

Town Tidings



Covering all the news, events and happenings in the Town of Brookfield

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ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

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.

The board looks to adopt a budget that accomplishes the above. The tax levy will have 0% increase; the fourth such 0% increase in the past five years. While 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.

Annual Town Budget Meeting is Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm

Points of Interest

- Annual Celebration of Lights will be on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30 pm in the Fire Department
- Daylight Savings Time ends November 7
- Budget Public Hearing will be Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall
- Yard waste pick up will be on November 20
- The final 2010 Yard Waste Drop Off at Town Hall will take place on Saturday, December 18 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Town Hall will be closed November 25, 26, December 24, 27, 31 (half day), and January 3
- Holiday trash pick up will be on December 22 and December 29; please have garbage out by 6:30 am those days
- Get on the Town of Brookfield's Facebook page for immediate updates on events and happenings. 
- Town Skate Night will be on Sunday, February 13, 2011 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Waukesha Skateland...and it's **FREE!**

SANTA IS COMING TO THE TOWN

Santa and Mrs. Claus are making their annual trip to the Town of Brookfield, on December 1 at 6:30 pm. He is leaving his reindeer at the North Pole and the Town Fire Department will be picking them up and delivering them to the Town's Fire Station. Kids (and adults) will be able to sit on Santa's lap and "have a chat" with the jolly old guy. Also, the Town Holiday Tree will be lit, Hillcrest School kids will delight us with songs and we will have hot chocolate and cookies for all. Unfortunately, we have lost our photographer, so bring your own camera for picture taking and join us for some holiday fun!



TOWN OF BROOKFIELD TO JOIN BOOZE & BELTS TRAFFIC SAFETY MOBILIZATION

To keep the joyous holiday season from becoming a time of tragedy, Town of Brookfield will mobilize for the statewide "Booze and Belts" traffic crash prevention effort from December 3 to 19, 2010.

During the Booze and Belts mobilization, our officers will be out in force to prevent needless traffic deaths and injuries by arresting drunken drivers and enforcing the mandatory safety belt law.

Law enforcement officers throughout the state are stringently cracking down on motorists who irresponsibly choose to ignore safety belt and impaired driving laws. With Wisconsin's new

primary enforcement law, officers may stop and ticket drivers and passengers who are not wearing safety belts even if the officers do not observe another violation.

During this mobilization and throughout the year, our goal is to save lives and prevent injuries, not to write more safety belt tickets or make more drunken driving arrests. We hope that people will voluntarily decide to buckle up and drive sober. But if they don't, our intensified enforcement will increase the risks of getting caught. But we must continue our traffic safety enforcement, like the Booze and Belts mobilization, until we attain our ultimate goal of zero preventable traffic deaths in Wisconsin.

FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

Have your chimney inspected annually, and cleaned as necessary by a chimney professional to ensure it's clear of obstructions and creosote.

Have a cap installed at the top of the chimney to avoid the possibility that debris or animals can block the chimney.

Install both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors making sure that the batteries work.

Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.

Make sure that the area around the fireplace is clear of furniture, books, newspapers and other potentially flammable materials.

Always close the fire screen when in use.

When cleaning the fireplace, store the ashes in a non-combustible container with a tightly fitting lid and place the container away from the house.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Town of Brookfield Fire Department hosted its annual Open House on Saturday, October 2. The fire department's open house is held each year during National Fire Prevention Week. 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, Village of Elm Grove, and the Cities of Brookfield and New Berlin 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.



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 any storm during which snow has fallen, remove from the portion of the sidewalk abutting his property all snow and ice which accumulated for the safety of all.



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

FOLLOWING SNOWPLOWS

State law prohibits a person operating a vehicle from following an officially engaged snowplow closer than 75 feet upon a highway having a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. The law also requires a person operating a vehicle to stop not less than 20 feet when approaching a snowplow from the rear, while the snowplow is engaged as described above and stopped at an intersection. Additionally, the law requires the person operating a vehicle to remain stopped until the snowplow resumes motion.

RECYCLING OF ELECTRONICS

Recently the DNR has put into effect that all electronics are banned from landfills. Veolia, our waste carrier, will only take TV's that are 27" or larger placed curbside. (please call for pick up at 262-367-4060). All other electronics are to be returned to the retailers or manufacturers.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste includes: brush, grass, leaves, garden debris.

Yard Waste Specifications:

1. Grass, leaves & garden debris shall be bagged in paper biodegradable yard waste bags, disposable cardboard boxes 3'x3'x3' (Appliance boxes ARE NOT acceptable), or unlined 32-gallon garbage cans with handles. You may also use plastic bags by purchasing and placing a sticker on each bag. Stickers in lots of twenty-five (25) for fifty cents (\$0.50) per sticker can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office or by sending a payment of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) along with a self-addressed stamped long 4 1/8" x 9 1/2" envelope to the Town Hall.
2. Brush (branches less than 2 inches in diameter) must be cut to 4 foot lengths and bundled securely.
3. No bag or bundle shall weigh more than 60 pounds.

Yard Waste must be at the curb the night before pick up.

Collection Calendar

Saturday - November 21

Special Yard Waste Drop Off Date at Town Hall

Saturday, December 12

Residents can come to the town hall from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm on this day only to drop off yard waste (and only yard waste). No plastic bags will be accepted. You must use paper yard waste bags or take home containers.

2011 RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Saturday Yard Waste Collection Dates:

- May 14
- June 18
- October 22
- November 19

Saturday Town Hall Drop Off Dates

- April 16
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- December 17

Hours are 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. No plastic bags allowed.

PARK & REC NEWS

SPRING SOCCER

Residents and non-residents ages 4 - 6 are welcome to register for youth soccer from February 22 - March 10.

The season will run the weeks of April 11 - May 23 (depending on the weather). The program will be run in two levels again this spring; 4-year-olds and 5-6 year-olds. The four-year-olds will practice once a week for 45 minutes and the 5-6 year olds will be once a week for approximately one hour. The last three weeks of the season, the 5-6 year olds will practice for about 30 minutes and play a game for around 30 minutes. All of these policies may be amended by the coach as needed.

Instructional Soccer

4 yr: born between 8/1/06 - 7/31/07
5/6 yr: born between 8/1/04 - 7/31/06

FEE: \$25

ARC BABYSITTING CLASS

Boys and girls ages 11-15 (on or before the first class date) will address safety issues, preventing injuries, basic childcare, first aid, 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!

WHEN: February 21 and 22;
5:15 - 8:15 pm

WHERE: Town Hall

ART ATTACK

All classes will be at Town Hall. Register immediately.

Fantasy Art

Incorporate fantasy elements like dragons, fairies, and more into projects that involve various art materials and techniques. Class will use clay, drawing, painting and more to design and imagine creatures of all kinds. This 3 week class is for 1st through 4th graders. All materials are provided. Classes are 1 hour.

WHEN: Saturdays, November
13 - 27

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

FEE: \$45

Space Art

Examine the vast regions of space through art. Learn about the planets and other aspects of the solar system such as comets and stars. In this class kids will draw and use clay and or techniques to create their own planets and use their imagination. Class is for 2nd through 5th graders. All materials are provided. Class meets for two weeks for one hour each.

WHEN: Saturdays,
December 4 and 11
11:00 am - noon

FEE: \$25

Design Star

Create items to decorate your room, wear, or give as gifts. We will make items such as picture frames and storage boxes. We will paint, collage, stencil and more to create one of a kind items. This class will last 1 hour for four weeks. Class is for 3rd through 6th graders. All materials are provided.

WHEN: Saturdays,
January 8 - 29
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

FEE: \$45

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, 12/27, 12/31, 1/3.

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

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 13, 2011;
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

FEE: **FREE** (with your own skates; rent skates for \$2)



Brookfield Chamber of Commerce grand opening of A Gluten Free Frenzy

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