

Town Tidings



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ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
On **Wednesday, December 2** we will once again welcome a special visitor to the Fire Department. In addition to hot chocolate, cookies and treats, the local elementary school choirs will delight our ears with holiday songs and great hospitality. There will even be a visit from the most famous bearded man from the North Pole, and his wife. Even though Santa is very busy at this time of year checking his list, he has assured the Town of Brookfield a special visit to get us into the holiday spirit.

friends and neighbors. Call the Park & Rec for more information at 262-796-3781.

The Brookfield Lion's Club will be on hand to take pictures and distribute them to anyone who wants their picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Prints will be available as well as requests to have photos emailed. You can take care of your Christmas card right here!



Come to the Fire Department at 645 North Janacek Road (196th and Bluemound Road) at 6:30 pm for the lighting of the Town Hall's Holiday Tree and all the fun of being with your

Come enjoy the company of your neighbors and the fantastic music that always accompanies this event.

Points of Interest

- Town Hall will be closed November 26 and 27 and December 24, 25, at noon on December 31, and January 1
- Dog licenses are due January 2010; forms are in your tax bills or come to the Town Hall
- Xmas tree pick-up will be through the end of January. Trees must be placed down by the road. Do not put it in a plastic bag and if larger than 6 feet tall, cut in half
- Holiday pick up schedule will be Wednesdays, December 23, and December 30; please have garbage out by 6:30 am those days
- Town Skate Night will be Sunday, February 14 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm with FREE entrance
- Final Yard Waste Drop Off will be Saturday, December 12 at Town Hall from 8:00 am—12:00 pm
- Yard waste pick up will be on November 21

2010 TOWN OF BROOKFIELD BUDGET

We are all facing tough economic times and the Town Board is extremely sensitive to the recent fiscal turmoil. With this in mind, the town board is committed to reducing or eliminating unnecessary spending, while continuing to provide the high level of service that our taxpayers have expected over the years. While other government units are raising property taxes, the Town of Brookfield is committed to eliminating the excesses of local government.

we have made cuts, there have been no cuts which will affect our essential services such as police, fire, and public works. The Town Board is deeply committed to providing the best possible public services at the lowest cost possible. Also, the town is on course to retire its bonding debt by 2012.



2008 mill rate: 3.56	2009 mill rate: 3.635
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Examples of typical town taxes for single family home:

Home assessed at \$200,000	2008 tax \$712	2009 tax \$726
\$300,000	2008 tax \$1,068	2009 tax \$1,089

Once again, the board looks to adopt a budget that accomplishes the above. The tax levy will increase by 2.5%. This levy increase is the first general fund increase in three years. The past three years had a zero fund increase. While



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Town of Brookfield Fire Department hosted its annual Open House on Saturday, October 3. The fire department's open house is held each year during National Fire Prevention Week. This year's national theme was "Stay Fire Smart – Don't Get Burned". The weather cooperated enough for the highlight of the day as Flight for Life landed their new helicopter in front of the fire station before a crowd of onlookers. Visitors to the open house had the opportunity to view a display of fire apparatus from the Town of Brookfield Fire Department as well as equipment from Waukesha County Emergency Support and Rehab, Town of Lisbon, Village of Elm Grove, and City of Brookfield Fire Departments. Department members were on hand to provide tours of the equipment and the firehouse, pass out information on fire and life safety, injury prevention, and emergency preparedness. The youngsters at this year's Open House were treated with fire helmets, badges, balloons, and a giant inflatable fire truck slide. Refreshments of hot dogs, popcorn, and cotton candy made the day a big hit for all.

WASTE NOTES

Appliance Disposal; you must call ahead to schedule for an appliance pick up. Call 262-367-6040 and then press 1 to reach Customer Service

The Town and waste contractor is not responsible for any items left within 10 feet of the garbage or recyclables. Refuse and recycling items must be placed on the drivable area of the driveway. Materials placed out for collection become the property of the town; no person may collect any of these items (most notably, recyclables).

RIBBON CUTTING

The Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce and Charro Tacos & Tequila celebrated Charro's Chamber Membership on Monday, October 12, 2009 with a



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Charro is located at 17800 W. Bluemound Road, Brookfield.

Charro Tacos & Tequila fuses Mexican and Latin Culture with only the freshest ingredients to deliver

extraordinary culinary creations. Hand selected seafood from Hawaii make up a variety of ceviches. Charro Tacos & Tequila incorporates some of the classics but with quality unsurpassed, proof is in our hand made tortillas. Charro Tacos & Tequila's progressive atmosphere and outstanding service is sure to spice up the night.

Pictured from left to right: DJ Swant of Brookfield Rehabilitation & Specialty Care; Dan Schultz of the Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce; Chad Schultz of Innovative Signs, Inc.; Sherry Douglas of SEEK Careers/Staffing, Inc.; Gary Lake of the Town of Brookfield; Allen Busse of Our Town; Miguel Sanchez (holding scissors), General Manager of Charro Tacos & Tequila; Omar Shaikh, Owner of Charro Tacos & Tequila; Michelle Prusinski of Sitzberger, Widmann & Co.; Judi Murphy of ActionCOACH of Elm Grove; Rick Czopp, Administrator of the Town of Brookfield; John Murphy of Murphy Associates; Carol White, President of the Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

BENEFITS OF MULCHING LEAVES

Mulching your leaves with a mulching mower can save you time and money as well as being better for the environment. Mulching returns nutrients to the soil thereby reducing the amount and cost of fertilizer you put down each year. There are significant benefits to your lawn in nitrogen, pH, and organic material levels.

Mulched leaves do not harm your lawn, nor do they create thatch. So when considering whether to rake or burn, consider mulching instead this fall. Give it a try; you will save time and money!



Waukesha County's Recycling website at www.waukeshacountry.gov/recycling has great information on starting your own compost bin and methods in which to use your household waste for fertilizer and mulch. Check it out!

IT'S SCARY THIS TIME OF YEAR

I trust everyone had a great Halloween and the little ghost and goblins have had a chance to finish the neighborhood treats. For most of the older ghosts and goblins in the Town, this has not been a good economic year. Like you, the Town is working on ways to provide the services we have enjoyed in the past, but at less cost. The result is not pleasant and the details will be presented at the Budget Meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm.

I realize that a budget meeting might not be the most exciting thing you can do on a Tuesday night, but you actually have a say in how your money is spent in the Town, and that really scares our neighbors. And yes, this is a cookie meeting!

-Chairman Keith Henderson

PARK & REC NEWS

PUNT/PASS/KICK CONTEST

Congratulations to everyone who braved the elements!

Boys - 8 and Under

First Place	Joseph Long
Second Place	Jack Kundinger

Boys - Age 9

First Place	Jack Cooney
Second Place	Phillip Long

Boys - Age 10

First Place	Luke Kundinger
Second Place	Joe Herbst

Girls - Age 9

First Place	Kathryn Gorczany
Second Place	Babes Kundinger

AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) BABYSITTING SAFETY COURSE

Boys and girls ages 11-15 (on or before the first class date) will address safety issues, preventing injuries, basic childcare, **Cancelled** decision-making skills, age appropriate behavior and play. Students must attend both classes to become certified. Bring a snack and drink to class. Min. 8 / Max. 12 participants. Register early as this class fills up REALLY quickly!

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2010

WHERE: Town Hall

WHEN: February 22 & 23; 4:00 - 7:00 pm

FEE: \$40

SPRING SOCCER

Registration for the Spring Soccer Season will begin February 23 and run through March 11, 2010. Make sure to come in early to assure formation of teams and volunteer to be a coach. You'll save \$5.00 per child on your registration fee and get to spend extra time with your kids. The commitment is only one hour per week and the time is priceless.

Practices are held at Wray Park once per week for five weeks beginning

around April 12, 2010. There is no travel and games are played within the practice schedule.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Fight the winter blahs by getting out and spikin' a ball. Simply show up at Pleasant Hill Elementary School (175 S. Barker Road) on the nights you want to participate. The games will be pick-up in nature. Call 796-3781 for more information. Call your neighbors and friends to assure the necessary number of participants for each night!

WHERE: Pleasant Hill School

WHEN: Thursdays, January 7 - March 11: 6:45 - 7:45 pm

(availability will be dependent on school closings; closed January 14, February 11, 18, 25 and March 11 and other dates as the school district schedules)

FEE: **FREE**

TOWN SKATE NIGHT

Skate away those long winter blues! Just come on down to Skateland at 1931 E. Main St. in Waukesha and strap on some skates. Who needs an excuse to get out of the house during the winter...but here is one anyway! Roller-skates will be provided or you can bring your own (including rollerblades!) We'll skate the day away listening to music and just gathering with all of our Town friends and families. Make sure you are there!!!

WHERE: Waukesha Skateland

WHEN: Sunday, February 14, 2010
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm

FEE: **FREE** (proof of residency required; skate rental \$2 or bring your own)

SPRING REGISTRATION DAY

On Saturday, March 27 from 8:00 am - 9:30 am at the Town Hall, Park & Recreation Registration will take place. Come in to sign up for all your spring and summer recreation needs including tennis, golf, art, baseball, softball, photography, kayaking and so much more.

Look for your 2010 Spring/Summer Rec Guide in the mail in February or go to the website at :

www.townofbrookfield.com

BOY SCOUT TROOP 16



Aaron Cranfill was presented his Scouting Eagle Award last June at a ceremony at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall after a move from the planned fire bowl celebration due to inclement weather conditions. Aaron coordinated and led the construction of a clothing pantry at All Peoples Lutheran Church in Milwaukee for his Eagle Project. He has earned 22 merit badges and organized the participation in Friends of Matt MD Fund raiser.

Paul Drees was presented his Scouting Eagle Award last August at an outdoor Fire bowl Celebration at St. John's Lutheran Church. His Eagle Project was the



coordinating and leadership in the building of 20 outdoor benches for the St. John's Fire bowl. He has accomplished earning 33 merit badges, Attendance Award for 4 years, and God and Life Religious Award.

Eddie Bettinger of Troop 16 organized and led the development of two decorative planting berms at our Town of Brookfield Marx Park for his scouting Eagle Service Project. 30 scouts, parents, and relatives helped build the dirt berms, plant 30 plants and bushes, mulch, and water.

TOWN TRUCK DAY



Another smashing success at Marx Park, Town Truck Day was held September 26. Mothers & More provided fantastic food and refreshments and the weather was just right for a fall special event. Thanks to all who participated!

Clerk's Corner

Read the Town Notification Boards

These Boards are located at:

Marx Park Town Hall Mayrose Blvd. Davidson Rd.
Weyer Road Wisconsin Ave. and Woelfel Rd.

- Attend Town Meetings. All town meetings are held at Town Hall, 645 North Janacek Road
- Visit the town website at www.townofbrookfield.com for agendas, minutes and town information.
- Read the Waukesha Freeman and Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel for notices and updates.

Just stop in!

The Town hall is north of Bluemound Road on Janacek Road (196th and Bluemound). Call us 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at 796-3788 for additional directions or information.

Town Hall Numbers

Emergency: Police and Fire

911

Police Dept. Administration (non-emergency) 796-3798

Police 24-hour Dispatch 446-5070

Fire Dept. (non-emergency) 796-3792

Clerk of Courts 796-3780

Park & Recreation 796-3781

Building Inspection 796-3790

Town Hall 796-3788

Sanitary District 798-8631

BURNING TIPS

A burning permit for residential burning is not required as long as the following conditions are met:

1. There is no burning of: garbage, material producing a noxious odor, material creating a health hazard, flammable liquids, open areas of standing grass, woods or brush, or combustibles in an amount exceeding two feet in height and five feet in diameter
2. Burning is only allowed during daylight hours
3. No burning when winds exceed 10 miles per hour
4. Burning in roadways or ditches is prohibited
5. Burning must occur at least 25 feet from the front lot line, 15 feet from the side lot line and 10 feet from the rear lot line
6. Adequate protection, such as a garden hose or fire extinguisher, must be readily available
7. When burning in a container, it must have a wire mesh cover with an opening of 1/2 inch or less and be more than 25 feet from any building

TAX COLLECTION HOURS

Waukesha County Treasurer (located in the Waukesha County Administration Building at 515 W. Moreland Blvd.) will be collecting property taxes once again Town of Brookfield residents. Make checks payable to *Waukesha County Treasurer*. Mortgage checks issued to you and/or your spouse need to be endorsed by all parties. Use the pre-addressed envelope included with the tax bill to mail payments. To pay in person, their office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

There is a depository box available 24 hours a day located east of the Administration Center across from Door 35. Refund checks will be issued in approximately six weeks.

Waukesha County administrative offices are closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1.

For further information or to pay online, go to www.waukeshacounty.gov or find information at the town's website at www.townofbrookfield.com.

ELECTION NEWS

Spring Primary
February 16, 2010

Spring Election
April 6, 2010

Two Town Board Supervisors will be up for election in Spring 2010. Town residents may pick up candidate packets at the Clerk's Office starting November 2009.

The packet will contain a Campaign Registration Statement, Registration Requirements, Declaration of Candidacy, and Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office. The first day nomination papers may be circulated is



Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Papers must be turned in to the Clerk's Office **no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.**

Go to the State Elections Board website for more information at elections.state.wi.us/

SNOW PLOWING SEASON UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Residents please check your mailboxes and lamp posts and repair them if they are loose, damaged or not adequately supported. Be sure that road right-of-way is clear of any objects, or obstacles because hazards can cause damage to public and private property when plowing. If your mailbox is damaged by a plow, please contact the Town Hall at 796-3788.



SNOW TO BE REMOVED WITHIN 24 HOURS

The owner and occupant of any lot or parcel in the Town abutting upon a public sidewalk shall, within 24 hours after the cessation of any storm during which snow has fallen, remove or cause to be removed from the portion of such sidewalk abutting his property all snow and ice which accumulated thereon.

Depositing snow on public right-of-way is also prohibited and you may be cited for non-compliance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

7.06(3)(D) Overnight parking restrictions. Unless authorized, no person shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street or highway in the Town from 2:00 am to 6:00 am.

SNOW SEASON PARKING RESTRICTIONS

7.06(3) (C) Snow Season Parking Restrictions; No person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle upon any street or highway in the Town from November 1 through April 30. (If you need to park on the roadway, please contact the Police Department for permission)

TIPS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM YOUR PROPERTY (ORDINANCE 8.07)

- * Depositing of snow on public right-of-way is prohibited.
- * Depositing snow or ice in public right-of-way is declared a nuisance.
- * Failure to comply with Town Ordinance can result in a municipal

citation and the property owner paying all expenses associated with the Town removing the snow.

- * Snow should be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours of the ending of a snowfall.
- * The area around fire hydrants should be cleared.

PREVENTING THEFT FROM VEHICLE

Most thefts from vehicles occur during the night, and are crimes of opportunity, many times involving unlocked cars. The following are recommendations for protecting your vehicle and your valuables:

- Lock Your Vehicle
- Don't Leave Valuables in Your Vehicle
- Take Your Keys

CRIME PREVENTION

During this busy holiday season, it is easy to forget that criminals don't take the holidays off. They are out there trying anyway possible to separate you

from your valuables. Here are some tips to help keep you from becoming a victim of a crime and to have a more enjoyable holiday season:

- Don't carry large amounts of cash with you
- Be sure to get all charge card receipts
- Place packages and other valuables in your trunk
- Park in well lit locations and always lock your vehicle
- Don't shop alone if it can be avoided
- Don't give money to organizations you are not familiar with
- Don't give personal information, i.e. social security number, to persons you don't know

Be alert to the persons and things around you and if you see something or someone unusual, call the police.

The 2010 Census questionnaires will be mailed to all residents in February and March, 2010. The questionnaire will be one of the shortest in history, consisting of 10 questions! It takes about 10 minutes to complete.

The Census is a count of everyone living in the United States, it is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, and it is very important that every resident in the Town of Brookfield participate.



Why?

The information collected by the Census will guide the distribution of more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments. The data are also used to determine representation in Congress and to help guide planning decisions, such as the placement of schools, hospitals, transportation, and business and industrial development.

Residents are required by law to complete the questionnaire and strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information they provide. Be sure to watch for the questionnaire in the mail and return it promptly. Everyone counts!

Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010. The questions ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household as of April 1, 2010.

A second form will be mailed to households that do not respond to the initial questionnaire. Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.)

The Census Bureau must count everyone and submit state population

United States
**Census
2010**

totals to the U.S. President by December 31, 2010.

GOODBYE LONG FORM

The Census Bureau has changed the way it conducts the national count. In the past, most households received a short-form questionnaire, while one household in six received a long form that contained additional questions and provided more detailed socioeconomic information about the population.

The 2010 Census will be a **short-form only** census and will count all residents living in the United States as well as ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship and housing tenure – taking just minutes to complete.

2010 CENSUS TIMELINE: KEY DATES

Fall 2009: Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010.

February – March 2010: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

April 1, 2010: Census Day

April – July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010: By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.

March 2011: By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

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