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Wisconsin Severe Weather Awareness

Be prepared with a fully stocked emergency kit.

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GOOD HEALTH GROWS ON TREES

Trees care for your vitality

Trees absorb pollutants so you can breathe clean, fresh air, helping your brain release serotonin to boost your energy and mood.



Trees care for your brain

Children who play in nature are more relaxed and attentive, which improves learning and performance in school.



Trees care for your peace of mind

Exposure to forests decreases mental fatigue by relaxing and restoring your mind as well as providing a sense of security.



Trees care for your little ones

Urban trees are found to promote higher birth weights and support good health in newborn babies.



Trees care for your healing

Viewing trees while recovering from surgery can increase a patient's pain threshold, requiring less pain relievers and shortening recovery time.



Trees care for your heart

Exposure to trees relaxes and restores your mind, lowering your blood pressure and heart rate.



Trees care for you indoors

Wood design elements promote increased productivity, enhanced creativity and improved overall well-being.



Trees care for your immune system

Being in and around nature helps your body's immune system and boosts disease-fighting cells to act faster.



Trees care for your fitness

Green spaces and tree-lined streets encourage walking, outdoor activities and generally healthier lifestyles.



Trees care for your comfort

Shade from a tree's canopy can reduce temperatures by up to 20° F, making it more comfortable to be outdoors.



Trees care for your skin

Urban trees throw shade on your exposure to harmful UV rays, reducing your chances of developing skin cancer.



Trees care for your nutrition

Fruit and nuts from trees contain antioxidants which boost your immune system and provide healthy fats to help decrease bad cholesterol levels.



Trees care for your lungs

Trees help keep our world clean and healthy by filtering particles out of the air we breathe, decreasing the risk of respiratory illnesses.



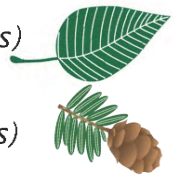
Urban Forestry
The forest outside your door.

dnr.wi.gov/tiny/3071



WISCONSIN URBAN TREE KEY

Broadleaf (flat leaves) & Conifers (needles/scales)



BROADLEAF TREES - IDENTIFICATION METHODS

<p>Alternate</p>	<p>Opposite</p>	<p>Petiole</p> <p>Simple</p>	<p>Leaf</p> <p>Leaflet</p> <p>Pinnately compound</p>	<p>Bipinnately compound</p>
Leaf arrangement		Leaf type		

SAMPLE

Species name

Leaf

Fruit or flower

Small tree ~25ft at maturity

Leaf length

Orange - NR40 regulated invasive tree in Wisconsin

OPPOSITE LEAVES








<p>Norway Maple</p> <p>fruits are wide, unlike other maples</p> <p>petioles produce milky sap when broken</p> <p>3-6"</p> <p>some varieties have purple leaves</p>	<p>Silver Maple</p> <p>mature trees have peely, grey bark</p> <p>4-6"</p>	<p>Sugar Maple</p> <p>buds are pointy</p> <p>petioles don't produce milky sap</p> <p>4-6"</p>	<p>Amur Maple</p> <p>2-2.5"</p>
<p>Freeman Maple</p> <p>most don't produce fruits</p> <p>cross between silver and red maples</p> <p>3-5"</p>	<p>Red Maple</p> <p>fruit often reddish</p> <p>2-5"</p>	<p>Boxelder</p> <p>3-7 leaflets</p> <p>only maple with compound leaves</p> <p>2-4" (leaflets)</p>	<p>Japanese Tree Lilac</p> <p>prominent lenticels on the bark</p> <p>bushy, fragrant late spring flowers</p> <p>3-4"</p>
<p>Buckeye/Horsechestnut</p> <p>some husks have spines</p> <p>3-6" (leaflets)</p>	<p>Northern Catalpa</p> <p>showy white flowers</p> <p>leaves are huge!</p> <p>7-12"</p> <p> pods 12-24" long!</p>	<p>Green Ash</p> <p>leaflets have very short petioles</p> <p>5-9 leaflets</p> <p>3-5" (leaflets)</p>	<p>White Ash</p> <p>leaflets have obvious petioles</p> <p>5-9 leaflets</p> <p>3-5" (leaflets)</p>

ALTERNATE LEAVES (CONTINUED ON BACK)




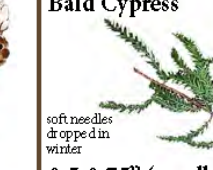










<p>Honeylocust</p> <p>sometimes bipinnately compound</p> <p>leaflets opposite, but leaves alternate</p> <p>0.5-1" (leaflets)</p> <p> pods 6-8" long</p>	<p>Black Locust</p> <p>has stout thorns</p> <p>leaflets opposite, but leaves alternate</p> <p>1-2" (leaflets)</p> <p> pods 2-4" long</p>	<p>Kentucky Coffeetree</p> <p>bipinnately compound</p> <p>leaflets opposite, but leaves alternate</p> <p>1-3" (leaflets)</p> <p> pods 6-10" long</p>	<p>Black Walnut</p> <p>leaflets opposite, but leaves alternate</p> <p>2-4" (leaflets)</p>	<p>Mountain-Ash</p> <p>leaflets have jagged edges</p> <p>leaflets opposite, but leaves alternate</p> <p>2-3" (leaflets)</p>
<p>Shagbark Hickory</p> <p>leaflets opposite, but leaves alternate</p> <p>3-7" (leaflets)</p>	<p>Basswood/Am. Linden</p> <p>4-6"</p>	<p>Littleleaf Linden</p> <p>1-3"</p>	<p>Hackberry</p> <p>bark is very corky</p> <p>leaf bottoms have nipple galls</p> <p>2-5"</p>	<p>Sumac</p> <p>fruits stay through winter at stem end</p> <p>leaflets opposite, but leaves alternate</p> <p>2-4" (leaflets)</p>
<p>Ironwood/Hophornbeam</p> <p>2-5"</p>	<p>Black Cherry</p> <p>black fungus common on branches</p> <p>tiny glands at base of leaf</p> <p>lines on it (lenticels)</p> <p>2-5"</p>	<p>Chokecherry</p> <p>black fungus common on branches</p> <p>tiny glands at base of leaf</p> <p>1-3.5"</p>	<p>Witchhazel</p> <p>fall/winter flowers</p> <p>2.5-6"</p>	<p>Callery Pear</p> <p>buds very hairy</p> <p>glossy leaves</p> <p>1.5-3"</p>



ALTERNATE LEAVES

Quaking Aspen  1-3" flat petiole flower	Cottonwood  3-5" flat petiole flower	European Alder  2-4" flowers remain in winter	Elm  3-8" uneven leaf base fruits have flat, papery wings many varieties of urban elm	Siberian Elm  1-2.5" uneven leaf base fruits have flat, papery wings
Crabapple/Apple  1-4" fruit varying size spring flowers	Willow  2-6" buds remain close to twig	Serviceberry  2-4" showy spring flowers usually multi-stemmed trunk	Hawthorn  2-3" showy spring flowers leaf shape varies and leaves are often glossy not all trees have thorns, but many do	
Beech  2.25-4.75" long, copper buds leaves thin like paper distinctive smooth bark	Sycamore / Plane tree  4-9" distinctive scaly bark	Ginkgo  2-4" twigs have many spurs where leaves grow stinky fruit	Redbud  3-4.5" showy spring flowers pods 2-3" long	Musclewood  1-5" smooth, groovy bark
Paper Birch  2-4" bark peely with black lines (lenticels)	River Birch  1.5-3.25" reddish bark that peels in plates	Buckthorn  1-3.5" leaves often glossy and remain green into fall	Mulberry  2-5" leaf shape varies and leaves are often glossy two types of mulberry - only white mulberry invasive, but more common	
White Oak  5-9"	Swamp White Oak  2.75-6" leaf underside very light colored acorns on longer stalks (0.5-4") than white oak	Bur Oak  4.75-7" end 1/3 of leaf often widest part acorns very hairy bark is very corky	Red Oak  5-10"	Pin Oak  2-6"

CONIFERS

Arborvitae/White Cedar  often a small tree 0.5-1" (scales)	Red Cedar  two types of foliage - scales and needles 0.1-0.2" (scales/needles)	Larch/Tamarack  soft needles dropped in winter 0.75"-1.25" (needles)	Bald Cypress  soft needles dropped in winter 0.5-0.75" (needles)	Balsam Fir  needles flat to the touch cones 2-4" long and grow upright on upper branches 0.5-1" (needles)
Norway Spruce  needles are square to the touch cones 4-7" long 0.5-1" (needles)	White Spruce  needles square to the touch cones 1.5-2.5" long 1-3"	Blue Spruce  needles square to the touch and very sharp cones 3-4" long 0.5-1" (needles)	White Fir  needles flat to the touch cones 3-6" long and grow upright on upper branches 1-2.5" (needles)	
White Pine  needles bunched in groups of 5 cones 3-8" long 2-5" (needles)	Jack Pine  needles bunched in groups of 2 cones 1-1.5" long 0.75-1.5" (needles)	Scots Pine  needles bunched in groups of 2 which twist together cones 1-3" long 1-2" (needles)	Austrian Pine  needles bunched in groups of 2 cones 2-4" long 3-7" (needles)	Red Pine  needles bunched in groups of 2 and break when bent cones 2-2.5" long 4.5-7" (needles)

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Stub cuts

Cutting branches several inches or feet from the parent limb or trunk does not allow for complete wound closure and can be an entry point for decay. Never leave a stub that a cap can hang from.

Pruning Paint

Painting wounds can inhibit wound closure, allow decay and waste money. Only use wound dressing when an oak or elm tree must be pruned during the growing season to reduce the chance of disease transmission.

How to Prune



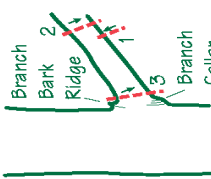
- A few minutes spent pruning is one of the best things you can do for your tree. But what are the best tools to accomplish your task and how can you avoid tearing or stripping bark from your tree?
1. Pole saw & lopper head
 2. Hand saws
 3. Helmet & safety glasses
 4. Hand pruner
 5. Leather gloves
 6. Long handled lopper

Tools

Pruning equipment should be sharp and well maintained. Loppers and hand pruners should be of the bypass or scissors type to prevent crushed limbs. Saws should have triple edged teeth for quicker and cleaner cuts. A hard hat, leather gloves and eye protection are recommended.

3-Step Cut

Avoid tearing bark by using these three sequential cuts when pruning a limb you cannot support with one hand while cutting with the other. Torn bark often leads to decay.



Step 1

At least 12 – 18” from the final cut, make an undercut approximately 1/3 of the way through the branch.



Step 2

Outside the first cut, sawing from the top down, completely remove the branch. With the majority of the branch weight now gone, bark tearing should not occur.



Step 3

Begin the final cut outside the branch bark ridge, continuing at a slightly outward angle, finishing just outside the branch collar. Remember it is not necessary or appropriate to paint pruning wounds.



A properly pruned tree should look like nothing drastic has been done. Good pruning should not be determined by how many branches are on the ground, but rather by what remains in the tree.



Before



After



Final result

Proper Tree Pruning



“Pruning is one of the best things you can do for your tree... it is the kindest cut.”

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Pruning is one of the most important maintenance tasks you can perform on your tree. If pruning is done correctly, you will enjoy a healthy, long-lived tree. Proper planning leads to successful pruning. Have a purpose before making any cut.



Why prune?

- ✓ **Future Health** - Young trees are pruned to establish good branch structure and spacing, a central trunk and proper trunk taper. Mature trees are pruned to remove dead and/or hazardous limbs.
- ✓ **Safety** - Pruning trees on boulevards, street intersections and front yards assures that vision or sight lines of motorists, bikers and pedestrians are not compromised. The need for safety pruning can be reduced if, when planting, you choose the right tree for the space provided.



- ✓ **Aesthetics** - Pruning helps trees beautify our environment and become landscape focal points. A well-pruned tree is not only safer, but also looks better and increases property value.



When to prune?

The best time to prune any deciduous tree is when it is dormant, typically November - March in Wisconsin. The second best time is mid-summer, after leaf growth is complete. The worst time to do major pruning is in the spring, when tree buds and/or leaves are still growing and food reserves are low. Dead limbs may be removed any time of year.

How much to prune?

The amount to remove depends on the tree's size, species and age as well as your pruning objectives. Young trees can tolerate more branch removal than mature trees. **Avoid removing more than 25% of the live branches no matter the tree's age, size or species.**

What to do...

Before pruning get to know your tree. Take a step back and envision what you want it to look like in the future. If your tree is mature, its structure cannot be altered much. Limit the pruning of newly planted trees to dead, broken or torn branches or to establish only one central trunk if the tree has two or more.

Structural pruning may begin the second or third year after planting and every other year thereafter until about year 10. After that, pruning every 5 to 7 years should reduce any major structural problems.

Remove crossing, competing, broken, dead, vertical, downward-growing or sucker branches each time you prune. Never cut back your tree's leader, the top-most growing point of the tree, it is vital to letting the tree develop its natural form. Avoid removing branches larger than 4" in diameter as the wound takes a long time to close.



Strong U-Shaped union



Weak V-Shaped union

Encourage strong branch attachments.

Prune to allow for and encourage U-shaped branch unions versus narrow V-shaped branch unions. V-shaped branch unions typically have included or in-rolled bark, indicating poor branch attachments that will fail over time.

Pruning Safely

Make safety your number-one priority. Do not prune trees near utility lines. If you can remove a tree's limbs while standing on the ground do so, but proceed carefully.

Any major job on a big tree should be done by a professional certified arborist.

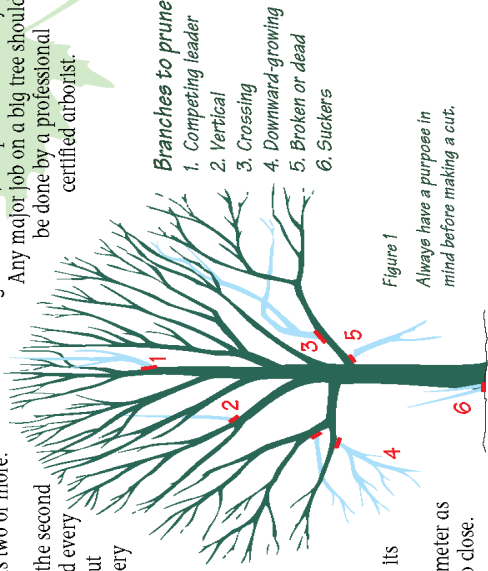


Figure 1

Always have a purpose in mind before making a cut.

What not to do...

Do not top trees

This hideous, high maintenance, expensive practice stubs off large limbs regardless of their function and location within the tree. Topping subjects the tree to large open wounds that will not quickly or easily close. It allows insect, disease and decay damage to occur and drastically shortens the life of your tree.



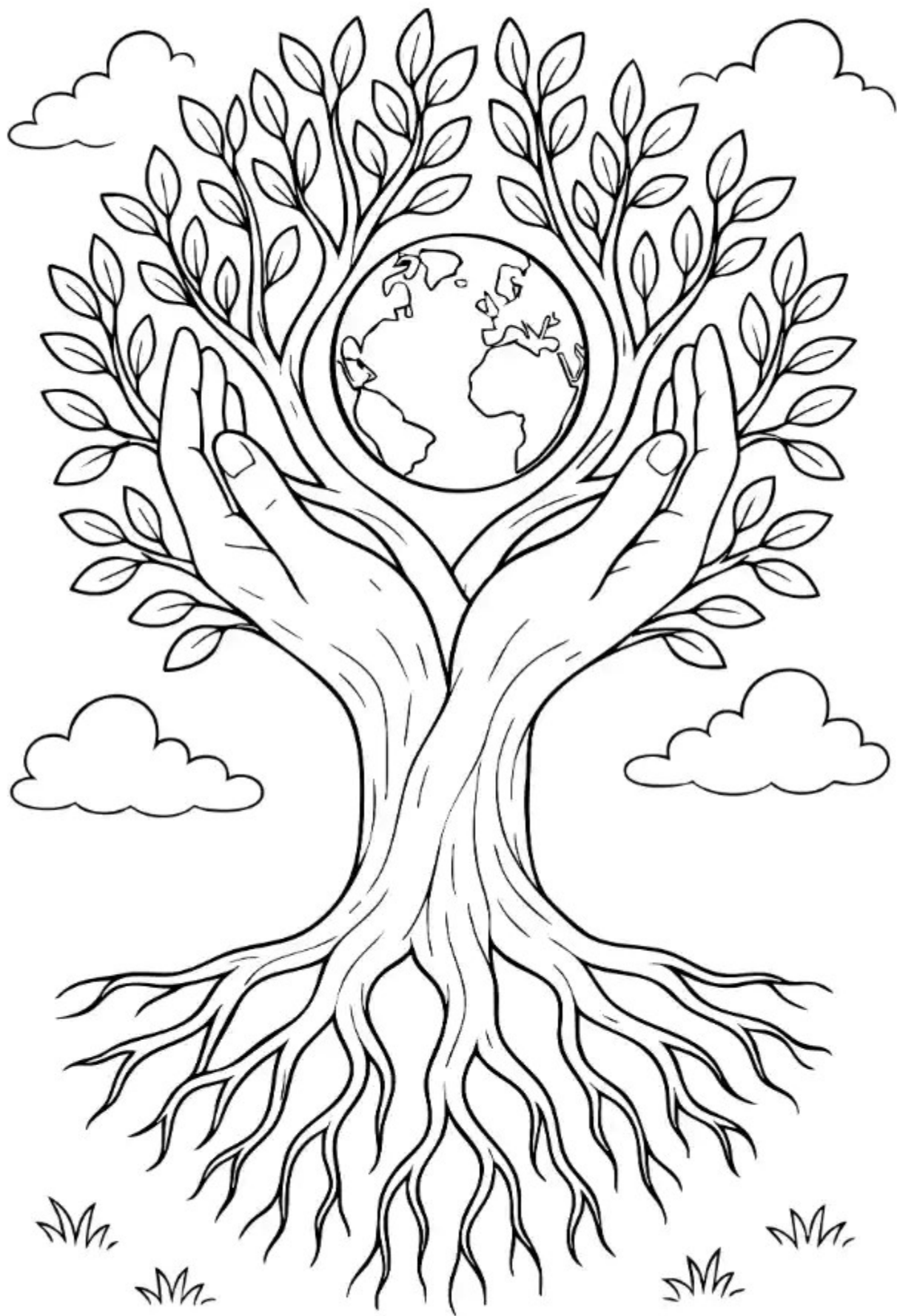
Many times homeowners top trees because they believe the tree is getting too large. Instead of making the tree smaller, topping stimulates the rapid growth of multiple, weakly attached branches. These branches quickly get as tall or taller than the tree was prior to pruning, thus negating the reason for topping in the first place. **People and tree care services that advocate topping are not knowledgeable of tree biology and should never be allowed to work on your trees.**

Flush cuts

Making a finishing cut that removes the branch bark ridge and branch collar (see Fig. 2) creates a large wound and causes uneven and incomplete wound closure. Compare the results below of a flush cut (left) and proper cut (right).



Figure 2





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## Brush Pickup

### 2nd Tuesday of each month

Please place the brush on 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.



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COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, April 23, 2026

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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**All Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building**

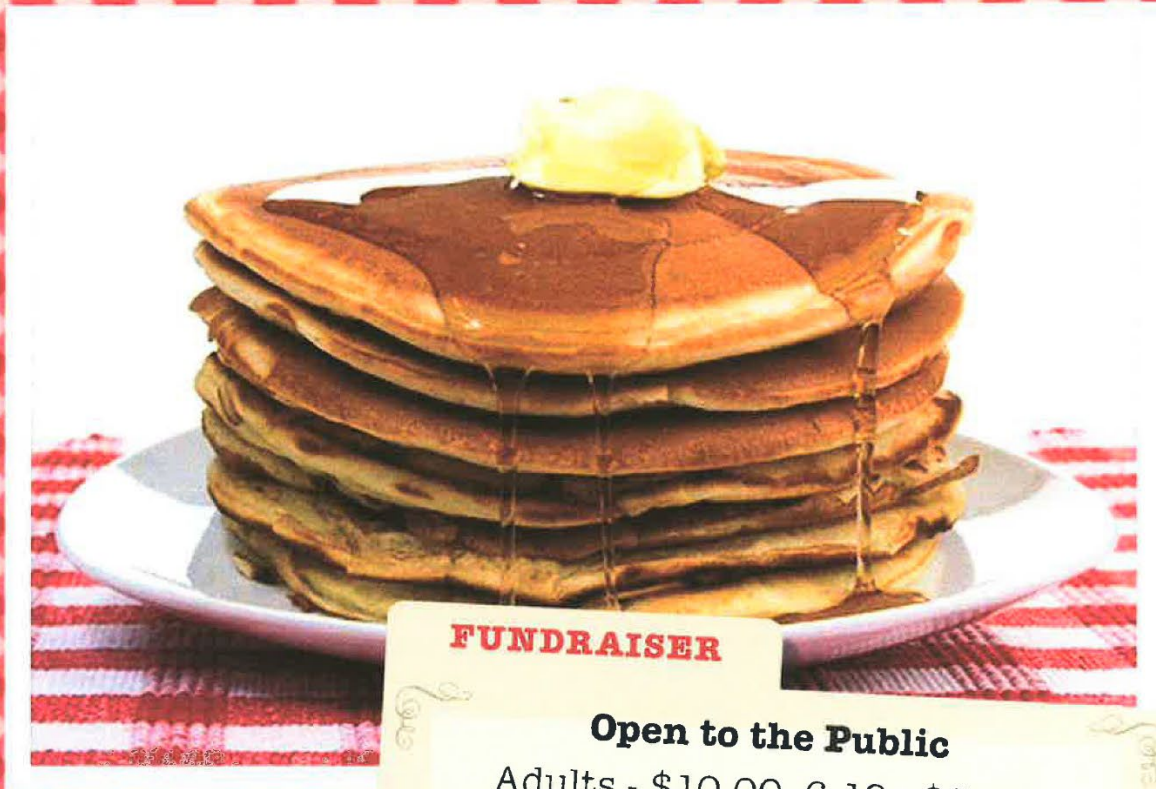


**Current Class Schedule:**

**Wednesday - 6:00pm**

**Yoga: Slow Flow**

# Oregon Freemasons Pancake Breakfast



## FUNDRAISER

**Open to the Public**

Adults - \$10.00, 6-10 - \$5.00,  
Under 6 - Free

**DATE:** Sunday, April 26

**WHERE:** Oregon Masonic Center  
201 Park St., Oregon

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. - Noon

**Pancakes**

**Eggs**

**Sausage**



# **BUSINESS FAIR 2026**

**May 5, 2026 \* 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**BUILDING ON 1<sup>ST</sup> IMPRESSIONS**

**ACTIVITIES  
FOR KIDS**

**FOOD TRUCK**

**MEET YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES,  
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,  
SMALL FARMS/FLOWERS,  
FIRE/EMS, SHERIFF'S DEPT.**

## **NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN & FOOD**

At Brooklyn Community Building - 102 N. Rutland Avenue

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### **DOOR PRIZE**

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#### **GAMES AND DOOR PRIZE FOR KIDS**

Each child receives a "passport" - fill with stickers from different businesses & enter for a chance to win a prize.

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**If you're a local business and would like to participate, please  
contact the Brooklyn Area Chamber  
[brooklynareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynareachamber@gmail.com)**



# Mother's Day Craft & Vendor Fair

**Oregon Brooklyn VFW**

**May 9, 2026 | 10AM to 3PM**

**Prairie View Elementary School**

300 Soden Drive, Oregon, WI



Lunch provided by  
Oregon FFA



**MAY 3-9, 2026**



**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK  
MAY 10-16, 2026**



**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK  
MAY 17-23, 2026**

# Village of Brooklyn 2026 Spring Dumpsters Available on the Following Days & Times

At Public Works Building, 102 Windy Lane

Saturday, May 16 – Noon to 5 pm

Sunday, May 17 – 10 am to 2 pm

Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22 – 8 am to 1 pm

Saturday, May 23 – Noon to 5 pm

Sunday, May 24 - 10 am to 2 pm

**\*\*Be prepared to show proof of residency. \*\* Unloading items will be your responsibility.**

## 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/TV'S
- 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 you have questions, contact Public Works at 608-455-1842.

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Food Truck Night

3rd Tuesday of the Month

May through September

Starts at 5pm - Legion Park



****New location in park – food trucks will be in the open space between shelter and ball diamond****



Memorial Day Ceremony
May 25, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial
(400 W. Main Street – Brooklyn)

Additional Services:
11:00 a.m. – Oregon @ Oregon WWII Monument, Janesville Street
12:30 p.m. – Fitchburg @ Schley Memorial, Gorman Wayside (2377 S Fish Hatchery Road) or in case of inclement weather @Fitchburg Fire Station Lacy Rd

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**NOTICE:** In 2026, the Village of Brooklyn is conducting a Market Revaluation of all properties.

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UPDATED DATES

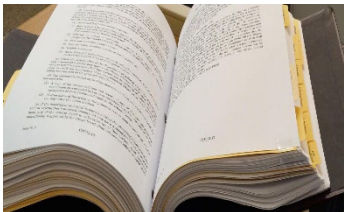
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEWS
at Village Hall – 210 Commercial St.

OPEN BOOK

Tuesday, July 13th, from 8 am to Noon & 1-5 pm
Wednesday, July 14th, from 9 am to 3 pm

2026 BOARD OF REVIEW

Wednesday, August 26th from 6-8 pm



Accurate Appraisal – Educational Corner

We wanted to showcase how the style of your home can affect your assessment value. The visual below compares the two most common styles of homes, Ranch and Multi-Story.

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

THE STYLE OF YOUR HOME CAN AFFECT YOUR ASSESSMENT VALUE

Let's compare the two most common styles and explain why some homes are increasing at faster rates than others:



RANCH HOMES (Modern Single Story)

- Single Floor
- Relatively Affordable
- Larger Buyers Market
- More Demand
- Easier Maintenance
- Low Utility Costs

V.S.



MULTI STORY HOMES (Modern Multi Story)

- Multiple Levels
- Relatively Expensive
- Smaller Buyers Market
- Less Demand
- Expensive Maintenance
- Higher Utility Costs

Your home's
assessed value is
determined by its
desirability on the
open market.

Ranch homes make
up a large % of all
current home sales.

Ranch style homes are increasing in value at a much higher rate because they are more desirable to young families who want to live on one level. Ranches are reasonably affordable, require less money to maintain and there is a larger buyers market.

If you would like to learn more about the housing market and how the current market affects your assessments, please contact the assessor's office.

Call: 920-749-8098

Email: info@accurateassessor.com



FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Green County Residents Only
No Businesses

WED. MAY 6 THRU FRI. MAY 8 • 8AM-2PM
SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 8AM-NOON

at Green County Landfill

W2002 CTH SS Brodhead, WI - 608.897.8605

Visit the Landfill webpage at greencountywi.org
for a list of eligible devices.

No need to pre-register. Electronic Waste accepted
year-round: Current price 30 cents/pound.

Pellitteri Waste Systems

Curious to find out what happens to your recyclables? At Pellitteri Waste Systems, we work with primarily Midwest vendors to turn your recycling into new products!

Watch this quick 7-minute video to see the sorting process in action:

<https://www.pellitteri.com/pages/kipp-st-mrf-video>



WHAT OUR RECYCLABLES ARE MADE INTO



paper
New Product:
Tissue/Toilet paper



cardboard
New Product:
Cardboard boxes



steel
New Product:
Metal products



aluminum
New Product:
Aluminum cans



glass
New Product:
Bottles



PET #1
New Product:
Carpet

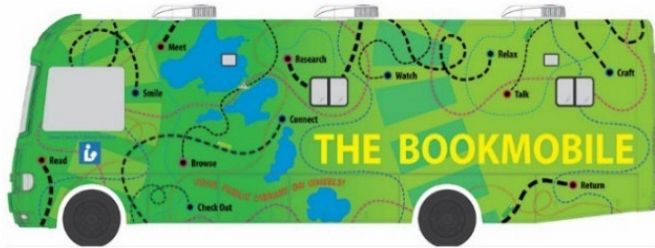


HDPE #2
New Product:
Clear bottles = Clear bottles
Colored bottles = Drainage tile,
manufactured lumber and
landscape edging



PP #5
New Product:
Plastic paint cans

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.

April 2026 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Spring is under way, in all of its unpredictable glory! Rain, snow, wind, heat, and cold everything happens in this fickle season.

Besides spring blooms, baseball, and (hopefully) warmer temperatures, another thing we look forward to in the spring is the Senior Center's annual Brat Bash!

The Brat Bash will be held on Friday, May 8, from 11:00 until 1:00. This event features freshly grilled Bratwurst as well as full-size hot dogs. This is a drive-through-the-parking-lot fund raiser, hosted by the Oregon Area Council on Aging, and made possible by the many volunteers who lend their time and talent that day, as well as by the generous donations of local individuals and businesses who help cover the cost of the supplies.

A bottle of water, a bag of chips and a brat or a dog costs \$5.00. Sandwiches without water or chips are priced at \$4.00 each.

The proceeds from the Brat Bash are used all year round to fund a variety of needs at the Senior Center. The funding provided to us by our municipal supporters covers the Center's basic budget but does not extend to many of the things that really make the Center the lively, engaging place that it is. Those added extras are funded by the Oregon Area Council on Aging (the COA), a separate non-profit organization that provides support to the Senior Center.

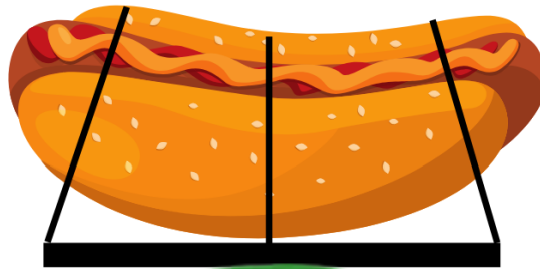
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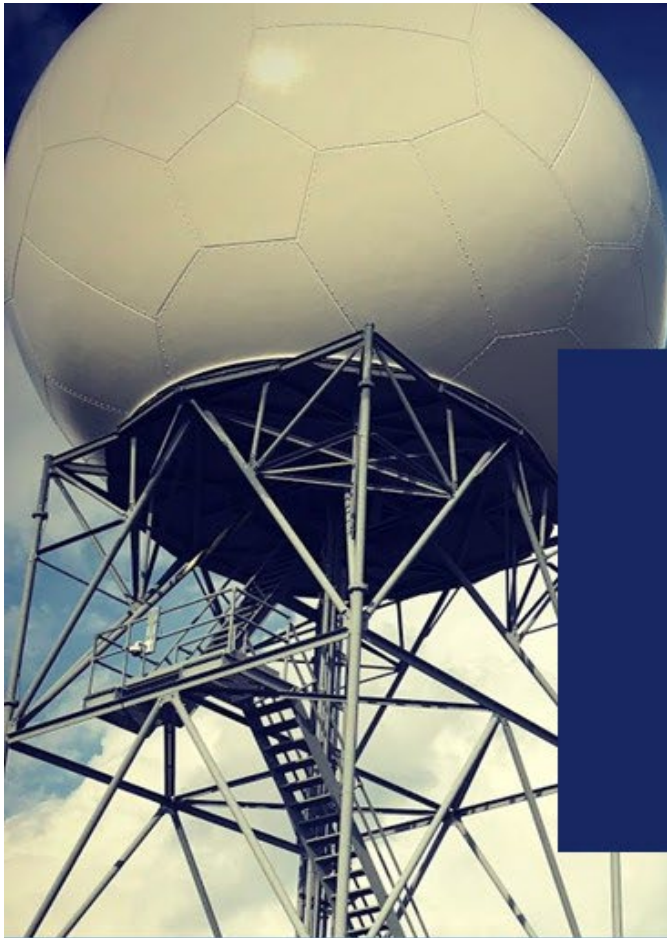
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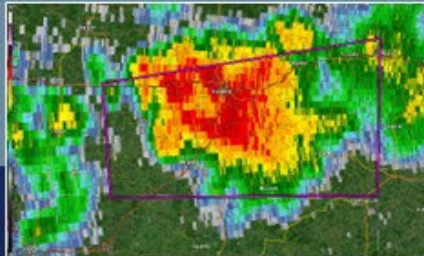
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Village Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026

On March 9, 2026, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:32 p.m. Trustees present were Mike Gehrmann, Christian Allen, Dan Olson and Todd Klahn. Trustees Jacob Bachim and David Berland were absent. Also present was Kaylynn Norman and Abriel Norman and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Kaylynn Norman lives on Commercial and Lincoln, and they've been discussing how fast everyone goes with their neighbor. They race down Lincoln, stop at the stop sign and peel out, and there's lots of kids in the neighborhood. She's lived here 3-4 years and it's always bothered her. Every time people on Lincoln park on the road by the corner she thinks the car will be hit because of speed. They've had mailboxes taken out before. There's a lot of kids in the neighborhood. She's concerned. A neighbor said he can't be the only one to complain. Anyone who lives in this area know they go fast. She's okay with the sound but it happens during the day. People walk up and down the street all day every day. She wants to put it out she's concerned and has been for years. She doesn't think lowering the speed limit will do anything, but she thinks something needs to be in place to help in the long run. Brusberg introduced the board members and said the board can listen to public concerns but can't make a decision tonight, and there's a lot of speeding across the village. It's definitely something they know is an issue. They will take the information and they will put it on the agenda to talk about at a later day. They will have discussions and see what actions they can take. Is there a speed limit sign on the street? She didn't think so. He knows there's bus pickup there also which is a concern. They'll flag it for the sheriff's deputy to watch. The intention is to have a discussion and determine what actions can be taken. Klahn said the rumor is we're changing out police officers, and when we get the new one, we can put that up front and foremost. Gehrmann said he lives on the east side of town and when there's an officer there people go slow and when the officer goes, they're speeding again. It's a tough one. Brusberg asked if we still have the mobile speed board. Kuhlman said yes, we do. Brusberg said he'll see where the mobile one is and it does record. That can be part of our discussion. Board thanked her for coming. K. Norman thanked the board for listening. Brusberg said if she has any concerns, don't hesitate to contact clerk's office. We'll let her know when it's on a future discussion, and the board contact info is on the website.

President's report – Brusberg stated many have seen social media posts that the new sign is up at the fire station. It was nice of the association members to do that. There has been a discussion at fire/EMS where the district has been invited to meetings where Fitchburg, Oregon and others are collaborating, so the district is now participating in those meetings. In addition, through dialogue with Spilde, Kuhlman and himself, there's potential in the innovation grant to partner for public works items and other items, to look into partnership with Oregon's public works. The committee will look at other things to think outside the box to tap into them and they into us. Special thank you to the Chamber for coordinating the easter egg hunt and their effort to do that for the village.

Kuhlman stated she changed that Klahn was not present at the last meeting. **Olson made a motion to approve minutes of February 23 with correction of Klahn being absent from board meeting.** Allen seconded. Motion carried. Klahn abstained.

Kuhlman stated public works and the school will celebrate Arbor Day on April 23. **Klahn made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 Arbor Day Proclamation.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg stated as of this point there's about \$3,900 set aside from his **president salary donation**, and at the end of the year it should be about \$7,500. The thought is let's get something done so the community can enjoy. In working with Hollis on estimates for basketball hoops and backboards at the park and community building, there's two views. The Smithfield estimate is \$3,185 and the other of \$3,490 is the community building. The thought for Smithfield would be a metal style backboard, so it's durable, and breakaway basketball rims. For the community

building it will be a little bit more because of the glass backboards and breakaway rims and padding surrounding the backboard as well. What's not reflected here are additional brackets and bushings needed for install of about \$182, so all in across the project about \$6,857. He'd plan for around \$7,000 in case more is needed for install. It will be funded through his contribution back to the village in lieu of wages. **Allen made a motion to approve up to \$7,000 of expense for basketball hoops for community building and Smithfield park.** Klahn seconded. Olson thanked Brusberg for his contribution. Hopefully it's something the community will appreciate. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the Public Works Committee minutes from September 15, 2025. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg stated **Deputy Grumke is being promoted to sergeant**, which means the village will lose him here effective April 4. We will go through posting and work to get the position filled as fast as possible. We will leverage overtime hours during the time in between. We met with Lt. Vandivier, and he has other open positions with other communities but will get it posted. They will pare it down to 3-5 candidates. The intention is to have interviews with a small panel instead of the whole board. It will be Kuhlman, Spilde and a member of personnel to comprise the panel, and we'd like to get it scheduled soon and get through the interview process. Lt. Vandivier has stock questions to go through for the interviews. Deputy Grumke thinks there will be a decent candidate pool. Gehrman asked who can apply. Brusberg said it could be anyone. In terms of interview timeline, we're looking to do them the second week of April. We asked to start later in the afternoon for the interviews. Board is okay with small panel and personnel committee. Gehrman would like 3-4 people. Gehrman would volunteer, if no one else can. Klahn could probably be free in April. Allen is flexible also. We did add some information to have communication with the school. We're disappointed to see Deputy Grumke go but congratulations on his promotion.

Olson didn't see issues with the bills. Gehrman also. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

LED sign – Board discussed laminate with our logo, which lasts 5-7 years, and the burgundy translucent vinyl, which lasts 7-15 years. Wisconsin Sign picked the burgundy because it matches the outline of the sign. **Klahn made a motion to approve the bid for both sides of the burgundy sign and out of capital project account.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg wanted to get perspective from everyone on thoughts for **tender for the fire department**. The district meeting in March should have more information to make a more educated decision. New is \$400,000-600,000, and used could be less but you're getting someone else's used stuff. Klahn said we don't put that many miles on it. Rutland noticed there's a grant for this, and a quick application was put together on Friday to see if we can get grant funding for some or all funded via the grant. Klahn said if we get a new one, he would vote for putting a pump on it, not just gravity flow. We would want to have all current capabilities. The existing is 2000-2100 and new is 2500-3000 gallon capacity. Gehrman said the problem with getting used is we could run into problems with current standards. He asked about expected life. Klahn said the current is 25-30 years, but current is a metal instead of stainless so it could rust. Olson's biggest concern is to make sure everything is included and we're not surprised in the end; make sure everything is completed in the bid. Brusberg asked which way is the board skewed. Klahn said it depends on year and condition. Olson said see where grant goes. Brusberg asked the board to keep thinking about it, and he'll get more information at the next meeting. Gehrman asked about justifying needing a new tanker, what happens if it doesn't start up or has a leak. Klahn for the village nothing happens because we have hydrants, but outside townships is where it's necessary. So the village has bulk of cost and very little use. You can get mutual aid for a short period. Olson said we have two tankers, so it's a backup. Gehrman is two tankers something we should have. Klahn doesn't know. Gehrman doesn't want to short change public safety, but what's the appropriate amount, and do we have staff to run all the equipment if

needed. Olson said we won't have all staff outside the door for every occurrence.

Ordinance Committee – Gehrmann stated we got through most of the ordinances, but several were passed on to the engineer and attorney, including public nuisance, to have input on changes. What direction do we want to give the attorney on how we would like these written. Right now it's complaint driven, and we're looking for a cleanup, but is there something specific we want to change or modify? Klahn likes them complaint driven. The idea was to have attorney look over these and find duplicate and conflicting verbiage and bring back to ordinance committee for review. Kuhlman said there's no real process in the ordinance. Olson said the biggest thing is there is no fee schedule for some of the ordinances. Allen said we were working on the fee schedule tonight and there's a couple that need more work. The other ordinance for the attorney was impact fees, if we need that anymore. Kuhlman added also for Strand for the water, sewer and stormwater and grading. Allen said we had made recommendation to the board to push these to Strand and the attorney. **Allen made a motion to recommend these ordinances to the attorney and Strand to review.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Financials for February - \$207,114.73 in deposits, which included \$101,755.78 for final taxes that came in. We had withdrawals of \$1,442,620.99, which included \$1,002,966.84 for February tax settlement to the counties and school districts and \$302,738.59 in loan payments. We ended February with a total in all accounts of \$3,052,474.38. Board has rest of financials. We received email from Ehlers on investment accounts. In the general fund there is \$800,000, which are in several vehicles. \$200,000 of that is up for renewal right now and they're recommending a two-year CD at 3.8%. The other is the sewer equipment replacement fund, which has about \$500,000, and that amount is up for renewal. They are recommending a one-year CD at 3.8% or a two-year CD at 3.8%. A two-year should be okay, but we will be using some of that when we upgrade the plant in a few years. We do have sewer equipment funds in other accounts, but the board should consider putting this all in a two-year CD, to make sure we have funds available. **Klahn made a motion to put sewer replacement fund \$200,000 in a one-year and the remainder of \$300,000 in two-year CD and put the \$200,000 of general funds in a two-year CD.** Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated the auditors were here a week ago and had scheduled to be here three days but were done in a day and a half. They will come April 27 to give the final audit report to the board. The GCDC annual dinner is March 19, and we have two tickets. Election is coming up April 7. Next week absentees get sent out and in a couple weeks starts in-person absentee. The League Insurance conference is the first week in May. Kuhlman will go, and the League pays for one village member to attend. The Robert's Rules parliamentary procedures that were discussed a few meetings ago, Berland was correct, and there's a portion that refers to small boards, which would apply to us. The extra-territorial jurisdiction proposed legislation was dropped. Kuhlman asked if the board wants to discuss Lincoln Street at the next meeting. Klahn said we should get the speed board up on both sides of the road and get some information on what the speed is, and also we'll have a new officer. Board decided to wait until end of April to look at data. Brusberg would also like to know if there's a speed limit sign on the street. The Consumer Confidence Report has been posted at the community building, on the website and in the newsletter, and we'll put a notice on next bill. She had someone ask about using the conference room at village hall for mindfulness classes to a group of 5-10 people. It's quieter than the community building. It would be during normal business hours. Verizon started last week at the park putting antennas on the tower. Reminder that there is a public works meeting next Monday.

We have a contract with Municode for \$2,300 annual to update ordinances. We have submitted updates totalling more than that over the last few years, so they have reviewed and sent out a contract for \$4,100 for next year. After speaking with them, and due to the fact that we'll have quite a bit this year at the \$2,300 rate, it is more cost effective to do the \$4,100 contract for next year, and then Municode will reevaluate after that. **Klahn made a motion to renew Municode contact for \$4,105 for next year.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to approve closing the clerk’s office from April 29-May 1 for treasurer conference. Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Klahn made a motion at 7:46 p.m. to go in closed session. Gehrman second. Ayes – Klahn, Allen, Brusberg, Gehrman, Olson. Noes – none.

Klahn made a motion at 8:39 p.m. to reconvene into open session. Allen seconded. Ayes – Klahn, Allen, Brusberg, Gehrman, Olson. Noes – none.

Klahn made a motion to set a closing date of no later than April 15, 2026 and sign the amended purchase agreement. Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to carry on additional discussion between our attorney and their attorney to better understand some of the redline adjustments provided to us on Friday. Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Klahn made a motion at 8:41 p.m. to adjourn. Olson seconded Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Special Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2026**

On March 16, 2026, President Mike Brusberg called the Special Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 5:30 p.m. Trustees present were David Berland, Mike Gehrman, Christian Allen, Jacob Bachim, and Todd Klahn. Trustee Dan Olson was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**Berland made a motion at 5:30 p.m. to convene into closed session.** Klahn seconded Ayes – Klahn, Allen, Berland, Brusberg, Gehrman, Bachim. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Bachim left at 5:37 p.m.

**Berland made a motion at 6:17 p.m. to reconvene into open session.** Klahn seconded. Ayes -- Klahn, Allen, Berland, Brusberg, Gehrman. Noes – none. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion to accept the changes made to the developer agreement in closed session.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion to allow the village president to serve as emissary to negotiate with the developer as long as it’s reviewed by the village attorney.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion that all communications that go out about this sale to developer and lawyers must pass through the village president.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Klahn made a motion at 6:19 to adjourn.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Village Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026

On March 23, 2026, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Dan Olson, David Berland, Mike Gehrmann, Christian Allen, and Todd Klahn. Trustee absent was Jacob Bachim. Also present were Jim Brown, Ray McAllister, Jason Marshall, Caleb Bush, Deputy Haven Crecelius, Deputy Merrick Grumke, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments -- Jim Brown and Ray McAllister from American Legion. They're seeking to get on agenda for next month, and they're seeking approval to talk about a plan to put some kind of American Legion recognition in the park, perhaps on the front of the utility building in the corner of the park, and it would look like something with the flag, some signage relating to the history of the American Legion with the park. Kuhlman stated they can't put anything on the utility building. Brusberg said next month the board can hear more and go from there. Board thanked them for coming.

President report – Brusberg shook Deputy Grumke's hand and thanked him for all the time and effort he put in the village for the last five years. He's been an asset to the community, and it's sad to see him go but great promotion for him. Deputy Grumke stated it was a hard decision to leave, and he appreciates his time in Brooklyn. The board thanked him. Berland stated we will be lucky to get someone half as good as him. Brusberg also updated the board that he spoke with Mortensen on the developer's agreement for the Business Park. There was a lot of good work with our attorney and the board. There's nothing on the surface to create angst. It's been presented to their lawyer. We're close on finishing the right of secondary refusal document. A draft version has been shared with our lawyer. The goal is to get that in their hands this week, and so they have both to make edits.

Klahn made a motion to approve minutes from March 9 as presented. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Berland abstained. **Klahn made a motion to approve minutes from March 16.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Hotel Street project/Anchor Club sidewalk – Brusberg stated this was discussed at public works committee meeting also. Brusberg asked Marshall what he would like to see done. Marshall said to redo the section so it drains properly. There's a little pool of water. They went back that far and were supposed to pitch towards the drain that drains to the street. When they took it out, they poured it exactly like they took it off. Eavestroughs are on but drain is not big enough to support it, and it fills up and overflows. Klahn was told that's designed that way. It's supposed to do that. Marshall said they are hoping the section between buildings and next two to the street can be pitched so it drains. The picture he gave the board was taken a couple days after the rain, so you can imagine what it was like. They paid for that sidewalk and curb and it's wrong. He paid Ronek to look at it, and they said this is wrong. He doesn't know where to go next. There's enough pitch to repour that to get it to drain right. He thinks there should be a wider trench drain and get it to pitch toward the trench drain. What they took out between two buildings was wasted. Klahn said the engineer will not approve going wider because we run into trouble with ADA compliance with the grates. He doesn't know how wide. Marshall said a lot of places in Madison have flat plates. Klahn said he likes the idea of wider or they talked about taking out on other side of the fence and putting in a grate that flows into the existing grate. Gehrmann said it looks like water comes out from the alley, so if we put a grate across that, would that help Marshall said if that doesn't get redone, will putting a grate across help. Klahn said it will help with moisture off the roof and down. Allen shows water coming out of the alley. Marshall said it's rain and it's shaded, but there's an open space between those two buildings, but it's not pitched and can't come out to the road. Brusberg asked if it is flat between the buildings. Discussion. Marshall thinks they just didn't pour it with pitch. He had a different cement company check each square, and each is different. It should be poured as one pour and out to the curb. Klahn agrees, but as a board and him, he has a hard time going back against the contractor because it wasn't poured as one pour because we

took out next to the building and poured a second time. They did it the best they can and followed that. It's hard to go back on them because we changed midstream on the pour. Marshall asked why did they do it. Klahn said it was poured against the building and there was an inch drop to 3/4 inch drop going into the building. Marshall said it was supposed to be and it wasn't compliant. Klahn said they took it out. Marshall said that has nothing to do with this section. Marshall talked to concrete companies who said they usually start at the building and pour out. They did each section hodgepodge. Brusberg said the public works committee reviewed this and asked what options did they come up with. Olson said the option they had was to go with what the engineer said, and that was an option to put the curb ramp in to get the water to drain. Marshall said neither one of them wanted that. There's enough pitch to get it out there; it just has to be repoured. Klahn said it falls within the error for ADA and falls within specifications. It doesn't mean there's not a low spot; it means it's plus or minus whatever and falls within the tolerance, but unfortunately, that doesn't help us here. Marshall said you can be up to 2% on cross slope. Allen said you can be up to 5% with direction of travel. Marshall said some of this is zero to 2%. Allen said he shot elevations, and he didn't see anything sloping the wrong way and he did each slab separate and used a laser all the way to the road. He shot elevation at each cross joint. Brusberg asked if the biggest issue is basically the one slab by the fence, is that one to focus on. Marshall said the one between the two buildings, and the next one from there out to the curb. The next two steps out is a yard of concrete. It's not huge. There's enough if you pull as one pour. Brusberg said the other one is the single slab coming out from the fence. Marshall thinks they need to do the whole works. Allen said one suggestion was to do a ramp cut. Marshall said as property owner he doesn't want that. Allen asked why he doesn't want the curb cut. Marshall said he doesn't want a ramp, and it's a place where snow or slush builds up. Discussion on slope and shaving the curb. There's a potential trip hazard with one section shorter. Gehrmann said we're trying to find a fix, and the board will deal with how it's handled, but they don't want to do something and come back and have a different problem. Marshall said they're against having a ramp there. Discussion on possible reject curb, ADA compliance, putting in opening like the sidewalk intersections on Highway 92. Allen said the board will talk and see what they decide to end up doing. They wanted to get his opinion. Brusberg they want to see it right. We can talk with Strand and Spilde about how do we want to best approach this, or get a separate concrete company to get a free estimate, that gives another data point. Gehrmann said the curb cut and ramp everyone feels confident will work. If we take out panels and shave, will that work. We need to talk to the engineer and see if it's compliant. Marshall said if they get someone to come in and say we can repour and pitch and get it to go in that sidewalk drain and maybe another drain at the gate, the cement guys stand behind their work, without the curb cut, and the engineer comes back and says no, then what. Gehrmann would say they can't do it because this grade doesn't make it. He's going to look at here's the grades, here are the other grades and this meets ADA compliance, the work would get done. Klahn said our engineer said it meets ADA complaint specs. Allen would like to get the concrete specs for the project. Allen suggested a perpendicular drain that goes into the existing drain, but maybe a bigger plate drain. Brusberg recapped that we need to look at minimum slope, drainage and potentially that ramp to get away from the buildings. Allen said he can look at the specs and come up with an idea. Brusberg for purposes of time, is there anything further. Marshall asked if the board wants someone different than Ronck or someone different. He's probably got the best reputation. Klahn asked if he will guarantee it will drain. Marshall said yes. Brusberg we'll get the concrete division specs on our end from the project and see what's occurring and if it's falling within standards, and we'll reach back out and likely get a secondary opinion and get some type of quote. Allen said even if he has them come out and not do work but give an estimate on what it would cost to repour and remove three rows all the way to the curb, and see what he would charge. Marshall said it would be different if it weren't on the north side of the building. Allen said we'll hopefully make an acceptable offer.

Olson looked over bills and talked with Kuhlman about the US Cellular bill, because it always has the reoccurring charge. We're looking at doing ACH. He found no other issues. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities/Emergency Management update by Olson. Consumer confidence report is done. Audit information was done. All the lab equipment, flow meter, gas monitor has been recalibrated. There's a few that need to be replaced. SCADA computer is using the cloud now for backups. Emergency management - Dane County all hazard mitigation plans will be updated. Cleaned out police department and are getting it ready for historical society. Roberts took a CTMI DNR arborist class. One of the projects he will be working on for the community, which is required by the DNR, is that they will do a community fruit tree grove. Brusberg said if he needs volunteers, he will help and so will his daughter. Olson said Lincoln Street pond, the stormwater inlets got damaged. They will have to take a section and replace it and will work with Kranig. There were five trees removed; two or three on First Street and two on 92. We've been charged to get rid of waste oil in the past, but they were contacted by a company that takes the waste oil at no charge and is able to give the proper paperwork for DNR.

Sidewalk plan – Olson said we need to look at getting Highway 104 and down replaced. That's the worst sidewalk in town. The only issue is we have to make sure with the state they would agree with where it's placed before they come in and do main roadwork. The stretch from 92 down is over \$90,000 just for sidewalk, and the biggest thing is where do we get the funding. Brusberg said that excludes engineering, etc. Klahn if we do the sidewalk stuff and our borrowing is limited, do we do a referendum for the spring for sidewalk issues, so we can borrow the whole amount and charge residents half of the cost, or how do we fund this sidewalk project. We have to figure that out before we do the sidewalks. It could be roughly \$1 million. Brusberg thinks we need the public involved as well. Olson said there are a lot more sidewalks with issues; closer to the school there are problems and they're not ADA. Brusberg asked how hard would it be to get more information on when they will do Highway 92. Klahn stated they're saying '30 to '33. It's on the plan for '28, but they're doing some upgrades, and if they do upgrades, there's no way it will be in '28. Klahn said when they do that, we'll have to do all the infrastructure. Kuhlman made a suggestion to have the finance committee talk about all capital projects and get an idea on funding from Ehlers. Gehrman said we've talked about some sections going to a blacktop path and are there other options. Brusberg said we'll look at week after first May board meeting for a finance meeting.

Clerk's report – Kuhlman attended Green County Development Corporation dinner last week, and Klitzman Seed was recognized as Business of the Year. She has the GCDC annual report for the last year, and a few highlights were they helped 96 businesses, secured over \$1.3 million in grants, invested about \$3 million through their programs, deployed about \$1.17 million in loans, held 14 events and raised \$368,330 in private and philanthropic funds, and attended 853 stakeholder meetings. Also, Olivia Otte, their director, has been recognized internationally for her work. Brusberg would like to meet with Olivia after the finance meeting. Kuhlman mentioned she will also be at the Chamber Business Fair. Election is April 7, and in-person absentee voting starts tomorrow. Most things are removed from the old police department. She met with historical society reps last week and they marked a few things they would like to keep. Public Works will replace the lights with LEDs, and the door has been rekeyed. Council on Aging updates were handed out. Brusberg reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt at the gazebo on Saturday. On May 5 is the Chamber Business Fair at the community building, and if there are any businesses that want to attend, please let her know. The public can come and meet local businesses; there are door prizes and food.

Fire/EMS District Commission - Brusberg stated they had a meeting last week. There were conflicts for Chief Barber and Chief Wicik. The meeting was relatively brief. Finances has nothing worrisome. They asked for Sarah to provide an update of one-time expenses. There was a larger insurance payment early in the year and boiler projects. They're looking into potentially doing repair on the front entry posts. They need to get more information on the repair work. Tender had no action taken. Right now there's a grant that's been applied for. They will see. Town of Brooklyn perspective is to get the best deal they can get. They'll get more defined estimates. John Marx provided update on meetings about the RFP for consolidation. They have about six municipalities. Our district is sitting in. More to come likely next month.

No closed session. **Klahn made a motion at 7:46 p.m. to adjourn.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

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Exercise Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201	1st Wed. of every Month, Dane County Emergency Management Outdoor Siren Test			Clerk's Office Closed	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up Chamber Business Fair 4:30-6:30p Community Bldg	Garbage & Recycling Ballet 450-630 p	Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Village Board Meeting 630 p	Brush Pickup	Garbage Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p	Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p		Dumpster Days Noon-5p
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Dumpster Days 10a-2p	Dumpster Days 8a-1p	Dumpster Days 8a-1p Food Truck Night - Legion Park 5-8 p	Dumpster Days 8a-1p Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p	Dumpster Days 8a-1p Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p	Dumpster Days 8a-1p	Dumpster Days Noon-5p
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Dumpster Days 10a-2p	Memorial Day @ Veterans Memorial 9:30 a Public Works & Clerk's Office Closed		Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630p	Garbage Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p Community Potluck Noon @Methodist Church		
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