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BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

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**PHOTO ID REQUIRED
STARTING IN 2016**

Three Trustee positions are up for election this Spring on Tuesday, April 5, 2016

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please obtain nomination papers at the Village Clerk's office.

The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2015

The Dec 14, 2015, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall by President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present were Kyle Smith, Russell Cazier, Sue McCallum, Todd Klahn and Heather Kirkpatrick. Trustee Leavy was absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, Chief Barger, PW Director Langer, John Marx. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

President Hawkey moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the minutes of 11-9-15. Hawkey moved, second Cazier, carried to approve the minutes of 11-16-15.

President Hawkey stated her comments to the Oregon Observer on the business complex giving credit to all the work done by the Clerk's Office and Public Works on the survey/sale of land for a new business was not published (stating she did not respond).

Clerk Strause gave the October financials with income of \$90,603.48, expenses \$135,021.35, and end of month balance in all funds of \$1,373,478.74. Green County tax bills were sent out a week ago, Dane County bills were sent last Friday.

PUBLIC WORKS: Press release for **Emerald Ash Borer** identified on 12-2-15 will be put on our website and in the Oregon Observer. DNR will also give a release. A letter to DNR expressing support of **the statewide phosphorus multi-discharger variance** was presented also stating the county by county eligibility requirements are too restrictive and that economic indicators were too broadly applied. The **2015 Urban Forestry Final Grant** reimbursement request was completed by Deputy Clerk Kuhlman and sent in last week to DNR. Kuhlman also submitted the **2015 Tree City** application last week and is working on the Growth Award ap. The Village will not be receiving any **2016 UFG funds** from DNR. Competition was high with 80 grant requests and 36 grants approved. The **Focus on Energy check was received in the amount of \$605 for the two new furnaces** installed at the Community Bldg. There was no public works meeting last month and there is no update to the Utility/Public Works reports.

SAFETY: Chief Barger presented the **Labor Day After Action report** giving recommendations for next year's activities. There were no major problems this year with good communication between the organizers and the department. McCallum moved, second Smith, carried to approve the **minutes of 9-29-15**. Part-time officer Larson has been hired by Oregon PD full time so his availability may be limited. Barger will **review applicants on file** and may place an ad in local paper in January. Dept secretary is back to work after a medical leave. Officer Engelhart attended the funeral of a McFarland Officer.

CONSENT AGENDA: Hawkey moved, second Smith, carried to approve payment of all December 2015 bills as presented, and operator licenses for Sarah Collins and Jason Coppelman.

NEW BUSINESS: Hawkey moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the **2016-2017 Election Board** as follows: Daryl and Cindy Booth, Paul Hansen, Laura Clark-Hansen, Marge VanCalligan, Pat Hawkey, Sandy Wagner, Helen McCord, Nadine Walsten; Chief Inspectors: Meagan Hamlette and Zach Leavy; registration deputies Carol Strause and Linda Kuhlman. **Code of Ordinances**-Clerk Strause explained several ordinances that were adopted did not make the new book. Upon contact with Municipal Code, it appears there was a problem with "cloud" retrieval. Municipal Code contacted the Clerk last spring because of a problem with the first "cloud" setup and Strause had to re-enter info to a second "cloud" account. Evidently there were problems with this one also. Municipal Code will completely redo our entire book(s). A new proof will be submitted by the end of January. Ordinance committee members may review also. Historical data was reviewed for the **2002 Revenue Bond for the St Hwy 92 project**. The water system portion of the bond was \$1,205,000 with the note called in 2012. There was a buy down with reserves and the note was refinanced at .95% at UBT for \$651,286. The balance to date is \$462,324. Impact fees and water undesignated funds total \$246,931 earning 1.14%. Trustee McCallum stated this is not the bond she was questioning but rather a loan trail for the 1996 water tower revenue bond in relationship to the impact fees collected. Clerk Strause is not sure if there are documents on this 1996 loan as all debt folders had to be recreated when she started in 2008. More research will be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Information received from Computer Magic, Madison, regarding **archiving emails** was presented. Trustee Cazier will contact them for more clarity on costs. The **joint Brooklyn/Belleville Municipal Court will be dissolved as of 4/30/2016** as Belleville adopted an ordinance identical to Brooklyn's for dissolution. District 5 Court Administrator is assisting with the changeover and close out of the joint court. Clerk Strause stated she has requested a **proposal from the new Municipal Property Insurance Company (MPIC)** for property coverage currently covered by the State Property Insurance Fund, policy expires 4-15-16. It is anticipated that State Ins. Fund rates will be much higher with the loss cost multiplier doubling and the auto physical damage increasing by 35%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning and Zoning—met this evening to discuss and recommend approval for extraterritorial zoning for Town of Union, Rock County, for Jason Marshall, Tax Parcel 6-20-38, Section 6-T4N-R10E, Hold Rd for a land division of 46.2 acres. Hawkey moved, second Klahn, carried to approve as recommended by the Commission. **Ordinance committee** did not meet. **Fire-EMS**—District Board will be meeting Wed night, 12-16, 6:30 pm at the Fire Station to vote on **the revised district agreement**. The draft agreement was reviewed along with our attorney's legal opinion. Hawkey reported the Fire and EMS Protection District, as incorporated, can only issue revenue bonds and cannot issue general obligation debt. With the Village paying most of the (31% Fire and 42% EMS) budget cost, it was felt there should be more representation on the District Board. A formula for more Village representation was discussed. Klahn moved, second Cazier, carried to recommend to the District Board for the Village to have two representatives on the Board making it a six member board. Language on 4/5 vote of the Board for certain motions was questioned. Withdrawal language on page 10 and modifying the territory served by district needs a method for withdrawal outlined. Paragraph relating to Rural Development needs to be removed as that loan has been refinanced. The District Board has a secretary-treas and an assistant secretary-treas. The EMS has a director, asst director, training officer, secretary-treas, and maintenance officer. The fire department also has a secretary-treas. Language referring to both secretary-treas and assistant secretary-Treas should refer to only secretary-treas so that one person is in charge. Retirement amounts on page 9, #5 should be changed back to paid by the District secretary-treas not the Brooklyn Fire Dept treas. Fundraising entities for the district if they are 501(c)(3) have separate accounts. Other fundraising efforts should be shown in the revenues on the budget report; however, the revenue side of the budget is not handed out. Quarterly reports with revenue/expense should be given to District Board members. Budgets received from Oregon and Belleville are much clearer to read and understand. Hawkey said she contacted the billing company for the district and has their contract. Smith requested job descriptions which Hawkey has and will forward to him. Smith also want to know how they are handling full time staff, HR hiring, living inside or outside of district. Clerk Strause has posted a village board meeting for possible quorum at fire board meeting Wed night. Hawkey stated any information received from the District will be sent through the Clerk's office to board members.

Recreation committee met last week and will meet again next week to judge the Holiday Lighting Contest. The committee reviewed their activity over the past year, revenue and expenses. Because of lack of staff and the amount of time needed for fundraising, they voted to **not be in charge of the fireworks event**. The local Chamber will be discussing possibly taking over this event. Other activity changes may happen, along with looking at non-resident fee increase for the summer recreation program. Clerk Strause has kept a running total summarizing all projects with revenues and expenses. A yearend report will be provided after all expenses are in. Trustee McCallum requested accountability of programs they are doing including participation numbers. **Finance**—Hawkey moved, second Cazier, carried to approve the committee's recommendation for a \$1.00 per hour wage **increase (\$15 to \$16) for Deputy Clerk-Treas, Linda Kuhlman effective Jan 1, 2016**. Kuhlman started employment Oct 4, 2015. Hawkey moved, second Cazier, carried to approve **carryover to 2016 53.75 vacation hours for Clerk Strause**, hours not able to be taken last August as planned. Hawkey moved, second McCallum, carried to give the **interview panel for the Deputy Clerk-Treas position**, Mike Zagrodnik and Mary Austin, each a \$25 gift card from Angelo's as a token of appreciation. Trustee Smith moved, second Hawkey, carried to approve \$25 gift cards each from Angelo's for Leif Spilde, Wade Engelhart, and Carol Strause for assisting Smith during the hiring process as it was much appreciated. Cazier moved, second Hawkey, carried to approve the 11-4-15 minutes.

Cazier moved, second Klahn, carried to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Carol A Strause, MMC, WCMC, CMTW

BROOKLYN POLICE DEPT

Activity for November

Thefts	1	Open Records	3
Traffic citations	3	Animal	4
Traffic warnings	5	Juvenile offenses/comp	1
Assists	6	Domestic/family	0
Suspicious activity	1	Parking citations	5
Financial/Fraud	2	Damage to property	1
Traffic incident	35	Municipal Ord. Comp	<u>3</u>
Misc/comp arrests	1	TOTAL	71

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

There will be no more leaf or brush pickup. Brush pickup will resume in spring. Holiday trees will be collected.

Snow Removal

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Snow **may not** be put into the street.

The owner or user of each mailbox shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of each snowfall, remove all snow and ice which has fallen or accumulated in front of said mailbox, and shall remove the snow and ice away from the curb or area in front of the mailbox, a minimum of fifteen (15) feet on each side of said mailbox.

Please clear snow from around fire hydrants and water meter readers also.

The Public Works Department will close at 11am on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st. They will be closed all day on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st

No Parking on Village Streets from
1 am – 7 am. until April 15th



TRASH & RECYCLING

SOME WINTER REMINDERS:

DO NOT put bins on top of snow banks or in the street. Please place in the driveway apron. Christmas wrapping paper is recyclable. Remember to always have bins out by 7 am



EAB IDENTIFIED IN VILLAGE

On Wednesday 12/02/15 the presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was identified and confirmed in the Village Cemetery in the Village of Brooklyn WI. The findings were verified by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff. The Village of Brooklyn now joins the growing list of Wisconsin municipalities where the insect has been detected.

Dane and Green Counties, which includes Brooklyn, are under quarantine already due to previous community's findings in those Counties. Neighboring Rock County is also under quarantine. It is illegal to move firewood out of these quarantined areas. Village homeowner's who would like more information on the EAB and the quarantined areas can visit the Village of Brooklyn website for links to Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

In preparation of the EAB, the Village of Brooklyn has not planted Ash Trees for many years.

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The office will be closing at noon on 12/24 and on 12/31. The office is closed all day on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st

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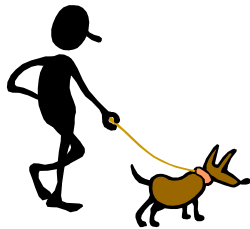
Dog and cat licenses must be purchased by January 31st. If you have not previously registered your pet (age 6 mo. or older) with the Village, please provide a copy of a current rabies certificate. Also, if your pet was re-vaccinated during 2015, please provide a new certificate. The fee is as follows:

Neutered/Spayed dog - \$12

Unaltered dog - \$17

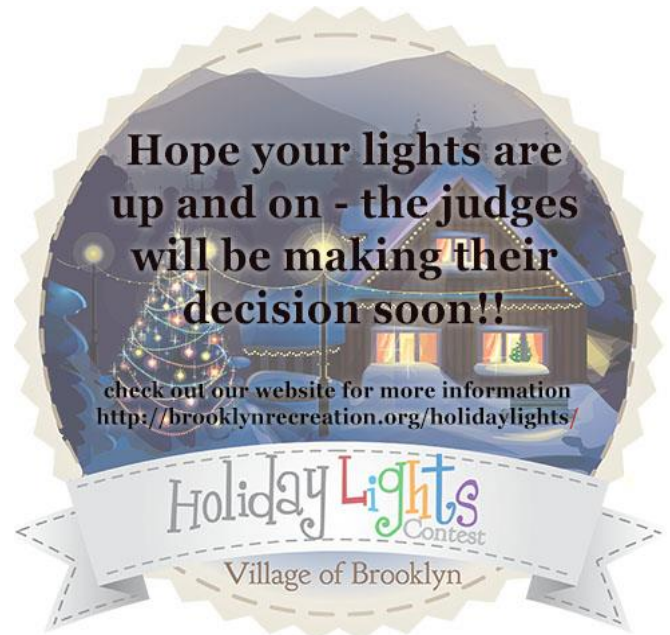
Cats - \$5

Village ordinance states that all animals must be licensed. Only 3 dogs/cats are allowed per residence.



Property Tax Payments

The first installment of your property tax bill must be paid to the Village Clerk by January 31st. A 1/31/16 postmark will be honored. DO NOT put payments in the drop box after 5 pm on the 31st.



CLUE:

check our website next week for the clue
<http://brooklynrecreation.org/events/movienight/>

Doors Open at 6:00pm

December 2015 News from Your Senior Center
By Rachel Brickner

"My furnace is on its last legs and I don't have the money to replace it."

"How do you choose which bill to pay when you can't pay them all?"

"I can't afford my medication and my groceries both. Help!"

As a Case Manager, these are the kinds of things I hear from local seniors, and the types of challenges I address. These are also the kind of issues we tend not to think about during the holidays, when we are surrounded by media images of excess and plenty. Everyone seems to be shopping and spending without a care.

For people on fixed incomes, including most seniors, the holidays are not carefree. They are reminders of how hard it can be to stretch tight budgets. Cold weather means fuel bills and dead car batteries and property taxes to pay.

If you or a loved one are age 60 or more, and struggling financially, please make an appointment to come in and see me at the Senior Center. I may be able to connect you with a program or two that can help keep food on the table, the furnace running and the prescriptions covered.

It is my job to know what resources exist to help seniors stay safe and healthy in their own homes, and I am happy to share that information with you. Please call 835-5801 and ask for Rachel. Happy holidays to all of you from all of us at the Senior Center.



SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH

Noon – January 21st

Brooklyn Community Building

Bring a dish to pass and enjoy some good company with Brooklyn residents!

Healthy Living Expo
Saturday, January 16th, 2016
9am - 1pm
Brooklyn Community Building

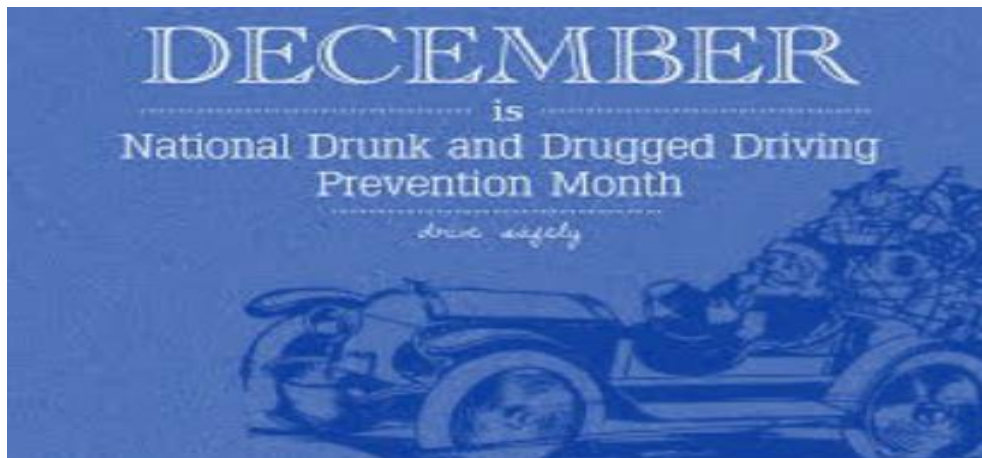
Still accepting applications for vendor/booths.
<http://brooklynrecreation.org/healthylivingexpo>



Pre-Ballet & Ballet classes start January 19th

check out our website for more information
brooklynrecreation.org

It all started with a single session.



Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This amounts to one death every 51 minutes. The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$59 billion. Thankfully, there are effective measures that can help prevent injuries and deaths from alcohol-impaired driving.

During the Christmas period, for example, an average of 45 fatalities involving an alcohol-impaired driver occurred each day, and soared to 54 per day over the New Year's holiday.

Operating while intoxicated (OWI) means operating a vehicle while under the influence of any chemical that has a negative effect on the driver's abilities.

The Wisconsin Statute (363.63(a)) specifies the following as prohibited conduct: Driving under the influence of an intoxicant, a controlled substance, a controlled substance analog or any *combination* of an intoxicant, a controlled substance and a controlled substance

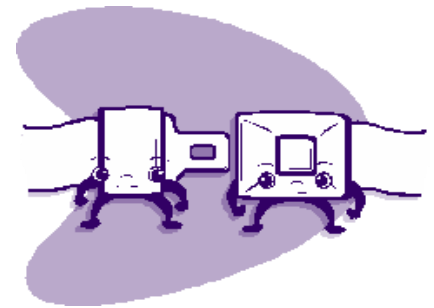
analog, under the influence of any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving, or under the *combined influence* of an intoxicant and any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving.

While most cases involve drunk driving, law enforcement officers may arrest someone for OWI for prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications as well as controlled substances, commonly referred to as street drugs.

One of the greatest difficulties with preventing OTC drug use is that few teens and adults realize the danger. Unlike the risks associated with illegal street drugs like cocaine and heroin, the risks associated with OTC drug abuse are given little thought and attention. Teens and young adults who learn about the risks of drugs at home are up to 50% less likely to abuse drugs.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Impairment is not reliant upon the type of alcohol consumed, rather the number of drinks over a certain period of time.
2. On average, a drunk driver will drive 80 times under the influence before their first arrest.
3. Every 51 minutes in America, someone is killed in a drunk driving crash. That equates to 27 people every day.
4. For drivers under 21, the U.S. has a No Tolerance policy that does not allow any alcohol to be in the blood system while behind the wheel. The consequences could include expensive fines, loss of license or jail.
5. Between 50 to 75% of the people who have had their licenses revoked due to driving under the influence drive illegally without their license.
6. Kids and teens who get involved with alcohol at a young age are 7 times more likely to be involved in an alcohol-related crash in their lives.
7. To reach a BAC level of .08 (g/Dl) a man weighing approximately 170 pounds would need to consume four standard drinks in one hour on an empty stomach. A woman weighing about 140 pounds would need to consume three drinks in one hour.
8. It takes approximately six hours after drinking for the body to completely eliminate alcohol from its system with a BAC level of .08.
9. Because alcohol dilutes itself in the water volume of the body in order to travel through it, vital organs that contain a lot of water (such as the brain) are particularly vulnerable to the effects of alcohol.
10. Approximately 75% of fatal crashes occurring between midnight and 3 a.m. involve alcohol.
11. The highest rates of drunk driving occur among drivers aged 21-24.
12. Motorcycle drivers are the most likely to be involved in fatal drunk driving accidents.
13. Nearly 75% of drunk drivers involved in fatal collisions are not wearing their safety belts.
14. Beer is the most common type of alcoholic beverage involved in both DUI arrests and fatal crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It is also the drink of choice in most cases of binge drinking and underage drinking.
15. Drugs other than alcohol (such as marijuana and cocaine) are involved in approximately 18% of fatal motor vehicle collisions and have most often been used in combination with alcohol.
16. Men are about twice as likely as women to drive under the influence of alcohol and to be involved in a fatal collision.



Are You Ready For Christmas?

The joys of the holidays are all around us, but so are the dangers.

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 31 reported home structure Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 144 total reported home structure fires.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every four of Christmas tree fires.
- 56% of home candle fires occur when something that can catch on fire is too close to the candle.
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires.

Remember "TLC" – Tree, Light and Candle Safety

"T" is for Tree

Tree Fire Hazards:

From December 24th through 26th, fire deaths increase by 50%. Injuries go up 61%. And dollars lost go up 43%. As the season progresses and trees become drier, the incidence of fires worsens. From December 1-14 there is an average of 1.2 Christmas Tree fires a day. But between December 15-January 1 that number goes up to 7.7 Christmas Tree fires a day (National average fires between 1996 and 1998).

Selecting a Tree for the Holiday:

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree:

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of Your Tree:

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.



"L" is for Lights

Maintain Your Holiday Lights

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch. And don't leave holiday lights on unattended.

Artificial Christmas Trees

If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

C is for Candle

Avoid Using Lit Candles

Candle use increases the incidence of holiday fires. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning. And keep candles at a height where children and pets can not reach them. And keep candles inside a one foot circle free from decorations and other combustible materials.

Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree

Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Cooking Dangers: Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires in December. Cooks may be distracted with holiday guests, entertaining and last-minute details. 54% of these kitchen fires result from food or equipment left unattended or combustible items like oven mitts left too close to the cooking heat source. Don't leave food unattended and make sure stoves, ovens and ranges are turned off when you leave the kitchen. Set timers to keep track of food that requires extended cooking times.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.



January 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 FREE Community Movie-6:30pm
3	4 Yoga-6:30pm	5 NOMINATION PAPERS DUE 5pm Tire,oil,battery	6 Finance mtg- 5:30pm Zumba-6:30pm	7 Yoga-6:30pm	8	9
10	11 Village Board- 6:30pm Yoga-6:30pm	12	13 RECYCLING Zumba-6:30pm	14 Yoga -6:30pm	15	16 Healthy Living Expo – 7 am to 3 pm
17 Rec – Open Gym	18 Yoga-6:30pm	19	20 Zumba-6:30pm	21 Yoga -6:30pm Senior Lunch- Noon Comm Bldg	22	23
24	25 Yoga-6:30pm	26	27 RECYCLING Zumba-6:30pm	28 Yoga -6:30pm	29 LAST DAY FOR TAX COLLECTION IN CLERK'S OFFICE	30
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REMINDERS: Please do not staple or tape your check when sending in utility or tax payments.

Please be sure to check out our website for new info/events at www.brooklynwi.gov