Smoke Alarms at Home



SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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Combined Locks Fire & Rescue 100th Anniversary Celebration Thank You

Well, that's a wrap on our 100th Anniversary Celebration! We'd like to give a huge shout out to everyone for attending and helping to make this event possible! The weather was iffy on Friday and after a few hours of clouds on Saturday, it turned out to be perfect! Saturday also turned out to be a perfect day for all of the retirees and past members of the Fire Department to have a small reunion before heading up to the float for the parade!

Also, a big thanks to all of the departments that sent apparatus to the parade! It was great! There're rumors that Combined Locks Fire & Rescue may have an annual Firefighter's Picnic! More to come on that!

For the UTV raffle, the winners are as follows:
Grand Prize (2023 Polaris UTV): Larry Clemens
2nd Prize 1,500: Nathan Shortess
3rd Prize \$750: Trent Wright
4th Prize \$500: Phil Reinl
5th Prize \$250: Shannon Wolf
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Every child who played during the 2023 season is considered a RETURNING player for 2024. Letters regarding registration will be mailed to returning ball players in December.

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Anticipated Construction Project (subject to change) **CTH K (Buchanan Rd) Paving Project – CTH CE to CTH HH, Village of Combined Locks**

This project will improve the existing asphaltic surface by profile milling and installing an asphalt overlay along the urban segment, and pulverizing, widening the paved shoulder, and replacing the asphalt pavement along the rural segment. Culverts and other roadway appurtenances may also be improved, replaced, or upgraded to meet current standards.



Anticipated Start – Mid-September, 2023
Anticipated Completion: Mid-October, 2023



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The Village of Combined Locks is full of great people – many of who volunteer to help beautify the community by maintaining boulevards, planting flowers and shrubs, picking up litter, donating funds to maintain planting beds, and installing flags for holidays.

Please join us in a round of applause to ALL who help make Combined Locks a wonderful place to live! Thank You!

And we can always use more help! If you are interested in adopting a planting bed or installing flags on holidays, please contact the Clerk's Office at 920-788-7740 ext. 0 or gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov

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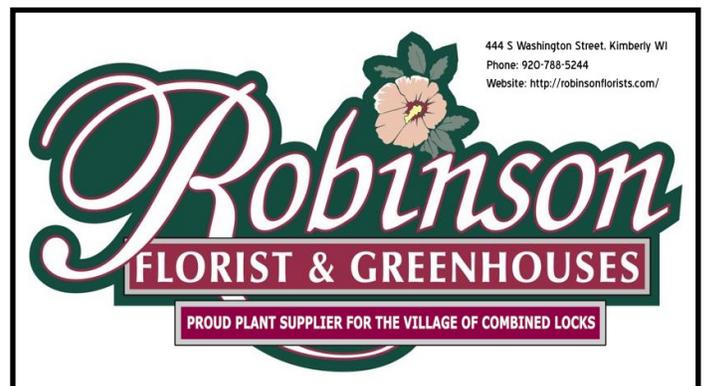
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Mark Van Thiel Room

Resident \$100 | \$100
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Memorial and Van Zeeland Parks

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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 2024 reservations as of 11/01/23.
Non-residents may request 2024 reservations as of 01/02/24.

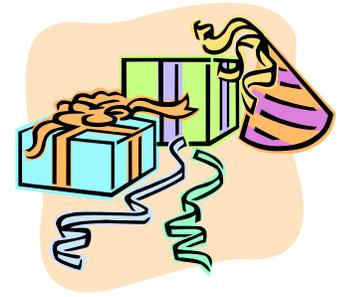
Parks: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2024 reservations as of 11/01/23.
Non-residents may request 2024 reservations as of 04/01/24.

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.

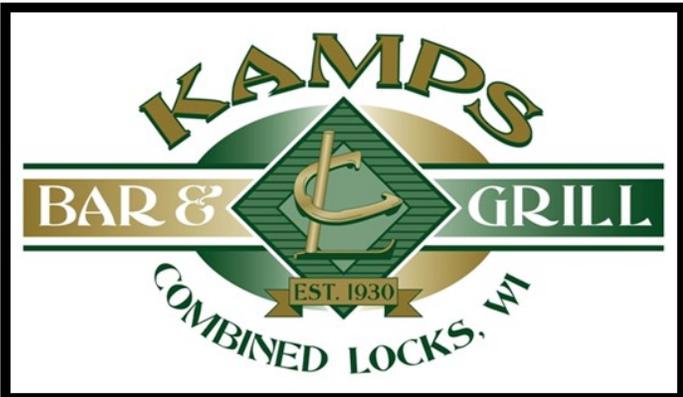
The Golden Agers Room is available for smaller family parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, etc. It includes a refrigerator, counter space and a sink. Maximum 30 people.



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 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.