

Town Tidings



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

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SANTA IS COMING TO THE TOWN

On **Wednesday, December 7** 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. Park in the upper, town hall lot and walk down the stairs to the Fire Department. Call the Park & Rec for more information at 262-796-3781.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to take pictures with you on stage. 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 24 and 25 and December 23 and 26, at noon on December 30, and January 2
- Dog licenses are due January 2012; 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
- Town Skate Night will be Sunday, February 12 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm with FREE entrance
- Final Yard Waste Drop Offs will be Wednesday, November 30 2-7 pm and Saturday, December 12 at Town Hall from 8 am—12 pm
- Final Yard Waste Pick Up will be on November 19
- Wray Park ice skating is available with lights on from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

2012 TOWN OF BROOKFIELD BUDGET

On November 15, 2011 the Town Board will hold a public hearing and approve its 2012 general fund operations budget. For the third year in a row, the town is not raising its tax levy. What this means is that the town is holding the line on spending, yet still providing top notch services. In addition, the town general fund is making its last debt payment in 2012. The town will be debt free which will allow us to save for future capital improvements.

Town property owners will pay approximately \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The general fund budget public hearing is for you, the town taxpayer. The meeting is at 7 pm November 15 at the Town Hall located at 645 N. Janacek Road. The budget will be presented and the town board as well as the administrator and all department heads will be present to answer any of your questions regarding the proposed budget.

This meeting is a great opportunity to see how your town government works and to meet and discuss town operations with your elected officials. Also, the town chairman will have freshly baked cookies for you to enjoy, so see you on November 15!

-Administrator Rick Czopp



RITA EISENACH

We remember the passing of Rita Eisenach this past month and all that she and her husband, Bob, did for the town. They began the town's Little League program in 1960 and were instrumental in creating, expanding, and running many of the Park & Recreation programs that you still can see and participate in today.

They were able to use Pleasant Hill and Hillcrest Schools to run many programs including basketball, arts, games, and softball programs. Marx Park was developed under her watch as well and the Fourth of July Picnic and Parade became a town institution through her tireless volunteer efforts.

Tennis lessons, family trips, a run/walk and other activities were a few more of the activities you saw in the 70's through her efforts. She also raised nine children in this time!

Look for recognition of Rita at the Annual Meeting in April and thanks to all the family members and former participants in Rita's activities for sharing their incredible stories.

EAGLE SCOUT

An Eagle Rank Presentation Ceremony for Clayton Lewis was held at St. John's Lutheran Church on May 13. Jim Kieso, the troop unit commissioner representing the



Potawatomi Council, presented Clayton with his Eagle Badge. His grandfather, William Lewis, gave the presenter's address. The troop presented an

impressive scout values candle light and flag ceremony. A reception with refreshments and an Eagle cake followed.

Clayton lead the organization and implementation of the renovation of the Brookfield Manor Park Trail by laying wood chips to make a pathway. He earned 36 Merit Badges.

SPEED GRANT

The Town of Brookfield Police Department has received a \$15,000.00 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety to crackdown on speeders. The funds may be used to pay for officers' overtime and to purchase new equipment for improved enforcement.



Speeding is prevalent and deadly in Wisconsin. In 2010, speed-related crashes



were listed as a contributing factor in 18.3% of all crashes and almost 32.5% of all fatal crashes. 168 people died in these crashes. Excessive speed is often associated with other high-risk behaviors that increase the likelihood of a crash and of

significant injury or death occurring, these include following too closely and failure to wear safety belts.

We are striving to get drivers to comply voluntarily with the posted speed limits and other traffic laws in order to prevent crashes. Our goal is not to write more speeding tickets. However, if voluntary compliance fails we will not hesitate to enforce speed limits and other traffic laws. A speeding ticket costs hundreds of dollars. But the real price you pay for exceeding speed limits is endangering your life and the lives of everyone else on the road.

The grant will run through September 2012.

-Chief Chris Perket

RADAR SPEED TRAILER - SPEED MONITORING AWARENESS PROGRAM

This past summer The Town of Brookfield Police Department acquired a Radar Speed Trailer by receiving funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. This device can be deployed to locations where the police department receives requests for monitoring the speed of

enforcement in that neighborhood or roadway and for determining other methods for reducing vehicle speeds.

This device provides feedback to the motorist of their speed and brings their speed to a higher level of attention letting them know to slow down if they are speeding. Many times motorists are not aware they are speeding.

traffic. The Speed Trailer reads the speed of an approaching vehicle and displays it on a large digital board on the trailer. Speeds at or less than the speed limit will be shown in a solid amber color and for speeds over the speed limit, it will display a flashing readout. A message indicating "SLOW DOWN" can be set to flash or red and blue lights can flash as ways to catch the motorists' attention to their speed. The speed limit sign for that particular roadway is placed above the digital display board. In addition, the trailer can also record each vehicles speed and provide statistical reports for use in the analysis of providing additional



Traffic safety is a priority for this community. As speed awareness goes up, motorists slow down, making our neighborhoods and roadways safer. This speed enforcement awareness program benefits the citizens and visitors of the Town of Brookfield as it has an impact on all motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians who travel our roadways.

This helps the department deploy limited resources more efficiently.

If you would like your street to be considered for monitoring and placement of the radar speed trailer please contact the Town of Brookfield Police Department at 262-796-3798.

PARK & REC NEWS

COOKING CLASSES

Fast & Fabulous Homemade Bread, Soup & Salad...

January 23, 2012; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

The smell of fresh bread baking in the oven; nothing says comfort quite like it or fills the kitchen with such warmth. But, bread baking can be a tedious, time consuming affair that most of us don't want to attempt.

Today, though, I will show you that you can mix up fresh dough and bake up a delicious loaf in just minutes a day. No "knead" to worry about kneading or proofing or testing the dough for ripeness--just mix and go!

You'll sample Artisan-style breads such as *Herbed Baguette* or *Whole Wheat Peasant Loaf*, served with *Italian Wedding Soup*, *Simple Italian Salad* and *Chocolate Glazed Brownies* for dessert.

Comfort Foods for the Long Winter!

February 20, 2012; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

This class will show you how to cook a great stick-to-your-ribs meal for your family, using all the goodies in your cupboard. I'll provide you with a pantry list to help keep your kitchen well-stocked so that you can come home from work and whip up a great meal without a special trip to the grocery store. You'll sample...

"Kitchen Sink" Chicken & Veggie Soup, *Garlic Rolls*, *Oven-fried Chicken with Barley Pilaf and Glazed Carrots*, and *Monster Cookies* for dessert

Fast and Fabulous Chicken

March 19, 2012; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

This program uses chicken in fabulous dishes designed for weeknight dinners. These recipes are easy on your time and budget. Most have 5 ingredients or less and use items you have on hand along with convenience products. And all dishes are on the table in 30 minutes or less. You will taste *Santa Fe Chicken Quesadillas*, *Mediterranean Pasta (in minutes!!)*, *Easy Chicken Enchiladas*, *Staci's Chicken Piccata* and *Chicken and Feta Tostadas*.

Instructor: Staci Joers

WHERE: Town Hall

FEE: \$25

SPRING SOCCER

Registration for the Spring Soccer Season will begin February 21 and run through March 8, 2012. 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 16, 2012. There is no travel and games are played within the practice schedule.

FEE: \$25

ART ATTACK

All classes will be at Town Hall. Register immediately.

Toddler and Me Art Explorers

This one time class is for a parent/guardian and their 3-4 year old child. Let your child start exploring art concepts while taking the mess outside your own house. Finger paint, stamp and explore. Please dress children in smocks or clothing that is ok to get messy. Parents are required to stay for the entire class. Class will be set up with stations for children to try as many or as few as they like.

WHEN: Saturday, January 16, 2012
10:00 am - 11:00 am

FEE: \$25

Crazy Crafters

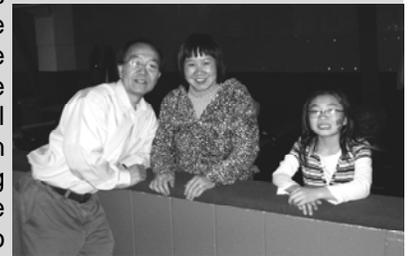
Purple, green, gold and every color to be seen. This one time hour and a half long class lets kids get out some of their winter blahs by making bright colored, fun arts and crafts. They will get to try several fun materials and projects in this exploratory class. Please be aware that projects will not have time to dry before coming home with you but we will do our best to package them so they do not make a mess in transport.

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2012
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

FEE: \$25

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 12, 2011 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 pm

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

SPRING REGISTRATION DAY

On Saturday, March 31 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 2012 Spring/Summer Rec Guide in the mail in February or go to the website at :

www.townofbrookfield.com

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 for 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 12/23, 12/26, 12/30, 1/2.

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 21, 2012

Spring Election
April 3, 2012

Two Town Board Supervisors will be up for election in Spring 2012. Town residents may pick up candidate packets at the Clerk's Office starting November 2011.

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 **Thursday, December 1, 2011**. Papers must be turned in to the Clerk's Office **no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2012**.



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.

WISCONSIN ELECTION LAWS - PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

Beginning in 2012, you cannot receive a ballot until you have met ID requirements. Wisconsin does not issue a separate "Voter ID" card. Instead you must use one of the photo IDs listed below.

Your photo ID does not need to show a current address.

Acceptable forms of Photo ID

- Wisconsin driver license*
- Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card*
- U.S. passport*
- Military ID card*

*The above documents may not have expired earlier than the date of the last November election.

- Certificate of naturalization issued within last two years
- Unexpired Wisconsin driver license or state ID receipt
- ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- Unexpired ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains an issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within two years of issuance, along with a separate document showing proof of current enrollment.

If you are eligible to vote but do not have an acceptable ID, you may obtain a free ID for purposes of voting. Please visit <http://gab.wi.gov> and click "Voter Photo ID" for more information.



The Town of Brookfield Fire Department held their Open House on Saturday, October 1. Flight For Life flew in and there were fantastic activities for all. Thanks to those who came.



POLICE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

The Town of Brookfield Police Department has as varied a history as the town itself. The earliest records of law enforcement protection to town citizens was in 1941 when a man named William Wolcott was sworn in as the first Constable. His duties included most of the same duties your officers do now. Back in the 40's, he was also responsible for issuing driver's licenses! The "test" usually involved a resident driving around with Constable Wolcott in the passenger's seat!

In the 1940's there was no serious crime in the town and traffic was only just beginning to be a problem. The end of 1945 saw the close of World War II and the westward expansion and growth of the town. In 1948 Constable Wolcott was appointed "Chief Constable", and needed help. He appointed Lawrence Majeskie as Sergeant to assist him. The police department was formally recognized with the elimination of the Constable position and making the Chief Constable the "Chief Officer" of the Town of Brookfield Police Department in 1955. Since then the title has been

changed to simply "Chief" and remains that way today.

Prior to joining the department as a Sergeant, Majeskie had been a deputy sheriff with Waukesha County. He had been a resident of the town for over 50 years and was known to the residents simply as, "Larry".

When asked in a 1957 newspaper article what his biggest frustration was, he replied, "Goerke's Corners". (Not much has changed in 50+ years!) The two lane road between Madison, Waukesha and Milwaukee became a "bottleneck" with traffic and contributed to the major problems that occurred on the narrow thoroughfare.

Next in line to take the post of the Chief was Harlan Ross, who was appointed in 1973 to replace Majeskie. Ross, affectionately known as, "Barney" came to the Town of Brookfield from the Village of Big Bend to assume command of the department when the simpler and easier times were on their way out. Town residents now locked their doors and windows and crime nearly doubled between 1986 (764) to 1987 (1,472) because of residential development and the expansionist

movement. Theft, drunk driving, drugs and even murder were now being reported. Pressure during Chief Ross' tenure continued. After 14 years as the Chief, a request of the Town Board was made for help. Calvin Williams was hired in 1985 and became a full time officer in 1986. During Chief Ross' 17 years at the Town of Brookfield Police Department, he had hired nearly 100 officers on a part time basis in a training conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Chief Ross' philosophy was based on public relations—doing things not police related. He enjoyed the families of the town who most he knew by name. He retired from the department August 10, 1990.

At present, the position of Police Chief is held by Chris Perket. He is supported by a team including one Captain and two Sergeants (one assigned to patrol supervision and one to investigation supervision). Sixteen Police Officers now round out the roster in both part time and full time positions, along with a full time administrative assistant.

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in making the community a better place.



Happy
Holidays
to all!