

**VILLAGE OF BIRNAMWOOD
2022 WINTER NEWSLETTER**

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Village Board meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at the Matsche Center at 7:00 p.m. The Board welcomes your comments and suggestions. Attending meetings gives you a voice!

The Matsche Center is available for rent to host your events. Contact the Village Clerk to make your reservations.

Rules for Winter

No Parking on Village Streets from Nov. 1st through March 31st, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

All Village sidewalks are to be kept clean of snow and ice. No blowing, plowing or shoveling of snow into the street.

Ice Skating

Once cold weather arrives, watch for the ice rink to open at the South end of Main St. next to the Sewer plant. A warming house and ice skates are provided. Please respect the property so others can also experience the fun!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday – every other
9:00 a.m.-noon
715-449-2576

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

All cities, towns, and villages in Wisconsin are mandated by the state to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the residents of the city, town or village according to statute 60.565. This service has been provided to you through the dedicated volunteers who have maned our ambulance service every day in the past years.

Today we are lacking volunteers. Many volunteers have aged up, many have moved out of the area, have other jobs or responsibilities that now limit or prevent them from continuing as volunteer EMT's. Today's environment lacks the importance of volunteering for your community.

Through a series of meetings, attended by the members of the Board of the consortium and many of the current volunteers, the issue of lack of staffing through volunteers has been discussed at length.

There are a few options to us;

1. Disband current service and "hire" an outside service
 - a. This would be more expensive
 - b. No control over response time or quality of service
2. Provide a "fair" wage to those who are on the service
 - a. Will provide more opportunity to current volunteers
 - b. Will attract new volunteers because of the pay

The consortium has made the important discission to continue the EMS service and provide a fair wage to those who are on the service.

How do we pay for the cost of continuing the EMS service to you?

1. We can borrow, from a bank. Which in turn will have to be paid back, plus interest.
 - a. The money to pay the bank will come from a special levy added to property taxes.
2. We can include a referendum in the spring elections that addresses the need to increase property taxes to pay for the EMS service.

If we Vote Yes to EMS service, through a referendum, the cost will be lower on the property tax bill because we will not have to pay the interest that is charged when borrowing from a bank.

Watch for notice of public meetings regarding your EMS service.

Informational meetings will be held after the first of the year to inform residents of details.

"SAY YES TO EMS"

BLOOD BANK

December 28th at the Matsche Center 4:00 – 6:00

Garbage Collection & Recycling

Garbage collection is Tuesday of each week. Recycling is gathered every other week.

Yard waste is not collected!

Please follow recycling guidelines on the back of this letter.

Recycling dates:

November 1st, 15th & 29th
December 13th & 27th
January 10th & 24th
February 7th & 21st
March 7th & 21st
April 4th & 18th

Do not place recyclables in plastic bags or put bags-of-bags in your cart.

Place your cart curbside before 6 a.m. the day of collection, with the cart's handle facing your house and the lid opening toward the street. All waste must be bagged. Make sure there is at least 4' between the recycling and trash carts and any other objects, such as parked cars or mailboxes. Carts cannot be placed on top of snow banks or in the road.

Please do not put your garbage & recycling containers out any sooner than necessary and remove them promptly after they are emptied. This helps with deterring rodents and interfering with snow plowing.

Building permits

Reminder that building permits are required for any home project. Applications are available on the village website or call Chris Jensen. Note: TRIPLE fees are due if work is started before permit is issued.

CATS & DOGS

Must be licensed for 2023 by March 31st. New licenses can be purchased beginning December 15th. A \$5.00 late fee is charged on April 1st and an additional \$10.00 will be charged after April 30th for animals not licensed.

ELECTIONS

General Election 11/8/22
Spring Primary 2/21/23
Spring Election 4/4/23