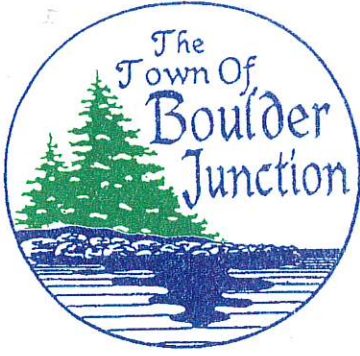




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Budget Hearing & Special Town Meeting of the Electors
Thursday November 20, 2025
6:00 pm
Boulder Junction Community Center
5392 Park Street, Boulder Junction, WI 54512

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH WISCONSIN'S OPEN MEETING LAW.

BUDGET HEARING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. 2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION FROM TOWN BOARD
3. QUESTION AND ANSWER
4. ADJOURN BUDGET HEARING

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CONSIDERATION OF VOTING METHOD FOR APPROVAL OF APRIL 15, 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF THE 2025 TOWN TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2026
3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
 - April 15, 2025 Annual Town Meeting of the Electors
4. RESOLUTION 2025-R-01 FOR ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOWN TAX LEVY: TO APPROVE THE 2025 TOWN TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2026, PURSUANT TO SECTION 60.10(1)(A) OF WISCONSIN STATUTES
5. AUTHORIZE THE TOWN BOARD TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS GOODS AND PROPERTY
6. ADJOURN

A quorum of other town committee members may be in attendance at this meeting for information gathering purposes only and no town committee action will be taken at this meeting.

Posted by Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Driscoll on behalf of Chairman Dennis Reuss

Postings: Official: Community Center and Website: www.townofboulderjunction.org



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Vilas County

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I, Daniel Driscoll, the Town Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin, attest and affirm all of the following:

1. That the following action was posted pursuant to s. 60.12, Wis. Stats:

Notice of Annual Budget Hearing November 20, 2025 for the 2026 Budget and
Notice of Special Town Meeting of the Electors on November 20, 2025.

2. The above-noted action was posted as required in the following 3 places in the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin: Lakewood Market, Boulder Junction Post Office, Boulder Junction Community Center, and the town website:
www.townofboulderjunction.org.
3. That I did cause this action to also be published in the Lakeland Times edition on Tuesday, November 4, 2025
4. That the posting of this action occurred at the following date:

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

5. That I filed said affidavit in the records of the Town Clerk for the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, WI on November 4, 2025.

Dated the 4th day of November 2025

Daniel Driscoll
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Boulder Junction, Wisconsin

The Town Clerk of the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, WI personally came before me the 4th day of November 2025, known to me to be the person who executed and acknowledged the foregoing instrument.

Dennis Reuss
Town Chairman
Town of Boulder Junction, Wisconsin

TOWN OF BOULDER JUNCTION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Public Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boulder Junction Community Center (5392 Park St.), a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 2026 Budget for the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, pursuant to Section 65.90 Wis. Stats. The detailed budget will be available in the Clerk's office. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

Notice is further given that immediately following the Budget Hearing, a Special Town Meeting of the Electors will be called to order, pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the following purposes:

1. To approve the 2025 total town tax levy to be collected in 2026, pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.
2. Authorize the Town Board to dispose of surplus goods or property.

Additional agenda items to follow. The following is a summary of the proposed 2026 Budget.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	% Change
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	2,031,496.00	2,048,476.00	0.84%
Taxes (other than property taxes)	235,660.00	295,542.00	25.41%
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,154,312.00	561,079.00	-105.73%
Licenses and Permits	8,350.00	9,950.00	19.16%
Public Charges for Services	76,350.00	41,850.00	-82.44%
Miscellaneous Revenue	68,600.00	50,500.00	-35.84%
Other Financing Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Surplus Funds Supplied from Prior Years	3,816,000.00	3,816,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	7,390,768.00	6,823,397.00	-8.32%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	258,983.00	251,739.00	-2.88%
Public Safety	507,539.00	607,447.00	19.68%
Public Works-Transportation	1,320,742.00	648,260.00	-103.74%
Public Works-Sanitation	141,448.00	143,148.00	1.20%
Health and Human Services	6,520.00	6,520.00	0.00%
Culture, Recreation and Education	177,222.00	182,440.00	2.94%
Conservation and Development	4,076,600.00	4,081,172.00	0.11%
Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Debt Service	896,714.00	897,671.00	0.11%
Other Expenditures	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,390,768.00	6,823,397.00	-8.32%
Indebtedness	\$8,712,856.00	\$8,051,011.00	-8.22%
Assessed Value	\$507,578,300.00	\$515,899,700.00	0.01%
Town Mill Rate	\$4.00	\$3.97	-0.76%
Projected Fund Balance			
Beginning of Year 1/1/2026	\$6,287,775.00	-\$3,816,000.00	\$2,471,775.00

Dated this 4th day of November, 2025

/s/ Daniel Driscoll

Postings: www.townofboulderjunction.org, Community Center, Lakeland Market, US Post Office

Courtesy: Lakeland Times

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-01

**A RESOLUTION FOR ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOWN TAX LEVY AT THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS**

Whereas, Wis. Stat. §60.10(1)(a) authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the electors has been called and properly noticed to approve the 2025 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2026) for this 20th day of November, 2025;

Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 20th day of November, 2025 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2025 to be collected in 2026 in the amount of \$2,048,476.00.

Adopted this 20th day of November, 2025 at a Special Town Meeting of the Electors

Number of town electors voting yes _____

Number of town electors voting no _____

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) _____

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson _____

Signature of Town Clerk _____

The 2025 Levy to be collected in 2026

▶ 2025 Town Assessed Value *	\$515,899,700.00	
▶ 2024 Town Assessed Value	\$507,578,300.00	
▶ 2025 State Approved Tax Levy Work Sheet	\$1,150,805.00	
▶ ▶ Increase of \$16,023.00 from 2024		
▶ Total 2026 Debt Service Amount	<u>\$ 897,671.00</u>	
▶ 2025 Total Town Levy Amount	\$2,048,476.00	+0.84%
▶ Estimated 2025 Town Mill Rate	\$3.97/\$1,000.00 of valuation	-0.76%
▶ ▶ \$100,000.00 x .00397 =	\$397.00/\$100,000.00 of valuation	

2025 Levy to be collected in 2026

▶ North Lakeland School	\$1.93/1,000.00 of valuation	+2.66%
▶ Lakeland Union High School	\$1.90/1,000.00 of valuation	+1.60%
▶ Nicolet Technical College	\$0.21/1,000.00 of valuation	+5.00%
▶ Vilas County	\$2.33/1,000.00 of valuation	+0.87%
▶ School Tax Credit	(\$0.76)/1,0000.00 of valuation	
▶ Estimated 2025 Mill Rate *	\$9.58/\$1,000.00 valuation	+0.74%
▶ \$100,000.00 x \$0.00958 =	\$958.00/\$100,000.00 valuation	
▶ 2024 Mill Rate	\$9.51/\$1,000.00 valuation	

Budget Summary

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Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Debt Service	896,714.00	897,671.00	0.11%
Other Expenditures (bank service charges)	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
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TOWN OF BOULDER JUNCTION 2025 Budget Worksheet

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333	BIKE TRAIL																					
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338	56704.3 · BIKE TRAIL WAGES													96.25								
339	56704.4 · BIKE TRAIL SOCIAL SECURITY													19.27								
340	56704.5 · BIKE TRAIL UNEMPLOYMENT EXPENSE													17.00								
341	56704.6 · BIKE TRAIL RETIREMENT EXPENSE													0.00								
342	56704 · BIKE TRAIL EXPENSE													12,821.85				176.00		35,000.00		0.00
343	Total 56704 · BIKE TRAIL EXPENSE										13,110.02			103.73				176.00		35,000.00		0.00
344	OTHER CONSERV & DEVELOPMNT																					
345	56705 · AIS LAKE FUND													32,539.00				31,634.00		33,000.00		33,000.00
346	56899 · ZONING EXPENSES													0.00								
347	Total OTHER CONSERV & DEVELOPMNT										32,539.00			30,634.29				31,634.00		33,000.00		33,000.00
348	ROOM TAX EXPENSES																					
349	56700 · ECONOMIC DEV - ADVERTISING													15,100.00				15,100.00		15,100.00		15,100.00
350	56701 ECO DEV-NEW BUSINESSES WKGRP/BOARD APPRVL													48.00				6,250.00		10,000.00		3,000.00
351	56702 · ROOM TAX PAID TO CHAMBER													166,161.71				177,162.00		167,500.00		214,072.00
352	56703 · ECONOMIC DEVEL-ROOM TAX													0.00				0.00		0.00		0.00
353	Total ROOM TAX EXPENSES													181,309.71				198,512.00		192,600.00		232,172.00
354	Total 56000 · CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT										226,958.73			234,172.55				230,322.00		260,600.00		265,172.00
355	57000 · CAPITAL OUTLAY																					0.00
356	57212 · BIKE TRAIL CAPITAL OUTLAY													0.00				0.00		0.00		0.00
357	57290 · 911 READDRESSING PROJECT													0.00				0.00		0.00		0.00
358	57324 ROADS-EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES													0.00				0.00		0.00		0.00
359	57640 · BLDG PROJECT CAPITAL OUTLAY													0.00				0.00		0.00		0.00
360	High Speed Broad Band Project																	0.00		0.00		0.00
361	57650 · GROOMER													0.00				0.00		0.00		0.00
362	Total 57000 · CAPITAL OUTLAY										0.00			0.00				0.00		0.00		0.00
363	58000 · DEBT SERVICE																					
364	58100 · PAYMENT TO REFUNDING ESCROW AGENT																					
365	58099 · PRINCIPAL													608,000.00				590,282.00		615,109.00		639,217.00
366	58210 · INTEREST													269,991.93				273,055.00		303,810.00		258,454.00
367	Total 58000 · DEBT SERVICE										877,991.93			757,055.00				894,092.00		896,714.00		897,671.00
368	59000 · OTHER EXPENDITURES																					
369	59901 · REFUNDS PAID OUT													0.00								
370	59903 · BOND ISSUANCE FEES																					
371	59913 · PURCHASES-LAND													0.00				0.00				

TOWN OF BOULDER JUNCTION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Boulder Junction Community Center, Boulder Lake Room
5392 Park Street, Boulder Junction, WI 54512

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- This annual town meeting of the electors was noticed according to State Statute 60.10 and 60.11(2)(b)(2). Chairman Dennis Reuss called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Laura Bertch, Supervisor Dylan Schutt, Clerk/Treasurer Dan Driscoll and 35 guests.

2. CONSIDERATION OF VOTING METHOD

- MOTION JIM GALLOWAY/SECOND BILL NIEMI. To approve “hand vote” as voting method. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. 31 – Yes, 0 – No.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. November 21, 2024, Budget Hearing & Special Meeting of Electors
 - MOTION JIM GALLOWAY/SECOND JOE STILOSKI. To approve November 21, 2024, Budget Hearing & Special Meeting of Electors minutes. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. 31 – Yes, 0 - No

4. TOWN BOARD’S UPDATE TO THE ELECTORS (Electors will have an opportunity to question or comment on these subjects following the completion of all the presentations)

- a. EMS District Report
 - Report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A
- b. 2024 Financial Report
 - Clerk/Treasurer Driscoll presented the 2024 Financial Report. A copy of the financial report can be found on the town website: www.townofboulderjunction.org or in the 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda packet.
 - Town has a clean audit for 2024
 - Audit has two findings that have been part of the audit for the past several years.
 - Segregation of duties – Clerk/Treasurer
 - Internal Control over financial reporting
 - Fund Balance for end of year is \$5,813,397.00
 - Net change of fund balance is \$262,834.00
 - No long-term debt was added.
 - The current debt amount is \$8,666,122.00
 - Legal margin for new debt is \$30,737,108.00
 - Road Bond – 3.25% – 4.00%, balance \$3,700,000.00
 - CC Bond – 1.37 %, balance \$968,000.00
 - HSBB Bond 3.00% - 4.00%, balance \$3,310,000.00
 - Fire Truck 6.05%, balance \$688,122.00
 - Minimum Fund Balance (20% - 25%) should be in range of \$1,478,154 - \$1,847,692.
 - As in past years, percentage is high due to HSBB funds in budget

- Total General Fund balance for year-end was \$668,655.00
 - If calculated to budget without HSBB funds, minimum fund balance would be 19.8%
 - Town has not received an invoice for the HSBB project. ARPA funds must be paid by the end of 2026.
- c. Station Property Report
 - MOTION: BILL SPEAR/JIM GALLOWAY. (Advisory Vote) To grant permission to the Economic Development Committee to move forward with the design, construction and programming of the former Bitinas Gas Station Property, now named “The Station at Boulder Junction.” VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. 31 – Yes, 0 - No
- d. Organizations & Committees 2024 Annual Reports
 - American Legion Richardson Michaud Post 451 annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit B
 - American Legion Auxiliary Unit 451 annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit C
 - Boulder Junction Area Historical Society annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit D
 - Boulder Junction Housing Authority 2024 annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit E
 - Cemetery of The Pines 2024 annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit F
 - Boulder Junction Snowmobile Club 2024 annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit G
 - Boulder Junction Economic Development Committee 2024 annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit H
 - Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department 2024 annual report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit I
 - Boulder Junction Centennial Committee 2024 Annual Report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit J
 - Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce 2024 Annual Report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit K
 - Boulder Junction Public Library 2024 Annual Report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit L
 - Boulder Junction Community Foundation 2024 Annual Report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit M
 - Boulder Junction Lions Club 2024 Annual Report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit N
 - Boulder Junction Parks Board Annual Report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit O
- 5. SCHEDULE THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS DATE FOR APRIL 21, 2026
 - MOTION MARY VAN GRINSVEN/JIM GALLOWAY. To schedule the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Electors Date for April 21, 2026. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. 31 – yes, 0 – no.

6. OPEN FLOOR

- Lori Austik asked a question regarding bike trail donations. QR code.
- Greg Van Grinsven thanked Laura Bertch and the Park Board for all the work upgrading and improving the town parks
- Vicki Haag Karr thanked the town
- Bill Niemi asked if the town could change to a 5 person board
- Bonnie Spear asked for an alternative to town garbage bags
- Matt Ashley asked for an alternative to town garbage bags
- Sue Fehlandt asked for an alternative to town garbage bags

7. ADJOURN

- Chairman Reuss adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm

E4 A

2024 NEMSD Accomplishments

- Registered as Municipal Entity with IRS and WI Department of Revenue
- Obtained Paramedic level service license
- Obtained registration with SAM.Gov
- Secured billing contract and completed payer credentialing
- Obtained Medicare and Medicaid registration
- Developed Mission, Vision, and Core values
- Obtained contract with payroll services
- Obtained WRS retirement and ETF Health Insurance
- Obtained patient care report software with Wisconsin WARDS integration
- Developed Logo and Patch
- Obtained uniforms for staff
- Created website
- Initiated creation of policies and procedures
- Secured temporary quarters in Winchester and Boulder Junction
- Obtained supplies and materials to house staff
- Developed shift scheduling and obtained software
- Developed dispatch tones and guidelines with Vilas County
- Secured vendor contracts and Advanced Life Support Supplies
- Revised clinical protocols
- Interviewed and hired 6 paramedics and 6 EMT / AEMT's
- Established a list of part-time staff
- Developed daily duties and checklists for staff
- Obtained training platform that meets national licensure requirements

This list does not properly demonstrate the immense task of creating and deploying a full-time EMS system providing paramedic level response 24/7. This would not have been possible without the hard-work and dedication from the communities of the District, Deputy Chief Mabie, NEMSD Board of Directors, and consultant Dana Sechler.



Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Joling – Chief Northwoods EMS District

Northwoods EMS District

Monthly Report – March 2025

	Date	Time	Town	Unit	Transport	Billing Level	Response
1	3/1/2025	2256	PI	91	Y	ALS	Pain
2	3/2/2025	1310	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Allergic Reaction
3	3/4/2025	1122	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Fall
4	3/5/2025	1023	PI	91	Y	ALS	Abdominal Pain
5	3/5/2025	1204	BJ	92 / 91	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
6	3/6/2025	1514	PI	91	Y	ALS	Abdominal Pain
7	3/7/2025	916	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Fire Stand By
8	3/7/2025	1019	MW	91	Y	BLS	Toxicologic
9	3/7/2025	1033	MW	92	N	Not Billed	Deceased
10	3/7/2025	2013	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Lift Assist
11	3/11/2025	2331	PI	91	Y	ALS	Difficulty Breathing
12	3/12/2025	201	BJ	92	Y	ALS2	Altered Mental Status
13	3/13/2025	2252	MW	91	Y	BLS	Fall
14	3/15/2025	526	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Nausea
15	3/15/2025	1039	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Weakness
16	3/15/2025	1615	WIN	91	Y	ALS	Pain
17	3/16/2025	1630	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Chest Pain
18	3/16/2025	2042	PI	91	Y	ALS	Nosebleed
19	3/17/2025	1453	MW	91	Y	ALS	Syncope
20	3/20/2025	1018	BJ	92 / 91	N	ALS2	Cardiac Arrest
21	3/20/2025	1344	PI	91	Y	BLS	Difficulty Breathing
22	3/21/2025	807	MW	91	Y	ALS	Weakness
23	3/21/2025	1153	MW	91	Y	ALS	Sick
24	3/23/2025	2330	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Nausea
25	3/24/2025	1119	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Sick
26	3/24/2025	1613	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
27	3/25/2025	630	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Sick
28	3/25/2025	1944	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Fall
29	3/27/2025	2211	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Pain
30	3/30/2025	1508	PI	92	N	Not Billed	CO Alarm

Response and turnout time

Turnout time, from dispatch until responding, was under 90 seconds 80% of the time.

March average turnout time is **1.7** minutes.

Average response time for the month of March was **14:27 minutes**. This is from the time of 911 call received to arrival at patient.

Transport and Billing

24 of the 30 responses were transported. *"Not Billed"* responses included those that refused transport following medical evaluation or no patient identified. Of the 24 responses that were transported, **16 responses benefitted from Paramedic Level care** with two requiring significant intervention. **533.9** loaded miles were recorded.

Billing Rates

	Jan	Feb	March
Not Billed	5	8	6
BLS	1	3	8
ALS	7	14	14
ALS2	2	2	2

Crew Activity

NEMSD crews continue to evaluate and provide recommendations to streamline and enhance current operations. Crews are also conducting crew led training with their respective partners to review new protocols and medications. Crews also completed a three hour training on proper documentation for patient care reports.

Training Hours

	Jan	Feb	March
Total	6.5	36	58.5

March Events

- Conducted EMS Training at Boulder Junction FD
- Conducted CPR training – Mercer FD
- Attended Pediatric Training
- Attended Wis EMS Board meeting

Response by Town

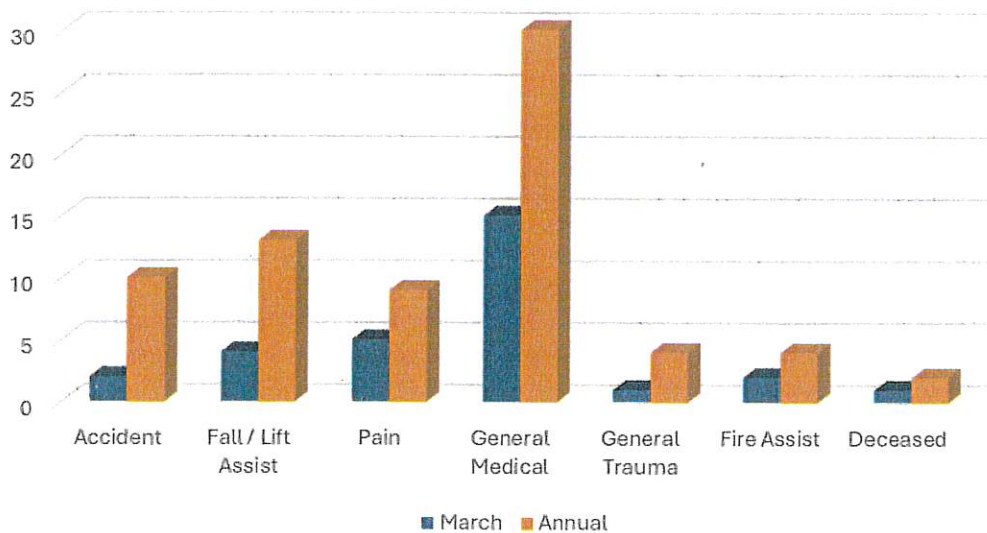
	January	February	March	Year
Boulder Junction	6	13	14	33
Presque Isle	4	9	7	20
Winchester	2	2	1	5
Manitowish Waters	3	3	8	14

April Projects

NORTHWOODS

- Initiate monthly training sessions for staff and district volunteers
- Secure Oxygen supply (combine 4 town accounts)
- Obtain primary insurance for ambulances
- Initiate process to become a training center
- Finalize new medical direction
- Deploy new medical protocols
- Finalize cardiac monitor transmission capabilities

Response Type



RICHARDSON-MICHAUD POST No. 451 43

American Legion

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Post 451 American Legion's mission as a patriotic Veterans organization is to:
Proudly serve the community of Boulder Junction, devoted to mutual helpfulness.

We advocate patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to our fellow Service members and Veterans.

Our involvement in the Boulder Junction community:

- ***Memorial Day Services at Sayner, Star Lake and Boulder Junction***
- ***Flag Retirement Ceremony at Boulder Junction Pines Cemetery***
- ***Memorial Day Honors – Grave Markers for Our Veterans***
- ***Color Guard for the 4th of July parade***
- ***Veterans Day Service***
- ***Boulder Junction Children's Christmas Party***
- ***Contribute to the Boulder Junction Scholarship Fund***
- ***Assist Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce with event support***
- ***Musky Day - Post Fundraiser***
- ***Color Guard/Honor Guard Military Honors for deceased Military***
- ***Unit 451 Auxillary - Support***
- ***Badger Boy State***
- ***Camp American Legion***
- ***Boulder Junction Foundation***
- ***Four Chaplin Sunday – rotating between (4) area Churches in February each year***

Post 451 continues to maintain our Veterans Memorial in the center of town.

Our American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. This organization belongs to the people it serves and the community in which it thrives.

We encourage any eligible Veteran from any branch of service
who has served our County to join our ranks.
We are a welcoming Brotherhood.

Please feel free to contact our Post Officers:

James Hamilton – Commander	715 385-2302
Dennis Reuss – Financial Officer	715 385-0252
Otis Voeltz - Adjutant	715 385-9236

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ALA Unit 451 Annual Report 2025

Unit 451 meets the first Thursday of months:
April, May, September, October, November and December
At 6 pm at the BJ Community Center

Our unit is currently in the final stages of Unit 451's Memorial Rock to honor our 29 charter members from Sayner and BJ (1957)
The Memorial Rock is placed and the plaque will have the names of the charter members. The rock is placed at the Cemetery of the Pines. Once the names and Unit plaques are placed our unit is planning a memorial celebration.

Our unit currently has 19 members. We attend Four Chaplain service, this year at the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Sayner

We will stand and march with the post on Memorial Day, July 4th celebration, and Veteran's Day

We assist with Musky Jamboree festivities, Children's Christmas Party and an occasional bake sale

We distribute poppies over Memorial weekend and place poppies and collection cans at several businesses

Poppy funds go to:

Sick or recent surgeries of veterans, Camp American Legion, Iron Mountain VA, King VA, and Chippewa Falls VA

Josie Blaisdell-Allen
Secretary

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BJAHS Annual Report 2025

The BJAHS is open Tuesday 10:00-2pm June through August (Flea Market days)
Saturday 10:00- 2pm June through September
or by special request call: Josie 715-385-2617
Free admission with donations appreciated

History Day August (Musky Jamboree weekend) 11-3pm
Northwoods Wildlife, Bart will do a presentation on Turtles
With BBQ and Brats for sale
Bakery sale
50/50 raffle and prize raffles
Due to staffing shortage, tours of the museum/Depot will not be available on History Day.

We work closely with the BJ Library for presentations throughout the year, please watch for the schedule to be announced.

The book 'The Way We Were' can be purchased at the BJ Library, Northern Highland Sports, Moondeer and friends, BJ museum and from Jan on Tuesdays at the Flea market.

We are currently working with the centennial members in preparation for the BJ 100th year celebration 2027.

Membership:
Junior: \$3.00
Individual: \$10.00
Family: \$15.00
Business: \$25.00
Contribution: \$25.00
Life: \$300.00

The BJAHS is always in search of area photos of your family and history of your family, resort, your guiding career, any story you may have to share. BJAHS is in search of photos of the 'dump'. Remember going to watch the bears, or dumping your garbage with a bear or two rutting through the garbage a few feet away?
Your stories and photos mean a great deal to us. For any questions call Josie 715-385-2617

Thank you
BJAHS board members

BOULDER JUNCTION HOUSING AUTHORITY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

This year an upgrade was made to the lighting in the north hallway. New fixtures replaced old fixtures at the entrance of each apartment doorway.

A couple of the apartment's bathtubs were modified to walk-in showers, to eliminate the stepping into the tub.

We have had some residents move out for various reasons, those apartments have been cleaned and repainted as needed, and have been rented. We are currently having all apartments rented.

We still have windows and exterior doors to replace, as funds allow. We run on a tight budget; no Town of Boulder Junction funds are used in the operation of Boulder Pines Apartments.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Fragassi	Chairman
Jimmy Hamilton	Secretary
Scott Rogers	Treasurer
Betty Hamilton	Board Member

CEMETERY OF THE PINES

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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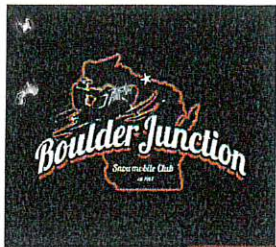
As of July 15, 2024 Lois Smith has retired as the secretary of the Cemetery Board. We would like to thank Lois for her service as secretary for over 20 years. At the July 23, 2024 Town Board Meeting Dan Driscoll was approved as secretary of Cemetery of The Pines Cemetery.

After a review of lot pricing of other local cemeteries, it was determined that our lots costs needed to be adjusted to more aligned with other cemeteries. At the July 23rd, 2024 Town Board Meeting, Boulder Pines Cemetery Board requested an increase in lot pricing, which was approved at The Town Board Meeting.

The Cemetery Board also approved adding a 5th member to the Cemetery Board, which still needs to be approved by the Boulder Junction Town Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Fragassi	Chairman
Dan Driscoll	Secretary
Jim Galloway	Board Member
Tom Finta	Board Member
Russ Cluey	Cemetery Sexton



Boulder Junction Snowmobile Club
PO 461 Boulder Junction, WI 54512
boulderjunctionsc@gmail.com

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Don Zander - President
Fred Emery - Vice President
Amanda Chartrand - Secretary
Trish Paulson - Treasurer

Established in 1967, the Boulder Junction Snowmobile Club proudly grooms and maintains over 74 miles of trails in Boulder Junction Township. Round trip, that's 148 miles for the groomer and groomer driver. We have the second longest trails in all of Vilas County's 11 clubs. Between brushing, grooming, numbering trail intersections for efficient location of accidents, ensuring accurate signage, and keeping up with repairs on trail bridges, the Boulder Junction Snowmobile Club does everything it can to ensure the trails are enjoyable and safe for snowmobilers.

For the 2024/2025 season we had 41 Business memberships and over 400 members. Our snowmobile counter stationed at just *one* intersection tallied 8091 sleds this season. Our groomer drivers logged 440 hours of grooming and we did 222 hours of grooming. This was a shorter season than average. Trails opened on January 17th, closed March 2nd and re-opened briefly for one more weekend.

Our Club held 12 fundraisers this season:

- Musky Days booth
- Brushing Party
- Wittig's event
- 2 breakfast events
- Trails Side Brat Fry
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Cabin Fever
- Gun Raffle
- Map Ads and Maps Sales
- Gooch's Pizza Purchase donation

We continue to tirelessly fundraise towards our goal of achieving a 5 year, on-going turnover lifecycle for our 2 grooming tractors, with non-congruent life cycles so they always remain under warranty to control expenses. Each tractor costs in the ball park of \$300,000. Simultaneously, we are fundraising to build a new groomer garage as the new tractors are larger in size and will not fit in our current space. The doors and ceiling are too low. The cost for this new building is estimated to be \$350,000 - \$400,000.

We are so grateful to the businesses, community and club members who support us, and the volunteers that put in numerous hours to help us, provide a quality snowmobile trail system in Boulder Junction to then help support, sustain and contribute to the winter economy.

Introduction

The Boulder Junction Economic Development Committee (EDC) is pleased to present its 2024 Annual Report, highlighting a year of meaningful progress and purposeful planning. In alignment with our mission to promote sustainable economic growth and enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, and visit Boulder Junction, the EDC has focused on strategic initiatives that support our community's long-term prosperity. Through collaboration with town leadership, local organizations, and residents, the committee has continued to strengthen its role in shaping the future of Boulder Junction. This year's key accomplishments include the adoption of our first Strategic Plan, the formation of the Bitinas Property Workgroup, and the launch of the "Talent in the Woods" initiative, each laying a foundation for community-driven development and engagement.

1. Approved our Strategic Plan

The EDC created and adopted their strategic plan in 2024 which serves as a road map for the committee's purpose and planned activities. The Boulder Junction Economic Development Committee (EDC) works collaboratively with the Town of Boulder Junction and its residents to promote sustainable economic growth and enhance community prosperity. Guided by its mission to foster economic opportunities through strategic planning and community involvement, the EDC focuses on seven key objectives: attracting and retaining businesses, securing grants and funding, developing the local workforce, addressing workforce housing needs, improving infrastructure, leveraging local talent through the "Talent in the Woods" initiative, and enhancing the overall quality of life. These efforts aim to ensure a vibrant, thriving Boulder Junction that supports both residents and businesses now and into the future.

2. Created Bitinas Property Workgroup

The purpose of this Work Group is to oversee the development of a two-acre vacant lot owned by the Town of Boulder Junction. The Work Group operates at the pleasure of the Town Board and will serve in an advisory role. Direction and guidance for the Work Group will be provided by the office of the Town Chairman. The Work Group is responsible for planning, design, fundraising, construction oversight, and programming of the site, which is intended to serve as a multifunctional space providing parking, restrooms, a snow storage area, and an open-air entertainment venue. The venue will host various events such as music concerts, comedy acts, plays, musicals, and other art-related activities.

3. Talent in the Woods

The "Talent in the Woods" initiative, spearheaded by the Town of Boulder Junction Economic Development Committee, seeks to tap into the diverse skills and expertise of our residents, seasonal residents, and visitors. By gathering information on the unique talents within our community, this effort aims to connect individuals with town projects, events, and initiatives that align with their skills and interests. The goal is to foster collaboration, enhance local development, and ensure that the talents of our community members contribute to the ongoing growth and success of Boulder Junction.

Looking ahead to 2025

The Economic Development Committee is committed to building on the momentum created in 2024. We aim to further the efforts of the Bitinas Property Workgroup as it transitions from vision to implementation and expand the reach of the "Talent in the Woods" program to better connect local expertise with community needs. Additionally, in the spring of 2025, the EDC established a new Grant Program Workgroup. This group will focus on identifying funding opportunities and assisting both the Town of Boulder Junction and our local businesses and non-profits in navigating the grant application process. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to supporting a vibrant and resilient Boulder Junction through collaboration, innovation, and strategic action.

Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department
April 15, 2025

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The Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department had a successful year in 2024 protecting and serving the Town of Boulder Junction and the surrounding towns with Fire, Rescue, EMS, and Rehab services.

Our Department continues to grow in all aspects. We always welcome community members to attend our monthly business meetings to see what you can offer to our department and the community. Please reach out to myself or any of our current members for more information.

We continue to apply for grants and fundraise to upgrade equipment so we can utilize our annual budget for yearly expenses that make our department run successfully. We are always continuing to keep our equipment and our personal protective gear up to date due to laws and regulations along with the safety of our members.

The list below are the calls that we responded to during 2024.

ATV Accident 1	
Bike Accident 4	
Brush Fire 5	Transports 78
CO2 Detector 2	
Death 2	Mutual Aide Given
Dog Bite 1	Arbor Vitae 3
Fall-EMS 26	Lac du Flambeau 2
Medical-EMS 74	Manitowish Waters 3
Fire/smoke alarm 3	Plum Lake 1
Gas Leak 3	Presque Isle 4
Lifeline Alarm 2	
Lift assistance 13	Mutual Aide Received
Motorcycle accident 1	Arbor Vitae 2
Motor Vehicle Accident 8	DNR 1

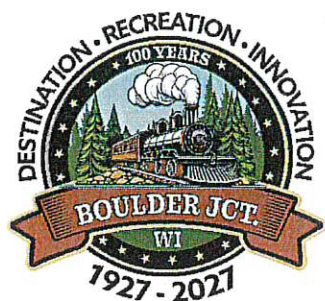
Power Lines Down 2	Manitowish Waters 1
Structure Fires 5	MED 5 6
Oven Fire 1	Plum Lake 1
Water Rescue 1	Presque Isle 5

Thank you to the Town of Boulder Junction and the community for the continued support and donations to the Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department.

Thank you,

Jason Maurer
BJVFD Fire Chief

Josh Thompson
BJVFD Assistant Fire Chief



Boulder Junction Centennial Committee

Committee Members: Chair Cherie Sanderson, Josie Allen, Amanda Chartrand, Sue Govier, Mary Jones, Wendi Neupert, Chris Reuss

The Boulder Junction Centennial Committee is a committee of the Town of Boulder Junction formed to celebrate and commemorate the town's centennial through a variety of events and celebrations. To date we have created the following work groups:

- Logo/Merchandising
- Communications
- History Booklet
- Cemetery Walk
- Birthday Party
- Historical Performance
- Clio Tours
- Art Installation
- Fundraising

Each work group has its own scope of work within the larger celebration framework and we are currently seeking volunteers interested in helping us plan and execute these events! For more information, please reach out to a committee member, attend a committee meeting, fill out the attached form, or scan the QR code below to fill out a volunteer interest form. We are thrilled to be planning this milestone celebration for our community and hope that everyone in the community is able to be involved in some way!



Scan here to get involved!



Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce

2024 Annual Report

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The Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Town of Boulder Junction Town Board and staff for all of your support in 2024. We are truly lucky to be in such a supportive and uplifting community. Room tax revenue, in addition to the town funding, makes up a majority of our income and allows us to continue to market and promote Boulder Junction as a top vacation destination throughout Wisconsin and beyond. As has been the case in many of the past years, 2024 saw room tax eligible expenses that far exceeded the room tax funding we received. According to state statute, the chamber must use its portion of room tax on the following categories: must be tourism promotion or tourism development and must be reasonably likely to result in overnight stays in paid lodging, significantly used by transient tourists, or ad buys/marketing of tourist materials, tourist services creating overnight guests, or funding a convention center. Traditionally, the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce uses the following three categories when figuring our room tax eligible expenses: Advertising including but not limited to ad purchases in regional or national publications, paid online advertising, our visitor guide, our downtown walking map, cooperative marketing with the Vilas County Chambers, e-newsletters, promotions and sweepstakes, website hosting and maintenance, and advertising production charges. We exclude any event specific marketing from this number. Sports shows including registration fees, booth materials, lodging, and travel reimbursement for our volunteers. Payroll costs.

2024 was a year of growth for the Chamber as we developed a strategic plan to guide the next steps for the organization and really started to dig into how we can best serve our membership and the larger community. The information below is just a brief overview of the work we're doing with the room tax and town funding. If you have detailed questions, please stop into the office or reach out to one of our board members.

Overall Marketing: In 2024 we continued to work with Pilch & Barnet, our advertising agency of record. As our Chamber staff got more settled in their roles, they were able to start taking on some of the marketing work in-house, with plans to continue taking work in-house as possible. Utilizing tools and technology that are more readily available than ever before, this allows us to maximize our room tax dollars and take a more flexible approach to marketing as conditions change. Our online presence continues to grow, with a record-breaking number of visits to our website, social media likes and engagement continuing to climb, and monthly e-newsletter subscribers steadily rising. Our targeted online demographics mirror those of Travel Wisconsin, helping to establish brand identity and familiarity. With Pilch & Barnet, we filmed a new round of the "I am Boulder Junction" videos, featuring 11 businesses and organizations and capturing what makes Boulder Junction special to them. These videos will be released throughout 2025 across all digital platforms and plans are in place to film another round of businesses in the fall of 2025 to be released in 2026.

Website: Our website continues to house all things Boulder Junction and proves to be a strong resource for travelers when planning their visits. With the ability to update information in real-time, room to list out all of the details for events and businesses, and separate webpages for all of our members, the website is a wealth of information. Most of the advertisements we place are designed to drive more traffic to the website where visitors can find everything they need to know (and more!).

Visitor Guide: We continue to distribute 25,000 Visitor Guides annually. These guides are available in our office, placed in rest areas, visitor centers, and in businesses throughout the state, mailed to thousands of people who request one through our website and through Vilas County Tourism's website, and distributed at sports shows. Based on feedback and industry trends, our 2025 visitor guide is longer than ever – 52 pages of Boulder Junction information to help visitors plan their vacations. Additionally, the guide is uploaded to our website as a flipbook so it can be accessed digitally as well.

Sports Shows: In 2024 we attended five sports shows throughout the region to promote various outdoor activities with a focus on fishing and boating including the Chicagoland Fishing Expo in Schaumburg, IL, Wisconsin Fishing Expo in Madison, Wisconsin State Hunting and Fishing Expo in Green Bay, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show in Milwaukee, and Wisconsin Musky Expo in Wausau. Unfortunately, the Snowmobile USA show that we had previously attended has been permanently canceled. Attendance at these shows helps us reach a demographic that online advertising is less likely to reach and the face-to-face interactions with our volunteers helps to solidify our reputation as the friendliest town in the Midwest. Our advertising committee meets annually with staff to evaluate the feedback from sports show volunteers and compare to budgetary restrictions and make recommendations for future sports shows.

Events: While we all know visitors love our events and they almost certainly result in overnight stays, none of our events are funded with room tax money. Instead, events are all funded through event sponsorships, vendor fees, and ticket sales/registration costs



Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce

2024 Annual Report

depending on the event in question. In 2024, we had a fantastic line-up of events that continue to grow and evolve year after year. We announced the return of the White Deer Triathlon in 2025 with the White Deer Warm Up (a 5k/10k fun run) that brought in athletes from across the state who are excited to return in 2025. We also held our first Musky Capital of the World Musky Tournament to give visitors an additional activity during Musky Jamboree weekend. The initial year saw 24 teams registered and we are sure it will grow from there. We also held our first beer & cider walk featuring regional brews in 9 downtown businesses that not only sold out but had a waiting list of people wanting to buy tickets. As we move into 2025 and beyond we will continue to evaluate our events and the benefits they bring to the community.

Membership: We ended 2024 with 136 members and 34 Friends of the Chamber. We are always grateful for the support of the Friends and for the opportunity to work with our members in promoting this wonderful town. Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30pm at the Boulder Junction Community Center. We invite all of our members to attend to ensure their voice is heard as we make decisions to guide the next year of business and elect directors and officers for the 2025/2026 membership year. Friends and community members are also invited to attend to learn more about the work the Chamber is doing and how they can be part of it all. A detailed meeting agenda and board nominations will be sent to all members no later than April 22. Printed copies will also be available upon request at the Chamber office.

2024/2025 Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

President: Taylor Miner

Vice President: Lisa Coon

Treasurer: Dina Casso

Executive Director: Mary Jones

Directors:

Chad Piotrowski, 2027

Chad Bain, 2026

Joe Fieweger, 2025

Patrick Downs, 2027

Karen Keclik, 2026

Sara Smith, 2025

Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce 2024 Room Tax & Town Funding P&L

INCOME

Room Tax Receipts	\$177,162.11
Town Funding	<u>\$15,100.00</u>
Total Income	\$192,262.11

Qualifying Room Tax Expenditures as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue

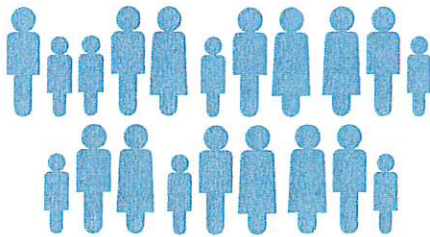
Advertising	\$108,920.06
Payroll Expenses	\$105,664.60
Sports Shows	<u>\$12,395.12</u>
Total Expenses	\$226,979.78

Overage in expenses is paid by membership dues, event income, sponsorships, and other sources of revenue. For a detailed profit and loss report, please contact the Chamber office.



BOULDER JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY

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2024 in Review



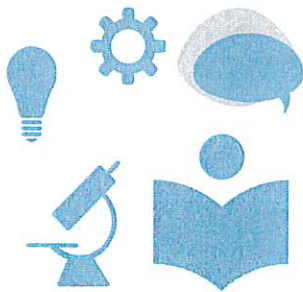
18,905 ↑ **12%**

In-Person Visitors
1,270 Library Cardholders



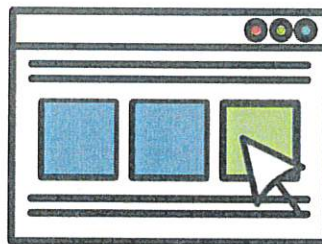
19,215 ↑ **13%**

Physical & Digital Library Checkouts
13,005 Physical Item Checkouts



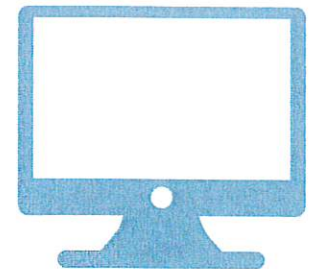
3,585 ↑ **88%**

Guests Attended
206 Programs



5,700

Website Visits
1,340 Facebook Followers



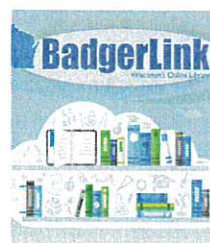
5,842

Internet Sessions
5,329 on WiFi

Popular Resources Provided by Our Library



Transparent
Language®
Online



TeachingBooks®





2024 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF BOULDER JUNCTION

GRANTS

Since its founding in 2010, the Boulder Junction Community Foundation has been dedicated to supporting local initiatives, contributing a total of \$1,670,819 in grants to enrich the community. In 2024, the Foundation proudly awarded the following grants totaling \$305,194:

- Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department - \$5,500
- Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce - \$1,820
- North Lakeland Discovery Center - \$1,970
- Town of Boulder Junction, Basketball Court - \$52,266 (\$5000 & \$47,266)
- Town of Boulder Junction, North Creek Loop Trail - \$238,638
- Town of Boulder Junction, Zamboni for The Glide and Ice-Skating Rink at Winter Park - \$5,000

COMMUNITY FUNDS

We currently provide a range of Community Funds tailored to the unique interests of our donors: Bike Trail Enhancement Fund, Designated Fund, Donor Advised Fund, Field of Interest Fund, Greatest Needs Fund, Parks & Recreation Maintenance Fund, and Scholarship Fund.

ENDOWMENT FUND

As of December 31, 2024, the Endowment Fund reached \$953,379. The Fund is held and managed by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. Grants are available annually through this fund. **OUR GOAL:** To raise \$1,000,000 in this fund which will enable the Foundation to give \$50,000 back to the community each year – FOREVER.

CURRENT FISCAL AGREEMENTS

- Basketball Court Project
- North Creek Loop Trail Project
- Tall Pines Disc Golf Course

Advisory Board

Mary Van Grinsven
President

Susan Govier
Vice President

Theresa Smith
Secretary

William Spear
Treasurer

Dina Casso

Craig Mason

Breanna Minor

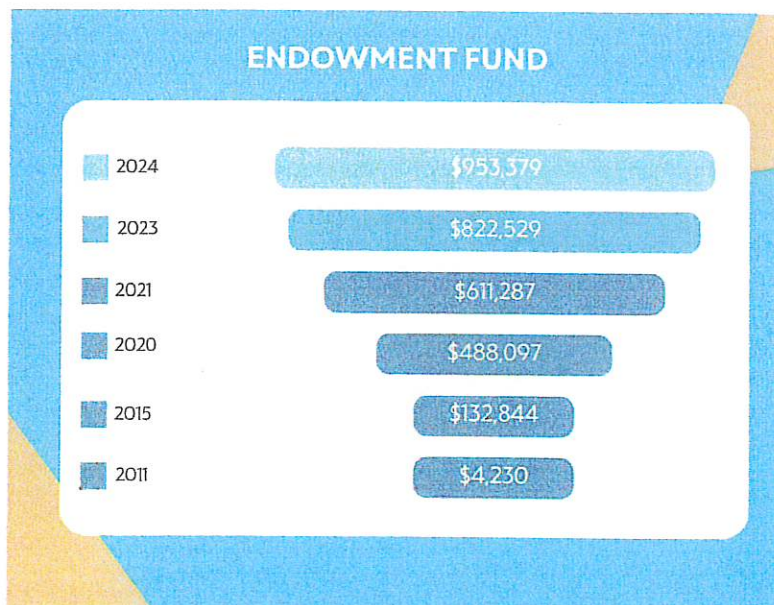
Gary Plouff

Board Consultants

Tom Basting, Sr.

Mark Hilgendorf

Jean Tehan



The Boulder Junction Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin which is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation supported entirely by donations. Contributions to the Foundation are fully tax deductible, to the extent that the law allows.

Boulder Junction Lions Club, Inc.

CLUB OFFICERS:

Phil Lewandowski, President
 Kip Decker, 1st Vice President
 Steve Weber, 2nd Vice President
 PDG Bob Bertch, Secretary
 Laura Bertch, Treasurer
 Wendi Neupert, Immediate Past President
 Tom Wierzba, Tail Twister
 Brent Priegel, Lion Tamer
 Betty Clough, Board Member & Membership Co-chair
 Kris Roepke, Board Member & Membership Co-Chr.
 Mickey Priegel, Sunshine Secretary
 Eileen Wahlgren, Board Member
 Ian Brown, Board Member
 Jennifer Rouse-Carroll Member
 Vacant Board Seat



ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS:

- Annual Pork Steak & Chicken Dinner
- Tuesdays' Summer Flea Market
- Annual Cash Raffle
- Musky Jamboree Lion's Food Tent
- Boulder Jct/Manitowish Waters Lion Golf Outing
- Lions Walleye Classic Tournament
- Monthly Calendar Raffle
- 63rd Colorama Dinner
- Food for Kidz

**THANK YOU FOR
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 CLUB ACTIVITIES!**

2024-25 DONATION RECIPIENTS

Boulder Jct Public Library	Pastime Club Inc.
Boulder Jct Community Foundation	Boulder Pines Housing Authority
Boulder Jct Snowmobile Club	Contingency Help Fund
Boulder Jct Historical Society	Wisconsin Lions Mission
Boulder Jct Chamber Commerce	Hope Transplant House
Alzheimer's Assoc. of Greater WI	District Measles Inoculations
Christmas Party for BJ Kids w Santa	District Diabetes Program
Camp Manito-wish YMCA	District Kids Vision Screening
Camp Jörn YMCA & Daycare	District Glaucoma Screening
Dr. Kate Hospice	Lions Club International
LUHS Scholarships	District Hearing Program
North Lakeland School Foundation	District Youth Exchange
NLS 8th Grade Class	Leader Dog Program
Camp American Legion	Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin
Salvation Army	Widow/Widower's Donation
Town of Boulder Junction- Broadban	Milt & Betty Henrich's Scholarship
Boulder Junction Community Center	Lelyn Schmidt Irrevocable Trust
Wisconsin Lions Camp	BJ Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS
Wisconsin Lions Foundation	Howard Young Foundation
Angel on My Shoulder	Vilas County Emergency Mgmt. (Life Saver Fund)
Food for Kidz	Thanksgiving Dinner
North Lakeland Discovery Center	April Fools Dinner
Lions Pride Endowment Fund	
LCIF	
Boulder Junction Playground	
Birch Sturm Foundation	

Mission Statement: To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace & promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

2024 Annual Report - Parks & Recreation Committee

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Park & Recreation Committee Members:

Laura Bertch (Chairperson)

Pete Burditt, Henry Royer, Dick Jenks, Steve Weber, Dennis Duke, Judy Tegtmeyer

Introduction:

In our ongoing efforts to enhance the experience for both residents and visitors, the Boulder Junction Park Board has made significant strides over the past year. We are dedicated to improving our facilities and fostering community engagement, ensuring that various Parks remain an enjoyable destination for outdoor recreation and social gatherings.

Currently, the Parks & Rec Committee oversees the planning, growth, and maintenance of the Sports Park, Winter Park, and Nichols Lake Park. Bike trail management is conducted primarily by the Town Crew. Blaisdell Park is currently under the stewardship of the Boulder Junction Historical Society.

Following are some of the key highlights of our accomplishments and initiatives undertaken during the last 12 months.

General Management/Administration:

- Board Expansion: Added Steve Weber, Dennis Duke and Judy Tegtmeyer
- Many volunteers helped in 2024. We especially want to thank Lee and Pam Hoffman for their support over the last few years. We wish them well as they moved to Wyoming.
- We continue to enjoy the support and guidance of Janet Oppenheimer.
- Began rebranding/reuse of the Facebook and Website created for the Playground Fundraising effort. These two Social Media sites will be used for all Boulder Junction Parks & Recreation news and initiatives. Keep an eye on www.boulderatplay.com and on Facebook, Boulder Junction Community Parks.

Winter Park: (Henry Royer & Steve Weber)

Usage/Programs/Programming:

- The 2024/25 winter season brought some of the heaviest usage for the Winter Park. The addition of the Glide Skating Ribbon brought visitors from all over the globe and helped create another reason for people to visit Boulder Junction. Many articles and interviews were part of the inaugural year of the Glide and we look forward to an exceptional 2025/26 season.

Accomplishments

1. North Lakeland Elementary School Tree Planting with the Lion's Club

In collaboration with the Boulder Junction Lion's Club, the Club organized a tree planting event with North Lakeland Elementary School. This initiative not only beautifies the Winter Park grounds but also instills a sense of environmental stewardship among the students.

2. Relocation of the Fire Ring

To enhance safety and accessibility, we successfully relocated the fire ring within the park for use during the winter months with snow on the ground. This adjustment allows for a more enjoyable gathering space for community members and visitors alike.

3. Installation of New Signage

Recognizing the importance of clear communication, we installed new signage throughout the park.

These signs provide essential information about park rules, amenities, and trail maps, enhancing the overall experience for visitors.

4. Installation of a Trash Receptacle

To promote cleanliness and environmental responsibility, a new trash receptacle was installed. This addition encourages visitors to dispose of waste properly, contributing to a cleaner and more inviting park environment.

5. Installation of a Fire Extinguisher

Safety is a priority in all our endeavors. To ensure the well-being of our visitors, a fire extinguisher was installed in the park, providing an added layer of security during gatherings and events.

6. Preparation for the Ice Skating Ribbon

We were excited about the upcoming ice skating ribbon this past winter season, which offered a unique winter experience for our community. Preparations were underway, and we anticipated a delightful addition to our winter recreational activities. We were not disappointed one bit.

7. Purchase of a Zamboni and Trailer with 550 Gallon Tank

To maintain our ice skating facilities, we invested in a Zamboni and trailer equipped with a 550-gallon tank. This acquisition will ensure that our ice surface remains smooth and enjoyable for all skaters, enhancing their experience throughout the winter season.

Winter Park Projects for 2025-2026

Looking ahead, we have identified several projects aimed at further enhancing our parks and recreational facilities:

1. Update All Parks' Informational Signage and Communication

We plan to update the informational signage across all parks to ensure consistency and clarity. This will enhance the visitor experience and provide necessary information about park features and events. The Facility Team collaborated with the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce to create an updated brochure for Winter Park featuring the Glide. This brochure provides visitors with essential information regarding the park and its location. Additionally, this information will be included on the Park Board's "Boulder at Play" website, ensuring easy access for all. It is planned to have informational brochures for the parks.

2. Enclose the Food Serving Area

To improve hygiene and deter wildlife, we will enclose the food serving area. This will help keep trash and animals out of the area when not in use, promoting a cleaner and safer environment.

3. Create and Place Benches Along the Trail and Fire Pit Area

To encourage relaxation and socialization, we will create and place benches along the trail and in the fire pit area. These additions will provide visitors with comfortable spots to rest and enjoy the natural beauty of the park.

Sports Park: (Pete Burditt & Dennis Duke)

Usage/Programs/Programming:

- The new Playground continues to be a huge (non-programmed) draw for the Park. It is busy every day.
- Muskie Baseball Program continued to grow and had a fantastic season. Additional programming was added this year due to the increased participation.
- A Northwoods area Softball League continued to use our Field as one of their rotating venues for the Thursday Night summer League
- A limited Summer Youth Program began and was prototyped this summer under the guidance and initiative of the Community Church using the Sports Park as its primary venue.

- Musky Jamboree Fun Run continues to utilize the Sports Park as their venue. 2024 was one of their most successful years for the event.

Accomplishments

1. Annual Maintenance & Repairs

Aerated & fertilized the Baseball Field, refreshed the Playground groundcover mulch. Purchased and began installation of additional Fence Panels along South Boundary of 2-5 year old play zone.

The pole and awning damaged during initial construction were replaced (under warranty) by Gerber Products. Replaced broken Drum Head (under warrantee). Final Donor Signage and Bricks were installed.

2. Bike Trail Caution Signs

Added 'SLOW Kids at Play' caution signs along the Bike Path where it enters the Sports Park area.

3. Installation of additional Trash Receptacles

Installed & secured 2 additional Trash cans, for a total of 3.

4. Installation of Lost & Found Bin

Installed & secured a Lost & Found deck box under cover of the Pavilion.

5. Basketball Court Renovation Project

We successfully completed and exceeded, our fundraising goals set in August with a total of \$88,315.35. Re-Construction of the court began in September, with tree removal, goal removal, and elevation grading. In October, the new pavement was completed, along with final grading and seeding. Replacement goalposts and team benches have been purchased, and the court will be surface finished, lined and completed this spring of 2025.

6. Disc Golf Course Project

Received Town Board approval in October for fundraising and creation of an 18 hole Disc Golf Course to be located on Town Property, behind the Community Center. The Project Team is working with retired Disc Golf Professional (and neighbor) Mike Kobach on the design and layout of the course. Target opening is the summer of 2025.

Sports Park Projects for 2024-2025

Looking ahead to CY2025, we have a busy and exciting year planned. Two major projects should be completed in time for the warm weather, and additional initiatives are contemplated.

1. Completion of Basketball Court Renovation Project

When the weather breaks this spring of 2025, the court renovation will be completed. Work includes the installation of new goal posts, benches, bleacher refurbishment, fence installation, donor brick walkway and donor signage. Sport Surface Coating and lining of the new paved surface will also be completed. The targeted opening is Memorial Day weekend.

2. Completion and Opening of the Disc Golf Course Project

While primary fundraising will be accomplished during the winter of 24/25, some preliminary designing and layout of the course will also be taking place until weather halts our efforts. This spring, upon successful fundraising, construction will begin when weather allows. We are targeting a soft opening for early June, and a more formalized opening later in the summer.

3. Trash Cans & Signage

Planning to add 3 more Trash Cans to the Park, strategically located and secured. Additional Safety & directional/informational signage will be added.

4. Creation of Sports Park Wish List

The Board has discussed creating a 'wish list' for additional items/amenities we would like to add to the Playground and other areas of the Park. They would then be posted to our Website, along with the fundraising (cost) challenge. When and if funds are raised/donated for these items, they could then be added to the Parks.

5. Creation of Racquet Courts Working Group

Many people have asked about the Tennis/Pickleball Courts. We will be looking to the public in 2025 to participate in a Project Work Group for the upgrade & renovation of our Racquet Sport offerings in the Sports Park. The Parks Board cannot do it all, we need your help. If this is a topic important to you – get involved. That is how we make things happen in Boulder Junction.

Nichols Lake Park: (Dick Jenks & Judy Tegtmeyer)

Usage/Programs/Programming:

Nichols Lake Park aims to be a serene, welcoming space where nature and recreation harmoniously blend. By expanding amenities such as a pavilion shelter, handicap accessible features, and a small playground, the park will offer an inclusive, family-friendly environment for all visitors. Through thoughtful environmental stewardship, including improvements to shoreline erosion and drainage, Nichols Lake Park will preserve its natural beauty while providing a peaceful retreat for the community and visitors. Our vision is for Nichols Lake Park to become a beloved destination for relaxation, family outings, and water-based activities, all while maintaining a deep respect for the surrounding natural landscape.

Accomplishments

Nichols Lake continues to be a valued asset to the Boulder Junction community. The 2024 season brought continued use by residents and visitors alike. Our town crews maintained the facility in cooperation with the Wisconsin DNR.

Nichols Lake Park Projects for 2025 and beyond

1. New toilets are being considered for the future.
2. Shoreline/Beach enhancement

Town of Boulder Junction Designated Fund for the Boulder Junction Parks & Recreation Maintenance Fund (Held in the Boulder Junction Community Foundation Family of Funds.)

Contract signed: 12/28/24, revised 1/22/25.

Fund Purpose: Funds are designated for any parks maintained by the Town of Boulder Junction. This shall include but not be limited to on-going maintenance activities for Boulder Junction Parks and Recreation facilities, funding of staff positions for Parks & Recreation maintenance or programs, or purchase of equipment for use within the Parks and Recreation facilities. Current balance in Fund is \$4,652.60.

Boulder Junction Parks & Rec Strategic Initiatives & Special Projects:

There are certain activities that occur at the Board level, that are strategic/visionary, or are special projects/studies that do not directly relate to the 3 existing park venues. These take place on an on-going, and fluid basis. This is the breeding ground for new ideas and growth projects for our Parks & Recreation offerings in Boulder Junction.

As an example, some of the current and on-going discussions/topics in this area include:

- Dog Park
- Mountain Biking / Bike Skills Park
- Racquet Courts renovation / expansion
- Handicap Accessibility within the Parks
- Nichols Lake Improvements
- Blaisdell Park
- Year-round use of Winter Park
- Future Maintenance & Funding of the Parks & Rec infrastructure
- Venue Programming

If you are interested in, or inspired by this report, or have a topic you would like to champion for the benefit of Boulder Junction, JOIN US. Our meeting times are monthly, posted and are open to the public. We welcome you to join a Work group, bring an idea or proposal to the board, or just support us with your donations of time and treasure to make these dreams a reality.