

210 Commercial Street - PO Box 189 – Brooklyn, WI 53521

June 2024 Village News

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COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, June 27, 2024

At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.

Who can participate?

All Green County residents and farmers can participate in the Clean Sweep Program. No Pre-registration is required for the event. This is a one-day free event with proof of residency in Green County.

Hazardous Materials for Disposal

Waste chemicals include any type of weed, insect, fungus or rodent killers, but also include sanitizers, and other chemicals. Pesticides become wastes when they can no longer be used. Hazardous waste materials include banned products, products damaged by moisture, contamination or outdated products.

Safety Guidelines

- Visually inspect containers before lifting. Secure lids, caps, and covers.
- Leave materials in their original containers. DO NOT MIX.
- Leave all labels in place, even if worn or torn. If labels are missing, please list contents with permanent marker.
- Place containers in plastic or garbage bag lined cardboard box for hauling.
- Use the trunk of your vehicle or truck bed.

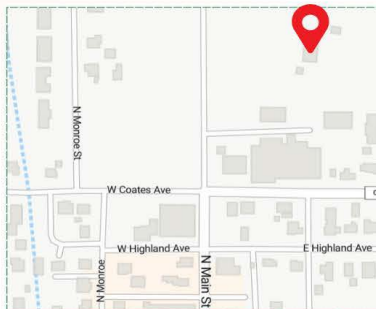
Disposal and Testing Fees

Disposal of ag chemicals and household chemicals is free with the exception of marked items on inside chart. A testing fee may be charged for unknown chemicals if amounts are greater than five gallons or fifty pounds. Fees paid by cash or check at time of disposal.

Other Notes

- Proof of Green County residency required.
- No pre-registration required.
- All items should be properly identified.
- We reserve the right to reject any item that does not meet the intent of the program.
- Materials will only be accepted by authorized personnel during the hours as listed.

Site Location: 406 North Main St, Monticello



CONTACT US



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greencountywcd.com

Sponsored by:

Green County LWCD
Green County Sheriff's Dept.
Green County Public Health
Monticello Public Works

GREEN COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP



One Day Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Wednesday, August 21st
noon-6pm @
Monticello Recycling Center
406 North Main St

ALLOWED

Drug Collection

Prescription pills
(No liquid drugs or sharps)

Electronic Waste

Village of Monticello
residents can bring non-food related electronics free of charge. Tube TV's and tube computer monitors will have charge of \$25 each.

Automotive

Antifreeze
Autobody repair products
Battery acid
Brake fluid
Carburetor cleaner
Car wax
Fiberglass epoxy
Fuel additives
Gasoline
Metal polish
Oil / Oil filters
Parts cleaner
Road flares (No marine flares)
Rust remover
Spot remover
Transmission fluid

Home

Aerosol cans (Full)
Ammonia
Antibacterial products
Ballasts (Without light fixture)
Batteries (Button & rechargeable)
Bleach
Carpet cleaner
Cooking oil (New & used)
Disinfectants
Drain cleaner
Dry cleaning chemicals
Extension cords
Fertilizer
Floor care products
Fluorescent bulbs
Furniture polish
Insect / Bug killer
Kerosene
Lamp oil
Lighter fluid
Mercury (Thermometers & thermostats)
Mosquito repellent
Mothballs
Oven cleaner
Pesticides
Pool chemicals
Rat / Rodent poison
String (Holiday) lights
Weed killer

Painting & DIY Stuff

Acetone
Contact cement
Driveway sealer
Deck stripper (Wood bleach)
Glue / Adhesives
Joint compound
Paint (oil based)
Paint thinner / Stripper
Photo developing chemicals
Roofing tar
Sealers (Wood & concrete)
Shellac
Stain
Turpentine
Varnish
Wood filler

Other Stuff

Hair dye
Hair remover
Hair spray
Formaldehyde
Nail polish & remover
Pepper spray (Self-defense)
Perfume
Shoe polish
Vape equipment (Nicotine Only)

NOT ALLOWED

Do Not Bring

Ammunition
Compressed gas cylinders
Car batteries
Clothes dryers
Computers*
Containers larger than 15 gal.
Explosives
Fire extinguishers
Fireworks
Liquid drugs
Marine flares
Medical waste
Microwaves
Paint (water & latex based)
Propane cylinders
Radioactive wastes
Refrigerators
Sharps/Needles
Smoke detectors
Stereos*
Televisions*
Tires of any type
Washing machines

**allowed if resident in Village of Monticello, see Electronic Waste*



It's officially SUMMER!!!

Thank you all for attending our yard sale, we raised 700 dollars!

SUMMER HOURS and PROGRAMMING

Starting June 7th, the OYC will be open **Monday - Friday, 12pm-5pm**. We will be providing food and games and programming throughout the summer. Swim day!

Each Wednesday this summer we will be heading to the pool. Pool passes will be given to the kids so nobody is left out of the fun, if swimming is not your thing there will be someone at OYC hanging out with anyone who does not want to go.

Please fill out the link below, it will ask you a few questions about summer programs.

<https://forms.gle/tb8vGLWWXLwBfW9z9>

SUMMER BUSSING

Are you interested in bussing? If so, we are looking into having a bus route that takes kids from Brooklyn and the west side of Oregon to OYC. Parents would still need to pick up at 5:00PM. If interested we would like to hear from you, please fill out this survey!

<https://forms.gle/tb8vGLWWXLwBfW9z9>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

OYC will be collecting scrap fabric, why? In hopes to help out the community and put some smiles on every kids face we will be making "hopefully" 100 Raggedy Ann Dolls and donating them to the Madison Childrens Hospital by September first.

Parents and guardians, if you have any programming ideas for us please let us know we are always looking for ways to better the community. Any donations of any kind will be greatly appreciated, we wouldn't be here without our amazing community.

Thank you.

JOIN US FOR WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION DAY CAMP!

HOSTED BY:



**South Central
Farmers Union**
UNITED TO GROW FAMILY AGRICULTURE



**Dane County
Farmers Union**
UNITED TO GROW FAMILY AGRICULTURE

WHEN: Thursday, June 27th from 10am-2pm

WHERE: Still Point Flower Farm
W886 State Road 92, Brooklyn, WI 53521

WHO: This event is geared toward children ages 7-11. Members & non-members are welcome to attend!

WHAT: ***Lunch will be provided!*** Activities can include Skits & Silly Songs, Group Games, Lesson Plans. Small Group Activities, Field Games, and Crafts. There is no fee associated with WFU Day Camps.

For more information, please visit
WisconsinFarmersUnion.com/Events



For questions, please contact
Grace Clardy, Education Director
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2024 Summer Library Program for All Ages!



June 3 - August 17

People of all ages are welcome to begin their Adventure at the Oregon Library this summer! We'll have prizes, giveaways, special events, and more!

Registration

Register online via [Oregon Library's Beanstack page](#) OR download and use the [Beanstack app](#).

- Create one account for the whole family!
- Use the same account every year and for all of Oregon Library's literacy programs!
- Write books reviews and have a list of what you've read!
- Track your reading and activities on Beanstack to earn prizes. (A paper log is available to help with tracking, but all reading, and activities must be added to Beanstack to enter the Grand Prize Drawings.)
- Our amazing librarians are always here to help!

All Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building

**Monday -
6:00pm
PiYo®**



**Wednesday -
6:00pm
Yoga: Slow
Flow
No classes
6/26 - 8/14**



**Save the date for
our Annual
Fall Arts & Crafts Fair
Saturday, August 31st, 2024
9:00am - 3:00pm
Brooklyn Community Building
Still accepting Vendor/Crafter registrations**

Download the registration form from this website:

<https://brooklynwi.gov/classes/>



2024 Summer Youth Recreation

The 2024 Summer Recreation Program is a 5-week program that runs Monday through Thursday. Children who live in Brooklyn are welcome to spend time in this program for a safe place to have fun, socialize and learn a little during the summer months. Activities include t-ball, arts & crafts, snacks and even a few fun field trips. We look forward to another great summer and meeting all of the children interested in the program.

Once your child has signed in for the day, they will not be able to leave the program unless they are picked up by a parent/guardian or the Recreation Coordinator has been notified.

A drink and snack will be provided daily. We would be grateful if each family would send a snack on the first day of attendance - enough for 40 children. (graham crackers, pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks).

Dates & Time:

5 week session - Mondays-Thursdays
July 8th-August 8th 2024 (1-4pm)

Age Range

5 -12 years old

(We require that children have attended kindergarten to join. Please contact us with questions about this)

Cost of Program:

\$40 Per Child

(\$20 for each additional child in your family.
Field trips are an extra cost)



Thurs., Aug. 8, 2024

from 5 pm to 7:30 pm

Legion Park

**BE SURE TO JOIN US
FOR FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAY - SEPTEMBER
5:00PM-8:00PM
BROOKLYN
LEGION PARK
LIVE MUSIC**



 Brooklyn Recreation Committee
is part of The Village of Brooklyn
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Brooklyn, WI 53521

www.brooklynwi.gov
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June 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Isolation and loneliness become a fact of life for too many older adults. The link between loneliness and poor health outcomes is now well-established. Poor nutrition, failure to seek medical care or take prescriptions as prescribed, failure to exercise, using nicotine or alcohol, and engaging in activities that increase the risk of falling, have all long been recognized as contributing to poor health. Now we can add loneliness and isolation to that list.

It doesn't have to be that way. The Senior Center offers a variety of free activities to encourage people to get out of their homes and among other people. Some of these activities are very heavy on socialization, while others are less so—the staff tries to balance the needs of a first-time visitor who may be a bit introverted with the needs of a frequent visitor who is a super extrovert.

We know it can be challenging to get out of the house. It can be easier to stay in a familiar, comfortable routine than it is to go out into the unknown with its unpredictable challenges. Sometimes the first few adventures to the Senior Center are easier if the visitor brings a friend or family member along.

Too much time alone with only a television, radio or computer for company is not healthy. A person may say they are completely content alone at home, but the reality is that is not a good situation for long-term well-being.

Come in and play cards, mahjongg, or dominoes; watch a movie; shoot some pool; have your blood pressure checked; join a book club; bring your knitting or crocheting and visit while you work, make greeting cards; volunteer; attend an entertainment or an informational program!

There are also very low-cost options to take a variety of exercise classes—socialize and invest in your body at the same time! A meal is a great opportunity to socialize—lunch is served at the Senior Center daily at 11:45 and is a donation-based program. Your donation is anonymous. There are always at least two different meal options, and often three, to choose from. Be aware that lunches are catered and must be ordered two business days ahead of the date you wish to eat.

If you have questions about any of the programming at the Senior Center, call us at 608-835-5801. Likewise, if you need suggestions about dealing with an older adult family member or friend, please call us. Everything that happens at the Center is confidential, so the staff cannot tell anyone anything without a signed release form, but you can tell the staff anything you want, and the staff can provide general feedback, and ideas.

Humans are social creatures. Don't let isolation have a negative impact on your health when there are reasonable, affordable alternatives waiting for you at the Senior Center!

Link to Oregon Senior Center Newsletter or go to <https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/seniorcenter>

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# Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner

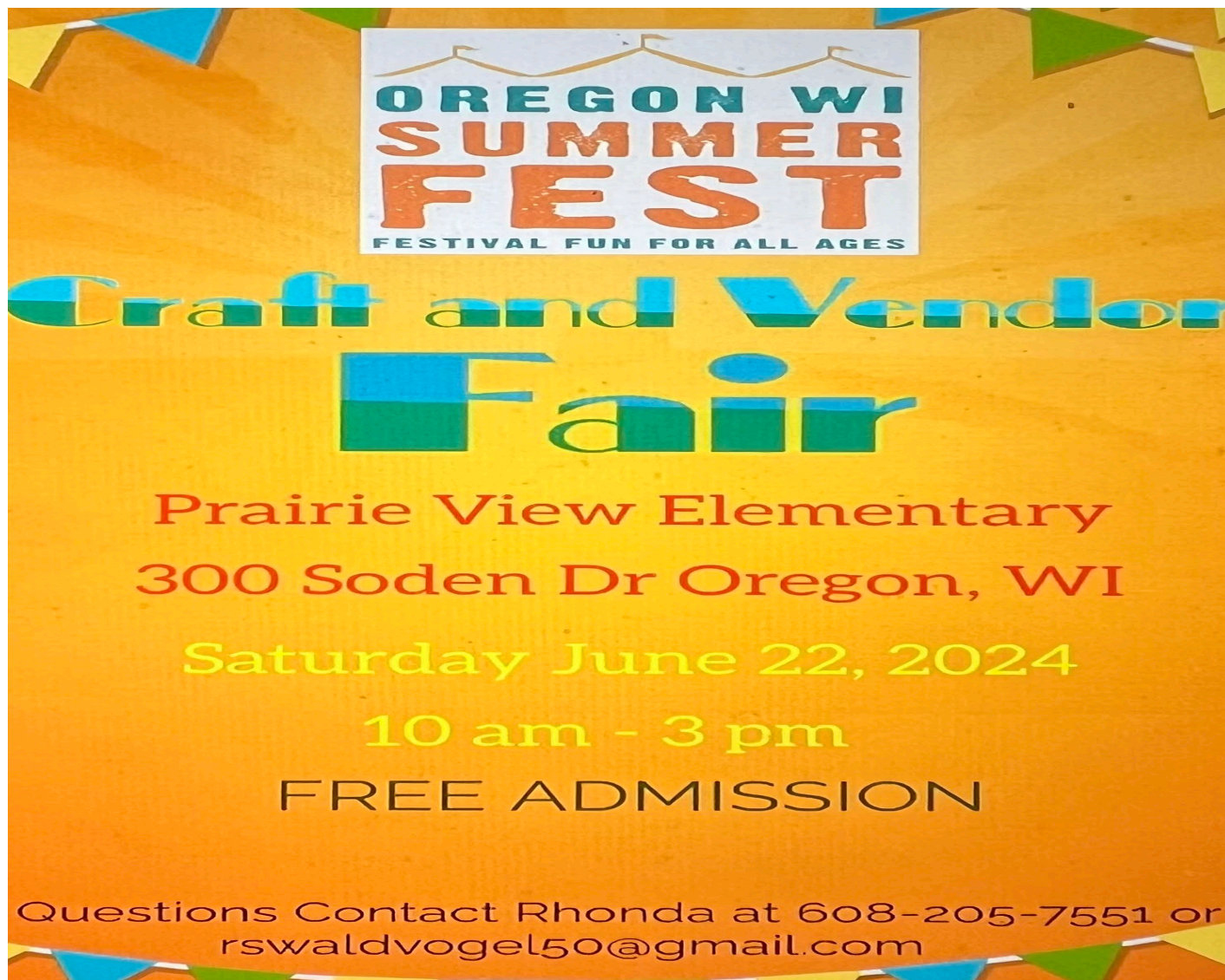


"How did you come up with my assessed value without ever entering my property?"

We are mass assessors who statically analyze property data that is already on file taking many factors into consideration. When determining assessed value, key factors such as home style and location carry significant weight, followed by considerations of age, size, and condition.

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

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2024**

The May 13, 2024, 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 Chris Groenier, Dan Olson, Michael Gehrmann, Mike Brusberg. Trustees Christian Allen and David Berland were absent. Also present were Mitchell Runnings and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. No public comments.

**President's report** – Bruner had a meeting of fireworks committee last Thursday night, and they have good fundraising opportunities. Andy Meyer will have a fundraising event at Main Street Music, with a band and brats. They divided up the list of previous sponsors to contact. He received a call from a potential business for eight acres in business park.

**Olson made a motion to accept the minutes from April 22, 2024.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

**Moving house** – Mitchell Runnings stated Dane County parks department is expanding a park in Sauk City area, Town of Roxbury, and he bought an old farmhouse. They bought the residence at auction with the understanding to mitigate it. They want to move it. They purchased it last December/early January and have been looking for a lot. The 207 S. Rutland lot is perfect for moving a house; it's flat and has good access. They've been working through the approval processes. The reason he's here today is to get approval to move the house into the village. The house they live in was moved from Janesville to Edgerton. We have a village ordinance that if there's a structure with the final location in the village limits, it needs board approval. Olson asked about time frame. Runnings said they have a number of approvals they're trying to get finalized. Dane

County would like it moved by the end of May or early June. Bruner asked how long S. Rutland will be blocked. Runnings said it's a quick process. The other move was an hour. Because it's a deep lot, they'll move the house first before the foundation; bring it in, put behind the location, dig the foundation, then move and drop it down. It's a 2-bed, 2-bed, and it will be 3-bed, 2-1/2 bath with attached garage. The house will be moved onto the basement first, then pour the pad for the garage. It happens later at night. The mover will handle getting state patrol for escort and get approval for all the places they're going through. Shouldn't be a big impact. Gehrmann asked if they'll be selling or living. Runnings said they will be selling as fast as they can. Kuhlman said they've gotten zoning approval and driveway conditional approval. They're waiting on final approval. They wouldn't do anything without all the building approvals. Olson said there's a water shutoff that will be close to the driveway, a curb shutoff. Runnings said the longest period of time for the night for the move is getting it in a rough position of where to set down. The amount of time on the road is not long, and they'll come back the next day to put it in final position. Brusberg asked what time of day. Runnings said they'll take their lead from state patrol on when. They usually start around 9-10 at night, but they might do it earlier with the distance. The other thing, the actual permit for moving it the route outside of the village, it's more an FYI; you tell them the route and it's issued immediately and then you have five days to get it moved. He'll work with the clerk to make sure it's not at the same time as any other event. Kuhlman said Roth approval was sent today pending driveway permit, and building inspector will issue after all other approvals are done. The company that is moving has done it a lot. **Olson made a motion to approve moving a house into the Village of Brooklyn to 207 S. Rutland Street contingent on all permits.** Groenier seconded. Kuhlman will contact the neighbors as well. Motion carried.

**Brusberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10 CMAR (Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report) report.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained we rent out tables and chairs and have been discussing asking for deposit. We rent to anyone and only get their name, address and phone number. If someone doesn't return them or damages them, we have no recourse. **Groenier made a motion to approve implementing \$100 deposit for table and chair rentals effective January 1, 2025.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman said our normal second meeting in May falls on Memorial Day. Can we get two trustees to review bills and approve and not have a meeting. **Gehrmann made a motion to not have a second May meeting and have two trustees review bills via email and report back to the clerk for approval.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman added an invoice to DNR for two sewer tests for Joe Reilly. Gehrmann and Brusberg reviewed bills. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented with additional billing for \$50 to DNR for testing for Reilly.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report** – Financials for April included \$224,357.53 for deposits. Part of that was proceeds from the first draw on business park project loan and also lottery credits of \$44,626.55. Withdrawals for April were \$544,714.74, and of that \$313,769.43 was debt service for the spring payments for state bonds; principal and interest are paid in spring and interest only in fall. Total amount of \$2,463,111.11 in all accounts at end of the month. This month she transferred money for the investments from sewer equipment replacement fund, sewer connection fund and what used to be the Monona Bank money market account. We left 30% in each account in case needed. Kuhlman received her Certified Professional Clerk certification from the Clerks' Association. The board congratulated her. Gehrmann asked if it is from testing. Kuhlman said points were given for continuing education and being part of the association. Fire Department card party is coming up. We also received our dividend from worker's comp from League of Wisconsin Municipal Insurance in the amount of \$1,548. The new F550 truck came in last week, just the chassis. Monroe Truck won't be able to get it for a few months. We sent the option to purchase to the Georges, which was accepted, and we're waiting for title company to give a closing date. Bruner called and left a message for the Georges apologizing for going onto the property. Green County Development Corporation did a community profile for Brooklyn, which she



will put on the website. A Dane County Housing plan survey was sent, which we'll put in the newsletter. Fire/EMS Service Award program annual report was sent to all board members and to Chief Barber at the fire department. The program made money this last year. Bruner asked about the emergency management committee meeting. Kuhlman said it's this week. PSC annual report was filed a few weeks ago. The maintenance of effort report was discussed with Chief Barber. There will be a joint meeting sponsored by DOR and county and towns associations and League to talk about the reporting. We received an email from Fairshare CSA Coalition about doing a Bike the Barns and part of it going through the village. It will be taking place in September. She sent it to PW and police. She's not sure if the board needs to approve it. Bruner said it wouldn't hurt to have a motion to approve it. We received notification the recycling grant was awarded, which is a yearly grant. Audit is completed and Form C was filed today. They are working on TIF reports. There is an update meeting tomorrow at the Business Complex. Gehrmann asked about when the other speed boards will be going up. Kuhlman said two are up on South and North Rutland, and the other is supposed to go on Church Street. Board requested using the one we currently have also. Bruner asked if it can be adjusted not to flash the too fast words at 26 miles an hour. Kuhlman will ask. Olson said they adjusted the one on S. Rutland. Gehrmann asked if they can get it put up on Church.

**Historical Society** – Bruner talked about them taking over the police department once the police moved into village hall. A draft rental agreement was handed out. We would not be charging rent, but they would have to get insurance coverage. It's a pretty boiler plate agreement. Kuhlman said they will be here at the June meeting. Olson asked if we got an email from the attorney. Kuhlman said the attorney stated we should have them get insurance and name the village on it. The attorney wasn't bothered by not having an elevator. Olson understands they have insurance, but wondered if we received information from the attorney if we are still held liable if someone gets injured. Brusberg said that's covered by number 8. Bruner said also number 5, the society is required to obtain insurance. Brusberg said number 8 also talks about waiver of claims. Kuhlman said the agreement came from the attorney. Brusberg asked if they are responsible for electricity use. Olson said it's only fair. Bruner said there are not separate meters. Brusberg asked if we can monitor if there is spike and charge the spike back to them. We can pose that as a question when they're here. Groenier said it would be hard to run. Kuhlman said the control for air is on the main floor. Brusberg said we can tell them we'll determine that amount after six months. Bruner said it will be hard with things going on in the gym. Gehrmann asked if we can base it on square footage. Bruner suggested asking for \$20 per month. Groenier agreed instead of gauging, give \$20 for electrical. Olson if they're up there, will they move all their stuff they have in other locations to that location. Bruner said they are trying to. Olson said they need to fundraise and look for their own place. Groenier asked if we should postpone until they're here. Kuhlman agreed. Brusberg thinks the agreement in principal is fine. **Groenier made a motion to postpone this discussion until the historical society attends the June 10 meeting.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Olson opposed.

**PSC water rate** – Kuhlman said it was discussed previously but to wait until later. We qualify for a rate increase for water. Brusberg asked what the increase was previously. Kuhlman said 8%, set yearly by the PSC. Brusberg said the alternative could be a higher increase. Brusberg said the fact we postponed it led to a decrease from the previous year percentage. The alternative, if we don't take any action, is a much higher rate if it gets forced by the PSC. This is much less material increase that we're subjecting the village to. That's why we waited for the 4.1% now instead of the 8% from last year. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the simplified rate case as presented.** Gehrmann seconded. Kuhlman said she will put the notice in the paper. Brusberg suggested putting something on Village website explaining the increase. Motion carried.

**Fireworks** – Bruner said the board established the date and approved at board level. Gehrmann added it was pending a committee to do it. Olson added and funds. Groenier said it was sent to fireworks committee, but at board level they did determine date. Brusberg said there was no formal approval to do it until fundraising. When will company want a signed contract. Bruner said Matt from Spilbauer was at the meeting last week and discussed the fireworks, and we're getting quite a few bonus fireworks. Bruner said no down payment is needed. Brusberg asked how many people showed up for the meeting. Bruner said six including Sgt. Matz from Dane County Sheriff's Office, in a resident capacity only. Bruner said there is no reason for closed session. **Groenier made a motion at 7:17 p.m. to adjourn.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

# July

# 2024

| Sunday | Monday                                               | Tuesday                                                                                    | Wednesday                    | Thursday                                                                                              | Friday                                                       | Saturday                                                   |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|        | 1<br>PIYO 6-7 pm                                     | 2<br>Tires**, Oil &<br>Battery Pick-up                                                     | 3<br>Garbage &<br>Recycling  | 4<br>Clerk's Office &<br>Public Works<br>Dept Closed                                                  | 5<br>Clerk's Office &<br>Public Works<br>Dept Closed         | 6                                                          |
| 7      | 8<br>PIYO 6-7 pm<br><b>Board Meeting<br/>630 pm</b>  | 9<br>Brush Pick-up                                                                         | 10<br>Garbage                | 11<br>Bookmobile-<br>Gazebo 6-730p                                                                    | 12                                                           | 13                                                         |
| 14     | 15<br>PIYO 6-7 pm                                    | 16<br>FOOD TRUCK<br>NIGHT – Legion<br>Park 5-8p<br><b>Planning &amp;<br/>Zoning Mtg 6p</b> | 17<br>Garbage &<br>Recycling | 18<br>Bookmobile-<br>Gazebo 6-730p                                                                    | 19                                                           | 20                                                         |
| 21     | 22<br>PIYO 6-7 pm<br><b>Board Meeting<br/>630 pm</b> | 23                                                                                         | 24<br>Garbage                | 25<br>Bookmobile-<br>Gazebo 6-730p<br>Community<br>Lunch – Noon<br>at Brooklyn<br>Methodist<br>Church | 26                                                           | 27                                                         |
| 28     | 29<br>PIYO 6-7 pm                                    | 30<br>In Person<br>Absentee<br>Balloting Starts                                            | 31<br>Garbage &<br>Recycling |                                                                                                       |                                                              |                                                            |
|        |                                                      |                                                                                            |                              |                                                                                                       | Exercise Classes<br>held at<br>Brooklyn<br>Community<br>Bldg | **\$ 10/Tire<br>Contact Clerk's<br>Office 608-455-<br>4201 |