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December 2024 Village News

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT & 3 TRUSTEE POSITIONS OPEN



Village President & 3 Trustee Positions are up for election in the spring.

Starting December 1st nomination paperwork can be circulated. If interested, please contact the clerk's office or download/print the paperwork from www.brooklynwi.gov/elections

Nomination papers need to be returned to the clerk's office by 5 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Election is April 1, 2025. If a primary is necessary, it will be held February 18.

To the residents of the Village of Brooklyn:

For the last 4 years, I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the President of Brooklyn. My running mates and I ran on a platform of bringing change to the Village. Looking back on our accomplishments, I feel that we have made great strides in that direction. In the last 4 years we have added 50 acres to our Business Park, which has allowed existing businesses to expand, as well as attracted new businesses. We have already negotiated the cost of the next 40 acres, due to the expertise of Trustee Mike Brusberg. We have also invested in revitalizing our downtown area, which will only make Brooklyn stronger.

After several conversations with my wife and family, I feel that the time has come to pass the torch. We have established a strong foundation, and I hope that future Village Boards continue to build on it. I did not do this myself, as I am but one vote on the Board. Therefore, there are many thanks to pass along.

First and foremost, I have to thank our incredible staff. Linda Kuhlman and Vicki Olson are possibly the most efficient clerks I have ever seen. At no time has a situation come up for which they didn't have a solution to recommend. Ladies, you are amazing! Our Public Works Department, under the leadership of Director Leif Spilde and Assistant Director Brian Roberts, with Brandon Hollis and Joe Reilly, ensure that the physical operations of the Village run flawlessly. Thank you guys! Thank you to Merrick Grumke, our deputy, and all of those with the Dane County Sheriff's Office who work so hard to keep us safe. A big thank you is also due to Chief Mason Barber, Assistant Chiefs Leif Spilde (again) and Justin Wicik, as well as all of the Officers, firefighters, and EMT's of the Brooklyn Fire Protection District. We are beyond lucky to know that you have our backs.

During my tenure, I have had the privilege to serve with some incredible people on our Board. My running mates Mike Brusberg, Jacob Bachim, and Brandon Arndt shared a vision with me to make Brooklyn successful for our residents and businesses. Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, and Kyle Smith welcomed us, and made for a smooth transition. Janeen Podgorski, David Berland, Chris Groenier, Mike Gehrmann, and Christian Allen stepped up and have done a great job moving the Village forward. I can't thank you enough for what all of you have meant to me.

I absolutely have to thank all of the people of Brooklyn. I have treasured the trust you placed in me to serve as your President. This experience has changed me so much. It taught me to think about how many people are affected by the decisions we as a Board make. I have done the best I could, and I hope all of you are at least a little better off for it.

I would also like to take a moment to express my appreciation to all of the business owners who have invested in our Village. Thank you so much for your commitment!

Finally, I have to express my deep appreciation to my wife, Julie. She backed me 100% when I decided to run, and has been by my side throughout this amazing journey. She was my sounding board, venting target, and my shoulder to lean on. Thank you, baby!

If you are walking along North Kerch Street, and you see us sitting outside, please feel free to stop by and say hello. You are why this Village is as awesome as it is, and I appreciate you. Farewell!

Mark Bruner

TAX COLLECTION 2024 PAYABLE 2025

You should have received or will receive this week your 2024 real estate/personal property tax bill (s) payable 2025. 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 2024 payment. If you prefer to pay in person, bring your tax bill so that we can stamp it paid. You are able to log on to each county's website and get tax info/receipts throughout the year. The websites are:

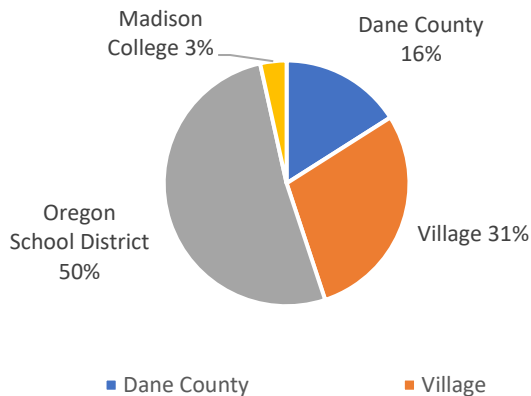
Green: <https://ascent.greencountywi.org/LandRecords/PropertyListing/RealEstateTaxParcel#/Search>

Dane: AccessDane@co.dane.wi.us; then 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. noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, with the exception of December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1. We will not be open any Saturdays for tax collection. **Tax payments are due in our office by 5:00 p.m. January 31. Tax payments received in our office after that 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 helps the Village's cash flow.

The Village's mill rate is \$8.845 (decrease of 7 cents) in Green County and \$8.45 (decrease of 7 cents) in Dane County. The net combined rate for Green County is \$27.81/\$1000 (increase of 93 cents) and Dane County is \$26.44/\$1000 (increase of \$1.12) of assessed value. The First Dollar credit for this year is \$85.87 and lottery credit is \$276.49.

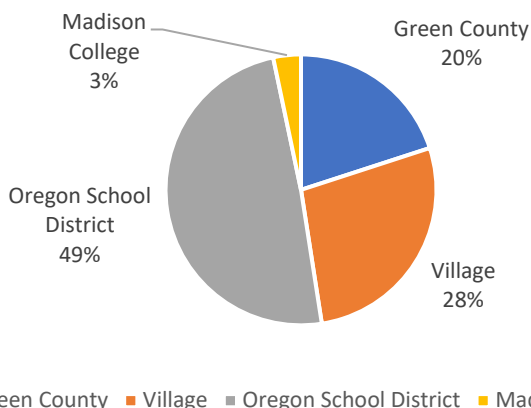
2024 Dane County Tax Levy



2023 DANE COUNTY TAX LEVY

MADISON COLLEGE	\$ 88,172
OREGON SCHOOL DIST	\$1,312,609
DANE COUNTY	\$ 406,835
VILLAGE	\$ 735,272

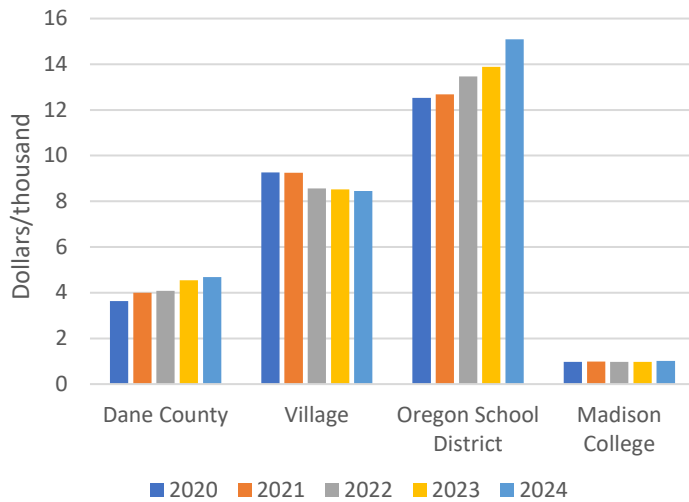
2024 Green County Tax Levy



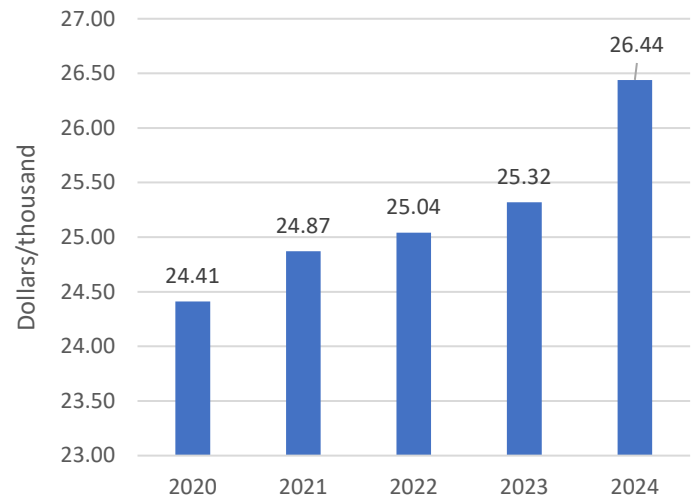
2023 GREEN COUNTY TAX LEVY

MADISON COLLEGE	\$ 29,784
OREGON SCHOOL DIST	\$443,392
GREEN COUNTY	\$180,378
VILLAGE	\$248,420

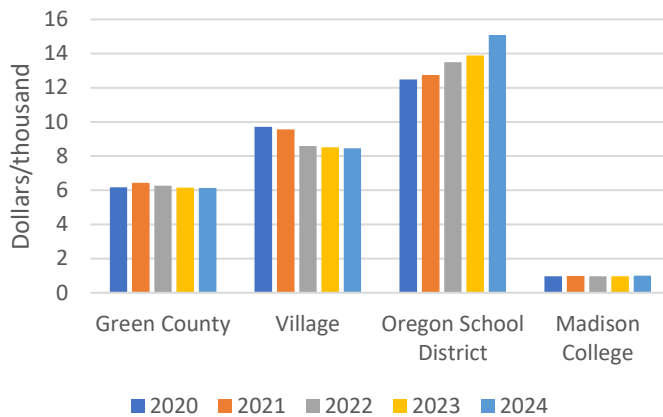
Dane County Mill Rate Comparison Breakdown



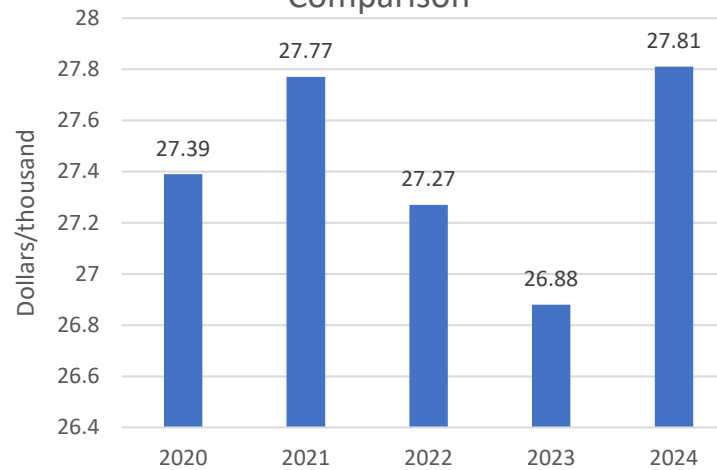
Dane County Total Mill Rate Comparison



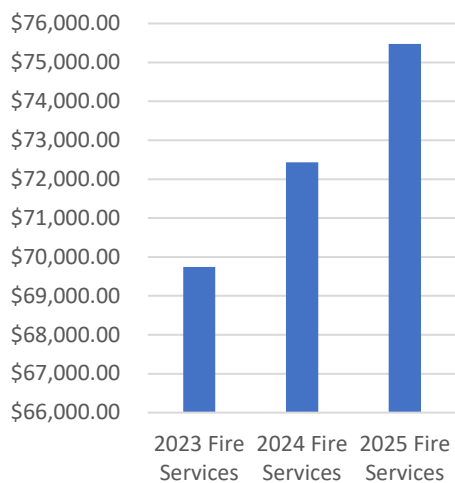
Green County Mill Rate Comparison Breakdown



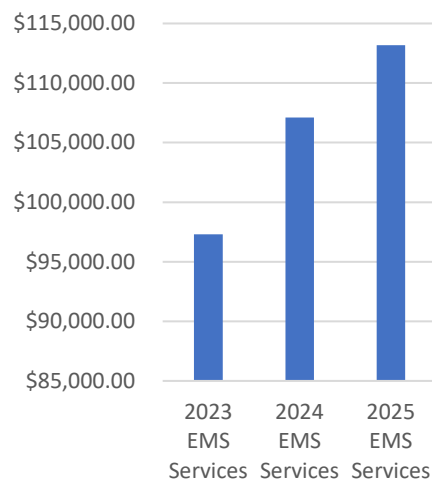
Green County Total Mill Rate Comparison



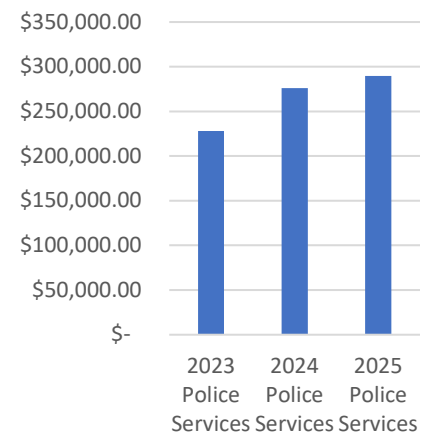
FIRE SERVICE BUDGETS



EMS SERVICE BUDGETS



POLICE SERVICE BUDGETS



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, 2024.
 - 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.
3. If you feel that you qualify for the credit, and there is not a Lottery Credit on your tax bill, the state now requires an online application: <https://ww2.revenue.wi.gov/VaultPublic/lc/interview.html>

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

DOG & CAT LICENSES (Paid by separate check from taxes)

All dogs and cats five months and older, kept within the Village, must be licensed each year by January 31st. License fees for 2025 are as follows:

DANE: \$31.75 for unaltered dog

\$22.75 for spayed/neutered dog

\$27.75 puppies under 5 mo. unaltered

\$21.25 puppies under 5 mo. spayed/neutered

GREEN: \$13 for unaltered dog/puppies

\$8 for spayed/neutered dog/puppies

You will need to bring proof of current rabies vaccination. Village Ordinance Chapter 6-5 states it is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor more than 3 dogs over ten weeks of age within the Village. "Person" is defined to include collectively all persons residing within a residence.

NOTE: Tax payments need to be separate from other payments to the Village, i.e., dog 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 2025 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**



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.



Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling

Battery Disposal

There is no curbside collection for this household hazardous waste.

Do not put batteries in your trash or recycling containers. Lithium-ion batteries are especially combustibile and will start fires. If you need to charge an item, it has a battery. Don't throw it out. Check your local Clean Sweep program, a battery store, or Call2recycle.com for a nearby drop-off site.

Clean Sweep Collections

- Please check the websites below or contact your local Clean Sweep Coordinator for details on dates, times, locations, pre-registration, any fees, eligible materials, and all other questions.

Dane County Residents – 608-838-3212

Website: <https://landfill.danecounty.gov/services/clean-sweep>

Green County Residents – 608-328-9440

Website: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/>

Information obtained from Pellitteri Waste System Website:

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

Picture of batteries from Pellitteri's Website.

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

BROOKLYN – DANE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Ways to contact us Oregon Area Senior Center.

Website - <https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/seniorcenter>
Facebook – Oregon Area Senior Center/Council on Aging
Phone - 608-835-5801

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 \$5.00 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 \$13.56. 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**—You must have an appointment to pick up or return equipment. If you live in our service area and need durable medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, canes, etc., you may borrow equipment for short-term use. This service is available to all ages. Call 608-835-5801 and ask for Carol or Noriko to schedule an 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.

December 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The Oregon Area Senior Center is a municipally-supported resource for older adults, their families and caregivers. There are a range of services available for people to take advantage of, many of them free of charge.

The Senior Center staff includes two case managers whose services are free to the community. They help older adults and their support systems navigate a wide variety of challenges. Issues related to housing, finances and health insurance occupy much of their time, but they also deal with a wide range of other issues. Access to nutrition, transportation, and home chore support also are addressed. The case managers help people sign up for benefits. They answer questions for family members when they see changes in loved ones. They are a great resource for anyone in the community who might have a question about an issue facing an older adult.

The Senior Center also provides numerous nutrition opportunities for older adults. Donation-based lunches are served at the Center every weekday at 11:45. The meals must be reserved in advance, by calling 608-835-5801. There are usually two or three different options for meals, with a vegetarian option being available daily. There is transportation for meals available for people who no longer drive and who live in Dane County. That can be arranged when the meal is reserved.

The Center also delivers meals to older adults who qualify as homebound. Again, these meals are provided on a donation-basis and offer the same options and choices as the meals served at the Center. This can be a great opportunity for someone who is recovering from surgery.

The Center offers a variety of free social programs that range from recently released movie showings, to card groups, pool players and crafters. People come here to play dominoes and to borrow books and puzzles. People volunteer here in order to do good while having fun with others.

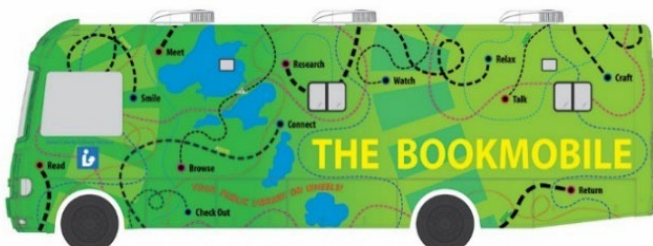
Maintaining good health is also a focus of the Center. Free blood pressure screenings are held every Friday morning between 9:30 and 10:30. There are multiple exercise classes every week (there is a small fee for exercise classes.) The Center frequently hosts classes that are focused on health—like falls prevention, incontinence reduction, etc. Additionally, there are support groups meant to help people manage diabetes or cope with the stresses of being a caregiver.

There is a lot going on at the Senior Center. Please give us a call if you would like to know more, participate, receive our Newsletter or explore volunteering. We can be reached at 608-835-5801 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Link to Oregon Senior Center Newsletter or go to

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

The Dane County Library Service Bookmobile - Thursday evening stops (6-7:30p) at the gazebo at Hotel and Commercial Streets. Library users are encouraged to place holds for items they would like or to use the library's Browse Bundle service: <https://www.dcls.info/browsebundles> to have library staff select titles for you.



Contact Dane County Library Service with questions at 608-266-9297 or bookmobile.dcl@gmail.com.

What is the cost?

Persons aged 60 and over are eligible for congregate and home-delivered meals on a donation basis. The suggested donation is \$5.00, but **your donation should be based on what you can reasonably afford to help defray the cost of the meal.** Currently, food costs, which include catering and administration, are approximately \$13.56 per meal.

Donations can be deposited in the wooden box at the reception desk or mailed to the Senior Center.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to be a volunteer with the Nutrition Program as an aide in the kitchen or to transport the home-delivered meals, please call 608-835-5801.

Inclement Weather

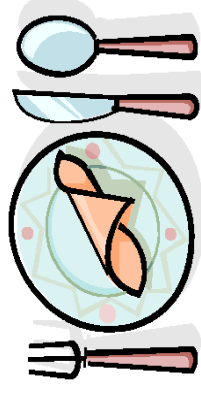
When weather is threatening, listen to your radio or television for school closings. If the Oregon schools are closed due to bad weather, meals will not be served that day. However, if schools are closing early, we will probably have meals at the site and will make every effort to deliver a meal to your home. We suggest that you be prepared and have non-perishable food items on hand in case of an emergency.



Updated 1/8/2024

LUNCH PROGRAM

*Meals at the Senior Center
and
Home-Delivered Meals*



Oregon Area
Senior Center

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219 Park St.
Oregon, WI
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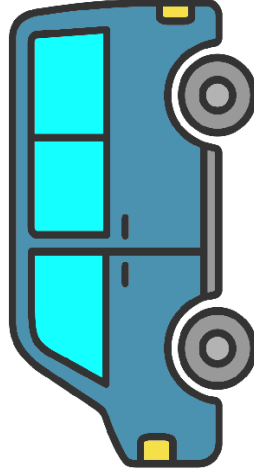
OREGON AREA SENIOR CENTER'S NUTRITION PROGRAM

Join us for Lunch at the Senior Center

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday in the Senior Center dining room. There is always a meatless option.

The meals are provided by AtlantisValley Foods and the menus are approved by Dane County's Area Agency on Aging's dietician. They are designed to meet one third of the daily dietary requirements for older adults as established by the U.S. government. These meals are offered on a donation basis.

The meals are served at **11:45 AM** and **reservations must be made by 1:00 PM two business days before by calling 608-835-5801**. **Cancellations are appreciated 48 hours in advance.**



Transportation to Lunch

Accessible van service is contracted through Dane County to provide older adults transportation to the Senior Center. Requests can be made when the meal reservation is made.

Please call Carol or Noriko at 608-835-5801 at least 2 business days in advance to schedule a ride.

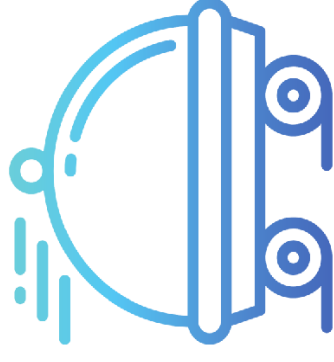
Participants living within our service area will be picked up at their homes.

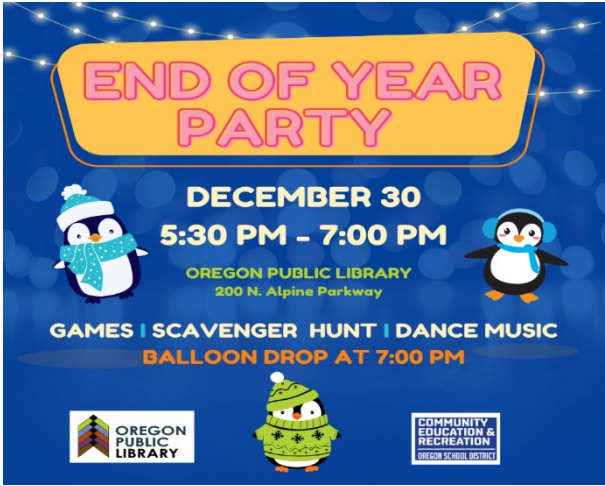
The cost is a suggested donation of \$1 round trip.

Home-Delivered Meals

A qualifying person must be either 60+ years of age or be the spouse of a person who qualifies. The qualifying person must be homebound or unable to participate in the group lunch at the Senior Center. The person must be able to feed himself or herself.

The meals are delivered by volunteer drivers. Home-delivered meals are offered through the Senior Center, Monday through Friday, on a donation basis.





Celebrate the first year in the new Library!

Free Family Friendly Event. No registration.

Drop in during the event to enjoy...

- Wintery Crafts and Crafts for Teens
- Dancing, Music, and Frozen Singalongs!
- Winter Wonderland Scavenger Hunt
- Fun Games
- Festive Photo Booth

At 7:00 pm we will do a BALLOON DROP!



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COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, January 23, 2025
At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church
Everyone - all ages are welcome.
Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR 2024

DECEMBER 28th 1 – 4 pm

Celebrate the gift of Jesus by visiting these area churches, and how they adorn their congregation with their praise and worship of the Christ child coming into our world.

Albany United Methodist - 500 Park St.

St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic – S. Harrison St.- Belleville

Brooklyn Community United Methodist – 201 Church St.

Magnolia Advent – 14267 W. Cty. Road A – Evansville

Cooksville Lutheran Church – 11927 W. Church Street - Evansville

Faith Lutheran – 143 Washington St. – Oregon

Holy Mother Of Consolation Catholic – 651 N. Main St. – Oregon

Peoples United Methodist – 103 N. Alpine St. - Oregon

Lake View Evangelical– 2200 Lincoln Ave. - Stoughton

Saint Ann Catholic – 323 N. Van Buren – Stoughton

Covenant Lutheran Church – 1525 N. Van Buren Street – Stoughton





Lottery and Gaming Credit

Wisconsin Department of Revenue

Attention Property Owners – are you receiving this credit? Check your property tax bill.



What is it?

- It's a credit that provides direct property tax relief to qualifying property owners on their property tax bills
- Funded by lottery proceeds
- Displayed on tax bills as a reduction of property taxes due



Who qualifies?

- **You qualify if** – you're a Wisconsin resident who owns a dwelling and uses it as your primary residence as of January 1 of the tax year
- **You don't qualify if** –
 - » You are not a Wisconsin resident
 - » You already receive the credit for another property or the property is not your primary residence on January 1 of the tax year
 - » The property is unoccupied, or a business property, rental unit, vacant land, garage or non-residence property



Do I have to apply?

- Yes – if you are not receiving the credit
- To receive the credit – if you are eligible, you must file an application. You can even apply for a late lottery credit for the previous year.
- Once you receive the lottery and gaming credit, you do not have to reapply – it continues automatically in future years



Apply online!

- Use the "Lottery Credit Online Application Portal"
- Visit – www.revenue.wi.gov and search "Lottery Forms"
- If eligible – apply for:
 - » 2023 credit – by October 1, 2024
 - » 2024 credit – by January 31, 2025

Collection Calendar

Wednesdays

Your area will be picked up on Wednesdays, except where noted below for holiday delays. Refuse will be collected weekly. Recycling will be collected every other week.



Refuse Pick-up Only.



Recycling and Refuse Pick-up.

Download our mobile app at pellitteri.com/recycleright to set up weekly reminders, receive service alerts and verify items can be recycled.

JANUARY '25

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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 (empty)
- 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
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)

RECYCLABLE *Metal*

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- Metal pots & pans
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- Small metal plumbing fixtures, faucets, valves
- Tin & steel cans

NON-RECYCLABLE *Items:*

- **Batteries** and any battery-containing items (fire hazard – check call2recycle.org)
- Brake rotors / drums
- Construction waste
- 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** (fire hazard – check earth911.com)
- Recyclable containers containing liquids or food
- Misc.: Carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, food, hoses, ropes & shoes

RECYCLING *Tips*

- Do not place any batteries, battery-containing items, or rechargeable items in your trash or recycling carts. They can start fires.
- Containers containing food or liquids, construction waste or electronics CANNOT be placed in the recycling cart.
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- Flatten all cardboard and boxes to help ensure that your cart empties completely. The lid on your cart should shut.
- 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 and packing peanuts.
- Your recycling cart will not be picked up if it contains trash, yard waste, prohibited items, or if overloaded.
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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2024

On November 11, 2024, President Mark Bruner called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Mike Brusberg, and David Berland. Trustees Chris Groenier, Mike Gehrmann and Christian Allen were absent. Also present was Rachel Brickner from Oregon Area Senior Center, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

Bruner convened the public hearing on the 2025 budget at 6:30 p.m. There were no residents present and no written comments or questions. **Olson made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to close the public hearing.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Public comments – Olson thanked all the poll workers for working and doing a great job at the polls. Brusberg added that a neighbor called him and said it went smoothly.

President's report – Bruner took a moment to thank everyone who is serving or has served and wish them all happy Veteran's Day.

Olson made a motion to approve the October 28 board meeting minutes with the corrections of who started the meeting and the paragraph that said something about complete. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Rachel Brickner – Director of Oregon Area Senior Center – Brickner thanked the village for their support provided to the center. A year ago all five boards joined and signed a five-year agreement at a flat fixed rate to support the senior center. It has worked well for their budget. She provided a variety of memos with updates from the last year. They show statistics of center use. The use of the center is up, as the older adult population is growing. She's not sure if Brooklyn's use of the center is higher or lower than in the past. Brooklyn had four case management needs, 16 people that needed other services, two people ate 29 times, exercise is popular, one person using transportation, and six people used the loan closet. The biggest use from Brooklyn was to attend exercise classes – 174 classes were attended. Brusberg said we're the least of all municipalities in terms of leveraging the meal option; is there a reason for that. Brickner doesn't know. It seems to come and go. For the Dane County portion they have transportation available to go to the center. Dane and Green have an agreement if someone is in Green County and needs meals delivered, they can approve that and deliver it. Where they tend to see more needs is with Genesis residents. Brusberg asked the difference between home delivered and congregate. Brickner said home delivered are delivered to the home bound, and congregate is served at the center. Other is everybody who is not in one of those categories and in the five municipalities. Brusberg asked if there's a lack of awareness. Brickner explained she writes a column for our newsletter to try to let people know about available services. She hears a lot from Brooklyn residents that we're too far away from the senior center. Brusberg asked if it's worth putting in a one-liner about the senior center on the water bill. Bruner asked if the senior center has their own website or is it through the village. Brickner said it's through the Village of Oregon. It wouldn't be difficult to set up a link on our website to the senior center. Brusberg asked what they need from us. Brickner said the opportunity to provide further information to our residents. Olson said the biggest thing is we've lost a lot of older seniors who use the Center. We don't have a majority like we used to. Brickner added they're always interested in having volunteers. They had 180 volunteers last year, who provided 3-1/2 full-time equivalent employee hours. They need to be 16 years old. She said the Village of Oregon is in the process of doing preliminary planning for replacing the senior center building. The current building was built in 1960. It's outlived its useful life and it's too small. The Village hired architects to help design it, and they hope to have concept plans by late next spring. It needs to be about four times as big as the current building. Olson asked if it will be in the same location. Brickner said the block includes the former library and former post office, so the Village owns that chunk of land and hopes to accommodate the senior center, stormwater and parking. Olson didn't want to see it moved out of the center of the village.

Brickner said it may have an attached community gym and they want to keep it by the pool and parks, etc. The current plan has money earmarked in the CIP. There is an account set up for donations to the building fund. Senior center accreditation process was done recently. There are only 25 accredited senior centers in the state, which is a quarter of the entire senior center population of Wisconsin. They've been accredited for 30 years. It's a long and picky process. She appreciated the work of the committee that met every month, and Sue McCallum was on that committee and was a great contributor to that group. Village dollars are being invested in an organization that has earned that standard, and now we need to get the word out that it's available. The Board thanked Rachel Brickner for her time.

Discussion about having a circus next summer. Kuhlman said it is for one day, and we would have to sell at least 400-500 tickets to make it worthwhile. Berland agreed. It's two shows in one day. Kuhlman said we have to pay in advance \$290, and if we sell so many tickets, would get money back. Board discussed more details. **Berland made a motion that we decline the circus.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg added we have too much going on. Berland also added it's not the right time for us, but maybe something in the future.

Olson reviewed bills and saw no errors. We added three additional bills today -- Computer Know How, Fischer Excavating and Securian Financial. **Olson made a motion to approve bills with additional voucher numbers of 14873 for Computer Know How for \$284.37, voucher 14874 for Fischer Excavating for \$114,155.16, and voucher 14875 for Securian Financial for \$189.14.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to approve Tree City USA application. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman went through the **budgets**. She updated the amounts that were discussed at the last meeting. We took out \$3,800 from the squad and put it into Green County Development Corporation. We're at the limit for expenditure restraint. She did a rough calculation of increases and decreases from major categories. There was a total increase in budget of \$54,758.88. The total levy increased by about \$23,000; however, the village millrate stayed about the same as last year. Kuhlman said the village will have a 7 cent decrease in millrate, the Oregon School district went up about \$1.20, and MATC went up 4 cents. Green County went down 3 cents in the millrate, and we don't have Dane County numbers yet. We have about \$95,000 increment in the TID 2. The TID 2 budget amounts will change after we receive the Dane County numbers, so we would need to approve that budget pending the change in increment. Discussion on what to put in levy for debt payments and whether to include the land purchase loan amount. Board decided not to include any TID debt payments in the levy. Brusberg asked to have graphs again showing the figures of the levy and millrate and budgets. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the 2025 budgets with the caveat that the TID fund will be adjusted after we receive the Dane County increment amount.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg thanked the board and employees for being diligent and digging in and testing on how low to go on these budget items to maintain discipline. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the levy limit worksheet with a levy of \$955,831.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution 2024-17 for the 2024 payable 2025 tax levy of \$955,831.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Financials for October; total deposits of \$342,234.82, and \$200,562.68 was loan proceeds for TID loan. \$375,512.36 total withdrawals, and \$52,459.51 was debt payments. We ended October with \$2,285,332.72 in all accounts. We had a loss this month with the investments in the general fund account. **Building permit rates will increase** from General Engineering on January 1. They haven't been raised for two years. We received our first **noncompliance notice regarding assessments**. If we are out of compliance for five years with the assessment ratio, being plus or minus 10% from 100%, you have to do a revaluation. This is our fourth year of being out of compliance. We need to be in compliance by 2026, otherwise the state will assess. We are scheduled to do a revaluation in 2026. We're at 62% this year. We filed with Green County court for the removal of the motor home on Railroad Street. He has 20 days to respond. **Hotel Street alley** properties are being reviewed by the attorney, and they are close to finishing the review.

He is checking on the Goble property but says the rest of the alley is owned by the village. He should have a report soon. The **First Impressions** meeting with Green County Leaders is this Wednesday. Green County Development will do a presentation of the results to the board when compiled. **Hotel Street plans** are almost completed. We are meeting with three of the main owners to show the plan and work out some details. We are planning to bid out in January or February so we can start the project in the spring. The Highway 92 project is starting in June. In January the board will have to decide on special assessments. Everything went great with the **election**. We had three observers. We had about 900 voters. It was a 92% turnout in the village. The results are on the website and hanging in the entryway and at the community building. December 1 people can start getting **signatures for nominations for village board**. There is a form to sign if not running. We will put notices out. Forms are due early January. **Selene Homes** has an outstanding invoice for \$1,500. We filed with Small Claims court and got the judgment this past week. The total due with filing fees, etc., are about \$2,000. We can docket the judgment to put a lien on any property they have in Dane County. **Dane County is raising dog license fees**. The spayed/neutered went up about \$5 and unspayed/unneutered went up about \$9, and puppy fees went up also. We charge slightly more than the county, but there's been no standard for that. Green County dog license fees are substantially lower than Dane County. Bruner suggested to match increase of the county. **Berland made a motion to update our dog tag charges to \$4 more than the prevailing rate for each county**. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman asked about having a meeting on November 25, during Thanksgiving week. Berland suggested keeping it on the books, and if we don't receive anything by the Friday before, we can cancel. Olson added to approve the bills like we've done in the past by email. **Berland made a motion to keep the board meeting on the calendar, and if we have no need for meeting by the Friday before, we cancel and do bills approval by email**. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion at 7:36 p.m. to convene into closed session. Olson seconded. Ayes – Brusberg, Bruner, Olson, Berland. Noes – none. **Berland made a motion at 8:06 p.m. to return to open session**. Brusberg seconded. Ayes – Brusberg, Bruner, Olson, Berland. Noes – none.

Brusberg made a motion to approve the next steps discussed in closed session regarding property in the Business Park. Berland seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to postpone hiring a commercial realtor until the next meeting**. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion at 8:07 p.m. to adjourn. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19	20	21	22 Garbage Yoga 6 pm	23 Bookmobile-Gazebo 6-730p Community Lunch – Noon at Brooklyn Methodist Church	24	25
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