

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 5** we will once again welcome Hillcrest Elementary to this family-focused event. Beautiful-bright lights, Christmas carols, hot chocolate, cookies and whole lot of fun describes this great holiday celebration! So don't miss this year's Santa is Coming to the Town gathering which will be held at the Town Hall lower level parking lot and Fire Department. There will even be a visit from jolly ol' St. Nick and Mrs. Claus!

WHEN:

Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm

WHERE:

Town Hall/Fire Department

FEE: FREE!



Points of Interest

- Town Hall will be closed November 22 and 23 and December 24 and 25, at noon on December 31, and January 1
- Dog licenses are due January 2013; 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 17 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm with FREE entrance
- Final Yard Waste Drop Offs will be Wednesday, November 28 2-7 pm and Saturday, December 15 at Town Hall from 8 am-12 pm
- Final Yard Waste Pick Up will be on November 17
- Wray Park ice skating is available with lights on from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

2013 TOWN GENERAL FUND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for the 2013 Town Budget will be held on November 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm. This will be the fourth year in a row where there will be a zero increase in the town levy. Please join us at the town hall to discuss the budget and meet the town board and department heads. They will all be on hand to answer any questions you have about your town government.



EASTER EGG HUNT

It seems like a long way off but the Easter Bunny is already making her plans. Make sure to put Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am SHARP at Max Park on your calendar.



Make sure you bring a basket and your camera as the Easter Bunny herself will be on hand to sit with the kids.

Volunteers are always welcome to help the Easter Bunny stuff eggs with all the goodies. Contact Chad at the Park & Rec Department at 262-796-3781 or email at: parkrec@townofbrookfield.com to volunteer or ask any questions.

NEW AMBULANCE

The Town of Brookfield Fire Department recently took delivery of a new ambulance. The



The new ambulance was built by Life Line Ambulance in Sumner, Iowa and was placed in service in early October. The new ambulance is built on a 2012 Ford F-550 chassis and replaces an older 1999 Freightliner ambulance. The Town of Brookfield Fire Department has two ambulances in their fleet and are able to manage multiple simultaneous calls. The ambulance is staffed by two paramedics capable of providing advanced life support services twenty-four hours a day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Town of Brookfield Fire Department hosted its annual Open House on October 6. The fire department's open house is held each year during the month of October to bring recognition to National Fire Prevention Week. The weather cooperated to provide a beautiful fall day for the event. As has become an

annual tradition, 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 as well as surrounding communities. 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, other assorted hand-outs, and a giant inflatable fire truck slide. Refreshments of hot dogs, popcorn, and cotton candy made the day a big hit for all. Make sure you put it on your calendar for next year!

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?

Winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. For example, in the last five years, Wisconsin has averaged 56,000 motor vehicle crashes during winter months. An average of 55 people are killed and 6,000 injured on icy or snow-covered road.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is also a danger. According to the Centers for Disease Control, carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the US, with more than 20,000 people visiting the emergency room and nearly 500 killed each year from overexposure to this gas.

Now is the time to winterize your car and home, gather items for an emergency kit in your car, and make sure you have a NOAA Weather Radio with fresh batteries. Additional winter weather tips and how to put together a winter emergency kit are available at readywisconsin.wi.gov. In addition, there are numerous winter storm maps and a history of Wisconsin's winter weather produced by the National Weather Service.

EAGLE SCOUT

Chad Schaefer was our latest Troop 16 scout to be honored at an Eagle Presentation Ceremony held at St. John's Lutheran Church on May 11, 2012



The Ceremony included the presentation, by past Troop 16 Eagles, of an American Flag flown over the National Capitol, a scout value candle lighting ceremony, slides of Chad growing up, kind words by Eagle Presenter, Mark Paget, the badge presentation by our TOB chairman, Keith Henderson and a cake and appetizer reception.

Chad earned 34 merit badges and for his Eagle Service Project, he organized and lead the troop in the implementation of disassembling a 500 foot section of split rail fencing in need of repair and straightening, redug the 50

post holes and reassembled the fencing at the Wehr Nature Center in Franklin.

Additionally, there was an Eagle Scout awarded to Matthew Peterson. The troop 16 Institutional Representative, James Mathes presented the badge and Jeff Mrochinski, one of Matt's South High School Teachers, gave the Eagle presenter presentation.

The ceremony also included a scout law candle lighting ceremony, the honoree's minute, followed by a cake and punch reception. Matt earned 28 Merit Badges and for his Eagle Service Project, he lead, organized, and directed the removal of overgrowth in a green space at the St. John's Church, reseeded the area, and constructed a circular bench.



PARK & REC NEWS

COOKING CLASSES

Pomegranate

Monday, November 26; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Pomegranates are now being featured as one of the hot new "super foods" that both tastes good and is good for you. The powerful antioxidants in the fruit help retard aging and can neutralize almost twice as many free radicals as red wine and seven times as many as green tea.



So, we'll be thinking healthy and we're going to prepare some fabulous dishes featuring pomegranate that will be great for holiday entertaining.

You'll sample:

Pork Tenderloin with Pomegranate Salsa, Autumn Rice Pilaf, Green Beans with Pomegranate, Goat Cheese, and finally, Almonds and Pomegranate Sorbet

Culinary Classics

Monday, December 17; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Are you bored with the same old, same old? Want to learn a few great recipes that are perfect for dinner with the family but are elegant enough to entertain even the most discerning guest? Well, this is the class for you! You'll learn to prepare these 2 great menus and taste everything.

Menu 1 - Chicken Cordon Bleu served with Duchesse Potatoes and Asparagus with Hollandaise

Menu 2 - Italian Beef Spiedini Rolls served with Aglio, Olio ed Erbe (Pasta with garlic, olive oil & herbs) and Braised Green Beans

Instructor: Staci Joers

WHERE: Town Hall

FEE: \$25 each class

SPRING SOCCER

Registration for the Spring Soccer Season will begin February 19 and run through March 7, 2013. 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 8, 2013. 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.

Creative Creations

This class will combine the traditional and the funky to create some amazing art work. Kids will create paintings, drawings, and more, using a mix of traditional and nontraditional items. From painting with food to creating homemade stamps, kids will make some fun projects during this four week class. Classes are for kindergarten through 3rd grade.

WHEN: November 3, 10, 17, 24; 10:00 am - 10:30 am

FEE: \$25

Create With Me

This class is for a guardian and their child. Parents will help children advance their skills doing everything from cutting to beading and more. Working in stations kids will create several projects each week while being allowed to work at their own pace. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Class is for kids ages 3-5.

WHEN: January 5, 12, 19, 26; 11:00 am - 11:30 am

FEE: \$25

Art Explorations

This class is for students who want to further explore traditional materials from clay to painting. Students will explore one material a week for four weeks. Class is for 2nd to 5th graders.

WHEN: Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23
1:00 pm - 1:45 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 17, 2013; 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 pm

FEE: FREE (proof of residency required; skate rental included or bring your own)



SPRING REGISTRATION DAY

On Saturday, March 30 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.

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 12/24, 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.

UTILITIES INFORMATION

FORWARDING UTILITY BILL

Due to the fact that the U.S. Postal Service does not forward any mail that is addressed to "current resident", if you have moved, or are leaving the area for any considerable length of time and would like your utility bill to be sent in your name to another address, we require that you make that request "in writing". You can come into our office for an Address Change Form or you can download a copy from the town's website at www.townofbrookfield.com, click on "Departments", "Sanitary District No. 4 Information" and look for our forms.

EXERCISING YOUR VALVES

When we come out to make a scheduled meter change, we find that many of the valves before and after the meter have not been exercised and are stiff or frozen. This can be problematic when we change the meter. It could be catastrophic if a pipe in your house breaks and you need to turn the water off as that is your main feed line. It would be prudent to exercise the valves, turning them off and on at least once a year, as we do with our main valves.

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 ENFORCEMENT



The Town of Brookfield Police Department is expected to receive funding from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety to crackdown on speeders, seatbelts and drunk drivers. The funds will be used to pay for officers' overtime and to purchase new equipment for improved enforcement. The grant will run through September 2013.

Speeding is prevalent and deadly in Wisconsin. In 2011, speed-related crashes were listed as a contributing factor in 16.3% of all crashes and almost 27.1% of all fatal crashes.

160 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.

In 2011, 52% of persons killed and 25% of persons sustaining incapacitating injuries in Wisconsin crashes were NOT wearing safety belts. Many of these people were ejected from their vehicle. The Click-it or Ticket program is intended to encourage extraordinary seat-belt enforcement in areas of the state with low seatbelt usage.

As a reminder, there is **no parking on any town street** from November 1 through April 30. This ordinance was created for your safety to allow access of snow removal equipment, fire apparatus, and police vehicles during winter weather conditions.



-Chief Chris Perket

FROM THE JUDGE'S BENCH

Did you know....

Anyone convicted of a drunk driving (first offense) who has a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration of .15 or greater, or is convicted of an improper refusal to take a



Also, just a reminder....the law NOW prohibits drivers under an instructional permit or a probationary license from driving any motor vehicle while using a cellular or other wireless telephone device, except to report an

chemical test, will be ordered to have an Ignition Interlock Device (IID) installed on **every** vehicle with defendant's name on the title or registration. In addition, his or her operating privileges will be restricted to driving anyone else's vehicle only if equipped with an interlock device. The IID restriction must be for one year and does not start until the Department of Transportation issues a

emergency. The law took effect November 1, 2012. The penalty is a forfeiture of not less than \$20 **plus costs** nor more than \$40 **plus costs** for the first offense and not less than \$50 **plus costs** nor more than \$100 **plus costs** for the second conviction within one year.



an occupational or reinstated license. There is not an option to "wait out" the one year

period. The cost of the IID installed and maintained in a vehicle for the one year period is approximately \$1000 per vehicle.

Covered in the next issue....What are costs? How does a \$50 forfeiture penalty become \$114 owed to the court?

-Judge JoAnn Eiring



POLICE DEPARTMENT

There have been several changes within the Town of Brookfield Police Department lately beginning with the resignation of Captain Timothy Imler who served the Town of Brookfield from 1997 through November 9 of this year. Captain Imler brought many great changes to the department over his 15 years, and he will be missed greatly. We want to wish the best to Tim and his family.

In March of this year, the Town of Brookfield Police Department said good-bye to Officer Patti Kennedy who served the Town of Brookfield since 1995. Officer Kennedy brought knowledge and experience to the department along with Gracie (her horse) to the Fourth of July celebration.

The Town of Brookfield Police Department is proud to say that Officer Don Bishop is serving the citizens as the department's newest full-time officer and on April 19, 2012 the department welcomed Nicole Funk as our newest part-time police Officer.

As you can see, there have been several changes within the department, but we continue to serve the citizens of the Town of Brookfield with the highest quality police service. If the Town of Brookfield Police Department can be of any assistance at any time, please feel free to contact any of the officers of the department or myself.

The Town of Brookfield Police Administrative Office will be closed on the same schedule as the Town Hall

The members of the police department wish to thank the citizens of the Town of Brookfield for your continued support over the past year. The information provided to us regarding crime and safety issues, and the genuine concern displayed by the residents of the Town has been greatly appreciated. We hope the police department has provided you with quality service this past year. We will continue to strive to find ways to provide quality service in the future. Please do not hesitate to call us for any crime or safety issue – we are glad to hear from you and need your help in keeping the Town a safe place to live and work. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

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Happy
Holidays
to all!