

DECEMBER 2021 VILLAGE NEWS



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Sec. 32-87 Winter parking.

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, when an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on any street in the village between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.
- (b) When an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on Hotel Street between Commercial Street (Hwy. 92) and North Rutland Avenue (Hwy. MM) between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.
- (c) Section 32-82 is adopted by reference.
- (d) Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section be may be ticketed \$30 and/or towed.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, this 11th day of January, 2021.

TAX COLLECTION 2021 PAYABLE 2022

You should have received or will receive this week your 2021 real estate/personal property tax bill (s) payable 2022. If you mail your tax payment and would like a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. A December 31st postmark will be receipted as a 2021 payment. If you prefer to pay in person, bring your tax bill so that we can stamp it paid. Since everything is computerized, our office no longer has duplicate tax bills. You are able to log on to each county's website and get tax info/receipts throughout the year. The websites are: Green: www.co.green.wi.gov followed by clicking on Land Information & GIS, then Land Records & Mapping applications, then under Land Records System click on Ascent Land Records Suite. Dane: AccessDane@co.dane.wi.us and search for name, address or parcel number. This is very helpful for those that need copies during income tax filing time.

Our office hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, with the exception of December 24th we are closed all day for Christmas Eve, and December 31 we are closed all day for New Year's Eve. We will not be open any Saturdays for tax collection. **Tax payments are due in our office by 5:00 p.m. January 31st. Tax payments received in our office after 5:00 p.m. January 31st have to be turned over to the county. Tax payments postmarked on or before January 31 will be marked as received on time. The Village will not receive their portion of funds received after January 31 from the county until August. Timely payment received in the Clerk's Office on or before January 31st helps the Village's cash flow.**

The Village's mill rate is \$9.573465 (decrease of 15 cents) in Green County and \$9.246611 (decrease of 5 cents) in Dane County. The net combined rate for Green County is \$27.77/\$1000 (increase of 38 cents) and Dane County is \$24.87/\$1000 (increase of 46 cents) of assessed value. The First Dollar credit for this year is \$77.96 and lottery credit is \$276.51.

The following chart shows tax levies in comparison to last year:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>
Dane County	\$ 284,537	\$ 318,586	+ \$ 34,049
Green County	\$ 181,251	\$ 189,609	+ \$ 8,358
Village	\$1,009,997	\$1,018,558	+ \$ 8,561
Oregon Schools	\$1,345,342	\$1,385,594	+\$ 40,252
MATC	<u>\$ 103,870</u>	<u>\$ 107,535</u>	<u>+\$ 3,665</u>
TOTAL LEVY	\$2,924,997	\$3,019,882	+\$ 94,885

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR LOTTERY CREDIT?

1. You must own your home in Wisconsin
AND
2. You must have occupied that home as your primary residence on January 1, 2021.
 - a. A primary residence is the home in which a property owner lives for more than six (6) months of the year.
 - b. If temporarily away, a primary residence is the home to which the owner returns. If you feel that you qualify for the credit, and there is not a Lottery Credit on your tax bill, contact our office for a claim form before January 30th. You may also print a form from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website at: www.dor.state.wi.us.

It is your responsibility to notify the County Treasurer within 30 days if the property no longer qualifies for the Lottery Credit.

NOTE: Tax payments need to be separate from other payments to the Village, i.e., dog and cat licenses, utility payments. Also if you have property located in both counties, separate checks are required.

Pay your tax bill or utility bill online with your credit card, using the Payment Tab on the Home page of the website, then click on Official Payments or GovPayNet. There is a fee from both companies for this service.

Check out the Village website at www.brooklynwi.gov underneath the Budget page for the 2022 budget, or stop in the clerk’s office to view a copy.

Call us at 455-4201, ext 1 or 2, if you have questions.

It is a pleasure to serve the residents of this community.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
VILLAGE BOARD AND VILLAGE EMPLOYEES**



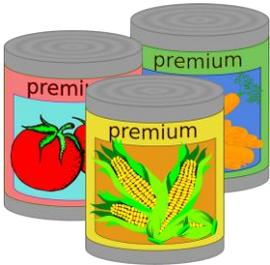
2022 PET LICENSE FEES

Dane County dog licenses are \$17.00 per spayed or neutered and \$22.00 per unaltered.

Green County dog licenses are \$12.00 per spayed or neutered and \$17.00 for unaltered.

Cat license fees are \$5.00. Licenses for 2022 can be obtained from the Village Clerk’s office.

**Current rabies vaccination information needs to be provided to obtain license.
If you have any questions, please call the Clerk’s office at 455-4201 et. 1 or 2.**



NON-PERISABLE FOOD DONATIONS

The Village of Brooklyn will be taking in non-perishable food items. All items donated will be delivered directly to the Oregon Food Pantry. To donate, drop off your items in the collection box at the Village Clerk’s Office, Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm.

Thank you for your support!

Brooklyn Village Board Special Meeting Minutes November 8, 2021

The November 8, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Brandon Arndt, Kyle Smith, Mike Brusberg, Sean Brennum and Jacob Bachim. Also present were Dane County Sheriff Kalvin Barrett, Captain Jan Tetzlaff, Lt. Ira Simpson, Deputy Merrick Grumke, Dave Ferris from Ehlers, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bruner called to order at 6:30 p.m. the public hearing for the 2022 budgets. There were no oral or written comments. **Brennum made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to close the public hearing.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

There were no public comments. **President's Report** – Bruner stated we have a signed contract to purchase the land in the Business Park and will be closing at noon on December 30th. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried. Smith abstained. **Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Dane County Sheriff's Department – Captain Tetzlaff shared a printout of calls for the Village. The breakdown of total calls from March 8 to October 11 was 591 calls for service, and taking out self-initiated calls, it was 233. The top calls for service are self-initiated for citations and traffic stops and check businesses. There were not a lot of crime calls. The contract calls are the most calls being handled and the highest of those is on Saturday. The calls are spread throughout the week. The projection for next year is \$129,000 approximately, not including overtime, for the full-time deputy we have. She understands we're looking at the potential of adding hours or a second deputy. She included estimates of doing 8 hours of overtime a week (additional \$29,654 approx.) and 16 hours a week for the year (additional \$59,424 approx.) and then a second deputy (additional \$139,396 approx.) to the contract. The cost estimate is based on average deputy pay, but depending on the deputy hired, the costs might be less. The cost breakdown of salary shows the wage increases up to a high-end deputy and then the average wage. She also included information on the potential for cost sharing with the Town of Oregon. She was at the Town last week to discuss some overtime coverage. Based on discussions with Town of Oregon, it doesn't look like they're ready to do that, but possibly down the road.

Bruner asked if we looked at additional 104 shifts per year, the equivalent of two extra shifts per week, how much flexibility do we have to use the shifts. Can we double up and have two deputies on, one working early and one later, instead of two shifts per week for 52 weeks or can we bunch more. Tetzlaff stated they try not to go above 16 hours per week, otherwise it puts a strain on the department. The time is average, so maybe 8 hours one week and 16 another week, depending on who is available. If we wanted full-time over the summer, it would put a strain on their resources, and she doesn't think they can do that. If we're looking for coverage on traffic in the morning and during construction next year, to divert coverage they could work on those hours of coverage. To put a second full-time deputy on for a couple of months, they couldn't do that and cover other assignments, and they have to go to the county board to hire another deputy. Their overtime contracts are covered by overtime. Brusberg asked what if it's not a full eight-hour shift but parsed out to 4-hour shifts. Tetzlaff said they try to do overtime contracts in 4-hour blocks. They have some who work overnight and work OT after. They can get Grumke possibly and Zilli possibly to work around their schedules. Brusberg said he could envision someone working in the morning 6-10 or 7-11. Tetzlaff said Grumke has the possibility to shift his hours occasionally to do 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. He has flexibility occasionally. Bruner asked if we decided OT extra hours, do we sign a contract for a specific number of shifts, or do we reach out and say we're looking at adding a couple extra. Tetzlaff said they have some contracts that have up to a certain number of hours per month and some are set hours. If we want to approve so much per month or per week, they don't have to modify the contract. They do it through the schedule cost estimate. If we add a second full-time deputy, we will need to modify the contract. Tetzlaff

added that they worked our Labor Day festivals and that went okay as far as coverage, so if we have other needs as far as doing that, they can accommodate that. She introduced Sheriff Barrett. Sheriff Barrett thanked everyone for the partnership and collaboration. Communities like ours are their bread and butter. His number one goal and priority is to ensure the safety of the public and community engagement. His philosophy as a leader and the sheriff's office is to take those numbers and statistics, evidence-based decision making, and couple it with community engagement, so we understand what your needs are and be flexible to those needs. The board thanked him for coming. The board thanked all for coming.

Amended Dane County ward creation – Bruner noticed a typo in the Resolution. It should be two wards, not three. Kuhlman explained that originally she had 3 wards in Dane County, because the TID is in a different legislative district, but the Dane County Clerk called and said that didn't matter at this stage and to make it two wards. **Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-21.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg and Olson reviewed the bills. Kuhlman explained that she added two bills; one for \$1,000 for earnest money for the offer to purchase in the Business Park, and one for \$8,946.79 for Dane County Sheriff's contract. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented with the addition of the \$1,000 and \$8,946.79 for DCSO.** Olson seconded. Bruner questioned the finance charges for Bank of America. Kuhlman explained that normally she would call and get those removed; however, we cancelled the Bank of America cards due to issues over the past few months, and since it was only \$3, she didn't feel it was worth trying to get those removed. Motion carried.

Presale Report and Borrowing --- Dave Ferris from Ehlers went through the pre-sale report. Bonds are taken out when the borrowing will be for more than 10 years, and you can bond for TIF district borrowing. One of the reasons is community development. After the issue is done, if we borrow \$1,200,000, we'd use 64% of our debt limit, but the total usually comes down at market. To go out and get a rating, when it might end up what it looks like now, which is an average A rating, we'd fall at an A2, why pay about \$14,000 to do that. They will take it to the market and competitively bid. Continuing disclosure, if an issue is more than \$1 million in debt, it has to be reported to a website in the MSRB. If TIF isn't going very good and we need to make debt payments, we might have to levy taxes to pay for it. Bond Counsel is Quarles & Brady. Ferris went through the schedule. The sale is scheduled for December 13, and they will be here to go through the results of the sale, and December 29 is when they will close on the sale. He went through development assumptions, showing what we need for development to help pay off the debt. It takes two years from when you do the development to when you receive the increment. We will have about \$166,000 increment per year after development, as an estimate. They included a possible repayment schedule. We will have a couple years of paying interest only before we have to pay principal. If everything happens with these assumptions, we could have a positive fund balance to close the TIF successfully. The graphs show debt capacity. A municipality can issue debt up to 5% of their equalized value. After this bond, the village will be at about 64% of debt capacity. They don't recommend going above 75%. Bruner asked when looking down the road, how do we come up with the money to put in the infrastructure. Ferris said he would hope we have more development than what it takes to pay off more than these bonds. There are ways to get a developer to put in infrastructure and pay on a more pay as you go basis. Bruner said we definitely have interest. A substantial portion of this land is claimed.

Brusberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-22. Arndt seconded. **Bruner stated there is a motion and second to approve Resolution 2021-22 Initial Resolution Authorizing \$1,120,000 General Obligation Bonds for Community Development Projects in Tax Incremental District No. 2.** Ayes - Smith, Brennum, Bachim, Bruner, Brusberg, Olson and Arndt. Noes – none. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-23.** Smith seconded. **Bruner stated there is a motion and second to approve Resolution 2021-23 Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,120,000 Taxable General Obligation Community Development Bonds, Series 2021A.** Ayes – Smith, Brennum, Bachim, Bruner, Brusberg, Olson and Arndt. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Johnson Block contract was postponed, because we haven't received the information yet. **Clerk's report – Financials** for October: \$105,050.05 in deposits, which included \$2,953.79 in clean water fund proceeds. We had \$190,953.83 in withdrawals, including \$18,873.75 in loan payments. That leaves a total in all accounts at the end of October of \$1,833,554.36. Our **parks and rec grant was \$984** from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Insurance Company. We received a letter from **Oregon Youth Center**. They have hired a few staff members and thanked us for our \$1,500 donation. Dane County updated **mask order** until the end of November. **Fire and EMS** reports from the last meeting were handed out. The Governor declared last week November 1 as **Election Hero Day**. As of today, they have 15 applications for the **fire chief position**. This Wednesday the Commission members will narrow down the applications for interviews. Next Wednesday is their monthly meeting. Brusberg mentioned that the 17th meeting they have asked Chief Linzmeier to be there, along with the Oregon District chair. **Election** cycle is starting again. There might be a February primary, but we won't know until January 13. She handed out to Olson, Brennum and Smith the paperwork for re-election. After December 1, candidates can start filling out paperwork to run for trustee. We have a person interested in being chief inspector. The notice was sent to the paper regarding positions available. Kuhlman said the DOT doesn't need anything special for **pedestrian flags** but would like to be notified if we put them up at a state highway intersection. She spoke with Public Works, and they have been finding flags randomly throughout the village, like in the park, etc. The Post Office found some on their roof. Public Works can replace them and add something at First Street and 92, if the board wants. Brusberg asked about free-standing signs in the crosswalk. Bruner asked about getting flashing lights. Smith said it might require DOT approval. Bachim said the ones in the crosswalk would have to be moved in the wintertime. Discussion on flashing lights and possibly putting them at 1st or 2nd Street and 92, or possibly at Hotel and N. Rutland. Bruner would request Spilde look into the purchase price on the signage, and then we can start the process to get DOT approval on 92. Discussion on other possible locations. The board decided to do nothing on the flags right now until they get further information from PW on flashing lights. Brusberg asked if we could possibly get grants. **Bachim made a motion to refer the matter to Public Works**. Olson seconded. Smith added to see if there are any grants available as well. Bachim will send an email to Spilde. Motion carried.

Archive Social - Kuhlman explained she received a quote from Archive Social on the cost of archiving our social media, Facebook, posts for possible record retention purposes. We usually post events happening in the village or Public Works activities in the village, so there isn't a lot of interaction by the public. The cost is \$2,800 a year. We could use ARPA money and prepay for a few years as well. Smith asked to check with the League for their thoughts on archiving social media and check with the insurance company. Bachim and Brusberg agreed it's probably not needed right now.

Bruner added to his **president's report** – Congratulations to Oregon Soccer team for being Division 2 winners and having an undefeated season.

Public works capital equipment purchase policy – Smith likes the policy. It lays out guidance for future boards. The only thing he'd like to see is to outline the medium duty truck and loader as well and put all on a replacement schedule, at least as a guidance. Bruner thinks the problem with the loader and patrol truck is there is no life span for them, and they don't buy them new. Arndt said we could put it in to revisit and have more discussion. Smith suggested putting in 10 years to start talking about them, just so it's not 20 years later. Brusberg said we can revisit prior to budget each year. Smith suggested incorporating into this a procedure to review at budget time for each of these items. Kuhlman will add language that says, "The Public Works Director or designee will inform the Board in September of each year of current and future replacement needs and will present pricing and receive approval before purchasing." **Smith made a motion to approve with the amended language**. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Half ton 4x4 pickup – Smith would like to see recommendations on what they want for the new one before making a motion, also break out with all 3 models and pricing, and get a recommendation from the Public Works Committee. Next Public Works meeting is November 16, and they will put it on the agenda and bring back to 22nd meeting.

Brusberg made a motion to start searching for finding a replacement for the medium duty truck and supply the information to Public Works Committee. Brennum seconded. Smith suggested looking at new and used. Bachim agreed to do research on any available. Motion carried.

Budgets – Kuhlman stated we are waiting for the county figures before finalizing the TID budgets. She has provided two scenarios for including debt. If we put all of our current debt into the levy, we would have a mill rate for the village of \$9.22, which increases about 22 cents from last year. We have about \$45,000 unallocated funds in the debt fund, so we could use a smaller debt levy. If we decrease it by \$25,000, we would be a few cents under last year’s mill rate. Brusberg asked what happens to those funds otherwise. Kuhlman said they would stay in the debt fund. Last year we used some of it to pay down on debt also. In another year, we have a few loans paid off, so our 2023 debt levy will be down substantially. Discussion on debt. Kuhlman said looking at the mill rates, the Oregon School District went up slightly and so did Madison College in both counties. We are still waiting for the county numbers and will hopefully have before the November 22nd meeting. Kuhlman stated we have \$99,823.27 overage in the budget, and the board should decide if it's going in the Dane County Sheriff's line item. Brusberg asked if some could go into a miscellaneous line item. Kuhlman said yes, or they can do a budget amendment next year. Brusberg suggested putting \$70,000 in DCSO and the remainder in a miscellaneous expense account to cover costs of possible equipment. It would be about \$62,000 for the 16 extra hours a week, and the \$70,000 allows for some overtime hours for Tractor Pulls on Labor Day. That leaves \$25,000 to \$30,000 to go into miscellaneous category. Arndt agreed that makes sense. Kuhlman said they can budget the money and discuss hours later. Brennum likes the 4-hour block Monday to Thursday to cover school traffic. Olson agreed. Bruner stated our options are 8 hours a week, which would be 2 four-hour shifts, and 16 hours, which gives us 4 four-hour shifts. Brusberg would rather have the 16 hours. Olson and Brennum agree. **Brennum made a motion to add the 16 hours of coverage per week to the budget at a cost of approximately \$62,000 additional.** Brusberg said he would put in at a cost not to exceed \$70,000 to include up to 16 overtime hours. Discussion about hours. **Brennum amended his motion to add up to an additional \$70,000 of police coverage for 2022.** Brusberg seconded. Smith asked if they wanted to specify times. Bruner said not right now. Motion carried. Kuhlman will put this on the agenda for the first meeting in December to come up with a plan for how that will look so Dane County can plan for it. Smith said to let them know that we approved up to 16 hours a week and we will let them know what we want. **Brusberg made a motion to put \$29,823.27 in a miscellaneous account to be used for 2022 village budgetary needs.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to approve scenario 2 to utilize \$25,000 of unallocated funds from the debt fund for 2022 budget and that will go into the levy limit worksheet. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-24, 2021 Tax Levy Payable 2022, for the \$980,701.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Smith made a motion to approve the levy limit worksheet in scenario 2.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

The board will approve final budgets at the November 22 meeting. **Smith made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Special Meeting Minutes  
November 22, 2021**

The November 22, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Brandon Arndt, Kyle Smith (via Zoom), Sean Brennum, and Jacob Bachim. Trustee Brusberg was absent. Also

present were Deputy Merrick Grumke and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

**President's report** – Bruner stated this Thanksgiving he is thankful for the residents of Brooklyn and for the staff we have in the village, and also thanks to Dane County Sheriff Deputy Merrick Grumke and the Fire and EMS departments. He thanked the board members. He thinks we have a great board that is keeping things moving forward for the good of the village. He is also thankful for his family allowing him to be part of this.

**Brennum made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Olson and Bruner reviewed bills. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**US Cell tower agreement** – Kuhlman explained that US Cellular is upgrading the tower, removing six antennas and putting up six new. They have amended our agreement and will be increasing rent payment \$200 per month for the additional antennas over the original agreement. **Smith made a motion to approve the US Cellular phone tower agreement.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's report** – **Tree City USA** application was approved by the state, and they sent an email stating they enjoyed reading about our creative ideas for Arbor Day last year. Normally Public Works has the 4<sup>th</sup> graders go to the park and plant trees, but we couldn't do that last year. We instead put out Facebook posts and website posts with alternate ideas to do at Arbor Day. Kuhlman thanked Vicki Olson for finding and putting out that information. Kuhlman attended the Town of Oregon meeting last month, and **Payne & Dolan** gave an update to the town board regarding the pit north of the village. Kuhlman contacted the Payne & Dolan representative, and someone will be coming to the second January board meeting to give our board and citizens an update as well. There was a listening session at the Public Works meeting for the **Hazard Mitigation Plan** as part of Dane County's plan. Kuhlman took a class for **certified public funds investment manager** and passed a test to be a Certified Public Funds Investment Manager. **Fire and EMS** sent the agreement that was updated after the joint meeting. She reviewed it and Bruner signed it and sent it back to the district secretary. The Commission narrowed down the 15 applications for fire chief to four but don't have specifics yet on the interview dates. It sounds like it will be two separate interview sessions. Village received **new insurance premiums** for next year. The auto and liability insurances and workers compensation are decreasing, in part because we don't have the police department. She would like to ask the board about cyber insurance. We have almost everything we need to get the cyber insurance coverage. She has been working with the company. There are three levels of coverage, \$250,000, \$500,000 or a million. Which one would the board like to use. We will be saving about \$6,000 next year from the reduction of other coverage. **Brennum made a motion to go with the million-dollar coverage for cyber insurance.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Works/Utilities/EM Report** – Bachim stated Spilde prepared a **Hazard Mitigation** strategy for Dane County's plan, and we held a public listening session at the November 16 Public Works meeting. No one attended. **Water** – monthly samples were taken and look good. They met with an **arborist** to look at trees in cemetery for expansion. There are 20-25 walnut trees. They will still continue to look into expansion of the cemetery. Spilde looked into the **electronic signs for the crosswalks**. The costs are approximately \$7,000-10,000 for signs plus additional labor, so it could be \$15,000 total per crosswalk intersection. We can put one on N Rutland without getting the state involved, but on Highway 92 the state would be involved. Spilde will check into possible grants. Kuhlman may be able to look at the safe routes to school grant with new infrastructure bill.

**Pickup truck** -- The Chevy is not available under the 2021 contract. March of 22 is when new prices come out. The Ford is available, and it will take 30 plus weeks for delivery. Public Works added a strobe light for pricing. The Dodge is the only one currently available, but it's \$5,000 more. Olson said the Chevy box won't work on the Ford, but with the savings in price we could get new boxes. Ford is \$29,000; Chevy is

\$30,000 and Dodge would be \$34,000. Discussion on waiting for Chevy price or ordering the Ford now. Smith asked if the Ford is aluminum body or steel body, because that could make a difference. Bachim wasn't sure, but we'd only be keeping it for about 3 years. Smith said the aluminum body is not holding up as well. Bruner thinks Ford addressed that problem. Bachim said we can lock in a price with the Ford. Olson said March isn't a guarantee on getting the same price on the Chevy and we will be looking at a long lead time as well and wouldn't possibly get it until 2023. Bachim said we shouldn't wait for two years, because trade-in value of the current truck will go down. Brennum asked if we know what the trade in would be. Bruner said he thought about \$25,000. Smith asked if the recommendation is to order the Ford. Bruner said his preference is to lock in the price on the Ford and get it ordered. We won't see it until late summer or fall, but we know the price is locked in and keeps the gap close. He doesn't think the Dodge is worth spending the extra. **Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ford half ton pickup.** Brennum seconded. Bruner stated the motion is to authorize Public Works to order the F150 at a price of \$29,582. Motion carried.

**2022 Budget** – The change for Dane County Sheriff's deputy has been made. The tax increments for the TID districts were added. Total mill rate for Dane County is 46 cents more than last year. Green County is 38 cents more than last year. The Village's portion of the mill rate decreased from last year, but counties and schools went up. The Dane County mill rate is \$24.87/1000, and Green County mill rate is \$27.77/1000. The first dollar credit went down to \$77.96 and lottery credit went up to \$276.51 this year. **Brennum made a motion to approve the 2022 budgets.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**Brennum made a motion at 6:59 p.m. to adjourn.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, MTAW  
Clerk-Treasurer



## **December 20<sup>th</sup> will be last day for leaf pick up.**

Leaves should be raked off the grass into the street.

All pumpkins, sticks, grass, rocks, and other debris must be kept out of leaf piles.

If you have additional questions, contact Public Works at 608-455-1842.

Thank you





## READYWISCONSIN NEWS RELEASE:

### **Make fire safety a priority during the holiday season**

Twinkling lights and festive decorations are a big part of the holiday season. As you decorate your home, ReadyWisconsin encourages everyone to make fire safety a priority.

“Holiday decorations offer a festive look to the season, but they can also pose a fire hazard,” said Wisconsin Emergency Management Acting Administrator Greg Engle. “Keep those risks in mind as you decide where to hang lights and place other decorations around your home.”

Christmas trees and fresh greenery can be a beautiful holiday decoration, but they can also pose a major fire hazard if not properly maintained. According to the National Fire Protection Association, between 2015 and 2019 U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 160 home fires per year that started with Christmas trees. Those fires resulted in an average of two deaths, 12 injuries, and \$10 million in property damage nationwide.

Electrical distribution problems or lighting equipment were involved in almost half of all Christmas tree fires. Inspect holiday lights each year and replace strands that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Never link more than three light strands together, unless the directions indicate it is safe to do so. If the wires are warm to the touch, unplug and remove them. Be sure to turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the house and unplug extension cords when they are not in use.

It only takes a matter of seconds for a fire involving a dry live tree to grow into a large blaze. Live trees should be kept at least three feet away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or heater. Heat will dry out a real tree, causing it to more easily ignite when exposed to heat, flame or sparks. Live trees should be watered daily.

Candles are very popular during the holiday season, with Christmas being a peak day for candle fires across the country. Never leave a burning candle unattended, and make sure they are kept at least 12 inches away from flammable materials. Never place candles where children or pets could accidentally knock them over. Instead of lighting real candles, consider using battery-operated flameless candles.

Cooking during the holiday season can also bring fire concerns into your home, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day among the top days of the year for cooking fires. If you’re preparing a holiday meal or treats, avoid distractions in the kitchen, keep cooking areas clear of decorations or other items that could catch fire, and have a fire extinguisher available nearby.

Check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly. Alarms should be located on every level of your home and be tested monthly. Create an escape plan with your family and practice it so everyone knows two ways to get out of the house in the event of a fire.

For additional holiday safety tips, visit <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.



## Pickleball is back at the Community Building

Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm

Call the Clerk's Office for scheduling information

608-455-4201.



## Current Get Fit Class Schedule

Wednesday - 6:00pm  
YOGA SLOW FLOW

## COMMUNITY POTLUCK

**Jan. 27<sup>TH</sup> at Noon**

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Bring a dish to pass – table service and beverages are provided.

All ages welcome.



**The Clerk's Office will be closed on  
Dec 24, 31, 2021**

**Public Works Dept. will be closed on  
Dec 23, 24, 30 & 31, 2021**

**COMMUNITY MEETING #2**

**Tuesday - January 4th at 7 pm**

**@ Main Street Music in Brooklyn**

**What are we doing?**

On Tuesday January 4th at 7 pm at Main Street Music in Brooklyn we will be hosting the Second Community Idea Session [Drinks and food will be for sale].

Based upon input from the first meeting, we will now discuss Community Event Ideas and/or Annual Traditions that we can implement in 2022 to bolster community and entertainment.

Perhaps we bring back events from the past? Or we come up with some new interesting ideas to share and begin working towards [parades, music festival, street dance]? All ideas are welcome!

As always, the outcome will be defined by participation, so we need your help in walking through this process.

**Who should come? Do I sign up?**

No need to register or sign up. We have room to accommodate. Kids are welcome but keep in mind that seating may be limited.

**What if I cannot make it?**

If you cannot attend the gathering, no problem. You can share your ideas with myself before or after the event.

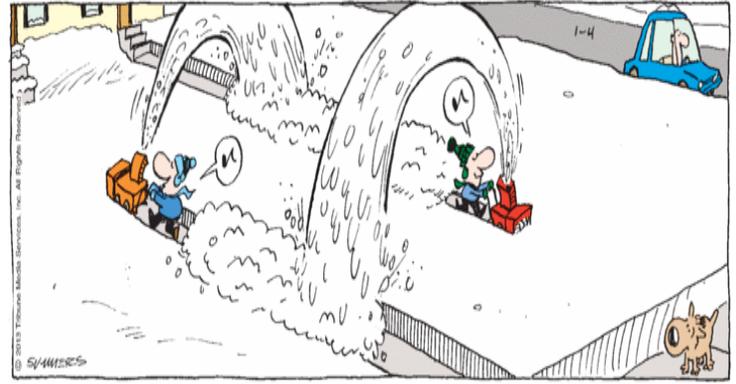
**How can I learn more?**

You can email, text, or call to learn more.

[Josh Kaurich, 608-333-6080, [joshuakaurich@gmail.com](mailto:joshuakaurich@gmail.com)]



Please clear snow from around fire hydrants.



**Snow Blowing or Shoveling Snow back into the road is not legal - Per Wisconsin State Statute 346.94 (5) PLACING INJURIOUS SUBSTANCE ON HIGHWAY.** No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof.

*We ask that you be considerate and not place snow back into the road when cleaning your sidewalks/driveways. This causes a financial burden and can cause accidents with injuries. Thank you for your help.*



### Christmas Tree Recycling

Remove all decorations, lights, nails, stands and plastic bags. Place at the curb for pick up.



### Snow Removal from Sidewalks



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.

# December 2021

## Senior Center News

### By Rachel Brickner

We are all headed into a second winter made more challenging by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Many people are now eligible for booster shots. If you are 60 or over, and need help scheduling an appointment for that shot, please let the Senior Center staff know, and we will gladly assist. Likewise, if you are able to make an appointment, but need a ride to your appointment, please let us know. We can be helpful in that regard as well.

Considering that this is also flu season, please consider getting a flu shot if you have not already done so. Again, if you have any challenges with making that appointment, or with getting to it, please let our staff know so that they can be of assistance.

We are finding that people's reactions to the Pandemic are very individualized. Some people are extremely cautious about being around others, regardless of vaccination status or mask wearing, while others do not seem to give the Pandemic much thought anymore. Whichever end of the spectrum you find yourself at (or more likely, somewhere in between), please continue to take care of your physical, social, and emotional well-being.

Find ways throughout the winter to get some regular exercise, whether that is a walk outdoors and a weight session in your living room, or a Zumba Gold class and a Strong Women session at the Senior Center.

Reach out to others so you can stay connected. Come play cards here or set up a virtual coffee hour with friends. Remember to schedule social time into every day. Human beings are very social creatures who do not thrive when cut off from others.

If you feel depressed or anxious, reach out to your medical care provider to discuss that. Most people have been impacted by the emotional toll taken by the Pandemic, and it is important not to let that affect our ability to stay healthy and functional.

If you are comfortable getting out, consider coming to the Senior Center for a program, activity, or event. We have limits on the number of people who can occupy a room to avoid over-crowding. We have UV-C blue lights in our air handling system to reduce the germ load in the circulating air. We have surface-cleaning protocols in place to help keep our patrons safe.

Another Pandemic winter is a difficult season to face, but we have vaccines and experience on our side now. If you need help with securing vaccinations or transportation, or with any issues standing in the way of you being able to thrive this winter, please reach out to us at 608-835-5801.

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**Click on link below to
read the
[December 2021
Senior Center Newsletter](#)**



January 8, 2022

Free Family Movie Night

Doors Open at 6 pm

Movie Starts at 630 pm

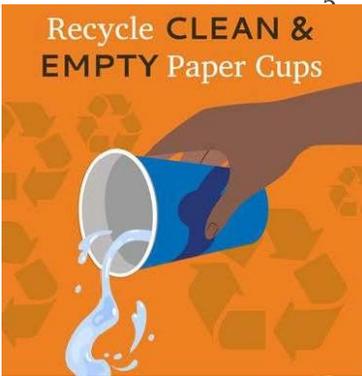
At Brooklyn Community Bldg

More Details Coming Soon!



Paper Cups Are Now Recyclable!

Paper cups, such as coffee and soda cups, can be placed in your recycling cart or commercial recycling dumpster.



Please be sure paper cups are clean and empty before placing them in the recycling.

Paper Cup Recycling Tips:

- Empty & Clean - free of liquids or residue
- Lids & Straws go in the trash - not recyclable at this time
- Cardboard Sleeves - remove and place in the recycling separately

This program expansion is supported in part with a grant from the Foodservice Packaging Institute and the Carton Council of North America.

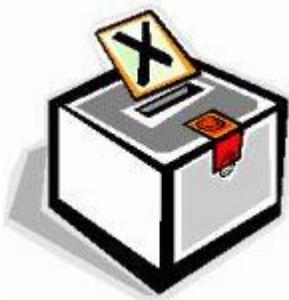
Recycling Videos & Other Resources can be found at:

<https://www.pellitteri.com/pages/residential-trash-pickup>

Please don't hesitate to call or email us if you have any questions!

608-257-4285 or info@pellitteri.com

THREE TRUSTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Three Trustee Positions are up for election in the spring.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please obtain nomination papers online or at the Village Clerk's Office after

December 1st.

The final day for filing nomination papers is 5 pm on January 4, 2021. If a primary is necessary, it will be held in February.

Collection Calendar

THE MATERIALS USED IN THIS PAPER NEVER ENDED UP IN A LANDFILL. YOU CAN HELP CONTINUE THE CYCLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT PELLITTERI.COM

Wednesdays

Your area will be picked up on non-holiday Wednesdays. Refuse will be collected weekly. Recycling will be collected every other week.



Refuse Pick-up Only.



Recycling and Refuse Pick-up.

For scheduling the pick-up of items too large to fit into your cart, please call Pellitteri Waste Systems at (608) 257-4285, or visit www.pellitteri.com to contact us via email.

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Please see reverse side for the updated recycling list. To sign up for email alerts regarding service changes, please email info@pellitteri.com.

LOYALTY DISCOUNT

\$ 20 OFF!

a temporary dumpster

Expires 1/1/2023. Not valid with any other discounts, coupons or promotions.

FOR

clean ups, small remodeling, bulky items, big jobs, roofing, remodeling, etc.



Residential

COLLECTION INFORMATION

RECYCLING *Information – All recyclables should be placed in your recycling cart*

EXPANDED *Paper* RECYCLING

- Cardboard (empty)
- Catalogs, magazines & phone books
- Cereal & cracker boxes (empty)
- Computer & office paper
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Holiday gift wrapping paper (no foils)
- Newspapers
- Paper cups (no plastic lids or straws)
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper milk and juice cartons or boxes
- Pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- Shredded paper (place in clear or transparent plastic bag and tie shut; a full bag should be the size of a basketball)

RECYCLABLE *Plastic & Glass*

- All plastic bottles (no motor oils or gasoline)
- Plastic containers/cups #1-7, including #1 clamshell
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)

RECYCLABLE *Metal*

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- Metal pots & pans
- Small metal appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.) – nothing larger than a basketball
- Small metal plumbing fixtures, faucets, valves
- Tin & steel cans

NON-RECYCLABLE *Items:*

- Batteries
- Brake rotors / drums
- Construction waste
- Deli containers – except #1 plastic
- Electronics
- Frozen food or microwave dinner plates
- Glassware & ceramics
- Metal items heavier than 10 pounds
- Mirrors & windows
- Motor oil & gasoline containers
- Plastic film, wrap & Styrofoam
- Propane tanks
- Recyclable containers containing liquids or food
- Misc.: Carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, food, hoses, ropes & shoes

RECYCLING *Tips*

- Containers containing food or liquids, construction waste or electronics CANNOT be placed in the recycling cart.
- Should you choose to bag recyclables you place into the cart, please use clear or transparent bags and leave open – do not tie or seal. Clear bags can be purchased at most grocery and hardware stores.
- Do not flatten or crush plastic or metal items. Do not place smaller items inside larger containers. All items should be loose and empty. Remove all food waste, plastic, Styrofoam & packing peanuts.
- Flatten cardboard boxes and cereal boxes to make room in the recycling cart.
- Your recycling cart will not be picked up if it contains trash, yard waste or prohibited items.
- Check out www.pellitteri.com for twenty 1-minute recycling tip videos and a 7-minute video showing what happens to your recyclables. Call (608) 257-4285 if you have any remaining questions.
- Coming soon: A searchable recycling database, sign up for service reminders and notifications, a mobile app, and more!

January

2022

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