



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Tax Collection

The Green County Treasurer's office collects Real Estate taxes for the Town of Brooklyn. You may mail your payment or stop by the Green County Courthouse during business hours.

Also accepting payments are the following banks: Bank of New Glarus - Monroe, Belleville, Brodhead, Juda & New Glarus; Lake Ridge Bank - Belleville, Brooklyn & New Glarus; Woodford State Bank - Argyle, Blanchardville, Monroe, New Glarus & South Wayne.

Payments can be made at www.co.green.wi.gov; payments made with a credit card will incur a 2.35% surcharge; debit cards will incur a \$3.95 per transaction charge; and payments made with an e-check will incur a \$1.00 surcharge.

Brooklyn Fire & EMS Update

The Brooklyn Fire and EMS District continues to improve its ability to serve the 3,500 residents in its 47 square mile service area.

Since receiving state approval in 2023, the EMS division has operated with a flex staffing model which allows for a more advanced-level EMS response. Advanced level EMTs can perform more treatment options than the basic level EMT. Currently, 14 of the EMT division staff have taken 180 hours of training and secured their Advanced-level license. The goal is to increase that level again in 2025. A majority of patient transports in Brooklyn Rescue 42 are now attended by Advanced EMTs.

Volunteers are always needed, please call Fire Chief Mason Barber at 608-455-3812.

— John Marx, Town Representative to the Brooklyn Fire District Commission



Photo by Justin Wicik.

Support the Parks

Plan your next outing at Liberty Pole Hill Park. There is a covered pavilion, picnic table, and grill available for your use. A porta-potty is available from May-Sep. If you need electricity, there will be a small fee. Please contact the Town Clerk, Chris, at 608-455-6411 to reserve the space for a meeting, reunion, or family outing.

Brooklyn Area Veteran's Memorial hosts a well-attended event each year on Memorial Day, in May, to honor our veterans from the area. Everyone is invited to attend. You can purchase a paver or engrave a Veteran's name on the wall. Visit the website for more details, forms, and costs: www.brooklynveteransmemorial.org

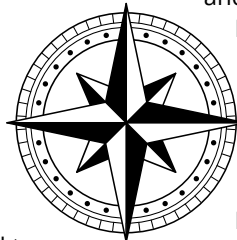
— Kathy Pennington, Parks Commissioner

Help Set the Course for Our Future!

The Plan Commission would like your input as we update our Comprehensive Plan. Why is this important? Because our Comprehensive Plan outlines the vision for the future of the Town of Brooklyn over the next 20 years and describes how we will achieve this vision.

Focus groups will be held to gather input.

But we also ask you to please reach out to anyone serving on the Plan Commission to share your thoughts about Brooklyn's future.



Plan Commission member contact information may be found on our town website at:

www.townofbrooklyn.org > Departments > Plan Commission. Also feel free to attend any Plan Commission meeting, which occur the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Thank you in advance for your input in helping us craft a bright future for Brooklyn!

— Phil Molina, Plan Commission Vice Chair

Town Chair's Report

Over the last year, we completed a full reevaluation of all properties. I appreciate everyone's participation. Our levy is now more equally distributed among our residents. We also completed a reconstruction project and sealcoated over 7 miles of roads.

As we look into the next year, I am working with Internet Service Providers to improve the internet within the town. Improving internet for everyone will be a slow process. WisDOT will reconstruct State Highway 92 from Belleville to Brooklyn in 2025. The road will remain open, but slower than normal. The approximately 13-mile project will begin after school is out, in June 2025, and will likely take most of the summer to complete.

Lastly, your opinion counts and we want each of you to be a part of our community. We are looking for volunteers at Fire/EMS Dept. and at the Town Media Center to create bi-annual newsletters, maintain the Town website, or serve as the Town grant writer to apply for State and Federal programs to benefit our community. Do you want to know what is happening around the town? Please subscribe to updates, by email or text, at <https://townofbrooklyn.org>. Do not hesitate to contact a committee member, the Town Clerk, or myself with your comments and/or suggestions.

— Kathy Pennington, Town Chair

The Road Report 2024

The Town of Brooklyn maintains approximately 43 miles of road. Yearly maintenance activities include sealcoating, repair of major cracks and potholes, and replacement of failing culverts. In 2024, Alpine Rd, Sandy Hook Rd, and Yarwood Rd were sealcoated (a total of 7.1 mi). Major patching was applied to Sandy Hook Rd prior to the sealcoating. Four failing culverts were replaced on Trow Rd.

The Town aims to resurface approximately one mile of road each year. In 2024, the section of Elmer Rd between CTY E and Smith Rd was replaced. This entailed grinding up the existing road deck, followed by regrading and paving with new asphalt. This project was supported in part by a grant from the State of Wisconsin. The Board and Highway Committee remain active in applying for grants whenever possible.

Decisions regarding road work in 2025 will be made after the yearly road tour next April.

— Hans Herweijer, Highway Committee Chair



Save Money with our Town Recycling Center

Today, many families look for ways to stretch the household budget. A great way to save money is using the Town of Brooklyn Recycling Center. The cost is \$4 per bag for trash and recycling is always free when you drop your items off at our Recycling Center located on Benson Road. This service is available to all Town of Brooklyn residents.

An average family generating two thirty-gallon bags of garbage a week can easily save more than \$500 per year compared to hiring a commercial service. There is a complete description of the Town of Brooklyn Recycling Center services on Town's website: www.townofbrooklyn.org/recycling-rules-costs-and-best-practices/

— Kevin Santulis, Recycling Committee Chair

Did you know... ?

- As winter approaches, do not push snow across the road and make sure to keep the right-of-way clear of any items. Both can cause hazardous conditions for our snow removal personnel and equipment.
- Ensure your mailbox is properly secure. If your mailbox gets hit by the Town's snowplow, the Town has a policy in place to pay a one-time \$25 reimbursement for a new mailbox. Your box must be physically damaged by the plow, not merely by snow wash. If this happens, please take a photo of the hit box and email it to: clerk@townofbrooklynwi.gov
- WI Stat 174.05 requires owners to annually license a dog older than 5 months. Complete the application and send the fee to Town Treasurer. Application, fees and another information are at www.townofbrooklyn.org/forms-permits/
- Rent the Town Hall for indoor events. There is a full kitchen, two bathrooms, tables, and chairs for your use. The maximum capacity is 100. Residents get a discount on rental fee. Application and costs: www.townofbrooklyn.org/forms-permits/

— Kathy Pennington, Town Chair