

APRIL 2021 VILLAGE NEWS

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Village of Brooklyn Spring Dumpster Days -Residents Only

April 30th through May 9th

Unloading of your items will be your responsibility

Hours:

Monday thru Friday 2 pm to 7 pm

Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm, Sundays 10 am to 2 pm

Dumpsters will be located at the Treatment Plant – Windy Lane

(South end of Village on Hwy 104)

ITEMS THAT **ARE NOT** ALLOWED TO BE PLACED IN THE DUMPSTER:

- ROOFING SHINGLES
- CONCRETE OR STONE
- GRASS/WEEDS/BRUSH/LEAVES
- FLUORESCENT BULBS & FIXTURES
- RECYCLABLES (CARDBOARD OR BOXES) PLASTICS/GLASS/TIN CANS/BOTTLES
- 55 GALLON BARRELS/DRUMS
- PAINT
- ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS/TV'S
- HAZARDOUS/INFECTIOUS MATERIALS OR THEIR CONTAINERS
- ** OIL, BATTERIES, TIRES, APPLIANCES



** NOTE: Oil & batteries can be brought in and placed in a separate area. No Freon or hazardous containing appliances (refrigerators, ac units, etc.) microwaves or dehumidifiers. Other appliances can be placed in the recycling dumpster. If questions, contact Public Works at 608-455-1842.

HOW TO RECYCLE ELECTRONICS IN WISCONSIN

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Ecycle>

Many electronics can no longer be put in the trash in Wisconsin and must be reused, recycled or managed as hazardous waste. The information below will help you prepare your electronics for reuse or recycling, find an electronics collection site or contact a recycler for larger volumes of e-waste.

For businesses, schools, institutions, nonprofits and governments, especially if you have a large number of items to recycle, see the DNR publication [Managing Used Electronics \[PDF\]](#) for more information on your options.

FIND AN ELECTRONICS COLLECTION SITE

Electronics from Wisconsin households, K-12 public schools and Parental Choice Program schools may be recycled through E-Cycle Wisconsin. Some of the collectors and recyclers registered under E-Cycle Wisconsin also accept electronics from businesses, colleges and universities, and others not part of E-Cycle Wisconsin. You can use filters to limit the list to sites that accept from businesses, schools or others. Many electronics manufacturers also offer free mail-back programs, primarily for consumers.

- [List of registered E-Cycle Wisconsin collection sites and mail-back programs](#)

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

If there is no E-Cycle Wisconsin collection site near you, or you have a large quantity of devices and need to work directly with a recycler, the following resources can help. In addition, some electronics, such as cell phones, are often recycled at retail stores, and some electronics manufacturers offer mail-back programs for their brands of electronics.

- [List of registered E-Cycle Wisconsin recyclers](#)
- [Greener Gadgets \[exit DNR\]](#) is a site from the Consumer Electronics Association that allows consumers to search for electronics recyclers by location and product type
- [Earth911 \[exit DNR\]](#) has resources for electronics recycling, including a search function that lets you find recyclers in your area
- [Call2Recycle \[exit DNR\]](#) allows you to enter your city or ZIP code and find drop-off sites for cell phones and rechargeable batteries

REUSE AND RESALE OPTIONS

If your unwanted electronics are relatively new and in good working condition, you may be able to donate them for reuse or sell them. Many electronics retailers and websites offer trade-in or buy-back programs for items such as smartphones, MP3 players and digital cameras.

Before donating items, make sure the organization is willing to accept the items. Often, schools, churches and non-profits cannot use older computers, TVs or other electronics.

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021
(via online and telephone)

The March 8, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by Interim President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present via online, and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Kyle Smith and Todd Klahn. Also present were Mark Bruner, Mike Brusberg, Brandon Arndt, Sheri Arndt, Steve Clark, Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

Public Comments – none.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25. Olson seconded. Motion carried. Klahn abstained.

Council on Aging Report – Sue McCallum – Met on January 20. Reviewed 2020 financials. It was good to see they received many memorials in 2020. In 2019 they had \$2,400 and in 2020 they had \$9,300 in donated memorials. In the past they discussed the awards given to Oregon High School and debated between 2 \$250 or 1 \$500. They tried 2 for \$250 and didn't get many applications from the students, so they are going back to 1 \$500 award/year. 2021 activities – they will have a brat bash fundraiser in May. It will be a drive thru. They will try to do an ice cream social in July and hopefully outdoors. Smith asked if she had dates for those events. McCallum said not at this time. Smith asked to be informed of dates. She will let the board know. Their next meeting is March 17. Some other programs are working good -- music trivia, Rachel Brickner Reads and guest speakers. One program not working is Connect and Converse through Zoom. They had their first live concert the last week of January and will have more going forward. Chris Johnson is taking over as head of personnel committee. Hawkey asked if there are plans to open up more parts of the Senior Center so people can come in, considering the vaccines. McCallum said it was not part of the topic in January, but they do want to bring things back in, especially for the adult daycare. They were brought in and found it okay.

McCallum stated the Historical Society is losing their current location for storage of artifacts. Also, they've been trying to figure out how to share items with the public. They first looked a year or so ago in conjunction with trying to get American Legion and Historical Society using a room off the stage in the community building. She would like to ask permission to store the items in that storage room off the stage. She would like to move by end of March. McCallum met with Stacey Hardy, Recreation Committee, recently and looked at the room and measured it. They would like to put three wooden shelves to store small boxes, a plastic five-shelf unit to store more mobile items for historical displays that they use more frequently, and in front of those units on the floor stack other containers with other artifacts. These would be the more temperature or humidity sensitive. And they would also like to display some of the artifacts in a display cabinet in the conference room at the community building. The display cabinet was from BJ's hair salon when it closed in Oregon. They would rotate the displays quarterly. Kirkpatrick said it's a good idea and doesn't see an issue. Olson asked if Public Works was asked to make sure they don't need it. Spilde has no issue if Hardy is okay with it. No mechanicals in the room. Hawkey's concern is there is a lot of stuff in the room. The area needs to be cleaned out before moving anything into it. McCallum agrees and she discussed with Hardy, who said a few items can be cleaned out and rearranged. Hawkey asked if McCallum would be the contact. McCallum said yes, she's president of the Historical Society. She can be contacted with issues. They're not concerned about damage or if the building burns down. Hawkey asked if they would be moving it themselves. McCallum said it's all arranged, and they do not need assistance. Recreation has to clean the area out. There was a discussion on logistics of cleaning out the room. McCallum said they'd like to move in by March 31. Klahn asked if it would be permanent. McCallum said permanent temporary. They are moving other things to other locations. These are things they use for displays and share with the community. The other bigger items include a piano, pump organ, other display cases, etc. **Brennum made a motion to allow storage of artifacts in the storage unit off of the**

stage in the community building and to allow the display case in the conference room.

Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. McCallum thanked the board.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the Special Event permit application from Brooklyn Sno-Hornets and Oregon Sno-Blazers Snowmobile Clubs for Labor Day Truck & Tractor Pull.

Olson seconded. Brennum asked if there are any contingencies in case of COVID. He would agree with it but would like to see a backup plan if there's still an issue. Hawkey stated because we don't know, the group is really responsive and believes they could come back closer to the event and ask for special contingencies. Sheri Arndt stated last year they discussed if there were different contingencies, they would meet and work with the board, and they would do that again. **Hawkey would amend her motion to add if there's anything related to COVID that has to be amended later in the summer, the board can do that.** Olson seconded the amendment. Motion carried.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the amplification permit application from Brooklyn Sno-Hornets and Oregon Sno-Blazers Snowmobile Clubs for Labor Day Truck & Tractor Pull.

Olson second. Kirkpatrick recommended approval with the contingency they may need to make adjustments. **Hawkey amended the motion to add if there are COVID restrictions, the board can discuss later.** Olson seconded the amendment. Motion carried. Sheri Arndt thanked the board. Hawkey said good luck with event, and she appreciates bringing it back. Arndt is looking forward to it working out.

President's report – The Village president will be back March 11 and will resume duties. Hawkey thanked Public Works helping to clean out the police department and thanked Dane County for doing an inventory.

COVID update – Spilde stated everyone in Public Works has received their first vaccine at least. Dane County EM is meeting biweekly and then will go monthly, and it's not all COVID related. Kuhlman stated Dane County has a new order coming out on March 13 lessening restrictions. Spilde said the CDC came out with lessening restrictions for people with vaccines. The numbers are positive right now. Kirkpatrick hopes it stays that way. She's concerned that things might change.

Public Works/Utilities/Emergency Management Report – Spilde – 109 hotel street water froze. It's a 1-1/2" line and they struggled with getting it thawed out. They had two people come in for 7-8 hours. The water audit information is complete. Residents are still running water for about two weeks yet. The frost is still in the road. The Consumer Confidence Report is in the newsletter and posted in the normal places. They're working with BPR and seeing slow drops in phosphorus, which is positive. We had an odor complaint on the N. Kerch Street lift station, but when called and go there, they don't smell anything. They've heard nothing else about it in the last week and a half. We had one grave last week. There was a dead ash tree in the easement and PW worked with Green County to take it down. The yellow truck '96 International, Brian and Curt are rebuilding the box on it to get by for a few more years. Hawkey asked about costs related to the freeze up. Kuhlman stated it was \$2,200. Spilde added that was the cost but they also had PW labor. It was less expensive than digging up the road. The effluent sampler is 11 years old, and the head on it has gone bad. The price is \$2,720 to replace the head. It's not something they can get a quote on because it's specific to the sampler. We used sewer equipment replacement funds in the past. **Hawkey made the motion to approve the purchase for the effluent sampler at the treatment plant not to exceed \$2,800.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Spilde was asked about the phosphorus removal and stated we're at 3 mg/liter and started at about 7, so the phosphorus is going in the right direction.

Clerk's Report – February financials - \$102,452.19 in deposits, which included \$31,109.98 for taxes and CWF loan proceeds of \$1,311.69, which is for Strand continuing to help with phosphorus removal. We had \$561,866.77 in withdrawals, which included February tax settlements of \$337,486.76 and included debt service of \$105,380.41 for the loan on our portion of the fire/EMS building and our portion of the fire engine. We had a total in all accounts at the end of February of \$2,015,708.45. The audit was here on February 25 and 26. They think it will be finished in April to bring back to the board. We have a meeting on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. with Olson, Kirkpatrick, Spilde, Kuhlman and Strand to look at the next phase of the Business Complex. O&A wants to continue their next addition. Dumpster Days is April 30-May 9.

The ATV signs are ordered for the village. We have to make a few changes to the ordinance per the DOT. Board of Review training was confirmed by the legislature that one member of the board has to take training every year. PZ has been looking at ordinances in the zoning code. The board has them for review before discussing them at the March 22nd board meeting and up for approval on April 12. Olson and Kuhlman had training on effective electronic meetings in two webinars. They handed out a sample policy that Kuhlman is looking at. Groenier's developer's agreements are signed and he's working on letters of credit. There is a preconstruction meeting on Friday. He has about eight lots presold. We're working with DCSO to set up the police department. WE received new statute books from Dane County, so if anyone wants the old ones, let the clerk's office know. We're working with Dane County on the police department grant. Spring Treasurer's Association conference is April 29 and 30, all day Thursday and half day Friday. It's \$99 each for the conference. Kuhlman is asking if the deputy clerk and clerk can attend the conference virtually. Hawkey asked if they would be doing it from home. Olson will attend from home, and Kuhlman will attend from the office. Hawkey thanked the PZ Commission for working on ordinances and hopes the board looks at them before the next meeting. **Hawkey made a motion to allow the clerk and deputy clerk to attend the virtual Municipal Treasurers Spring Conference April 29 and 30 for \$99 each for a total of \$200.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Olson and Kirkpatrick reviewed the bills. Kuhlman added that she had a discussion with Lantech, and we had prepaid them in October to do work under the Routes to Recovery grant. They have not used all of it yet, so she'd like to remove the Lantech bill, because that amount will come off the prepayment. It's voucher 12324. **Olson made a motion to approve bills and also to remove the Lantech bill voucher number 12324.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Lantech is the computer IT for the police department. Motion carried.

Hawkey stated Kathy Pennington from the town who has been working to improve the broadband in Green County, and she made a **motion to have Kathy Pennington represent the Town and Village on the Boardband Committee.** Brennum seconded. Kuhlman stated she had sent an email to Pennington and put her in touch with GCDC, and Cara asked her to be on the broadband committee. Hawkey said they have a lot of issues with broadband not being accessible to everyone. Motion carried. Kuhlman will let Pennington know.

Hawkey said the board received information on wrapping the squad. Kirkpatrick talked to Dane County, and the sample that's the closest to our situation Village of Windsor. Dane County wasn't aware we had existing wrap on our squads, so she asked to get the cost to put only the additional decals that we need on, and Jan Tetzlaff reached out to the vendor but doesn't have the cost yet. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to postpone the decision until we get numbers from DCSO.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried. Hawkey will let the county know.

Hawkey stated there are equipment updates needed for the police squads. She asked if the board wanted to make a decision tonight, or do they need more time since they just received the information today. Brennum stated if it's needed, it's needed. Hawkey said we can make a payment total or payment over time. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment for the squad, excluding the wrap of the squad, with payments over time.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Hawkey will let them know.

Kuhlman did background checks on Corbin Ace, Main Street Music & More, and Gina Allen, Dollar General, and there were no issues. **Hawkey made a motion to approve operator licenses for Corbin Ace and Gina Allen.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Hawkey stated there are several items taken out the police department that are not needed, and she would like to authorize Kuhlman and Spilde to work together to dispose of items. **Hawkey made a motion to authorize Kuhlman and Spilde to work together to dispose of unused village property.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated she sent the ATV/UTV ordinance to the DOT, the police departments and the DNR. DOT was sent with a permit application for the signs. DOT stated we need to put in more references to the state

statutes and designate the highway routes. She discussed with Spilde and they labeled the routes on Highway 92 from Union Road to King Lake Road and 104 from Church Street to West Holt Road. With those corrections, the DOT is okay with the ordinance. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the updates to the ATV/UTV ordinance.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Fire/EMS Strategic Planning & Contract Committee – Kirkpatrick reported they have started the process. A strategic plan is recommended by the fire chief's association and EMS association to understand the current state of the organization and where do we need to be and how do we get there. They have created vision statements, which are being reviewed. They have a format, and now they're beginning the SWOT analysis to identify the gaps and develop goals, which will be broken down and assigned to people to work on them. She thinks it will be useful for everyone. They're working on strengths and weaknesses and working on a survey to send out to get input. It will be posted on the Brooklyn website page and also onto the Village Facebook page to get people to participate and to the fire/EMS personnel and others. They are meeting twice a month on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. It's going well. They will use outside experts and partners to help with the procedures. They made a list at the last meeting. If anyone has any feedback, please send to them. Hawkey stated this is important to village residents since it's a big percentage of the budget and where will it be posted. Kirkpatrick stated all five municipalities post it through their usual places plus the fire district. Ours are at the post office, outside the community building and the village hall and on the website. Hawkey asked if talked to Oregon Observer to have them write something. Kirkpatrick said not yet but thinks the committee can discuss. She agrees it's important to get everyone involved. Kirkpatrick said it will take about two more meetings to get the survey ready. They are just beginning and it's important to let the community know.

Hawkey made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Smith seconded. Ayes – Smith, Klahn, Brennum, Kirkpatrick, Hawkey, Olson. Noes - none.

Brennum made a motion at 7:48 p.m. to adjourn. Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes  
March 22, 2021  
(via online and telephone)**

The March 22, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online, and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Kyle Smith, Pat Hawkey, and Todd Klahn. Trustee Sean Brennum was absent. Also present were Aaron Heisler, Mike Brusberg, Mark Bruner, Jason Marshall, Teresa Trunkhill, Lisa Lapple, Ed Short, Sergeant Johnathon Matz, Deputy Jacob Zilli, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**President's Report** – Springer read the following statement: Hello everyone, and I'd like to say a few things now that I have resumed my duties as Village President. First, I want to thank you, Pat, and the entire board for your support during my family medical situation. I appreciate all of your hard work together in my absence, as it allowed me to focus on my family. I also want to thank the community for their outpouring of support during that time. The timing of my family situation prevented me from answering questions relating to the Village Board's difficult decision to contract with Dane County Sheriff's Office. Unfortunately, as a result, a lot of misinformation has been shared through social media and the

press. Policing in small communities has changed dramatically in recent times, partly due to high profile situations and the ever-increasing usage of technology. These situations have been covered by media outlets and have at times gone viral, prompting renewed calls for discussions and expectations. The Village Board evaluated this decision from various perspectives: 1. Having three/four seats up for reelection every year, out of a seven-member board, results in a level of turnover that makes it difficult for the board to maintain the level of experience required to provide proper oversight of a complex department like the police. 2. A previous letter by the Village Board mentioned a settlement for damages against the Village as a result of the alleged wrong doings by Brooklyn Police Department. We have a responsibility as the Village board to assess the facts of a suit brought forward and evaluate the potential of liability risk in the future and look out in the best interest of our residents and community. Some of these assessments of current and future liability risks may include on/off recorded complaints, targeting (racial or otherwise), and so forth. The Board has a responsibility to consider how each incident could impact our future liability risk and the protection of our community. 3. I recognize that our community has said this was not a transparent process, but we do have an obligation to keep consideration of personnel issues in closed sessions to protect the privacy of our employees and residents. This was a very difficult decision for the board, and we gave a great deal of consideration to all alternatives. When the decision was made that contracting with Dane County was the best path forward for the village, we unanimously decided to offer severance packages to all employees to enable them time to find other employment. 4. The statement that Brooklyn no longer has coverage, is simply false. The Village has never had a 24/7 department, but it has always been covered. The sole responsibility of the contracted officer from Dane County is the Village and protecting the community. The only time they would leave the Village while on duty is if mutual aid is requested or appear in court or transport a prisoner as exactly as our Brooklyn Police had done. 5. Because of the way Dane County Sheriff's Department is organized, administration duties do not fall on the assigned Village Deputy, thus allowing for more interaction out in the community while patrolling. Prior to contracting the Village Board heard about the lack of patrolling. The former police department had administration duties in addition to patrolling, including but not limited to supervising, recruitment and training of new officers, creating and maintaining policies and procedures, and providing information to not only the village but also the community. The number of patrolling hours will actually increase with the Dane County contract compared to what we had from the department. At this point in time, we have almost completed the transition to the Dane County contracted officer. During this period, I have been contacted by multiple residents about the increased visibility of police presence. It was also discovered that several types of police gear were overpurchased, thus reenforcing the need for the Village Board to provide consistent and appropriate oversight to avoid spending tax dollars on unnecessary items. With Dane County now in charge of the inventory, there will be a much more accurate picture of the requirements for the department along with accurate costs. In the 2022 budget for the Village, with the reallocation of the police budget, there will be enough funds to pay for an additional contracted officer for community patrol if the Village board feels it's necessary, thus having two full time patrol officers with staggered shifts for the first time ever in the village. Effectively we are replacing all the administration hours for patrol hours. The other really important part to understand that entering into this agreement, we have 100% patrolling, while having zero liability.

**Kirkpatrick made a motion to move up agenda item for the closed session.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion at 6:35 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.** Kirkpatrick seconded. AYES –

Hawkey, Kirkpatrick, Springer, Olson, Smith, Klahn. NOES none. **Reconvened into open session at 6:49 p.m.**

**Public Comments** – Aaron Heisler – He is running for school board and appreciates the time to introduce himself. He's lived on Easy Street since 2010. He's married and his wife is a nurse practitioner. He has two kids who attend Brooklyn. He moved to Wisconsin in 2007 and studied mechanical engineering at the UW. He works for Extreme Engineering Solutions. The election is two weeks from tomorrow. He started paying attention after the last referendum when the district bought the property for Forest Edge Elementary. Many people are unaware the district bought 100 acres outside the Village of Oregon boundaries on the north side. That was important when he realized it's actually in Fitchburg. It was discovered the Village Board did not know that the school was purchasing that property. Since then, with the pandemic and schools out, as he paid more and more attention, he's been disappointed with the accountability school board has with the community. They're not responsive and have done little in terms of public votes. Only one pandemic-related vote has been taken by the school board, and it wasn't to pull kids out of school. It was to allow student athletes to participate outside the county. They have not voted on whether kids should be in or out of school at the board level. He believes that lacks accountability to the parents who want to know what's going on. He spent the last three weekends walking around Brooklyn knocking on doors and had great conversations and enjoyed that thoroughly. He's tuning to support our kids, families and great teachers. He's an advocate for getting kids and teachers back in the classroom if they wish to. The end goal is to raise kids who can achieve to their fullest extent when they graduate. Thank you for the time. He's happy to talk with anyone anytime. Consider voting for him April 6.

Springer asked to move committee reports as the next things to discuss. She would like to do the discussion for the CSM first and then go through the committees. **Hawkey made a motion to move up the CSM application for the Reese property.** Springer would like CSM, and committee reports after. **Hawkey amended her motion to add committee reports after the CSM.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Kirkpatrick stated the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the CSM for the Reese Property. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the CSM for the Reese Property.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kirkpatrick stated the **Fire/EMS Strategic Planning & Contract Committee** meets the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. They are looking at the strengths and weaknesses which lead to opportunities and threats. They're looking at doing a survey to send out for responses. Kirkpatrick is drafting the survey and received help from John Marx. They looked at it at the last meeting and are finalizing it. They will be setting up an outside expert panel to help in the process. They would like the boards and citizens to Zoom in and participate because it will set the tone and agenda for fire/EMS. It is recommended by fire chief's association and EMS association to have a strategic plan. If anyone has questions, please call. Kirkpatrick stated the next meeting is Wednesday night.

**PZ Commission** – Olson led the meeting that night. Olson stated they had some work sessions that looked at zoning ordinances for definitions, accessory uses and structures, loading requirements, parking, driveways, lighting, landscaping and preservation of topography. He asked if anyone had questions on the ordinance changes. Smith had two questions on driveways. The five feet from a side lot line, the right of way or rear lot line in any district, there's a bunch in town that currently have that, and it says driveways currently nonconforming may be improved by permit but shall not expand in conformity. Are you going through the village and telling everyone they need a permit for that. Kirkpatrick said if you have a nonconforming driveway now, it stays and is grandfathered in. If you want to change the driveway, you can replace the same with the same materials. If you want to improve, you can go up, but once you've gone up, you can't go back down. Smith said that's what he wanted to confirm. Olson said it will be up for approval for the rest of the board for the ordinance changes. Kirkpatrick said they spent a lot of time trying to make the zoning code more understandable, because when you look at them and try to read them it's hard to translate. They're trying to come up with clear definitions, and they looked at other zoning codes from other municipalities and spoke with our attorney regarding some specific laws. They are to address changes in the law and make it more understandable for the average person in the hopes it will help everyone. Also,

where possible they tried to centralize things. Where they refer to other parts of the zoning code, they made sure they were cross referenced. We have a running list of definitions. They cleaned up things with inconsistencies in the zoning code. This group are all tightly related and the other two are also closely related but not quite finished. Olson added that a lot of wording for the definitions were different, so they cleaned that up. Kirkpatrick said they also looked at accessory structures. A lot of people look from the perspective of different densities of residential, and they have certain setbacks and allowances in terms of permeable versus impermeable surface in the yard, so they looked at it from an overhead view and tried to make percentages of the lot coverage based on the different densities. There's too much variance in the village to look at it like that. What they arrived at is more detailed and better than if they had done it the other way. This allows people to have accessory structures that are useful. They took measurements and looked at the issues to try to come up with something that will work. Kuhlman stated we need to set up a public hearing before the board can approve, because they're zoning codes. They were on the agenda for comments from the board before final approval at the next board meeting.

**Hawkey made a motion to approve minutes of March 8.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Springer abstained.

**COVID update** – Springer stated today there's new eligibility for people 16 and older with certain medical conditions to get vaccinated. The next date for eligibility is May 1 when they allow everyone over 16.

**Safety Report** – Springer welcomed Sergeant Johnathon Matz and Deputy Jake Zilli. Sgt. Matz has worked for nine years at Dane County. Deputy Zilli is currently the fill-in for the Village of Brooklyn contract. He was tasked with the admin role of getting the PD up to speed and transferred over. The PW staff has been incredibly helpful, and he thanked them. They differentiate between dispatch calls and self-initiated call. The rough look for his calls are 14 dispatched and 20 that were self-initiated. Self-initiated are things like traffic stops, but also park checks, or other check properties, etc. If they're flagged down by a citizen, that's self-initiated. Deputy Zilli started daily logs when he started to track his shift. He's sending them to Matz, and he asked the board how often they like to see and when. He could have it sent out weekly or monthly, but they're a good indication of how the deputy spends his time. Kirkpatrick said since we meet twice a month, every two weeks. Matz said they're usually a page, 8-12 items per shift. Zilli agreed about 12 items. Kirkpatrick asked if it's possible to create a summary every two weeks to look at it. Matz said for other contracts he assisted with, their crime analysts pull data prior to a meeting, and if there's something specific you want to go back to logs for, they can. So, they can do a schematic of the data instead of the logs. Kirkpatrick said to pull data and they can look at the logs as the support behind them, and can look at those on an every two-week frequency. Hawkey would like to see weekly since we're just starting. Matz can send them, and he will pull the data for a summary prior to the meeting. Hawkey would like to get a sense of the daily ones and the one normally given to the board overall. Matz is okay with that. Springer had spoken with Matz about doing this until May and see how it is at that point and can make adjustments at that point. Matz, Zilli and Simpson met with Green County Sheriff's Department. They have been incredibly helpful with the transition. They felt like getting a good relationship was important. They've been helpful and communicated well. The Arbitrator camera was ordered and shipped, because Brooklyn PD used a different system, and it will be installed as soon as it gets in, and then they will be able to use the squad. Let him know if there are any specifics you'd like to see or hear from them. Hawkey thanked both for the transition and they both did a lot for the transition that the residents won't realize happened. She stated they're outstanding individuals. Matz appreciated that, and they're service based, and although some won't see it now, they will see it pay off in the future. Springer appreciates them having conversations with her and answering questions and being very helpful. Thank you. Matz said they would like to do a meet and greet open house. Seeing as the transition was arduous at first, it turned out to be a benefit to push it out and schedule a community event after the dust settled. He talked with Springer about it, and they both felt they wanted to bring it to the board previous to scheduling, to see if they want to be a part of it or any thoughts on doing it or how it would be done and timing. They're looking at the 29<sup>th</sup> of March but can move out. Discussion on timing and how. Open House was scheduled for April 8 and 9 from 6 to about 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo on the 8<sup>th</sup> and at the community building on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We will advertise it.

**Clerk's Report** – Kuhlman reported absentee voting had 77 ballots sent out, and in-person absentee starts tomorrow 7 a.m. and ends next Friday to 5 p.m. Groenier's project is moving along. They close on March 26 and plan to start March 29. They're working with our engineers. Dane County Sheriff's found the two pbt units we had, and one is of the type they need so that's being taken off the list of equipment. She took some HR classes last week. We are compliant with their recommendations. DOT sign permit should come back this week for the ATV/UTV signs. The ARP Act amounts have been published, and we should receive about \$150,000, but they haven't come out with the specifics on what it can be used for. There's a League call tomorrow to discuss it. GCDC annual report was given to board members. Their annual meeting was last Thursday, but they will have another in-person meeting later in the year. Kathy Pennington met with Green County Broadband Committee. She sent a report. The Committee was formed 4-5 years, and GCDC has the ability to write grants. They have done grants with Litewire and Bug Tussel. Bug Tussel CEO was at the meeting. He said they have 14 active towers and 244 subscribers in Green County, with five towers to be activated over the next year. He admitted marketing and getting word out to people is hard. He suggested a meeting with Frontier, after Kathy mentioned she had a contact and a map of the completed lines around Brooklyn. GCDC also mentioned the county is looking for internet partners. They will have a ribbon cutting event at one of the local Bug Tussel towers. They're encouraging resident participation. She will recommend the Town of Brooklyn's recycling tower as the location and will keep us posted. If anyone has any questions, let her know. Kirkpatrick commented the map is useful but not necessarily 100 percent accurate. Second, she received an inquiry from someone who would like to purchase lots from Groenier, and she sent contact information to him. Kuhlman stated we received a renewal notice from the FCC for our call sign, which Spilde said is the radio service for the radio with the shop. It didn't have a length, or a price associated. Kirkpatrick suggested reaching out to Mark Pocan's office, which has been helpful in trying to figure that out for other public and private businesses. **Hawkey made a motion to renew the radio call sign license.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. **Kirkpatrick made a motion for the clerk to attend the WGFOA spring conference via Zoom on April 22 and 23.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried. **Kirkpatrick made a motion for the deputy clerk to attend the UWGB webinars on May 27 and June 10.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Kuhlman explained that she was made aware from Spilde of a requirement to report all of our PW employees in the Federal Clearinghouse for CDL drivers for drug testing. While setting it up she discovered that Alere cancelled their contract with the company we worked with, and we never received notification. She contacted several other municipalities who didn't receive notification either. She looked at options and gave three options to the board. The annual fee is \$150 from all three companies – Alere, DISA and Compliance Services. Compliance Services is a company used by the Town of Oregon, and they will come on site and do the testing at no extra charge. The costs are similar for the individual drug testing. Because we missed the first quarter, all employees need to take a pre-employment test. **Hawkey made a motion to hire Compliance Services.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman stated she will take care of signing up in the Clearinghouse. s

Kuhlman stated the Alere bill should be pulled out, since we are not going to use them. Olson, Kirkpatrick and Springer reviewed the bills. **Springer made a motion to approve bills as presented with removal of the Alere bill.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Springer explained Sgt. Matz was going through ordinances and saw the worthless check ordinance which is unclearly worded. They believe we should add the wordage of "up to" \$2,500. **Hawkey made a motion to make the change to the Worthless Check ordinance.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Springer indicated she received an email on March 15 from Sgt Matz with a couple items to discuss. One is body worn cameras, a rifle and two tasers. What does the board want to do with them? Kirkpatrick asked about the policy on tasers and body cameras. Zilli said they don't do body cameras but have microphones. They use tasers, and the one we have is not used by them and not supported by taser anymore. The body camera was purchased in 2018 and new in the box and never been used. Kuhlman reminded the board that they came free with the L3 camera system for the squads and were never used because PD didn't have a policy on the body cameras. **Hawkey made a motion to dispose of the body camera and two tasers.** Springer stated the other item is the rifle and has significant wear and their training department is not interested. **Hawkey will include that in the motion to get rid of it, and then we just have to**

**find out how.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Springer stated there is also ammunition to sell, and we were given contacts on who to communicate with if we want to sell. DCSO is interested in some of it. We can also communicate with Madison College and Blackhawk Tech. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to sell to DCSO what they're interested in and then sell to the other two entities mentioned.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman stated she did an inventory of the uniforms. We have to take the patches off, but 10 jackets and 47 shirts are embroidered which we will not be able to sell. There is no way to take off the embroidery without ruining the shirt. The others need patches removed, which shouldn't take too long. **Hawkey made a motion to cut out the badges and embroidery and dispose of those, and then take the patches off the others to ship out and sell.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Springer stated Dane County asked if we want to keep both squads. She initially felt we would be if we got another contracted officer, but it's up to the board. Kirkpatrick stated if we had a second officer, it would most likely be a staggered shift and they would end up using the same vehicle. However, if one is down for repairs, they could use it, but the other option is to use the DCSO squad. If we got rid of the second squad, we could put that money toward other things or toward a new one in the future. Klahn likes the idea of getting rid of the second squad and putting the money toward the purchase of a new squad. Hawkey is also in favor. The second squad has a lot of miles and a lot of things to put in it. Smith asked what year is the new one. Olson stated the new one is a 2019, and the other one is a 2013. Olson was under the impression when we got the new squad it was because the 2013 was giving us problems. He's in favor of selling it also. **Hawkey made a motion to sell the second squad.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Smith asked to amend the motion to add where we want it to go, like Wisconsin surplus, and Kirkpatrick added to take out anything that is useful. **Hawkey amended her motion to sell the squad at Wisconsin Surplus.** Kirkpatrick amended her second. Motion carried. Hawkey and Klahn said it will have to go to Public Works to take care of this. Zilli talked to Justin from the fire department, and he said they might be interested. Hawkey said they can make a bid through Wisconsin Surplus.

Springer read the 2021-02 Arbor Day Proclamation into the record. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 Arbor Day Proclamation.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Springer read Resolution 2021-03 Municipal Treasurer's Appreciation Week April 18-24, 2021 into the record. **Hawkey made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 Municipal Treasurer's Appreciation Week Proclamation.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Springer thanked the clerk and deputy clerk for all they do.

Kuhlman stated the board needs to do a **budget amendment** to redistribute the money for the police department. She took the county's costs and put it into a spreadsheet showing new proposed budgets. She put \$1,000 under IT/Computer to allow for work from Lantech to clean up the computers for other village use. Which leaves a \$43,072.88 that the board can put elsewhere in the budget. **Hawkey made a motion to accept the budget amendment as listed and the balance to be used in the future by the board.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman will bring into a resolution format to be brought to the board at the next meeting and then published. She asked for clarification on whether she should set up a new account for the extra money in the general budget. **Hawkey made a motion to take the balance and leave it in the police budget for other items needed and for additional hours for officers.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Springer stated it will be \$200 to put the two decals and the shield on to the squad. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to pay the vendor directly \$200 for the squad wrapping.** Olson seconded. Hawkey clarified it's not wrapping the car; it's adding decals. Motion carried.

**Springer made a motion at 8:16 p.m. to adjourn,** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 30, 2021**  
**(via online and telephone)**

The March 30, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online, and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Pat Hawkey, Kyle Smith, Todd Klahn and Sean Brennum. Also present were one citizen and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**Springer made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.** Hawkey seconded. AYES – Kirkpatrick, Hawkey, Smith, Olson, Brennum, Springer, and Klahn. NOES - none. Motion carried.

**Smith made a motion at 6:49 p.m. to reconvene into open session.** Kirkpatrick seconded. AYES – Kirkpatrick, Hawkey, Smith, Olson, Brennum, Springer, and Klahn. NOES – none.

**Smith made a motion to approve the motions made in closed session.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**Smith made a motion at 6:50 p.m. to adjourn.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
Clerk-Treasurer



**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 5, 2021**  
**(via online and telephone)**

The April 5, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online, and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Pat Hawkey, Kyle Smith, Todd Klahn and Sean Brennum. Also present were Mike Brusberg, Neal Patten, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**Public Comments** – Kirkpatrick thanked the State Bank of Cross Plains for being a great partner. A year ago, they agreed to close their business for election day and let us run the election through the drive-up. Steve Eager, market president, was great to let us do that. They've always been a great community partner. This situation with purchasing the building and leasing back the space is going to save the village a lot of money and we're going to end up with a really nice building in the end. So, she wanted to say thanks to them publicly for all their support over the years and for their continued support. They are a great partner. Springer agreed.

Springer state she received an estimate from Jan Tetzlaff, DCSO, for \$1,965.81 to take the radio from the 2013 squad and put it in 2019 squad because Green County Sheriff's Office is going from analog to digital, so we need to have a second radio in the 2019 squad. The original option was to buy a new radio, but since the board decided to sell the 2013 squad, we can use that digital radio to save about 2/3 of cost. It was \$5,732 if we decided to buy new radio and software. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the cost of installation and reconfiguring the digital radio from 2013 squad to the 2109 squad.** Olson seconded. **Kirkpatrick amended her motion to spend up to \$2,500.** Olson amended his second. Motion carried.

Springer stated the State Bank of Cross Plains has been a wonderful partner with the village, and for the last several years, they have let us lease space in the bank. Now we have the opportunity to buy the building. Kirkpatrick stated we are essentially switching roles, and we will be the landlord and the bank will be renting the space. They will continue to operate this location for a period of time. In the long run it will save us money. Our costs will be covered. It gives us a great addition to our community identity, and they gave us a good deal on the price. Thanks again to Steve Eager and his team. **Hawkey made a motion to purchase the bank building for the Village.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Kuhlman asked if we could add the price. Hawkey stated she didn't because it's in the resolution. Kuhlman stated the resolution has the price we're borrowing, not the price of the building. She wondered if the board wanted to specify more. **Hawkey amended her motion to include at the cost of \$240,000.** Kirkpatrick amended her second. Motion carried.

Springer read Resolution 2021-05 Borrowing into the record. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 Borrowing.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**Smith made a motion at 6:41 p.m. to adjourn.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
Clerk-Treasurer



**2021 OPEN BOOK**

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm**  
**Village Hall at 210 Commercial St.**

**2021 BOARD OF REVIEW**

**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm**  
**Village Hall at 210 Commercial St.**

**Assessor - Accurate Appraisal, LLC 1-800-770-3927**

Fill your car with brats and (hot) dogs at the

# **DRIVE-THROUGH**

# **BRAT BASH!**

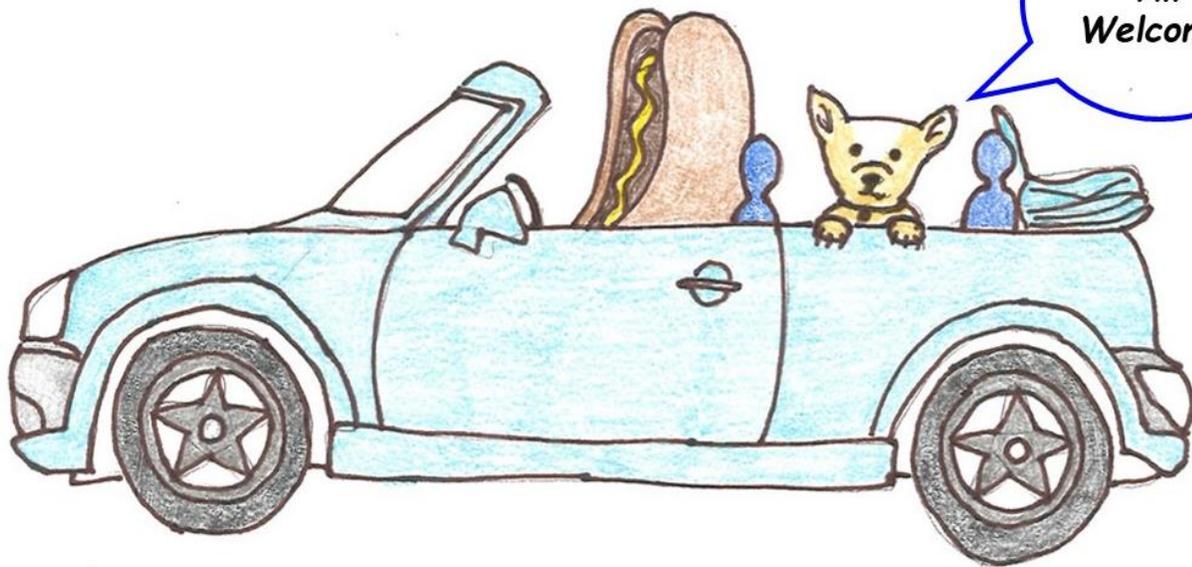
**FUND  
RAISER**

**Friday, May 7**

**11:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Oregon Area Senior Center  
219 Park Street, Oregon**

**Woof!  
All  
Welcome!**



**Brat or Hot Dog with chips and bottled water are  
\$5.00 each. (\$4.00 without chips and water).**

***Please enter the parking lot through the east driveway  
(the one closest to the Library).***

**For more information, please call 835-5801**

**All proceeds to benefit the Oregon Area Senior Center**

## April 2021 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

After more than a year without being able to hold a fund raiser, the Oregon Area Council on Aging will host a drive-through Brat Bash on Friday, May 7, from 11:00 until 1:00 in the Oregon Area Senior Center parking lot. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Center and help support its mission of keeping older adults happy, healthy and safe in their own homes and in their communities.

The Brat Bash will feature freshly grilled brats and hot dogs. The price will be five dollars each, which includes chips, condiments and a beverage. (Or, for four dollars, you can get just the dog or brat without the chips and beverage.) Please come out and enjoy one of the traditions of summer while supporting a good cause. All are welcome, regardless of age!

The Council on Aging uses the funds it raises to support a variety of programs. One of those programs is the annual free meal for Veterans-on-Veterans Day. That event took place at Ziggy's restaurant last fall, so in addition to honoring our veterans with a free meal, a local business benefitted as well.

Funds are also used to provide senior programming. The Center added a conference call phone line during the Pandemic to provide another programming option for seniors who needed to stay in their homes. That has allowed many people to call a local number and enjoy a variety of

programs. The cost of that phone line was covered by the Council, and the result was less isolation for the seniors who participated in those programs.

In addition to the Brat Bash, the Senior Center has some interesting items on the calendar during the next month. On Tuesday April 27 at 1:00, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi and Kathy Kuntz, the Director of the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change, are going to present their Climate Action Plan. That plan hopes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by half in Dane County by 2030. You can participate in this Zoom presentation by emailing Anne Stone for the link. Her email is: [astone@vil.oregon.wi.us](mailto:astone@vil.oregon.wi.us).

Anne will be leading a music trivia program by conference phone on Thursday, April 22 at 1:00. To join that program, simply call 886-9493. That is a local call.

The Senior Center will be opening up its puzzle and book lending libraries in April for people with appointments. If you are interested, please call 835-5801 to schedule a time to stop in and select some items to borrow. The gift shop is open to people with appointments as well.

The Senior Center staff is always here to help you at no cost. Please call 835-5801 with any questions or concerns that you might have.

The logo for 'Pay It Forward Brooklyn' features the words 'Pay It Forward' in a large, orange, rounded font. The word 'Pay' is the largest, with 'It' and 'Forward' stacked to its right. A thick orange arrow starts under the 'P' and points to the right, passing behind the word 'Forward'. Below this, the word 'Brooklyn' is written in a bold, green, rounded font.

**Random Acts of Kindness**  
**April 5 - 30, 2021**

**International Pay It Forward Day**  
**April 28**



OREGON AREA FOOD PANTRY

# The Pantry Press

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## Mission:

The mission of the Oregon Area Food Pantry (OAFP) is to provide food and basic necessities to those in need who are residents of the Oregon School District.



## Vision:

The vision of the OAFP is to reduce the impact of poverty on the residents of the Oregon School District by compassionately and humbly providing information, education and both tangible and intangible resources.

## Distribution Dates & Times

### APRIL

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Saturday, April 3 (NEW) | 9-11 am |
| Tuesday, April 6        | 9-11 am |
| Thursday, April 8       | 4-6 pm  |
| Tuesday, April 13       | 9-11 am |
| Tuesday, April 20       | 9-11 am |
| Tuesday, April 27       | 9-11 am |
| Thursday, April 29      | 4-6 pm  |

### MAY

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Saturday, May 1 (NEW) | 9-11 am |
| Tuesday, May 4        | 9-11 am |
| Tuesday, May 11       | 9-11 am |
| Thursday, May 13      | 4-6 pm  |
| Tuesday, May 18       | 9-11 am |
| Tuesday, May 25       | 9-11 am |
| Thursday, May 27      | 4-6 pm  |

### JUNE

|                                                         |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Tuesday, June 1                                         | 9-11 am |
| Saturday, June 5 (NEW) No Distribution,<br>No Donations |         |
| Tuesday, June 8                                         | 9-11 am |
| Thursday, June 10                                       | 4-6 pm  |
| Tuesday, June 15                                        | 9-11 am |
| Tuesday, June 22                                        | 9-11 am |
| Thursday, June 24                                       | 4-6 pm  |



## Director's Corner

As I write this, spring is in the air. The trees are starting to bud and temperatures are rising. One can look at it as a new beginning.

Students are starting to return to school along with school activities. Young and old, we are looking to get outside for walks, bike rides, boating, new adventures and especially spending time with family and friends.

I hope spring brings you a newness and appreciation of each and every day.

Diane Sliter  
Managing Director



*It's the friends  
we meet  
along the way  
that help us  
appreciate the  
journey.*

~Author Unknown



## Please Note ... Change in Pantry Hours

Pantry hours are changing slightly. We will continue to be open every Tuesday morning from 9:00—11:00 am.

Our Thursday distribution will continue to be the second and last Thursday of each month, but the new time will now be from 4:00—6:00 pm.

We have also added the FIRST Saturday of each month from 9:00—11:00 am.



## Personal Grocery List Now Available

A shopping list is now being offered to each guest when they arrive for distribution. This is their personal grocery list. No more receiving items that are not wanted.

Volunteers fill each individual list with the items and quantities. Boxes are then placed in pantry guest vehicle.

Curb side pickup is still in place and will continue at least into the fall.

## A Note of Appreciation for OAFP Volunteers

What a curious year to be giving away food in Oregon. As a volunteer with the food pantry for lo these many years, my job has been to show up and do what I'm told. My training as a volunteer started as a boy with the Cub Scouts and 4-H and what I learned is that you show up and you say those four little words: How can I help? It is a pleasure to know that my volunteer colleagues somehow seem to have had the same training as me!

What our leaders assemble week-in and week-out is a complicated recipe that accepts ingredients from several sources and somehow delivers sustenance with flexibility, and patience, and good humor.

I have never met a volunteer who did not return a smile with a bigger smile, who would not move a mountain to make sure a mother got cereal for her children, and who would help not only a client, but another volunteer. I am constantly amazed at the ability of this pantry to consistently find ways to say yes.

So this turns into a sort of love note to my colleagues on the lines at the Oregon Food Pantry, many of whom I have never met. During these extraordinary times, I am honored to work with and for extraordinary people. Your good work does make the world, starting in Oregon, a better place.

~George Hesselberg



## Alternative Arbor Day Celebrations

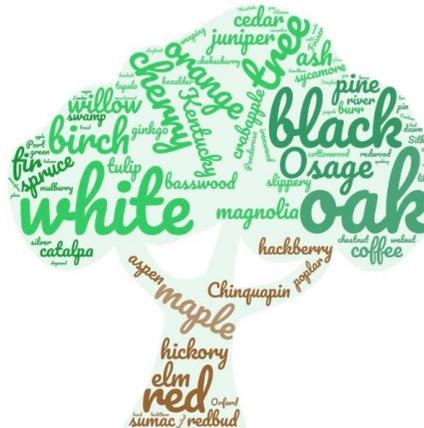
Celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree! Learn more about the proper technique, here: <https://widnr.widen.net/s/pnbrbkexcb/new-tree-planting-brochure---fr-184>

Plant a tree, take a walk in the woods or learn to identify the trees on your street. You may even want to help others learn about the trees in your neighborhood by labeling them with sidewalk chalk. Learn more about identifying trees at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/education/treeID>



Arbor Day is a great time to plant a tree. Not sure what to plant? The Morton Arboretum near Chicago offers a species selector tool on its website. Find a tree that will thrive in your yard, and choose a tree based on features you want such as beautiful fall color or fragrant flowers. Learn more at <https://www.mortonarb.org/trees-plants/search-trees/search-all-trees-and-plants>

Did you know that more than one third of the trees in cities and towns across Wisconsin are maples? That's too much! A diverse array of species is beneficial so our urban forests can better withstand diseases and pests such as the emerald ash borer. Read this <https://forestrynews.blogs.govdelivery.com/2021/04/08/species-diversity-in-the-urban-forest-a-short-guide-for-homeowners/> by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to learn more about species diversity and which trees to plant.



**All Get Fit classes will be held via Zoom until further notice.**

**Check Facebook for the registration link - links will be posted the day of class.**



**We are offering PiYo Live (Monday at 6:00pm) & Yoga (Wednesday at 6:00pm) via Zoom (on-line). For more information on how to participate - contact Stacey (608-455-4201 or [recreation@brooklynwi.gov](mailto:recreation@brooklynwi.gov))**

**follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI/>**



## **Hydrant Flushing**

**May 3 through May 14**

Discoloration of the water may occur. This is an unavoidable effect of flushing, with an aesthetic value only, and is not considered a health hazard. The water should clear after a short period of time.

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PARKS ARE OPEN

PLEASE HELP KEEP THEM CLEAN

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Brooklyn Methodist Church

Annual Garage

Book & Baked Goods Sale

May 15th from 9 am to 2 pm





*Professional Municipal
Clerks Week*



May 2-8, 2021

Wisconsin Municipal

Treasurer's Week April 18-24, 2021

National Police Week

May 9-15, 2021



NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 16-22, 2021



Join us on Memorial Day to honor the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice



**Location: Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial
400 W Main Street Brooklyn, WI
Date/Time: May 31, 2021 at 10:00 am**

Benediction: Pastor Michael Hammond, Brooklyn Methodist Church
Guest Speaker: Dale Schutz, USMC
Special Recognition – Supporters of the Memorial in 2020
Color Guard: Brooklyn-Oregon American Legion Post 160
Firing Squad: Oregon-Brooklyn VFW Post 10272
Bugler: Misty Johnson

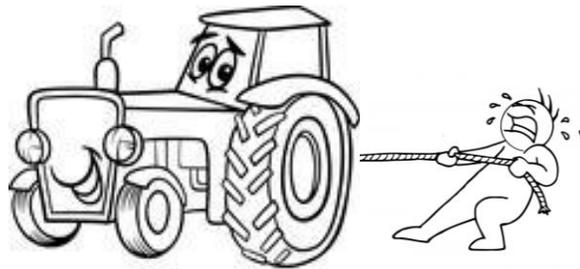
Note: Order of Public Health Madison and Dane County, Emergency Order #15 is in effect

CATP

(Community Antique Tractor Pullers)

May 29, 2021

Brooklyn Legion Park



Look for more details in next newsletter

Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 12-16

MADISON, Wis. – Gov. Tony Evers has declared April 12-16 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin, and ReadyWisconsin wants everyone to take time to talk about weather safety with their families. ReadyWisconsin, the National Weather Service (NWS), Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, and Wisconsin Emergency Alert System Committee also encourage everyone in the state to participate in statewide tornado drills on April 15.

“Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are a frequent weather threat across the state each year, and it’s important that people know what to do when the skies darken and warnings are issued,” said Dr. Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator. “During the statewide tornado drill, we ask everyone to practice their plan by going to their emergency shelter location.”

Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually. During the 2020 season, the NWS confirmed 20 tornadoes touched down in the state. While spring and summer are the most active time of the year for tornadoes, they can happen in any month.

To stay safe from severe weather, ReadyWisconsin encourages people to do the following:

- Create an emergency plan and practice it. Know where designated shelters are located at home, work, and school, and be ready to go there when a tornado warning is issued.
- Have multiple ways to receive alerts about approaching severe weather. Outdoor warning sirens, a NOAA Weather Radio, local media, and smart phone apps are all important tools. Don’t rely on any single source for important life-saving alerts.
- If you have a mobile device, make sure it is enabled to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts. On many devices, that option is available in the settings menu.
- Keep up to date on the daily forecast for your area. It can help ensure you are ready for potential severe weather threats.
- Create an emergency kit for your home, with supplies such as food, water, a flashlight, and first aid kit. Find tips for building a kit at <https://readywisconsin.wi.gov>

On April 15, Wisconsin will once again conduct its annual statewide tornado drill. At 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., everyone is encouraged to pause what they are doing and practice going to their designated shelter location. If there is severe weather expected anywhere in the state on April 15, the drill would be postponed to April 16. If you are unable to participate at those times or need to stagger practices due to concerns about COVID-19, ReadyWisconsin encourages everyone to make time on the date of the drill to practice your plan.

“While the statewide drills provide a coordinated time to practice what they should do during a tornado, the most important thing people can do is exercise their plan when they can safely do so,” said Dr. Williams. “Even if you have to participate in a drill earlier or later in the day, we want everyone to spend a few minutes going over what they should be doing in the event a tornado warning is issued for their area.”

One change people may notice this year is the drill will not include a mock tornado warning issued as a live code test of the Emergency Alert System. As a result, there will be no test alerts sounded on NOAA Weather Radios. While some television and radio stations may break into coverage or display information on screen during the drill times, many may choose to address the drill during their regular local news programming instead.

Some communities may still choose to test their outdoor warning sirens during the drill times. However, it is expected many will instead rely on their regular testing schedules to ensure those devices are working properly.

In place of those alerts, you can expect to see messages from ReadyWisconsin and its partners across social media at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. that encourage everyone to participate in the drill. ReadyWisconsin also encourages people to add the drill times to their calendar to remind them to practice their plans on April 15. Share how you’re participating by using the hashtag **#TornadoDrillWI** on social media.

“While many of the alarms people are used to hearing during the statewide drill may not sound this year, everyone can rest assured that those systems are still being regularly tested in other ways throughout the year,” Williams said. “They can have confidence that they will be ready to notify people about danger when they are needed.”

Gov. Evers’ Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week proclamation is [available here](#).

To view the full ReadyWisconsin 2021 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week packet, visit https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/wp-content/uploads/TSAW_2021_Media_Packet.pdf

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