

VILLAGE OF BLACK RIVER 2026 NEWSLETTER



As the winter season comes to an end, we welcome the arrival of spring and all the renewal it brings to our community! With warmer weather ahead, we would like to share a few important updates, reminders, and upcoming seasonal information.

Brush Pickup

The Village will continue brush collection through May 1st. Please place items neatly at the curb and follow all guidelines regarding acceptable materials. Additional information can be found on the Village website or by contacting the office.

Village Wide Sales

The Village wide sales will be held Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd.

Spring Clean-Up & Property Maintenance

Residents are reminded to begin spring clean-up of their properties. Please remove any debris, branches, or litter that may have accumulated over the winter months. Spring Clean-Up Day will be May 4th with one pass per street (reminder to NOT include any construction debris, batteries, tires, electronics/appliances or paint). Maintaining your property helps keep our village safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone.

Garbage & Recycling Reminders

As a reminder, all household garbage must be placed in approved bags (clear or blue). Recycling guidelines remain in effect—please ensure only approved materials are included. If you have questions regarding acceptable items, please contact the Village Office or DPW.

Water & Sewer Bills

Residents are encouraged to stay current on all utility payments. If you had an outstanding balance of \$200 or more as of March 31st, that amount has been relieved and will appear on the upcoming tax bill.

Tax Bills

Tax season is fast approaching. Village tax bills may be paid without penalty from June 1 through July 1. Payments postmarked on or before July 1 will also be accepted without penalty.

Community Updates

We look forward to another great season in our community. Be on the lookout for upcoming events, announcements, and opportunities to get involved. The Comprehensive Plan Committee recently held the S.W.O.T exercise meeting and continues to work on compiling a plan with resident input. Your participation helps make our village a great place to live.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 25th, with time to be determined

Summer Recreation Program will start back up on Tuesday, July 7th, at the Maple Street Park from 9AM thru 4PM (early registration available online)

Police Department

Winter is over... hopefully! That means more pedestrians and bicycle traffic will be around the village. Please be alert for that and as always, watch your speed in our school zone. Reminder that we are not a full time Police Department. If there is not an officer on duty at the time of an emergency within the village, please call the Jefferson County Sheriffs at (315) 786-2604 or the New York State Troopers at (315) 782-2122.

We would also like to remind you to check your vehicle inspections and registration stickers. If you move or change addresses, the DMV will not forward renewals.

Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library

- Toddler Reading Group - 10:00am
(April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16)
- Book Club for Adults - 10:00am
(April 14, May 12, June 9)
- English Language Learner's Group - 1:00pm (April 15, May 20, June 17)
- Sewing Group for Adults - 2:00pm
(April 8, May 13, June 10)

(Note: This is NOT the Quilting Basics for Beginners Class being held 3/23/26-5/4/26, which required prior sign-up and fee payment to attend.)

Black River Ambulance Squad

We are an ALL-VOLUNTEER ambulance service, which operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We are in desperate need of volunteers to ensure our residents receive timely emergency care when needed. We have clerical, driver and EMT positions open. Membership age is 17 and older. We also have recently started a junior membership which starts at age 16. Please visit our website blackriverambulance.org, also follow us on Facebook Black River Ambulance Squad, Inc. Reach out to us at (315) 773-4501 or stop by the station to find out more information. And we would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who have donated to us for our cause.

Community Bulletin

It has been a long and challenging winter for everyone this year, but the good news is that Little League baseball season is just around the corner.

The Tri-Village Baseball League held sign-ups in May and is looking forward to getting players back out on the field during April to prepare for Opening Day. Opening ceremonies for the league will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

We currently offer two divisions: Coach Pitch/T-Ball and Grasshopper. The Coach Pitch division is open to players ages 5-7, while the Grasshopper division is for ages 8-12.

Coach Pitch games are scheduled for Friday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Grasshopper games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our concession stand will also be open during game times for families and spectators to enjoy.

If you are interested in becoming a sign sponsor for our league, please do not hesitate to contact me for more details. I can be reached at 315-783-2898. All funds raised directly support and strengthen our baseball program.

We are also looking for individuals interested in umpiring Grasshopper games. Umpires are paid, so if you are interested, please reach out.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you out at the ballpark.

Sincerely,
David J Daily, Commissioner

Contact Information

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Thank you for your continued cooperation and pride in our community. We wish you a safe, enjoyable, and refreshing spring season.

