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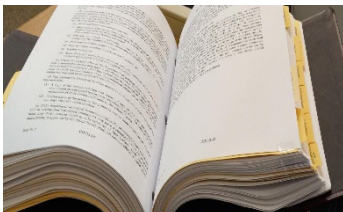
August 2026 Village News

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Police Department – 608-255-2345
210 Commercial St.
Email:

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Fax 608-455-1501
102 Windy Lane
Email: publicworks@brooklynwi.gov

Brooklyn Fire & EMS – 608-455-3812
401 W. Main St.



2026 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
Village Hall – 210 Commercial St.
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you plan to object to your property assessment, please obtain the
Objection Forms from the Clerk's Office.

Completed objection forms **must be submitted to the Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026**, at least **48 hours** before the **Board of Review meeting**.

Come Meet Green County Sheriff Cody Kanable at Brooklyn Night Out!

BROOKLYN NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY,
AUGUST 18

★ STARTING AT 5 PM ★

LEGION
PARK

- DANE & GREEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
- BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS
- PUBLIC WORKS
- BINGO BY OPTIMIST CLUB
- AREA ORGANIZATIONS

Food
TRUCKS!



MEET ★ CONNECT ★ LEARN ★ HAVE FUN!

— Building a stronger Brooklyn together —

BROOKLYN FOOD TRUCK NIGHT & BROOKLYN NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 5 – 8 pm
LEGION PARK (by shelter)

Optimist Club will be hosting BINGO



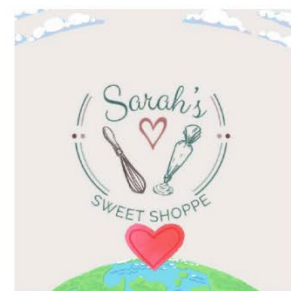
Hot & Cold beverages



Pulled pork & grilled cheese



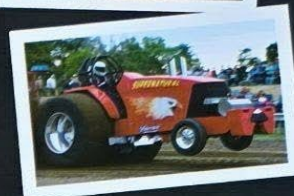
COOL SWEET TREATS



Brooklyn Labor Day

TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL

SPONSORED BY:
BROOKLYN & OREGON SNOWMOBILE CLUBS



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FRIDAY, SEPT. 4th - SUNDAY, SEPT. 6th
- BROOKLYN LEGION PARK -

Friday, Sept. 4th

- 6:00pm - Steak Sandwiches - Oregon/Brooklyn VFW
- 6:00pm - CATP Antique Tractor Pull Tractorpullers.org
- 6:00pm - Bean Bag Tournament (See Website For Pre-Registration)
- 7:30pm - 11:30pm - Music by: 1884 Band

Saturday, Sept. 5th

- 11:00am - PULLS START
 - P.J. Motorsports - Pro Farm Tractors
 - Hot Farm, 12, 500 Tractors Enhanced
 - Super Stock Truck's
 - 2.6 Diesel Trucks
 - Farm Tractor & Amateur 4wd Truck Pull
- 12:00pm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls
- 10:00am-3:00pm - 2026 Brooklyn Community's Annual Fall Vendor and Craft Fair @ Brooklyn Elementary School Cafeteria & Gym
- 7:30pm-11:30pm - Music By: Buck Neck-Ed

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

15 minutes south of Madison off Hwy 14

BEER & FOOD TENT - ALL 3 DAYS
Absolutely No Carry in Beverage or Food

Sunday, Sept. 6th

8:00am-10:30am - Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored By:
Badger Honor Flight



- 11:00am - PULLS START
 - Badger Truck
 - Southwest Pullers
 - South Central Wis. Tractor Pullers
 - Farm Tractor & Amateur 4wd Truck Pull
 - Small & Big Block Gas Trucks
 - Hot Open Diesel Class & Altered Diesel Trucks
- See website / Facebook for classes

12:00pm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls

7:30pm-11:30pm - Music By: Super Tuesday

 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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MORE INFO AT WWW.BROOKLYNSNOHORNETS.WORDPRESS.COM & WWW.OREGONSNOBLAZERS.COM



2026 Brooklyn Community's Annual Fall Vendor-Craft Fair

September 5th

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Brooklyn Elementary School Cafeteria & Gym
204 Division Street; Brooklyn, WI 53521**

Local Vendors-Crafters-Bakers

Food Truck & Baked Goods available

Everyone Welcome!

**Contact Sonya @
608-209-2275 for Details**

★ BROOKLYN METHODIST CHURCH ★

Bake Sale

★ ★ ★
LABOR DAY
★
WEEKEND
★

★ AT THE ★
VENDOR CRAFT FAIR ★

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2026**

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

📍 *Brooklyn Elementary School*

We look forward to seeing
our friends at our popular
bake sale. We will have all of
our usual items and maybe
some new ones.

Treat yourselves!

Homemade
Goodness
Made with



Come enjoy delicious homemade baked goods
while supporting Brooklyn Methodist Church.

♥ *We can't wait to see you!* ♥

BROOKLYN AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Village Wide

GARAGE SALES

★ GREAT FINDS. GREAT PRICES. GREAT COMMUNITY! ★

SEPTEMBER
18-20, 2026

SHOP LOCAL!
SUPPORT OUR
COMMUNITY!

SHOP LOCAL

Treasures
Around
Every
Corner!

ONE person's
TREASURE
is another
person's
JOY!

GOOD
STUFF

FIND UNIQUE
TREASURES

SUPPORT LOCAL
FAMILIES

FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!

Plan your route, grab your friends, and happy hunting!

BROOKLYN METHODIST CHURCH

BOOK, BAKE & LUNCH SALE

Friday & Saturday
SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2026

During the
VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

Great
Books
Great
Prices!

Come browse our
gently used books,
grab a sweet treat
or homemade lunch.

We can't wait to see you!

TO CELEBRATE U.S. HISTORY

IN OUR SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL YEAR



the 1st Brigade Band will perform
Civil War era music in Legion Park on
Saturday, September 19 from 2-3 pm.

*Come hear the music that rallied and entertained
Union soldiers, General Grant, and President Lincoln
played on authentic Civil War era instruments!*

The program, sponsored by Dane County Library Service
and Beyond the Page, is free and open to the public.

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.



Contact Dane County Library Service at
bookmobile.dcl@gmail.com with questions.



SUMMER READING FUN AT THE GAZEBO!

Join the Bookmobile every
Thursday in *Brooklyn!*

BOOKMOBILE

 **Thursdays | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

Bring the kids for an evening filled with:

-  **Summer Reading Program Sign-Up**
-  **Weekly Arts & Crafts Projects**
-  **Fun Reading Challenges & Prizes**
-  **Great Books for All Ages**

 Readers can participate in the **Summer Reading Program** and earn exciting prizes while building a love of reading all summer long!

 Whether you're a book lover, a budding artist, or just looking for a fun family activity, there's something for everyone at the **Bookmobile**.

*Stop by the **Gazebo** every **Thursday** and make reading part of your summer adventure!*

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## COMMUNITY POTLUCK

**Thursday, August 27, 2026**

**at Noon**

**Brooklyn Methodist Church**

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN



# 2026 FALL DUMPSTER DAYS

DUMPSTERS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS & TIMES



AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING,  
102 WINDY LANE



Friday,  
September 18

6 AM to 2 PM



Saturday,  
September 19

10 AM to 2 PM



Sunday,  
September 20

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**



# WATER LEAKS IN YOUR HOME



Did you receive an abnormally high water bill?  
Do you keep hearing water running, and you can't put your finger on it?  
If the answer to either one of these questions is yes,  
then you might have a water leak.



**STEP 1**

**Make sure all your faucets are off** – remember to check the ones outside as well.



**STEP 2**

**Find your water meter.** It is usually in the laundry room or utility closet. Check close to the hot water tank if you are having problems locating it.



**STEP 3**

**With all known sources of water off, does your meter show that water is being used?**  
You might want to write the number down and then come back in 15–30 minutes without using any water and see if it has changed. If it has, your leak probably has gone up.



**STEP 4**

**Start to look for your leak.** The most common water leak is due to the toilet. The second most common leak is in faucets.



To calculate the water loss or for more information, go to [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org) or their drip calculator.



## DRIP CALCULATOR

<http://www.awwa.org/resources-tools/public-affairs/public-information/dripcalculator.aspx>

### Did you know ...

Your water can become contaminated if connections to your plumbing system are not properly protected!

The purpose of the local Cross-Connection Control Program, as required by State Plumbing Code and Regulations, is to ensure that everyone in the community has safe, clean drinking water.

### Public Health & Safety....

To avoid contamination, backflow preventers are required by state plumbing codes wherever there is an actual or potential hazard for a cross-connection. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires all public water suppliers to maintain an on-going Cross-Connection Control Program involving public education, onsite inspections, and possible corrective actions by building owners if required.

### More Information

WI Department of Commerce  
[www.commerce.state.wi.us/](http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/)

WI Department of Natural Resources  
[www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

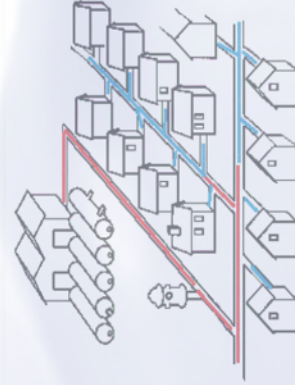
Cross-Connection Control / Backflow Prevention  
[www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc.html](http://www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc.html)



### Drinking Water Information



## Residential Water User Cross-Connection Hazards Bathrooms & Kitchens



We're All Connected.....

Maintaining the integrity of your  
public drinking water system.

## What is a Cross-Connection?

A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-Connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

## How does contamination occur?

When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and backpressure.

## Backsiphonage

May occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

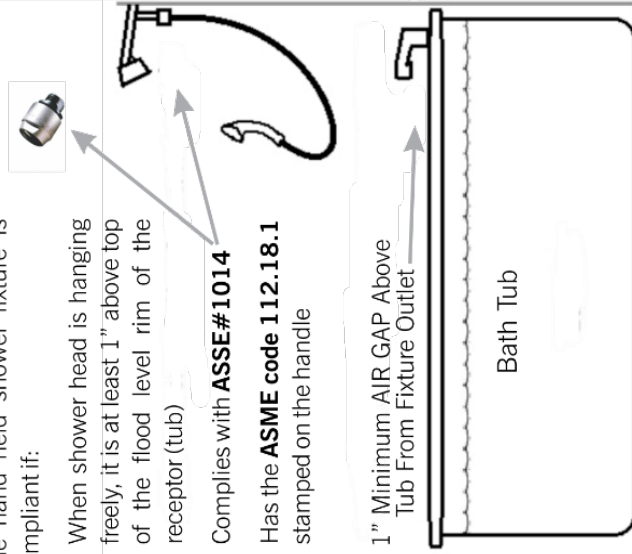
## Backpressure

May be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

### In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)
- Complies with **ASSE#1014**
- Has the **ASME code 112.18.1** stamped on the handle



## Insights to protect your drinking water

### Do...

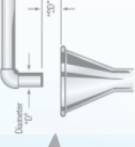
- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" device.
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.
- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.



Hose bibb Vacuum Breaker

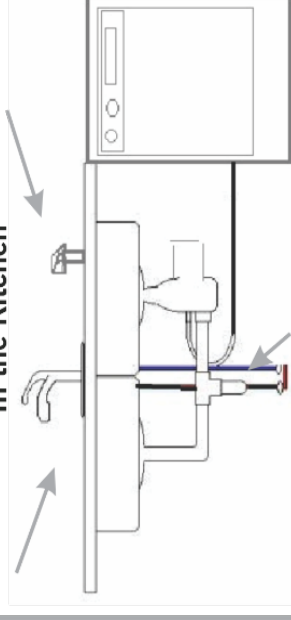
### Don't...

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one inch "air gap" separation.



Residential Air Gap

### In the Kitchen



Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods.

# Pellitteri Waste Systems

## OLD POOL? REUSE IT.

Bulky Item Pickup Available.



**Pellitteri**  
WASTE SYSTEMS

Plastic and inflatable pools do not belong in your recycling cart.

If you need to dispose of an old pool, place it in your trash cart if it fits (with the cart lid closed), schedule a bulky item pickup with Pellitteri for a fee, or check with your local landfill for disposal options.

Before you throw it away, consider giving it a second life! Old kiddie pools can be reused as dog pools, garden planters, water gardens, and more.

Need ideas? Check out these creative ways to repurpose a kiddie pool: <https://tinyurl.com/mvzfda9m>

These tips are for Pellitteri Waste Systems customers. Check with your local hauler for your area's recycling rules.



Doing some painting this summer?

If your latex or water-based paint is completely dry and the lid has been removed; the container can go in your trash cart. If the paint is still liquid, do not place it in your trash or recycling cart.

The following items should be taken to your county's household hazardous waste drop-off site:

- Liquid paint
- Lead-based paint (liquid or dried)
- Paint thinners
- Household chemicals
- Other hazardous materials

Did you know that Dane County Clean Sweep offers a product exchange program where you can drop off or pick up unused paint (half a can or more) for free?

Dane County: [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com)

Other clean sweep locations: <https://tinyurl.com/34ykzesy>

These tips are for Pellitteri Waste Systems customers. Check with your local hauler for your area's recycling rules.

# Household Battery Recycling Guide

This guide explains how to safely store and dispose of common household batteries. The Department of Natural Resources recommends recycling many battery types by taking them to a drop-off site. *Batteries should never go in recycling bins.*



## Prepare & Store Batteries for Recycling

Batteries can spark and start a fire if damaged, or if the terminals touch metal or each other. Many batteries, especially lithium ion, pose a fire risk due to their chemistries and ability to hold a charge.

### The following steps can lower risk of fire:

- Put each battery in an individual, clear plastic bag, or tape each battery's terminals with clear packing tape.
- Keep battery labels visible.
- Store batteries in a non-metal container.
- Store swollen or damaged batteries in sand or kitty litter.
- Take stored batteries to a drop-off location frequently.

For a full list of electronics banned from the trash and to find collection sites or mail-back programs,

visit our webpage: [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ecycle](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ecycle)



## Battery Recycling Locations

### For lead-acid vehicle batteries:

- Bring to any Wisconsin retailer that sells these batteries for recycling.
- This service is free to customers who buy a new battery. Retailers may charge a fee if customers bring in a used battery without buying a new one.

### For all other types of batteries:

- [batterynetwork.org](https://batterynetwork.org)
- [WisconsinRecyclingDirectory.com](https://WisconsinRecyclingDirectory.com)
- Contact your local recycling program (some sites may charge a fee or accept only certain battery types.)



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Waste and Materials Management  
P.O. Box 7921 | Madison, WI 53707-7921 • [DNRBatteries@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRBatteries@wisconsin.gov)

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# Household Battery Disposal Options



Follow the safety instructions on the front page to lower the risk of fire.



## Banned From Trash, Recycling Required



### Lead Acid Vehicle Batteries

12V, 6V

Uses: cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, other vehicles



### Lithium-Ion Batteries

(!) When contained in landfill-banned electronics

Uses: laptops, cellphones, other portable electronics with screens



## Okay For Trash



### Alkaline

(Manganese) (single-use)  
AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V

Uses: flashlights, portable electronics, smoke alarms



### Carbon Zinc (single-use)

AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V

Uses: toys, smoke alarms, remote controls, garage door openers



### Silver Oxide (single-use)

Uses: watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls



## Drop-off Site Recycling, Recommended



### Lithium / Lithium-Ion

(Li / Li-ion)

3V, 6V, 9V, Button, AAA, AA, C, D

Uses: power tools, power banks, toys, vacuums, lawn equipment, e-bikes



### Nickel-Cadmium

(Ni-Cd) (rechargeable)

AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V

Uses: flashlights, toys, power tools, computer packs, R/C hobby vehicles



### Nickel-Metal Hydride

(Ni-HM) (rechargeable)

AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V

Uses: same as nickel-cadmium (above)



### Sealed Lead Acid

(Pb) (rechargeable)

2V, 6V, 12V

Uses: cameras, power tools, clocks, wheelchairs, ATVs, metal detectors



### Button Or Coin Batteries

(mostly single use, many now contain lithium)

Uses: watches, hearing aids, small portable electronics, toys, greeting cards, remote controls

**Wednesday Night Yoga Classes Start September 2, 2026**  
**Monday Night Yoga Classes Start October 5, 2026**



PART OF THE  
**GET FIT  
PROGRAM**  
BY BROOKLYN RECREATION

BROOKLYN,  
WISCONSIN

*Our community. Our strength.*



# YOGA

## Slow Flow

COMMUNITY CLASS

WEDNESDAY • 6:00 PM • 45 MINUTES

**Led by Hope** | Certified Yoga Instructor



### SLOW-PACED FLOW

Gentle movement with mindful transitions and deep breath.



### ALL AGES & FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME

This class meets you where you are.



### MODIFICATIONS OFFERED

Options provided to support your body and your practice.



### COME AS YOU ARE— LEAVE REFRESHED, GROUNDED, AND CONNECTED

A space to unwind, reset, and move with intention.



GET FIT PUNCHCARDS ACCEPTED



**MONDAY  
YOGA SCULPT**

IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

*Strength. Sweat. Feel Strong. ♥*



**WEDNESDAY  
YOGA SLOW FLOW**

NO CLASSES DEC 16–DEC 30.  
CLASSES RESUME JAN 6.

*Breathe. Move. Be You. ♥*



**MONDAY NIGHTS  
6:00 PM**



## Yoga Sculpt COMMUNITY CLASS

*Strengthen. Stretch. Sculpt. Smile.*

A fun, moderate-intensity class that combines yoga, bodyweight exercises, and free weights for a full-body workout you'll love! ♥



**BUILD STRENGTH**  
Tone muscles and boost endurance with weights and bodyweight moves.



**IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY**  
Flow through yoga poses that enhance mobility and balance.



**FEEL YOUR BEST**  
Leave class feeling strong, refreshed, and energized!



**ALL AGES & FITNESS LEVELS**  
Modifications offered so everyone can participate at their own pace.



*Please bring your own hand weights if you have them!*

We will do our best to provide equipment for all participants, but availability is not guaranteed. ♥



*Get Fit Punchcards*  
may be used for both  
**YOGA SCULPT & YOGA SLOW FLOW**  
on Wednesdays! ♥



ALL CLASSES HELD AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING  
102 N RUTLAND AVE, BROOKLYN, WI 53521

# DANCE

## SESSION SIGN UP

Fall dance session will be on Wednesday, starting September 30<sup>th</sup> and ending December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026— 10 Classes, 1 Class as an informal performance (No class November 25<sup>th</sup>). Listed below are the classes that will be offered this Fall. Please select which class your child(ren) will participate in.

**Pre-Ballet**  
**(Wednesday)**  
5:00-5:30 (ages 3-5)  
6+)

30 Mins

**\$50**

**Ballet**  
**(Wednesday)**  
5:40-6:10 (age

30 Mins

**\$50**

### Parent/ Guardian Information:

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### First Child's Name

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Health Concerns we should know about:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Second Child's Name

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns we should know about:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Brooklyn Recreations**

## WAIVER AND RELEASE STATEMENT

(All participants must read and sign) I have read the accompanying event information and understand the policies of the event. I know that I should not enter unless I am medically able. I assume all risks associated with my child(ren)'s participation in this event, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to use and WAIVE, RELEASE and DISCHARGE Brooklyn Recreation, Dance Instructor, Village of Brooklyn, worker or volunteers, their representatives, successors and assigns for ANY AND ALL claims of liability, whether foreseen or unforeseen, for death, personal injury or property damage arising out of, or in the course of my participation in this event. I further grant full permission to the above-mentioned sponsors, organizers, and or agents.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Brooklyn RecreationArea Only)  
Payment Method      Date Paid

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & NOTES

### **Pre-Ballet – 5:00-5:30 (Wednesday) (ages 3 - 5) 30 min**

• Children ages 3-4 will be introduced to basic ballet technique. Classes emphasize rhythm, classroom etiquette, listening, and freestyle dance with prompts. Making dance fun is essential to a happy community dance program!

### **Ballet - 5:40-6:10 (Wednesday) (ages 6+) 30 min**

• Children ages 6 and up will learn proper ballet technique and body placement. Classes emphasize rhythm, classroom etiquette, and positive body image. Ballet builds a proper base for all other dance forms by teaching students how to move individual body parts while maintaining a graceful posture.

**Informal Performance theme is “\_\_\_\_\_TBD\_\_\_\_\_”**

### **Parent Viewing Days (IN Class)**

- First Class
- No Class November 25th
- December 9th (informal performance)

### **Classes will be held in the Brooklyn Community Building basement**

- 102 N Rutland Ave, Brooklyn

### **Check & registration forms may be mailed or dropped off at the Village of Brooklyn**

- PO Box 189, 210 Commercial St, Brooklyn

Make checks payable to – **Brooklyn Recreation**

Classes may be delayed or canceled if there are not enough students to fill the classes. The next ballet session will be in Spring 2027

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Senior Center Information

Check out the Oregon Senior Center Newsletter for more upcoming events.

Oregon Senior Center Newsletter – at

<https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/219/Senior-Center>

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Green County Residents – ADRC of Southwestern WI Resources and Events

Green County ADRC - The Bridge or at

<https://adrcgreencounty.org/>

ADRC Green County – Local Phone # 608-328-9499 or Toll Free 888-284-2132

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am to 430 pm

# Village Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

On July 13, 2026, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees present were Jake Bachim, Frank Seitler, Christian Allen, Mike Gehrmann, and David Berland. Trustee Todd Klahn was not present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**Public Comments** – Berland would like ordinance committee/board to consider emulating City of Madison and other cities for increasing fines for setting off fireworks, particularly on non-celebratory days. The fines need to be aimed at the owner of the property, so landlords hold their tenants responsible. It's irresponsible and awful. Brusberg requested it be passed on to ordinance committee. Berland also suggested then sharing it on social media.

**President's Report** – Brusberg stated this is the first meeting since updated assessments have gone out. The reason for the material changes people are seeing is, number one, the village triggered reassessment being below a state required ratio several years ago. In 2025 the ratio in Dane County was 59.7% and Green was 59.4% and threshold is typically plus or minus 10%, and we fell below for quite a few years. This will not mean we will have a material increase in taxes, and that will be determined when we do the levy and mill rate. No reason to be fearful of what taxes will be. If you feel your assessment is wrong, those are things you can address through the open book and with the assessor. I know we have open book today, and it will be covered in clerk's report. Berland asked if we have seen an uptick in complaints since the initial letters. Seitler had a few people ask him. If you look at house values to the north and south, north is about 15-20% more; however, as Oregon expands further south, it's only going to cause prices in Brooklyn to continue to rise. There's a house on Elizabeth Circle that's not being built but pre-marketing at \$600,000. They're seeing the same prices increasing in Evansville. We will be mindful of the budget and people's taxes.

**Berland made a motion to approve minutes from June 22.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – Brusberg stated there was a meeting earlier tonight. One party would like to have sidewalk installed from house to street on S. Kerch Street, with direct access to curb. PZ recommended approval of said sidewalk, and one request was to talk to public works about the curb cut, if they decide to put one in. Gehrmann asked how it would work with parking along the street. Brusberg stated they're planning to run a daycare and want to directly access it. There's no other situation like it in Brooklyn. Allen said it needs to be run through public works, if they do curb cut, and needs to be in conformity. **Bachim made a motion to approve sidewalk for 200 S. Kerch, for a sidewalk to house to road, curb cut pending public works condition or approval.** Allen asked if it would make more sense to have sidewalk go to driveway, or would that be too much sidewalk frontage. Discussion of apron needed at curb and braille plates. Bachim doesn't think that's necessary because it's private sidewalk at this time. Seitler asked if it would be out of line to say a 15-minute parking limit. Allen said we would have to put up signage and striping. He suggested talking to neighbors if it becomes a problem. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

**Northern Metal Roofing** – Brusberg said the recommendation from PZ is conditional approval contingent on conditions expressed by RPS, Strand and public works being met as far as further design. There are questions that each of those three have that aren't resolved yet. They want to move forward with high level plans, and there was no opposition or lack of support. Allen said they still need to go through zoning and building permits. Brusberg said there's landscaping, stormwater and a lot to work to go through yet. **Bachim made a motion to approve initial structure plans for Northern Metal's new building with additional details to be**

**approved by public works, Roth and Strand and planning & zoning.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Lot 30 on Second Street** – Brusberg stated there were two potential plans submitted. One had a house in front of property and one in the back and a diagram for potentially a third. They did an alternative with each having a dedicated driveway, with the one in back being a long driveway. There's a desire to have both as ranch, so single story. There would be some zoning issues to work through. Some concerns were having a shared driveway and easements. They will come back on August 3 to PZ and provide updated renderings to RPS, public works and the fire department to get thoughts before coming to PZ. Allen said PZ had a high level recommendation to have two driveways, not a shared, and 20' minimum road to back, or split lot in the other direction so it matches others in village with narrow, long parcel. The Commission also discussed **potential new PZ members.**

**Alcohol operator license** – Kuhlman explained we received an application from an operator at Mini-Mart. However, the person has a pending charge of selling without a license. The court case is in September. We think it was more the managers of the store, rather than the individual employee. She asked attorney, and attorney said it's up to the board. He recommended possibly doing a provisional for 60 days to see what the outcome is of the court case. Our ordinance talks about a 90-day suspension, but nothing that prohibits. Bachim said if not sold to minor, he's okay with approving. Gehrmann asked if he was charged at one of the other stores by same owner, what else aren't they doing. Kuhlman will recommend they get the state's two-year license so their employees can go to other stores. We don't know exactly what the issue is. Bachim asked about doing a provisional. Brusberg discussed doing provisional, coming back later for full operator, but paying for attorney costs. Bachim said the fee should probably go to owner of store, but how do you do that. Brusberg said morally he has hard time giving full approval, not knowing what happens. Berland thinks it was a license check sting, and he was caught. Bachim said he also lied on the application, because it asks if he's been charged with an alcohol violation. Allen and Bachim said if he lied, we should say no. Allen asked if he can come back and make his case. Kuhlman said yes, she will notify him, and he has a chance to come and appeal it. Bachim said he can reapply and revisit after the court hearing. **Bachim made a motion to deny Ramandeep Singh's operator license application at this time until further review and after court hearing is finished, due to false information on the application.** Seitler seconded. Motion carried. Make sure owner knows and sheriff's department.

Brusberg stated the Strand invoice didn't match the list. Kuhlman stated she must have scanned the wrong invoice. It will be corrected. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's report** – Financials for June - we had total deposits of \$972,619.97, and \$851,957 was from sale of the land in the business park. We had total withdrawals of \$703,960.50, and \$576,289.75 was to pay off the outstanding loan for land in the business park. We ended June with a total in all accounts of \$267,205.59. Other financials were handed out. Kuhlman met with Ehlers investment, and she will look at sewer funds and see if there are more funds to move to longer-term investments to get better interest. Food truck night next Tuesday. We have Jolly Frog, Curd Girls, Tom's Coffee and Beverages, Kona Ice, ice cream truck, and a Puerto Rican truck and another Mexican. Next month we will have a barbeque place, and the pizza truck comes back in September. The Optimist Club will be doing Bingo at food truck nights. We're working on ADA compliance. The website is set up for ADA, but when we add photos, we now do the alt-text for compliance. Red Cross comes Wednesday for a blood drive, from 10 to 2 pm. Election is coming up. Absentee ballots have gone out and are coming back in. In-person absentee voting starts at the end of the month. There's pending litigation that might have some effect on the November election. Credit card program is still being looked at. We're talking to a company working with our software company about integration, and if we do beta testing, it could be free except for maintenance. We also checked with our website company, and they charge a yearly fee. Brooklyn Night Out next month August 18 is getting set up. Vicki and I will be gone for that, but working with fire department and Chamber. Green County and Dane County Sheriffs and fire/EMS will be

present. Bachim asked about our newly hired deputy. Kuhlman said she spoke with him last week, and he is going to ask if he can be here for Brooklyn Night Out during training. His official start date is September 14, but he will ask about doing his final training in Brooklyn. He might be able to work Labor Day weekend as well. Highway 14 road closures started last week, and will go until mid-October. Brusberg asked if there's anything we can do about traffic. Kuhlman said if enough people complain to DOT about the 4-way intersection and Highway 92 and 104, the DOT might do something about it. Next week Friday the clerk's office will be closed due to vacation and day off. Fire/EMS meeting on Wednesday will have McMann, the consulting company, there to ask questions of anyone interested in responding. Assessments letters have gone out and we had an average increase of about 68%. We had about 13 people today for open book, and objection forms were given to four people. Board of Review is August 26.

**Ordinance Committee** —Kuhlman explained the committee reviewed and recommended changes to a number of ordinances, including Public Nuisance ordinance rewritten by the attorney. The committee discussed a change to plowing sidewalks with vehicles. Bachim said during large snowstorms it's common to use skid loaders, and they are trying to limit use of excessive vehicles. They suggested any vehicle plated with a DOT plate not to be allowed on sidewalks, except public works vehicles. People can still use skid loaders and things, but it's to limit pickup trucks that shouldn't be plowing sidewalks. Brusberg suggested with a fine of \$75 and \$250, it start after initial warning. Discussion of officer using discretion and also putting it on social media to make sure people are aware of it. Committee will meet again next month. Berland asked about Public Nuisance ordinance Section 24-5 (7), junked vehicles. The ordinance makes it seem like stored in public or private and that is counter to what Deputy Grumke told him. Kuhlman explained if the deputy can see it and make the determination without approaching it, it can be on private or public property.

**Finance Committee** – Brusberg stated they had a meeting on July 8. They recommended establishing an ad hoc community building restoration committee, which would be a citizen led committee to help with what to do with the community building. It includes not only how we think about the building but fundraising to maintain. Bachim asked about putting one trustee on it. **Gehrmann made a motion to develop an ad hoc committee for the community building to look into options for restoring and uses and upkeep of the facility.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

There was also a recommendation from finance to merge funds from parks account and recreation account, where decisioning of those funds needs to be approved by the board. There is about \$48,000 in the park account and \$25,000 in recreation fund. The lines are kind of blurred, but rec is using the parks and a lot of capital items exist in the park. **Bachim made a motion to combine the park funds and recreation funds into one account.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg added one thought in potentially looking at merging funds, is the opportunity to rebrand the recreation committee and make it a parks and recreation committee and potentially lead the committee to be reconstituted. Seitler agreed and says it opens the door for a lot of other opportunities down the road.

The finance committee had a question on the public works loader. They had \$285,000 listed and \$100,000 for trade-in value, and they weren't sure if the \$285,000 was pre or post trade-in value. They are asking for confirmation that it would represent a net of \$185,000, based on approximation of trade-in value. We have \$300,000 fund balance, and this would be one of the main priorities to tackle. There was a recommendation to approve after following up with public works. Gehrmann said it seems a wise idea while trade-in value is still worth something. Seitler added this is a very important equipment in town and they use it all year round. **Bachim made a motion to approve furthering the loader purchase and getting updated quotes from public works.** Seitler seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg said the committee talked about a variety of other things but landed on streets and sidewalks and water/sewer lines. Those will be tackled by the water study. Streets and sidewalks, they would like to make

a point to focus on and potentially handle that. One, we are in desperate need on S. Rutland and got some updated information around the Highway 104 project. There's a lot happening to not tie into different projects. Gehrmann asked if we put sidewalks in and fix sewer and water and we don't do curb, does that hurt us. Bachim said if sewer and water we lay is not in the spot they want, it could be a problem. They can talk with people, to say it should be good here, but there's still a chance of duplication. Do we go with full-width sidewalks, etc. Brusberg suggested sending a letter to all state reps about the issue and see if there's a way to make this more of a near-term priority. We have aging infrastructure. Because it continues to get kicked down the road, it puts us in an awful position. Discussion. **Berland made a motion to advance the sewer/water/street project for S. Rutland, moving it forward by sending it for conceptual study to Strand so we can start fixing it.** Seitler seconded. Bachim abstained.

Brusberg stated we want to survey residents regarding sidewalk replacement. On election day, as long as we're not surveying people directly in the election area and about elections, we could survey electors about sidewalks. Berland very strongly believes residents shouldn't have to pay individually, and we should tax everyone so everyone in the village can use all sidewalks. We could simply have a sidewalk fund to tap into and replace the sidewalks. Normal wear and tear would be on village, but any misuse would be on the resident. Allen said it is common practice to have the owners pay for the sidewalks. Berland disagrees with that. Gehrmann said we're in a unique position with having older sidewalks, some places with none, some sidewalks all chewed up, and new sidewalks, it would be great to get people's input and get a large crowd to survey and find out what they're looking for. **Berland made a motion to survey residents on how they think this community should handle and pay for sidewalks.** Allen asked about putting it on utility bills. Kuhlman said it could be shared and get more than just residents responding. Bachim suggested having a QR code at the election but also have hard copies. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg suggested getting Ehlers reengaged when we have more information on what we're going to be doing.

**Recreation Committee** – Seitler said they didn't have enough people show up to have a meeting. They did send an email for a meeting next month and asked for confirmation if attending or not attending, and as of right now, it looks like everybody said they would be there next month. August 12 is the next meeting at 5:30 p.m. He's very passionate about trying to get more public interaction for the village. He can remember a time coming to board meetings and you were lucky if you could find a place to sit because people cared.

**Bachim made a motion at 8:48 pm to adjourn.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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July 27, 2026

On July 27, 2026, Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Todd Klahn, Jake Bachim, Frank Seitler, Christian Allen, Mike Gehrmann, and David Berland. President Mike Brusberg was not present. There were no public comments.

Allen made a motion for Berland to chair the meeting. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion to approve minutes from July 13. Seitler seconded. Motion carried. Klahn abstained.

Kuhlman added one invoice for accident insurance payment. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve bills as presented with one additional bill for Securian for accident insurance.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Sidewalk survey questions – Berland put the questions together for a survey at the November general election to allow residents to comment on sidewalk maintenance. Allen confirmed this is entirely about whether the homeowner pays or tax base. He would be interested in resident opinions on whether or not Brooklyn should pursue more sidewalks in areas that don't have them or actively pursue replacing sidewalks in the village where they need it, whether we need to be more aggressive or not. Berland was not opposed. He thinks the answer might be on who pays for it. Discussion. Klahn said for him, who doesn't have sidewalks, he'd never have to pay, and in new developments, the developer paid for them. Berland added also there are people who have already paid. We want to be fair, but if the community thinks it should be a shared thing, it doesn't mean continue the previous way. Gehrman said there are sidewalks by the school that are small and in bad shape, and then on N. Kerch that don't have any. Berland said the question needs to be who pays for it, first. If homeowners pay, it's a different discussion, and if village pays, we have to budget it in over the next 10 years and here's what it would cost on your taxes to repair and add new. In his mind, we need to determine who pays. Klahn asked if it comes back on questionnaire and everyone wants the village to pay but no for taxes going up, what happens. Berland said we'll have to deal with that if it happens. If 75% want but don't want it on the taxes, that would be a no. Discussion. Klahn if village pays, are they in charge of maintenance now, and if it's repaid, who decides on maintenance, does the village. Berland said normal wear and tear. Allen said the first question is if the homeowner remains responsible for costs associated for repairing and replacing. Seidler asked if the village decides to cover cost and maintenance and it's on taxes to cover said costs, but that increase is never going to go away; therefore, the homeowners might say the village is in charge, the village owns them, and they need to clear them, it's no longer my job. Allen said we have an ordinance. Discussion on both sides. Klahn said replacing blocks is the sole responsibility of the homeowner, like repairing roads and sidewalks and curb, and there's a charge. Allen is there an option to do half and half payment. Berland likes adding splitting costs onto survey. Allen thinks the main question is fix existing. Berland said we can come back to putting in later, but we need to fix current sidewalks. Berland suggested taking no action tonight. We'll fix a few questions and produce a new survey. **Klahn made a motion to postpone to a later date.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinances – Bachim said the snow removal using vehicles was talked about in public works. They didn't like the suggestion, so it will be talked about in Ordinance Committee. Kuhlman stated Chapter 24 Public Nuisances is not done yet. **Klahn made a motion to approve updating ordinances as presented, except for Chapter 24.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Food Truck night last week was pretty busy. Next one is August 18, which is also Brooklyn Night Out. Red Cross blood drive had about 22 people come in. They asked if we would do it again October 15. It worked out well. Tomorrow starts in-person voting for August 11 partisan primary. We had a meeting with Dane County Clerk today about upgrading election machines. They are putting into their budget for the county to buy the new election machines at an 80-20 or 70-30 split with the municipalities. So the cost for us goes from about \$12,500 to about \$4,000. Klahn asked if they're built by American companies. Kuhlman confirmed that yes, they are. They will purchase to receive at the beginning of this year. All machines will be stored at the new County office that is being remodeled on the east side of Madison, because they're county owned and the area will be more secure there. We have a PZ meeting Monday night and Recreation is on August 12, and an ordinance meeting needs to be set up. There are some marks and grooves on the new pavement on Hotel Street. Spilde met with Strand and the paving company, and they did some borings to test the quality of the mix. If there are fixes needed, it is on them under warranty. Council on Aging report was handed out. Kuhlman is still doing research on credit card companies. There are some that can integrate with our utility billing software so residents could log in and see their bills and pay. Is it something the board wants to look at getting. There will be an extra cost for the software, from about \$600-\$1200 per year. Discussion. There are other options to get bills, including email from the village. The Village can already direct collect from residents at no charge. We also have an option with our new water meter reading system that allows residents to log in and see their water usage.

Public Works –Bachim said they met last week. Highway 104/S Rutland, they're waiting on the state, but they voted to move forward with engineering on our side. Community building, they briefly discussed the ad hoc committee. Their only thought is if people on that committee start to do work themselves, there's limitations. Berland said we were thinking more evaluations and what needs to be done, and if someone local bids it and they're insured, we will consider it. Berland said we'd have to be clear that their role is to evaluate and tell us. Talked about Park and Recreation Committee is funded as one. Sidewalks was the same discussion as today. New loader – Public Works Committee voted to bring to the board a new loader purchase. Two bids came in: Miller Bradford was \$135,653, which includes a \$85,000 trade-in.. Brooks, which is John Deere, was \$140,500, which includes a \$95,000 trade-in. They voted to go with Miller Bradford on the Case. We currently have a Case, and the attachments will fit. Gehrmann asked about the John Deere would not fit attachments. Klahn said on the machine there's an alteration to make it work. The committee also discussed maybe selling on Wisconsin Surplus but they decided to go with the trade-in. Gehrmann asked if they're happy with Miller Bradford. Bachim and Klahn said that's who parts are from now. **Bachim made a motion to purchase the Case loader from Miller Bradford at a cost of \$135,653.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Community building air conditioning repair – Public Works reached out to four contractors, and only one gave a price back at \$10,500. Klahn thinks it's because of the heat and everyone is way too busy. It sounded like even if they bid it, they wouldn't be able to do it for awhile. Only ones who will really suffer now for the smaller rooms is Historical Society; the rest can wait. Bachim we could give it another meeting and reach out again. Klahn would recommend holding off and getting more quotes. Bachim said the three are pretty reputable. **Bachim made a motion to postpone the community building AC project.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Allen made a motion at 7:17 p.m. to adjourn. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried .

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

September

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Exercise Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building	**\$ 10/Tire. Contact Clerk's Office at 608- 455-4201	1st Wed. of every Month, Dane County Emergency Management Outdoor Siren Test				
		1 Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up	2 Garbage Yoga	3 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p	4 Brooklyn Truck & Tractor Pull	5 Brooklyn Truck & Tractor Pull Brooklyn Craft Fair – Elementary School
6 Brooklyn Truck & Tractor Pull	7 Labor Day Public Works & Clerk's Office Closed	8 Brush Pickup	9 Garbage & Recycling Yoga Recreation Mtg 5:30 p.m. Community Bldg	10 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p	11	12
13	14 Village Board Meeting 630 p	15 Food Truck Night - Legion Park 5-8 p.m.	16 Garbage Yoga	17 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p Clerk's Office Closed	18 Clerk's Office Closed Dumpster Days 6a-2p Village-Wide Garage Sales	19 Dumpster Days 10a-2p Village-Wide Garage Sales 1st Brigade Band Legion Park 2- 3 p.m
20 Dumpster Days 10a-2p Village-Wide Garage Sales	21	22	23 Garbage & Recycling Yoga	24 Bookmobile Gazebo6-7:30p Community Potluck Noon @Methodist Church	25	26
27	28 Village Board Meeting 630 p	29	30			