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January 2024 Village News

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No Spring Primary - Tuesday, February 20

2024 Election Dates

Tuesday, April 2 – Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary

Tuesday, August 13 – Partisan Primary

Tuesday, November 5 – General Election & Presidential Election

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 32

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

SECTIONS 32-87 AND 32-88 OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

REGARDING WINTER PARKING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 32-87: Chapter 32, Traffic and Vehicles; Section 32-87 Winter Parking, and Section 32-88 Snow emergency parking regulations of the Village of Brooklyn Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32-87. - Winter parking.

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, no on-street parking will be allowed on any street in the village when there is an ice event or over one inch of snow and 24 hours after the ice event or snowfall has finished or until snow or ice is plowed to the curb.
- (b) No on-street parking will be allowed on Hotel Street between Commercial Street (Hwy. 92) and North Rutland Avenue (Hwy. MM) and on W. Main Street between Commercial Street and First Street and on Railroad Street between W. Main Street and Bowman Street between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. when there is an ice event or over one inch of snow and 24 hours after the ice event or snowfall has finished or until snow or ice is plowed to the curb.
- (c) Section 32-82 is adopted by reference.
- (d) Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section will be ticketed \$30.00 and/or towed.

(Ord. of 7-13-2015(1), § 32.20(1); Ord. of 10-14-2019(1); Ord. of 1-11-2021(1); Ord. of 2-14-2022(1))

Sec. 32-88. - Snow emergency parking regulations.

- (a) *Definition.* The village board, village president or public works director declares a snow emergency exists when the director of public works has determined the snow and/or ice accumulation on the village streets is in an amount sufficient to hinder the safe movement of traffic or to impede the ability of emergency vehicles and public transportation vehicles to travel safely and expeditiously over such streets or alleys.
- (b) Such declaration requires the director of public works or clerk's office to notify four designated radio stations, two local television stations and the Village website and Facebook by no later than 10:00 p.m. of the day of the village's declared snow emergency.
- (c) No person shall park any motor vehicle or leave any motor vehicle parked upon any street or alley within the village, during any period of time in which snow or ice has accumulated and where snow emergency conditions exist, until snow has been plowed or removed from such street or alley.
- (d) Enforcement of this section shall not require any public posting in the village.
- (e) Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection (c) of this section will be ticketed \$30.00 and/or towed. In the event of a violation the village shall have the authority to have vehicles towed to the facility of the person providing the towing service or a designated area. The cost of such towing shall be added to the forfeiture.

(Ord. of 7-13-2015(1), § 32.20(2); Ord. of 2-14-2022(1))

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, this 12th day of June 2023.



**Keep snow and ice
3 feet away from
fire hydrants.**

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

U.S. Fire Administration | FEMA | Fire is Everyone's Part.

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.



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.



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.

TRASH & RECYCLING - WINTER REMINDERS:

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



safeTALK

Suicide Prevention Training

Sunday, **January 21, 2024**
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Brooklyn Fire & EMS
401 W Main St,
Brooklyn, WI 53521

\$20 per person

HELP SAVE A LIFE!

Acquire the tools to identify and help individuals with mental health challenges

Get trained in suicide alertness skills

Learn the TALK Steps:
Tell, Ask, Listen, Keep safe

Receive safeTALK certification upon completion

Lunch will be served

Please RSVP at fcwi.org/safetalk

BROOKLYN – GREEN COUNTY RESIDENTS

Ways to contact us!

Website - adrcgreencounty.org
Facebook - ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin
Email - resourcecenter@gchsd.org
Phone - 608-328-9499



Look for ADRC Green County newsletter “The Bridge” monthly in the Great Dane Shopping News

January 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Happy 2024! The new year has settled in and people may be looking for interesting and worthwhile ways to spend time before spring arrives. The Senior Center is a good place to explore if you want something to do—for entertainment, wellness or education.

In terms of entertainment, the Center shows recently released movies twice a month. The next one is Friday, Jan. 27 at 1:00 p.m. It is called “About My Father” and is rated PG-13. Live music is another entertaining offering at the Center. The Mad City Ukes will be at the Center on Valentine’s Day at 1:00 p.m. for a program of ukelele music. There are card-playing, domino-playing and pool-playing groups that meet here regularly. If you would like details about any of those groups, please call the Center at 608-835-5801 for more information about any of these free opportunities.

There are a number of different wellness options at the Senior Center. Every Friday morning between 9:30 and 10:30 you can stop in and have your blood pressure checked for free. Twice a month someone is here providing foot care services for a fee. There is also reflexology available for a fee.

A variety of exercise classes are available at the Senior Center for a very modest charge. There are two levels of Zumba Gold classes, a Silver Sneakers Fire Up Your Fitness class, Balance classes, Strong Bodies, Gentle Yoga, and an exercise class geared to people living with Parkinson’s. You can explore these classes in the Senior Center’s Newsletter or call 608-835-5801 for more information.

One of our upcoming education opportunities falls within the realm of wellness also. For three Thursdays beginning in mid-February, the Senior Center is hosting a class called Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder. More than half of all women over the age of 50 experience some degree of bladder or bowel leakage. This evidence-based class (it has been proven to reduce or cure symptoms) includes information, group activities and simple exercises to do at home. The class is free, but you must register in advance at 608-835-5801.

Another educational offering is coming up on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 10:45 a.m. Members of the Oregon Area Historical Society will be at the Center presenting a “Then and Now Items” program. This will be a nostalgic look back at the way things used to be done, in contrast with today’s ways.

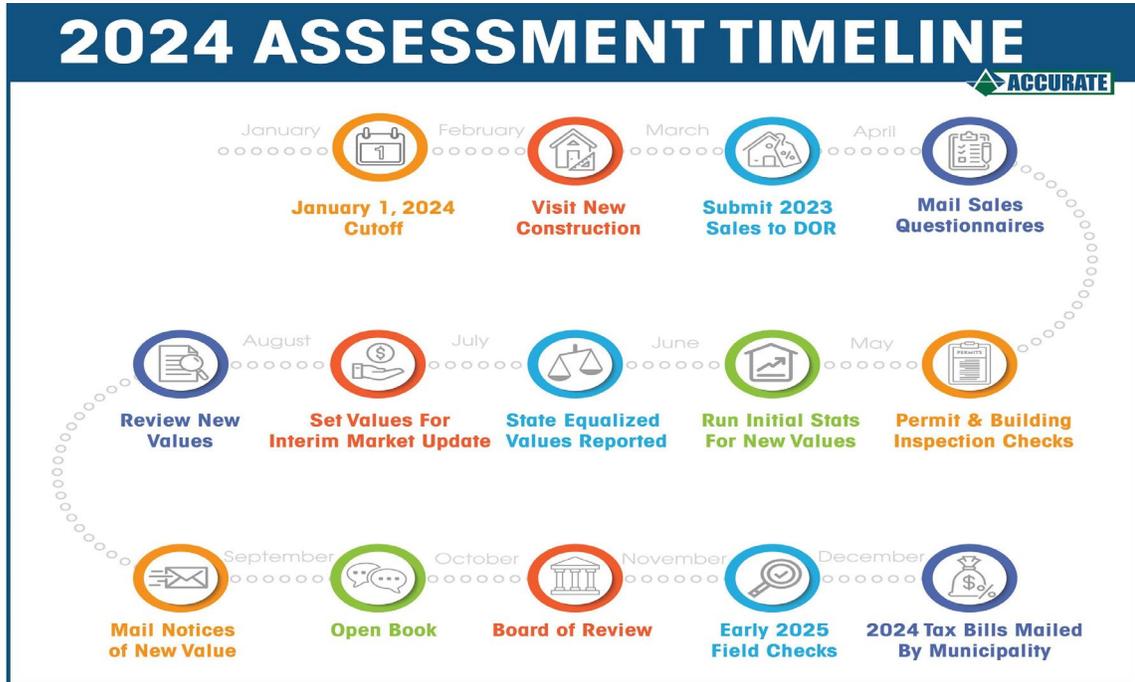
January and February are great times to explore all that the Senior Center has to offer. Please give us a call if you have any questions—608-835-5801.

2024 Assessment Timeline !!

This timeline will help you better understand what assessors do throughout the year. Assessors will be using sales up to January 1, 2024, to determine values for this year.

Assessors aren't tax collectors, or even tax setters, we're just fellow tax payers trying to make everything fair and equitable.

[#RealEstate](#) [#Assessment](#)



Here are some quick facts about the assessment process! When we do an assessment on your property our primary goal is to fairly determine your property value. 🏡📈

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5 FACT CHECKS ABOUT ASSESSMENTS Part 3

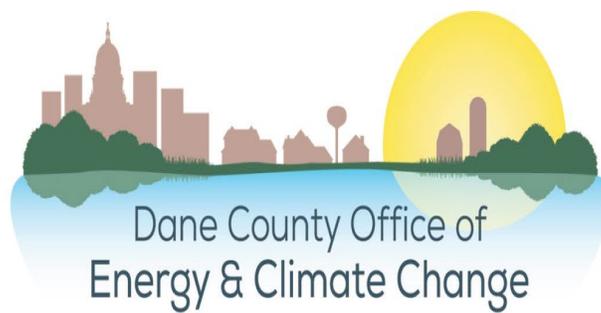
MYTH

- My taxes went up because my assessed value increased.
- My property is not worth that much this year. The assessment doesn't match the current year's value.
- My property was taken down due to a fire, but I still got a tax bill this year.
- The assessor never comes around or walks through my property, how can they know how to set fair values?
- My neighbors house is worth more and they are paying less taxes this year.

FACT

- Assessors don't set budgets.** Your taxes are set by County, Municipality, and School budgets.
- Assessors can only use sales from an entire year/s worth of market sales. **Assessed values are based on a lagging market** not current market.
- State statutes require a **January 1 cutoff for a property's value on the roll for the taxing year.**
- Assessors have a database of all property. They update data during sales, permits, etc. **You can always request an interior inspection from us.**
- Your home's value is not the only factor that determines your taxes.** School districts, utilities, garbage fees and other tax burdens and incentives can drastically change a tax bill.

ACCRATE



Your Input Matters!

Sign up for updates from Focus on the Home Energy Rebate planning process so you provide input on the rebate program launching in 2024.



Sign up at: focusonenergy.com/home-energy-rebates#faq

Which Electronics **Are Banned** From Wisconsin Landfills?



Wisconsin's electronics recycling law bans most electronics from landfills and incinerators. Electronics contain valuable materials and must be reused or recycled. To find a collection site or mail-back program, visit dnr.wi.gov and search "ecycle."



-  Desktop, laptop and notebook computers and video game consoles
-  TVs and monitors
-  Cell phones, tablets and e-readers
-  Fax machines and desktop printers, including 3-D printers and printers combined with fax machines, scanners and copiers
-  Computer accessories, including keyboards, mice, hard drives, scanners, speakers and other devices
-  DVD players, VCRs, DVRs and other video players

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Bureau of Waste and Materials Management
c/o P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707
DNRWle-cycling@wisconsin.gov (608)266-2111

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Which Electronics Can I Recycle Under E-Cycle Wisconsin?



Wisconsin households and K-12 schools may recycle electronics through E-Cycle Wisconsin. The following electronics are accepted under E-Cycle Wisconsin. Many collection sites also accept other items. To find a collection site or mail-back program, visit dnr.wi.gov and search "e-cycle."



Computers: desktops, laptops, netbooks, notebooks



Fax machines and desktop printers, including 3-D printers and printers combined with fax machines, scanners and copiers



TVs and monitors



Cellphones, tablets and e-readers



Battery-powered phone accessories



Computer accessories, including keyboards, mice, hard drives, scanners, speakers, flash drives and other devices



DVD players, VCRs, DVRs and other video players



Video game consoles, hand-held video games and battery-powered accessories



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E-CYCLE WISCONSIN



Get Fit Class Schedule

**Monday - 6:00pm
PIYO**

**Wednesday night - 6:00pm
Yoga Slow Flow**



COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, January 25, 2024

At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

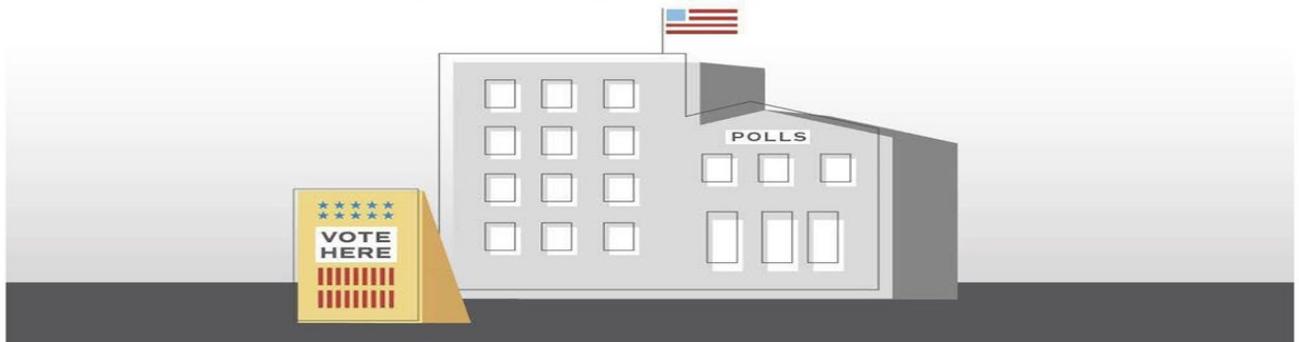
Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



**It's Election Day!
Find your polling place.**



VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN RESIDENTS

Starting in 2024 voting will be held at the
Village Hall, 210 Commercial Street

**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023**

The December 11, 2023, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Michael Gehrmann, Dan Olson, David Berland, Mike Brusberg, Chris Groenier, and Janeen Podgorski. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

President's Report -- With this being the final board meeting of the year, Bruner thanked all board members and clerks and staff for what they've done for the year and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes of November 27. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

No report from Council on Aging. Deputy Grumke was unable to make the meeting and provide a report.

Public Works – Olson reported that Well #1 got the DNR permit to finish the inspection repairs. The committee discussed pricing between Madison Truck and Monroe Truck on the purchase of the new F550. Madison Truck is a little higher but has a better plow. We have a Western plow system versus the system Monroe has, and they've had a lot of problems with the wear bar on those from Monroe. If something happens to the Western plow on the 550, we could take it off the 250. The Public Works recommendation is to go with Madison Truck for 2024 F550. Brusberg asked how quickly can we put up for surplus the existing one. Olson said we need to get our new one first. Brusberg asked how far out orders are. Olson said we're probably looking at August-September optimistically. **Brusberg made a motion to move forward with purchase of the 2024 F550 under vehicle replacement policy and using Madison Truck and the Western plow system for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Financials for November – total deposits of \$217,281.46. \$126,655.10 was final shared revenue payment. We had withdrawals of \$208,088.99; for a balance at the end of November of \$2,416,478.84. Other financials were handed out. **PSC** sent an email with the reasons for doing a rate case. We would qualify for a simplified rate case, so it's something for the board to think about. We don't want to go too many years without doing something. Copies of an email from Kathy Pennington with Green County were given to the board. She contacted **ADRC of Green County** about some of the services they provide, including rideshare. McCallum can follow up more if the board would like her to.

Nomination paperwork for trustee positions is due by January 2 at 5 p.m. Badger Books are being updated. **Elections will be held at Village Hall now.** Kuhlman presented some financial graphs that she will be posting for the public with the budget and tax information. Podgorski handed out a draft of the one-sheet newsletter to be discussed at the next meeting. Kuhlman is exploring a grant from Energy department to possibly replace the furnaces in the village hall. Groenier provided a quote for doing as-built plans for the village hall. He came and took some measurements. **Brusberg made a motion to approve up to \$2000 for as-built drawings for village hall.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. Groenier abstained.

Brusberg and Olson looked over the invoices. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg asked if there is food provided for election workers. Kuhlman said yes.

Kuhlman stated most employees have from 20 to 40 hours of vacation days to carry over. **Gehrmann made a motion for village employees to carry over up to 40 hours of vacation at the end of the year.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated the list of election inspectors for 2024-2025 as follows: Sue McCallum, Pat Hawkey and Vicki Olson as chief inspectors and poll workers, Linda Kuhlman as clerk for registrations, and poll workers Helen McCord, Sandy Glasier, Erin Brennum, Deb Lewis, Dan Olson, Carrie Spilde, Craig Weatherby, Nicole Dengel, Barbara Snell, Rachel Angel, Sandy Wagner, Steve Wagner, Rebecca Fenstermann and Anne Somerfeld (Republican Party list). **Berland made a motion to approve election board as presented with note that Helen McCord is not a chief inspector.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion to approve the Class B beer and Class C wine license for Hachi Hachi Sushi and Hibachi. Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman asked about approving invoices at the end of December because there isn't a second board meeting. **Berland made a motion for bills to be approved for payment on December 26 pending sending them to the full board and receiving two responses confirming the bills.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Fund balance report – Brusberg suggested taking \$5,000 out of the 4th of July line item, because of the motion over the summer of going away from carrying fund balance in that account, and rolling that into the village hall remodel account. So that the fireworks would be driven 100% on donations. Discussion on fund balances. **Brusberg made a motion that \$5,000 previously budgeted for fireworks and added into the fund balance will shift to the village hall building fund, so moving forward the fireworks for 4th of July will be 100% through donations.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. No opposed.

Berland made a motion to officially approve Fischer Excavating to do the business park expansion for the price given at bid. Podgorski seconded. Brusberg would like to do a groundbreaking ceremony for a marketing aspect to possibly drive business to the area. Gehrman is in favor of that. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to accept Ehlers proposal for TID 2 boundary amendment at the cost of \$17,000. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Capital improvement plan – Brusberg would like to have a combined finance and public works meeting in January or February to review the capital improvement plan. The biggest item is Hotel Street and to start backing that up if the intent is to do the project in 2025. He would like to but doesn't know how feasible it is, but it's worth digging into to see what we can and cannot do. Olson said the Public Works Committee will look at it more closely. There's nothing for street Christmas decorations, for example. **Olson made a motion to send the 5-year capital plan budget to Public Works Committee for review.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Groenier made a motion at 7:09 p.m. to adjourn. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
December 26, 2023

The December 26, 2023, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Michael Gehrmann, Dan Olson, David Berland, Mike Brusberg, Chris Groenier, and Janeen Podgorski. Also, present Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Olson. Pledge of Allegiance.

Building Code Ordinances - Discussion about square footage, commercial buildings, residential builds, fees and fee schedule, wording changes. Brusberg made a motion to approve all revisions of Section 103 of Village Ordinances and removal of building fee schedule from Schedule C and fees will be added at the time of issuance of the building permits. Berland seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action on Request for Delegated Municipal Authority Application - Berland made a motion to approve the delegated municipal authority application to General Engineering. Brusberg seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

Bills - Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Groenier seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

Groenier made a motion to adjourn at 5:41 pm. Podgorski seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; option motion carried.

Vicki Olson, WCMC, CMTW
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	2	3
4	5 PIYO 6p	6 Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick up	7 Garbage Yoga 6p	8 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	9	10
11	12 PIYO 6p Village Board Mtg 630p	13	14 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	15 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	16	17
18	19 PIYO 6p	20	21 Garbage Yoga 6p	22 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	23	24
25	26 PIYO 6p Village Board Mtg 630p	27	28 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	29 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455- 4201