Village of Black River 2026 Newsletter

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Mayor's Message
Mayor David Leonard

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Open Gym nights at Black River Elementary School. If you are interested in volunteering, we would greatly appreciate your support!

The **Summer Recreation Program** was a great success this year and we look forward to continuing the program for many summers to come.

The **2026 Block Party** was also a great success! We would like to thank all the Volunteers and local vendors who helped make this wonderful community event possible.

Congratulations to **Susan Branagan** on being nominated **Citizen of the Year!**

Keep an eye on the **Recreation Park** this winter for some "cool" fun! I look forward to seeing the continued progress and growth of our community in the years ahead.

Department of Public Works
Superintendent Eric Nier

Brush will be collected (as time allows) now thru October 23rd. Please keep piles under 10 feet in length and do not block fire hydrants

Leaves will be collected (as time allows) now thru November 13th. Please have unbagged leaves curbside and separate from any brush

Snow Removal reminders:
- NYS law prohibits blowing, plowing or shoveling snow into the street
- Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation

Police Department
Police Chief Steven Wood

Fall is quickly approaching and with that comes earlier sunsets. Please be aware of pedestrians and pets during the twilight hours.

Halloween in Black River is a popular event. There will be many trick or treaters on our sidewalks and street crossings.

November 1st also starts our ban for on street parking. We appreciate your consideration to keep our streets clear for our DPW and snow removal.

A reminder to our residents that BRPD is a part time police department and when not on duty the New York State Police and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department patrols and answers calls for service. Stay safe!

Village Office
Clerk-Treasurer Abigail Simpson

Village Office Hours
Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
(315) 773-5721
clerktreasurer@blackriverny.gov

Village Tax Collection at the Village Office ends on October 31st. Payments made after the October deadline will need to be done with the Jefferson County Clerk's Office

Our drop box is located to the left of the entrance door for payments after hours

Village residents may obtain handicap parking permits at the Village Office. Please bring an application filled out by a physician or expired tag previously issued by the Village along with a photo ID and we will issue you a tag.

Code Enforcement
CEO Terry Ault

Unlicensed, unregistered, uninsured or inoperable vehicles are not allowed within the village unless stored in a building per Black River Village Code 128-5 (section F)

Snow/Ice removal - winter is quickly approaching, this is a reminder that all snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation per the Black River Village Code 149-5 (Section A). If snow is not removed, the village will have it removed and the cost of $85 (per removal) will reflect on the property owners Village Tax Bill

Projects often require a permit in the village - if you are in need or are unsure call our Code Enforcement Officer at (315) 773-5721

Quarterly Reminders

- On street parking prohibited November 1st – April 15th
- Water/Sewer Bills are billed quarterly (January, April, July & October)
- Village Tax Bills will be accepted at the Village Office until October 31st

Community Bulletin

- **IRIS Alerts** – sign up for the IRIS notification system to receive updates and information from the Village of Black River via phone, text or email. You may complete a registration form on the homepage of the website at www.blackriverny.org or in person at the Village Office. If you are already enrolled, you do not need to do anything further
- **Historian**, William Reichard, has many photos with no date or name connected to them and is looking to identify family members or friends.
- **Black River Ambulance Squad** – we are an independent ambulance service. We are always looking for dedicated volunteers aged 16 and older. It is beginning to look like that tune again when we start to think about our annual Christmas Tree Sales. Sales will begin right after Thanksgiving. If you would like to pre-order a wreath, please contact Sue Branagan at (315) 281-6634. Please visit our website at blackriverambulance.org or follow us on Facebook at Black River Ambulance Squad Inc. Feel free to reach us at (315) 773-4501 or stop by the station for more information.
- **Black River Ambulance Squad** – 9 pin no-tap team open tournament, open to any 5 person teams, held at Seaway Lanes in Watertown on October 17th, proceeds to benefit Believe NNY; $25 per person or $125 per team. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Village Office.