

Village of Combined Locks

2025

Fall Newsletter



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*Meetings are 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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*** **NEW OFFICE HOURS MONDAY – THURSDAY: 7:30am to 4:30pm** ***
*** **FRIDAY: 7:30am to 11:00am** ***

2026 Election Preview

February 17, 2026

April 7, 2026

August 11, 2026

November 3, 2026

Spring Primary (*if needed*)

Spring Election

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 Thursday from 7:30am to 4:30pm and Friday, 7:30am – 11:00am. 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.

Absentee Voting

Once you are registered, you may request an absentee ballot in the following ways:

1. On-line: <https://myvote.wi.gov/> Choose "Vote Absentee By Mail"
2. In-Person at the Village Clerk's Office: In-person absentee voting begins two Tuesdays before each election. If you apply for an absentee ballot in the Village Clerk's office, you must vote immediately. No ballots may be taken from the Clerk's office.
3. Request by Mail: Download the Application for Absentee Ballot ([EB121](#)). Complete the form and mail it to the Village Clerk's office with a copy of your official photo identification. The application deadline is 5:00pm. on the Thursday before the election. *Don't wait until this deadline as we cannot control the mail delivery service.*





BRUSH COLLECTION REMINDERS

Large brush is collected curbside with a simple request. To request brush collection either call 788-7740 ext. 3 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 for the year 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 two 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 or dropped at the yard waste site.
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.

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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

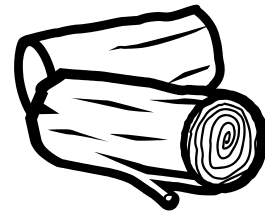
Please make sure that leaf piles are kept low so that children cannot be hidden from motorists' view and kept close to the curb so as not to interfere with traffic.

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

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

FIREWOOD CUTTING

If you are interested in cutting some firewood for your personal use, please contact the Clerk's Office at 788-7740 ext. 201.
A signed waiver is required.



RECYCLING COLLECTION

Outagamie County manages the recycling collection contract for all its municipalities. This past year, GFL became the new recycling collection contractor. We have been notified that recycling collection may begin as early as 5:00am. Please be sure to have your recycling curbside by 5:00am on your collection days. The folks at Outagamie County recommend placing recycling carts curbside the night before collection.



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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 RECYCLE 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.

Chapter 453-3 & 453-4: Recycling Program and Recycling Containers d) Recyclable material containers must be placed for collection by 6:30am on the day of collection, but not before 12:00pm of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection. ****County's new contractor picks up as early as 5:00am. County recommends carts be placed curbside the night before the collection day.****

Chapter 453-5: Garbage and Refuse Containers: Preparation for Collection d) Refuse containers must be placed for collection by 6:30am on the day of collection, but not before 12:00pm 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 park hours. Park hours are 7:00am to 11:00pm daily. If you are the last person – turn off the lights, please! This is especially important in the fall, when the leaves start to drop.

Mailboxes: 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.

Parking on the street is prohibited from 2am to 6am between December 1st and April 1st.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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October 31st



THANKSGIVING WEEK

Garbage & Recycling Collection Changes

Tuesday collection: No change for trash collection

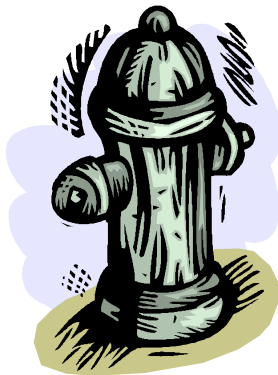
Thursday collection: Trash collected Wednesday, 11/26

Thanksgiving week is not a recycling week this year.



REMINDER: Village offices are closed Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

COMBINED LOCKS WATER UTILITY HYDRANT FLUSHING



The Combined Locks Water Department will begin semi-annual water main/hydrant flushing on Monday, September 22nd, 2025.

The flushing should be completed in one week, but may continue through Friday, October 3rd, 2025, if needed.

Flushing the water main removes 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 ½ hour to ¾ 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 ½ 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.



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 September 15th for collection the week of September 15th – September 18th. **Tires must be placed curbside on your normal garbage collection day.**

*****Business tires are not accepted****



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Village of Combined Locks Water Department e-Bill Enrollment Form

Combined Locks Water & Sewer Utilities is now offering a paperless e-billing option. This is a free service.

Here's How e-Billing Works

The Wisconsin PSC requires the utility to obtain written consent in order to switch from the mailed postcard bill to e-billing. When a completed enrollment form is received, a confirmation email from lesnicks@combinedlocks.wi.gov will be sent to the email address provided. Future bills will be sent from that same email address with the subject line:

“Your latest VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS Bill is now available”. Please be sure to add the email address to your address book/safe senders list to avoid bills going to your spam folder. Postcard bills will no longer be sent via standard mail for those who choose e-billing.

Completed authorization forms can be emailed to lesnicks@combinedlocks.wi.gov. Alternatively, return in person or by mail:

Village of Combined Locks
Attn: Utility Billing
405 Wallace Street
Combined Locks WI 54113



Questions?? Please call 920-788-7740 ext. 202 or email lesnicks@combinedlocks.wi.gov.

e-Bill Authorization

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Service Address: _____

Utility Account Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

I hereby authorize the Combined Locks Water & Sewer Utilities to email my quarterly utility bill to the email address listed above. I further confirm that I will no longer receive a postcard bill in the mail. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the Combined Locks Water & Sewer Utilities should I change my email address. This authority is to remain in force until the Combined Locks Water & Sewer Utilities has received written notification from me of its termination.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

e-Bill Cancellation

I hereby revoke/terminate my authorization to receive bills via email and wish to begin receiving postcard bills in the mail.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

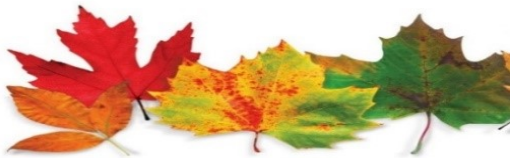
Printed Name & Service Address: _____

Cross-Connect Survey and Water Meter Testing

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires the Water Utility to perform Cross Connection Surveys on residential properties once every 10 years. A Cross Connection Survey is a survey of all the plumbing on the property for Cross Connection. Combined Locks Water & Sewer Utilities personnel will be checking all plumbing fixtures, including all bathrooms on the property. Our Utility employees will replace your water meter & perform the Cross Connection Survey at the same time. There is no separate charge to residents for these required inspections and tests. If the Utility inspector identifies non-compliant issues, the homeowner is responsible for the repairs/corrections and the cost incurred to make the repairs/corrections.



Starting in late September of 2025, residents on the following streets should expect a letter with more details and information on making an appointment: Barbara, Jean, Margaret, Michael, Richard, Steven, Susan, and the 500 block of S. Washington.



YARD WASTE SITE OPEN 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 20th, 2025, (weather dependent). Waste motor oil is collected at this site all year.

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- Maintain a Safe Following Distance
- Use Extra Caution During Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times
- Avoid Distractions
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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. 203 or gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov

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Lindberg Park

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

Rooms: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2026 reservations as of 11/03/25.
Non-residents may request 2026 reservations as of 01/02/26.

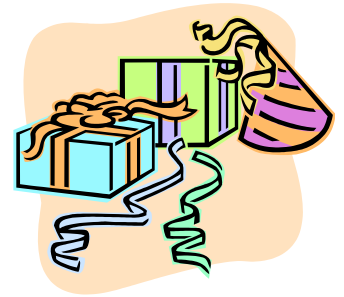
Parks: Residents of Combined Locks may request 2026 reservations as of 11/03/25.
Non-residents may request 2026 reservations as of 04/01/26.

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 includes a small kitchen with a refrigerator, sink and stove.

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We have been notified that Kimberly Water Utility will be working on its Lincoln Street Well beginning 09/22/25. They have installed a bypass line and plan to pump the same volume of water through it to minimize any issues with water quality and/or discoloration.



*We hope you continue to patronize the local businesses that choose to advertise with the Village of Combined Locks. Their business cards are printed throughout the 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.