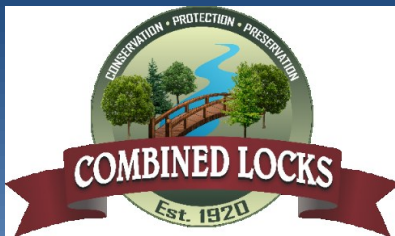


## Winter Newsletter



### Village President

John Neumeier

### Village Trustees

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Jim Ponto

Ken Heckner

Al Leicht

Justin Krueger

*Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30pm. Agendas are posted at*

[www.combinedlocks.wi.gov](http://www.combinedlocks.wi.gov)

*Find agendas and minutes under Resources.*

### Village Administrator

Racquel Shampo-Giese

[gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov](mailto:gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov)

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### Municipal Budget Adopted

The Combined Locks Village Board has adopted a \$5.953 million budget for 2025 municipal operations, capital projects and purchases, and debt payments. It includes a tax levy of \$1,791,541. This levy is a 7.20% decrease from the previous year. Even with the recent community-wide revaluation, many property owners will see a decrease in the local portion of their 2024 real estate tax bill. A summary of the 2024 budget is available to review in the Clerk's Office or on the homepage of the Village website:

[www.combinedlocks.wi.gov](http://www.combinedlocks.wi.gov)

Your property tax bill also includes a number of other governmental agencies with the authority to levy a tax in order to support their activities and services. Those agencies include the County, the State, the School District, and the Technical College. A comparison of each jurisdiction's net tax from 2023 to 2024 is printed on your tax bill.

### Tax Credits and Special Charges

Lottery Credit: Check your 2024 real estate tax bill to see if you received a lottery credit. Properties in the Kaukauna School District receive a \$201.09 credit, and properties in the Kimberly School District receive a \$154.99 credit. Residents who owned their homes as of 01/01/24 and use it as their primary residence also as of 01/01/24 are eligible for the credit. If the credit is not on your tax bill already, it is not too late to claim it. Claim forms are available at the Municipal Clerk's Office. Please call or stop in for details.

Storm Water Charge: Storm water charges are added to all parcels in the Village in order to pay for storm water management as required by the Wisconsin DNR. The Storm Water Charge for the 2024 tax bill is \$140 per ERU. The value of duplex, unimproved and non-residential properties is based on a percentage of the value of one ERU. These charges are necessary to fund the DNR requirements to reduce sediment and phosphorous in the Fox River and in Garners Creek.

Garbage Charge: Garbage charges are added to each parcel in the Village according to the size and number of garbage carts at the property. Each 64-gallon cart is \$140, and each 96-gallon cart is \$200 for the 2024 tax bills. These charges cover the landfill and recycling expenses, replacement carts, maintenance on the trash truck and allows for a reserve fund to replace the trash trucks when it becomes necessary.



## Important Tax Payment Dates

- ❖ If you intend to pay your property taxes in full, payment must be made (or postmarked) by January 31, 2025.
- ❖ If you intend to pay your property taxes by installments, the first installment must be made (or postmarked) by January 31, 2025, payable to Village of Combined Locks. The second installment must be paid to the Outagamie County Treasurer by July 31, 2025.
- ❖ First installment or full property tax payments can be made in person by January 31, 2025 at either of these locations:
  - Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace Street, Combined Locks
  - Community First Credit Union, 600 W Kimberly Avenue, Kimberly
- ❖ You may also use the Night Deposit Box located west of the Civic Center's main doors.



**Village Offices are CLOSED**  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>



## 2025 Dog Licenses Available

The 2025 dog licenses are available for purchase. The cost is \$7 for spayed or neutered pets or \$12 for unaltered pets. A current rabies vaccine showing an expiration date of later than 04/01/2025 is required to purchase a license. Proof that your pet is spayed or neutered is also required.



## 2025 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 2025 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.



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## Trash & Recycling Reminders

Trash and recycling need to be curbside by 6:00am on collection days. During winter months, do not place your carts in the street or on top of snow banks; instead place them in your driveway apron. One cart on each side of the apron works best for automated collection. Placing the carts in the street interferes with snow plowing and snow removal.



Always place your cart at least 4 feet away from any other object - including mailboxes. Carts must be placed with the arrows pointing toward the road. Your cooperation helps us to deliver this essential service in an efficient manner. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Holiday Schedule



#### Christmas Week

Tuesday garbage picked up on Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>). No change for Thursday garbage. No change for recycling (*not a recycling week*).

#### New Year's Week

Tuesday recycling no change. Thursday recycling collected Friday. No change for garbage pickup for Tuesday or Thursday.

**Christmas tree pickup:** Two options: Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Snow Removal Practices

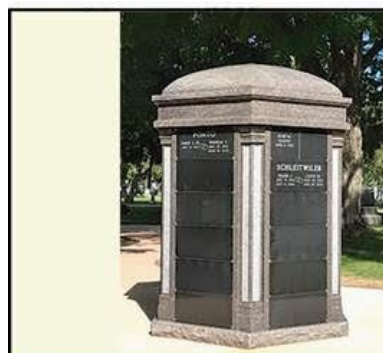
[Chapter 460-27](#) of the municipal code explains that it is the responsibility of the owner, occupant, or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk, to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice: and to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk within 48 hours after a snowfall. In the event that ice forms on the sidewalk in such a manner that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant, or person in charge is to sprinkle salt, sand, and or other melting substance to permit safe travel by pedestrians.

The Village no longer sends out warning letters to those property owners or residents who do not have their sidewalks cleared in a timely manner. The Village will act to have snow removed from the sidewalks that are not shoveled in a timely manner and bill the costs as a special assessment to the property.

## Prohibited Snow Removal Practices [\(Chapter 460-29\)](#)

- ❄ Using a private vehicle or snow blower to push snow/ice onto a public street or sidewalk or manually shoveling snow/ice onto a public street or sidewalk
- ❄ Shoveling or blowing snow on top of a fire hydrant

**If you contract for snow removal, make sure your contractor is aware of these rules.**



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## Mail Box Damage

No matter how careful our snow plow operators are, mailboxes might get damaged during the snow season. If a mailbox is damaged due to operator error, the operator will notify the Director of Public Works. He will report the location of the incident and the amount of damage. The Department of Public Works may choose to replace the damaged mailbox with a standard mailbox approved by the US Postal Service. The Department of Public Works may, upon request of the property owner, provide not more than \$75 towards the replacement cost of said mailbox. A property owner who installs a decorative mailbox or decorative material within the road right of way does so at his or her own risk, and the Department of Public Works shall not be responsible for damages.

## Fire Hydrants

A few minutes of your time after each snowfall to clear the hydrant of snow means that the Firefighters can more effectively fight a fire in your neighborhood. Thank you for your help.



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## Winter Parking

Parking on Village streets is prohibited from 2:00am to 6:00am from December 1 through April 1. For the occasional guest parking, please contact the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office at 920-832-5000 for a temporary exception. Vehicles must not be parked in such a manner so as to obstruct the public sidewalk.

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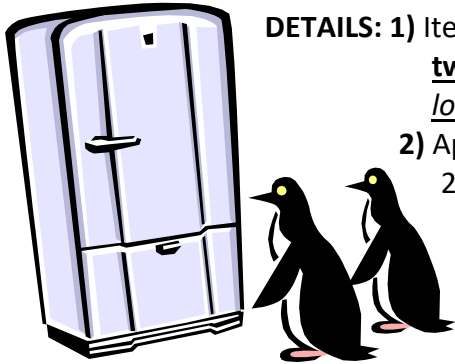
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## Large Rubbish Collection Reminders

- ❖ **WHAT:** Residents MUST request large rubbish collection at least 24-hours in advance
- ❖ **HOW:** Call 920-788-7740 ext. 3 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/](http://www.combinedlocks.wi.gov/large-rubbish/)



- DETAILS:**
- 1) Items must be curbside by 6:30am on the day of collection and **no earlier than two days before collection.** *Fines may be issued for items at the curb for longer than 48 hours before the collection date.*
  - 2) Appliances require a pre-paid fee payable 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 Solid Waste web site for electronics disposal information:

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



## 2025 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

A large and time-consuming utility replacement and road construction project for Park Street and Paul Court is scheduled to begin in March and be completed in October. The project includes: water main replacement, sanitary sewer main & laterals replacement and storm water main and sump pump installation and connection from Glenview Avenue south to, and including, Paul Court. Park Street from Prospect Street to CTH K (Buchanan Road) will be reconstructed in concrete. Paul Court will be repaved in asphalt.

The water main on Fairway Street will also be replaced in 2025. The start date of this project is yet to be determined.



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## 2025 PARK RENTAL

Lindberg Park: Not available for 2025 due to road construction project.

Memorial Park: Rental fee \$100 for residents; \$200 for non-residents

Van Zeeland 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 11/01/24.  
Non-residents may reserve parks as of 04/01/25.



## 2025 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 2025 reservations as of 11/01/24.

Non-residents may request 2024 reservations as of 01/02/25.



## 2025 GOLDEN AGERS ROOM RENTAL

The Golden Agers Room is available for smaller (maximum 30 people) family parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, etc. It includes a refrigerator, counter space and a sink. The rental fee for residents is \$75. The rental fee for non-residents is \$150. A separate security deposit is also required for all rentals.

Residents of Combined Locks may request 2025 reservations as of 11/01/24.

Non-residents may request 2025 reservations as of 01/02/25.



## FIREWOOD CUTTING

You must register at the Clerk's office prior to wood cutting. 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.**

There is wood across from the DPW building at 300 Park Street.

*Any questions, please call ahead at the Clerk's Office, 920-788-7740 ext. 202.*



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## COMBINED LOCKS RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2025 Baseball/Softball/Teeball Registration



\* Registration for all the 2025 Recreation programs will be ONLINE! \*  
\*\*\*Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis due to space limitations\*\*\*

Registration for **all returning** players (resident & non-resident) from the 2024 season **and** any **NEW PLAYERS** who live in COMBINED LOCKS will be in January.  
Registration for non-resident, new players will be in February.

More information about registration will be posted on the Combined Locks Village website  
[www.combinedlocks.wi.gov/recreation](http://www.combinedlocks.wi.gov/recreation)

### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

Combined Locks Fire & Rescue is currently accepting applications for the position of Volunteer Firefighter. Individuals with daytime availability (shift workers, those who work from home, etc.) are highly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to village residents. Experience is great, but not required, as we will sponsor training at one of the area Technical Colleges if needed. If accepted, new hires must be able to complete State Certified Firefighter 1 within one year of hire.

To obtain an application packet, stop by Village Hall or visit our web page at <https://combinedlocks.wi.gov/fire/>, navigate to 'Firefighter Application' in the Related Links section to view and print an application. The completed application can be mailed, dropped off in person or emailed back.

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## DRY GOODS ONLY PLEASE

During the winter months please donate  
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The following items could shatter or rupture:  
Canned goods  
Glass jars



## Report a Street Light Outage

If you see a street light out, you may contact the utility  
directly. This would be either

- We Energies  
(<https://www.we-energies.com/services/streetlight>)
- Kaukauna Utilities  
(<https://www.kaukaunautilities.com/contact/report-a-street-light-outage/>).

You may use the links shown to navigate to the page where you can report the outage.

For non-street lights, such as the trail lights in Coonen park,  
you may contact the village office at 920-788-7740.



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## Election & Voter Information

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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.

All registered voters in Combined Locks vote at the Combined Locks Civic Center, 405 Wallace Street. The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm on every election day. ALL voters must show picture identification before a ballot can be issued to him/her. Contact the Clerk's Office if you are interested in voting by absentee ballot. The telephone number is 920-788-7740 ext. 202.



### 2025 Election Schedule

February 18, 2025	Spring Primary – <i>If needed</i>
April 1, 2025	Spring Election

**Please be reminded that political signs, banners, flags must be removed within 10 days after an election per Village Ordinance Section [580-65\(K\)](#).**

## **NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION Village of Combined Locks - 04/01/2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the Village of Combined Locks on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for Village Trustee begins on April 15, 2025. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

#### Office

Village President  
Village Trustee  
Village Trustee  
Village Trustee  
Village Trustee, 1-Year Term

#### Incumbent

John Neumeier  
Brad Schinke  
Ken Heckner  
Al Leicht  
Justin Krueger

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00pm on January 7, 2025, in the office of the Village Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Not interested in running for election? How about being appointed to a committee? Terms for Plan Commission, Zoning Board and Sex Offender Residence Board expire each year, and the Village President considers reappointment of current members or appointment of new members. Contact the Village Administrator for more information. [gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov](mailto:gieser@combinedlocks.wi.gov) or 920-788-7740 ext. 203

## Winter Driving...Be Safe!

# BE PREPARED FOR WINTER DRIVING

*Expect the unexpected to drive safely in Wisconsin winters*

- **Keep Your Distance**
  - Stay 200 feet behind snowplows
  - Leave room to brake
- **Monitor Local Forecasts**
  - Winter weather events can develop and change rapidly
- **Be Prepared**
  - Have a fully charged phone and an emergency kit in your vehicle
- **Clear It Before You Go**
  - Remove ice and snow from windows, lights and mirrors
- **Go Slow In Ice and Snow**
  - Drive for conditions
- **Stay Focused**
  - Buckle Up, Phone Down
- **You Cruise, You Lose**
  - Avoid cruise control in winter conditions



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### School Zone Driving Reminders

- Obey Speed Limits
- Watch for School Buses
- Maintain a Safe Following Distance
- Use Extra Caution During Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times
- Avoid Distractions
- Follow Crossing Guard's Signals
- Look for and Obey Traffic Signs
- Be mindful of Bicycles and School Hours and

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## Ice and Snow Control

**We can have safe walkways in the winter and cleaner water all year round.**

Winter in Northeast Wisconsin is a great time for outdoor fun, like ice fishing, ice skating, sledding and skiing. Here, winter also means mountains of snow to shovel and layers of ice to remove from driveways and sidewalks. We often try to make ice removal easier by using products like salt and sand to melt the snow and ice. Many people do not realize that these products are harming local waters and the animals that rely on them. When the ice and snow melt, the salt and chemicals flow into street drains that lead directly to rivers and lakes.

### Shovel Often and Early

Shoveling often during and immediately following the storm removes the snow from walkway and driveways before it gets packed down by tires and feet. The most important part of deicing is removing as much snow as possible before applying salt or sand – it’s also great exercise!

**Use only the recommended amount. Throwing down more salt will not speed up the melting process.**

**Make the most of the salt you use.**

It is not always necessary to see bare pavement to have a safe winter surface. Ask yourself if it is necessary that the snow or ice be removed. For salt to be effective, air temperature needs to be warmer than the surface temperature of the area you want to treat. A

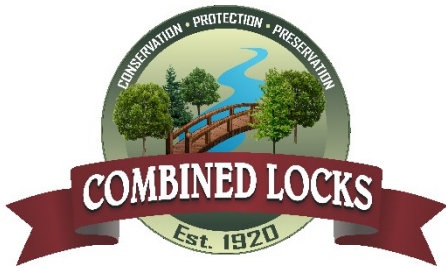
little goes a long way. Use only the recommended amount. Throwing down more salt will not speed up the melting process. Use only enough deicer to break the bond between the ice and the pavement, then remove the remaining slush by shoveling.

### Limit the amount of sand you use

Sand provides traction. It does not melt ice. Sand, although not chemical, contributes to polluting our local waters. It adds to the excess sediment that is entering waterways, eliminating important habitat for aquatic plants and animals. Sand does play a role in winter road management. It often used by municipalities on roads to help maintain traction. Since ice removal is typically the concern of homeowners, sand may not be necessary.



***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. The Village is grateful for their support.***



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Village Board Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.