

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

September 2024 Village News

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The Clerk's Office will be closed September 19 & 20 for training.

Village of Brooklyn Dumpster Days -Residents Only

****Be prepared to show proof of residency. ****

Unloading items will be your responsibility.

Friday – 9/20 – 2 pm – 7 pm

Saturday – 9/21 – Noon – 5 pm

Sunday – 9/22 – 10 am – 2 pm

ITEMS **NOT** ALLOWED:

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

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



Village Wide Garage Sales

Friday, Sept. 20

Saturday, Sept. 21

Sunday, Sept. 22

Brush Pickup

2nd Tuesday of each month

Please place brush in the terrace, parallel to the curb, and in separate piles. Be sure to stay away from any electrical/telephone equipment. All cut ends need to be placed in the same direction.





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

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## September 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

As summer starts to fade a bit, activities seem to pick up again at the Senior Center. The exercise classes that were on hiatus for the summer are back, waiting for you to take advantage of them. Balance classes are back, as is gentle yoga. The Parkinson’s exercise class will also return. They join the classes that are offered all year round: Zumba Gold (both basic and advanced), Fire Up Your Fitness (a Silver Sneakers class), Strong Bodies, and Tai Chi for Health. There is something that everyone can benefit from in that wide variety of classes. Call the Senior Center at 608-835-5801 for more information about any of those opportunities.

On Friday, September 20 at 1:00 the Center will be showing the movie “The Boys in the Boat.” Directed by George Clooney, this movie is about the 1936 University of Washington men’s rowing team that competed for gold at the Olympics in Berlin. After this summer’s Paris-based Olympics, it will be interesting to go back for a glimpse of another European Olympics 88 years ago.

The Senior Center will be hosting staff from the Oregon Fire & EMS District on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 1:00 for a program called “What To Expect from an EMS Visit”. This free program will explore what sorts of things happen when 911 is called due to a medical issue, and how you can be better prepared to make the experience go as smoothly as possible.

Starting in early October, the Senior Center will be partnering with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Dane County to offer an educational four-week program call “Crossing Bridges”. This is a program designed for people who have mild memory loss or are in the early stages of Alzheimer’s Disease, along with their care partner. The program focuses on learning coping skills, enhancing family communication, and learning how to develop plans for the future. This free class will meet once weekly, on Thursdays. Please call 608-835-5801 for more information or to register.

Finally, join the fun on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 2:00 when historical reenactor/actress Jessica Michna will be at the Center in the character of the “Unsinkable Molly Brown.” Jessica assumes the role of the character she portrays, in period costume, with era-appropriate props, etc. She puts on an entertaining, informative one-woman show that always packs the room. Staff asks that people call in advance (608-835-5801) if they intend to be in the audience for this free performance, so the space can be set up appropriately.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the many opportunities the Senior Center offers!

**Link to Oregon Senior Center Newsletter or go to**

**<https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/seniorcenter>**

## Support Services

- **MEALS**—Nutritious lunches are offered at the Senior Center Monday through Friday. Home-delivered meals are also available Monday through Friday. Suggested minimum donation for those 60 and older is \$4.50 per meal, but please pay only what you can afford. Anyone under 60 must pay the full amount of the cost to provide the meal, which is \$17.20. Lunch at the Senior Center is served at 11:45 AM. Home-delivered meals generally arrive between 11:00 AM and noon. Reservations and cancellations should be made by calling 608-835-5801 two business days before. See page 10 for more information.
- **FOOD PANTRY**—The Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry, at 107 North Alpine Parkway in Oregon, is open every Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, every second and last Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and every first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Please call 608-835-5801 to arrange transportation.
- **LOAN CLOSET**—If you need durable medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, canes, etc., you may now check out equipment. You may also return equipment that you are no longer using. Please note that you *MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT* to either pick up or return equipment. Call Carol or Noriko at 608-835-5801 to schedule your appointment. **Walking sticks are available for 3 week loans.**
- **LEGAL COUNSELING**—Several local attorneys offer free consultations to local seniors. Please call Carol or Noriko at 608-835-5801 for this information.
- **LGBT SENIOR ASSISTANCE**—Call the Senior Advocate from the OutReach LGBT Community Center at 608-255-8582.

## Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner

The responsibility of an Assessor in the field is to gather extensive data, conduct inspections, and assess your property. We strive for quality and precision in our work. When you see a vehicle with "Accurate" on it, rest assured that you will be treated with candor, respect, and kindness.

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

### DURING AN **INSPECTION** WE...

1. Bring up a photo and sketch of your property to ensure we are at the correct location.
2. Look over the current property conditions in our database.
3. Review the notes on the property to prepare for our visit.
4. Look for permits in the windows or on the property.
5. Knock or ring the doorbell as we approach. Leave a door tag if no one is there.
6. Explain why we are visiting; remodel, new construction, permit.

### COMMON INSPECTION TYPES:



#### Exterior

##### Most Common

Validate measurements  
Verify recent enhancements  
Check property data  
Take new exterior images



#### Interior

##### Least Common

Validate measurements  
Verify any recent enhancements  
Inspect condition of interior  
Review property data  
No images taken inside



#### New Construction

Verify percent complete  
Flag for another visit if not complete  
Review the construction plans  
Create a sketch of the property  
Measure and list the property  
Take exterior image



#### Permits

Verify when permit was complete  
Flag for another visit if not complete  
Update sketch of property  
Take exterior image if complete





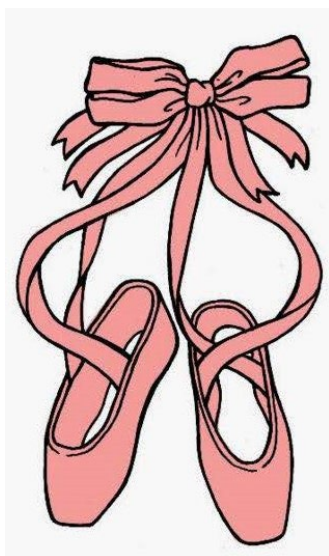


## Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm  
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm  
Yoga Slow Flow

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BALLET CLASSES ARE NOW REGISTERING
CLASSES RUN SEPTEMBER 17-NOVEMBER 19
@Brooklyn Community Building

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

Performance Theme "MAGIC"

Pre-Ballet – 4:45-5:15 p.m. (ages 3-5)

Ballet/Jazz – 5:25-6:15 p.m. (6-11)

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## CHILI FEED



Brooklyn Community  
United Methodist Church  
Thursday, October 17th  
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Cost: \$6.00

Chili, all beef hot dogs (for those who don't want chili),  
assorted cheese/breads/crackers, homemade  
desserts, milk, and coffee.

Please join us.

# COMMUNITY POTLUCK

## Thursday, September 26, 2024

### At Noon

## Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.

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The Bookmobile Summer Reading Program ran from June-

August with 530 Dane County kids participating! Thanks to all those in Brooklyn who came out and did crafts with James and Louis and earned some fun prizes for reading! Great job, all!

The Dane County Library Service Bookmobile visits Brooklyn year-round on Thursday evening from 6-7:30 at the gazebo on Commercial at Hotel St. We've got books, magazines, DVDs, and music for all ages. A card from any library in Dane County can be used on the Bookmobile.

Our usual vehicle returns to service the week of September 9th after a couple weeks off for scheduled maintenance.

All are welcome! Visit dcls.info for more information or contact the Bookmobile at bookmobile.dcl@gmail.com with questions.



Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
August 24 12, 2024

The August 24 12, 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, David Berland, and Christian Allen. Trustee Mike Brusberg was absent. Also present were Rex Tilley, Sue McCallum, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

President's report – Bruner hopes everyone is enjoying their summer and reminder that food trucks are next week. **Olson made a motion to approve minutes from July 22, 2024.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Berland abstained.

Good Neighbor Day – Tilley and McCallum, representing the Chamber, are asking to modify the annual garage sales. Tilley said it's something to bring people to town without work and/or volunteers. He would like to suggest the week after the garage sales we have a good neighbor day when everything is free and the third weekend we have dumpster days. This will help people get rid of their items. The church does something similar with the food pantry and a vegetable stand. It doesn't take much to run it. He's been doing it for years at his house and 99% of the things get picked up. For an example, he had a wheelchair that he put out for free, and a woman picked it up who needed it for her 10-year-old son with cancer. McCallum said the reason they're coming to the board is because we would have to adjust the dumpster days, because garage sales are always the 3rd weekend in September. So they're asking if dumpster days can get moved back two weeks, so garage sales are on the third weekend in September, then the free weekend, and then dumpster days. Gehrmann asked if any other communities do it. Tilley says New Glarus does. Allen said Madison does it with Hippie Christmas. Bruner likes the idea if the whole village does it, more people will come through town. Not for this year because dates are already set. Items would need to be put on the house side of the terrace. They can talk to some people this year about it. Olson said the biggest thing is dumpster days, which is bigger in the spring than the fall. Gehrmann said it could be advertised when garage sales are advertised. McCallum agreed, and we can work on it for next year. Allen asked if there's any chance to move the garage sales. McCallum said they've tried other times and with weather, it's a problem. Bruner asked about doing the garage sales on the second weekend instead. Allen suggested doing a week of good neighbor days and put dumpster days on the weekend following the garage sales. McCallum wants to have signs for people to use. Groenier said we'll think about it. Bruner said we'll bring up after the first of the year. Berland said it might be advantageous to do garage sales when Evansville or Oregon does theirs. McCallum said it doesn't work that way. McCallum and Tilley thanked the board. Bruner thanked them and will take it under advisement.

Groenier made a motion to approve the temporary alcohol license application for the Brooklyn SnoHornets and Oregon SnoBlazers for August 30-September 2. Olson seconded. Motion carried. **Olson made a motion to approve the temporary operator licenses for Labor Day weekend for Trenton Diehl, Brenda Klitzman, Mark Stephens, Bradley Clark, Mary Clark, Justin Millard and Risa Hageman.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained that the Oregon Straw Hat Players would like to use the gym for their spring play. They looked at the space. Their rehearsals will start beginning of March and the play will be at the end of April. They are willing to pay for using the space and also give 50 cents for every ticket sale. They are willing to work around recreation schedule. **Gehrmann made a motion to allow the Straw Hat Players to use the community building for a price we will determine.** Allen seconded. Motion carried. Discussion on how much to charge the Straw Hat Players. Suggestion was for \$50/week and 50 cents per ticket to cover maintenance and cleaning, and then also the deposit. **Gehrmann made a motion to charge the Oregon Straw Hat Players the normal deposit on the building, which is refundable, and \$50 per week plus 50 cents per ticket.** Groenier seconded.

Kuhlman stated that a number of years ago Combs did research on the titles for the parcels in the alley. We had the attorney looking at it at the time, but then our specific attorney left and the project wasn't finished. She would like permission to speak to our current attorney and have them look at the research. We need to clear up ownerships and have maintenance and easement agreements for work that the village does. Discussion. **Gehrmann made a motion to allow the village attorney to review all the information on the alley parcels for up to \$2,500 with the deliverables either being resolved or resolved up to cost.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Olson and Gehrmann reviewed the bills. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of the Exxon Mobil bill of \$994.72.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. **Clerk's report –** Kuhlman reported **financials for July.** We had deposits of \$995,682.13. Of that, \$816,543.17 was from loan proceeds for the business park project, which have subsequent disbursements out over the last few months. We had shared revenue of \$46,185.66. Total withdrawals \$718,933.39. We ended July at \$2,358,561.67. Rest of financials were handed out, including the investment monthly statements. We had close to \$8,000 in interest and dividends for July in the investment accounts. **Election is tomorrow** at the clerk's office. Voting starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m. **Brooklyn Night Out** was last week with a really nice turnout. She was told that Hardy spoke with Deputy Grumke about taking over Brooklyn Night Out, instead of Recreation Committee. O&A had asked why we don't have **fiber in the business park.** Kuhlman did research with the 3 big companies in the area and none have plans to bring fiber to the village. However, Charter and Frontier said if a client requests it, they will bring it to them. It's not something the village can do. It's up to the utility companies to put it in. Gehrmann said even the Research Park in Madison, the companies need to pay for their own fiber to be brought in. They are starting to put in **curb and gutter in the business park,** and are still planning to add the water/sewer down Prosperity Place. We received an email that we're getting another **safety grant** from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities for \$600. We have until next June to purchase something. This year we purchased new ladders and a CO monitor for Grumke. Bruner asked if we can use it for cameras. Kuhlman didn't know for sure. Berland suggested using it for an electronic door lock system. Kuhlman stated we received the **equalized values** for the village. For Dane County we're at \$139,099,600, which increased about \$15,400,000 from last year. Green County is \$46,987,100 and that increased about \$3.9 million from last year. Gehrmann asked when we'll reassess. Kuhlman said in 2026.

Gehrmann made a motion at 7:12 p.m. to convene into closed session. Allen seconded. Ayes – Allen, Gehrmann, Bruner, Olson, Berland and Groenier. Noes – none. Groenier left the meeting.

Olson made a motion at 7:28 p.m. to come out of closed session. Allen seconded. Ayes – Allen, Gehrmann, Bruner, Olson and Berland. **Gehrmann made a motion, as a result of closed session, to reject the updated proposal for the purchase of property in the business park. We will extend our last offer from the village until August 25. After August 25 we will remove the incentive for the water loop and the sewer in that proposal.** Olson seconded. **Gehrmann amended the motion to state August 25 at midnight.** Olson seconded amendment. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW, Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 26, 2024**

On August 26, 2024, President Mark Bruner called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Trustees present were Chris Groenier, Dan Olson, Michael Gehrmann, David Berland, Mike Brusberg. Absent Christian Allen. Also present were Leif Spilde, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Olson. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

**President's report** – Have a safe and happy Labor Day! if you know of anyone that might be vulnerable, to please check on them.

**Minutes - Olson made a motion to approve the minutes with the following changes of the dates from August 24 to 12 at the top and in the first sentence.** Gehrmann seconded. Discussion. Vote was taken and the motion carried with Brusberg abstaining

**New Business - Finance and Personnel Committee** meetings set date/times or complete at board level. Discussion. The Personnel Committee will meet before the board meeting to complete evaluations on Mon., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. Finance Committee to meet at board level on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Resolution 2024-15 Fire and EMS Levy Limit Increases** – Brusberg said we do have preliminary numbers that are being discussed at the Fire/EMS Meeting on Tues., Aug 27. **Discussion. Gehrmann made a motion to approve a resolution that authorizes the adjustment to the municipal levy limit increases by the Brooklyn Fire and EMS District with the clarification of the resolution number.** Groenier seconded. Discussion. Voice vote taken; motion carried with Bruner, Groenier, Gehrmann, Berland, and Brusberg voting yes and Olson voting nay. **Bills** – Question about bus usage for Summer Recreation. Questions regarding Strand bill for engineering for O & A for TIF. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

**Public Works/Utilities/EM Updates** – Water tower inspection done per contract, material water service line inspection completed, meter replacement to be discussed during the budget. **Sewer** - working with Strand on the permit – new permit should be in place by the end of Sept. – there will be updates that need to take place (temperatures, testing limits, etc.) which will include increases to be included in the budget. Sludge hauling part of the permit – we have about half of our fields approved. Bytec land tech will be meeting with the DNR this week to get the other fields approved which should be in place by Oct. No updates currently for Emergency Management. Lincoln Street Pond was pumped on July 15 & 16. Legion Park – tree work due to storm damage, prepping for Labor Day. Public works employee reviews are completed. The brush pile was ground on 8-7-24. Alley was seal coated on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Aug. and last Monday the rest of the seal coating was completed. **Railroad Street property** – Continued non-compliance of abatement of the camper, generator, waste, etc. since December of 2023. Review/Discussion of Ordinance Sec 24-23. **Groenier made the motion to give the owner of 208 Railroad Street until Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to discard and clean up the property of all nuisance items on the property including but not limited to camper, generator, trash, etc.** Olson seconded. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried. **Cemetery mowing contract extension** – Overview of extension proposal from Fluckiger Landscaping. **Berland made the motion to accept the lawn care contract for Fluckiger Landscaping for the care of the cemetery.** Groenier seconded. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried. **Purchase of paint striper** – Overview of current pricing for Green County to paint lines. Reviewed costs and benefits of having our own paint striper. We do have the funds available. There is a company in the Verona area that has a new sprayer for sale for \$7,399.00 with a three-year warrant which includes all parts and labor. We would like the board's approval to purchase. **Brusberg made a motion to purchase a paint striper from Badger Sprayer for \$7,400.00.** Groenier seconded. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried. **Sanitary Sewer Spill Response Policy** – Review of policy presented. **Brusberg made a motion to accept the Sanitary Sewer Spill Response Policy as presented.** Olson seconded. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

**Clerk's Report** – postponed until next meeting.

**Planning & Zoning Commission Updates** – The commission is working on a couple of new ordinances -- Air BnB's and Minimum Standards for Property Maintenance for vacant structures.

**Recreation Committee Updates - Food trucks** – The recreation dept has asked that all applications for food trucks be approved by them so there are not two of the same ones participating. Also, they would like to have more picnic tables for those events. There are some additional items to bring up at the next public works meeting. **Tree Lighting** – broken electrical, they would like to pay to have the electrical outlet fixed. It will cost more than \$800 to fix the electrical, Spilde will contact Hardy. Discussion about the height of the tree and having Hardy contact WI Sign to see if they would be willing to help with stringing the lights with their bucket truck.

**Closed Session** not held.

**Gehrman made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm.** Groenier seconded. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

Vicki L. Olson WCMC, CMTW  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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October

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up Ballet – 445- 615p	2 Garbage Yoga 6 pm	3 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	4	5
6	7 PIYO 6 pm	8 Brush Pick-up Ballet – 445- 615p	9 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm	10 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	11	12
13	14 PIYO 6 pm Board Meeting 630 pm	15 Ballet – 445- 615p	16 Garbage Yoga 6 pm	17 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	18	19
20	21 PIYO 6 pm	22 Ballet – 445- 615p	23 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm	24 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p Community Lunch – Noon at Methodist Church	25	26
27	28 PIYO 6 pm Board Meeting 630 pm	29 Ballet – 445- 615p	30 Garbage Yoga 6 pm	31 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p Happy Halloween Trick-or- Treating Hours 430-730p		
					Exercise Classes are held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455- 4201