

# 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 4** 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 4 at 6:30 pm

#### WHERE:

Town Hall/Fire Department

**FEE: FREE!**



## Points of Interest

- Town Hall will be closed November 28 and 29 and December 24 and 25, at noon on December 31, and January 1
- Dog licenses are due January 2014; 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 23 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm with FREE entrance
- Final Yard Waste Drop Off will be Saturday, December 14 at Town Hall from 8 am - 12 pm
- Final Yard Waste Pick Up will be on November 23
- Wray Park ice skating is available with lights on from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### 2014 TOWN GENERAL FUND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for the 2014 Town Budget will be held on November 19, 2013 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, April 19 at 10:00 am SHARP at Marx 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](mailto:parkrec@townofbrookfield.com) to volunteer or ask any questions.

## FIRE PREVENTION

Each year in the month of October one week is designated as Fire Prevention Week. The intent of Fire Prevention Week is to educate the public and call attention to fire safety practices. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Prevent Kitchen Fires". Did you know that kitchen fires account for 46.1% of all residential fires? Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. It is also the leading cause of home fire injuries. Cooking fires often result from unattended cooking or human error, rather than mechanical failure of stoves or ovens. The National Fire Protection Association offers the following tips for cooking safety.

## COOK WITH CAUTION

- If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stove top.
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are using the stove, check it regularly, and remain in the home. Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

- Keep anything that can catch fire – over mitts, utensils, towels - away from your stove top.
- Create a "kid free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove when cooking.

## IF YOU HAVE A COOKING FIRE

- Just get out and close the door behind you to help contain the fire, be sure others are getting out.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- Keep a lid nearby when cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stove top. Leave the pan covered until it has completely cooled.
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.



You can take your own fire prevention quiz by going to:

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week/fire-prevention-week-quiz>

## 2014 ELECTION SCHEDULE

February 18, 2014 - Spring Primary; if required  
April 1, 2014 - Spring Election  
August 12, 2014 - Partisan Primary;  
Replaces September Election  
November 4, 2014 - General Election

## Registration to Vote:

May be done by mail and must be received in the Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm on the second Wednesday preceding the election. It can also be done in the municipal clerk's office by 5:00 pm the Friday before an election, or at the polls on the day of election.



**Absentee Ballot procedure:** All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing with the signature of the voter. The application shall be received no later than 5:00 pm the Thursday immediately preceding the election. If application is made in person it shall be made no later than 5:00 pm on the Friday preceding the election. This excludes electors who are sequestered jurors or hospitalized.

## EAGLE SCOUT

There was Eagle Presentation Ceremony on August 16, 2013 at St. John's Lutheran Church for William Lewis of the Town of Brookfield.



The ceremony included an American Flag presentation by past Troop 16 Eagles, Scouting Spirit Candle Lighting Ceremony, and Will's growing up slide show,

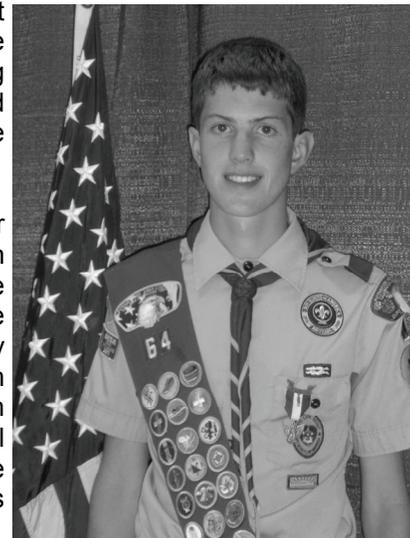
Larry Long the Troop 16 Chairman spoke of Will's character and Ivan Correa the Potawatomi Council Scouting Executive made the presentation of the Award

Will earned 39 Merit Badges and organized and led the troop in landscaping the nature center circular green space at Lapham Peak State Park for his Eagle Service Project.

Congratulations also go to new Eagle Scout Andrew Ewert, who is a member of Troop 64. To earn Boy Scouting's highest award, Andy had to earn at least 21 merit badges, serve as a leader in his Troop, and complete a major community service project.

Andy's service project was to lead the Troop in remodeling Elm Grove Lutheran School's stage. It had been used as a school library and made into office space. His renovation plan included carpet removal, sanding the stage floor, and painting the floor, walls, and ceiling so it can again be used as a school stage.

His Eagle Court of Honor was on July 1, 2013, on the very stage he remodeled at Elm Grove Lutheran School. Andy graduated from Waukesha North High School last June and will be attending Carthage College, in Kenosha, this Fall.



Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts from the town!

## PARK & REC NEWS

### SPRING SOCCER

Registration for the Spring Soccer Season will begin February 19 and run through March 7, 2014. 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 7, 2014. There is no travel and games are played within the practice schedule.

**FEE:** \$25

### COOKING CLASSES

#### Holiday Entertaining in Style

The holidays are here and guests are coming over, you want to WOW them but aren't sure what to make. Well, I've got the perfect menu that is sure to impress. You'll sample... *Velvet Consommé (a light, smooth cream soup), Salt-crusted Prime Rib Roast with Herb & Horseradish Smashed Potatoes, Bacon glazed Brussels sprouts Fall Fruit & Wine Compote for dessert*

**WHEN:** Monday, November 25; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Town Hall  
**FEE:** \$30

#### Chocolate!

Valentine's Day is upon us and it's as good a reason as any to buy some chocolate or make something with chocolate and most definitely to EAT something with chocolate in it. You'll learn to make Traditional Chocolate Truffles and a perfect chocolate fudge plus, I'll pass on to you these fabulous recipes to make for your family or that special someone. You'll sample... *Chambord Truffles Traditional Chocolate Fudge, Chocolate & Orange Fondue with assorted dippers, S'more Cake*

**WHEN:** Thur., January 30, 2014; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Town Hall  
**FEE:** \$30

#### Cooking with Wine #2

Cooking with Wine is an essential technique that every cook should master. Wine adds depth to your food along with balance, fruity and acidic flavors and more. Learn to cook with wine and sample this fabulous menu that you can then serve at your next gathering. You'll sample... *Smoked Cheese and Wine Dip with Apples, Fresh Greens with White Wine Vinaigrette, Chicken Piccata with Wild Mushroom Risotto, Strawberry-Rhubarb Fool with Red Wine*

**WHEN:** Tues., March 25, 2014; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Town Hall  
**FEE:** \$30

#### Under the Tuscan Sun

Frances Mayes entered a wondrous new world when she began restoring an abandoned villa in the spectacular Tuscan countryside. She wrote about her adventures in a lovely book that eventually became a movie of the same

title. Tonight you'll sample some fabulous food inspired by the book and movie "Under the Tuscan Sun" *Arugula and Fennel Salad, Chicken with Artichokes & Sun-dried Tomatoes & Chickpeas, Zucchini Linguine with Fresh Herbs and Strawberry Semifreddo for dessert*

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 29, 2014; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Town Hall  
**FEE:** \$30

#### Cupcake Creations (they're not just for kids anymore!)

Cupcakes are IN! You've seen cupcake wars on the Food Network and Milwaukee even has it's own Iron Cupcake competition. Cupcake towers are replacing wedding cakes and cupcakes at a party or shower make serving easy and get people chatting and laughing. One bite and they take us right back to childhood. But, we're not just opening a box of mix and a can of frosting anymore. The recipes tonight are little bites of heaven that can be served with pride at the most upscale event. *Tequila Sunrise Cupcakes, Mojito Cupcakes with Rum Frosting, Pink Champagne Cupcakes with Champagne Frosting. I'll include many other cupcake recipes.*

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 22, 2014; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Town Hall  
**FEE:** \$30

#### 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 23, 2014; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm

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

#### ARC BABYSITTING

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! Registration deadline is March 3, 2014.

**WHEN:** March 10 and 11; 4:30 - 7:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Town Hall  
**FEE:** \$58

#### SPRING REGISTRATION DAY

On Saturday, March 29 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, art, baseball, softball, cooking, yoga 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](http://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 796-3798  
(non-emergency)

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.waukesha.gov](http://www.waukesha.gov) or find information at the town's website at [www.townofbrookfield.com](http://www.townofbrookfield.com).

### UPCOMING

November 23	Yard Waste Collection
December 3	Town Board Meeting
December 4	Santa's Coming to the Town
December 14	Yard Waste Drop Off
December 18	Town Board Meeting
January 7	Town Board Meeting
January 21	Town Board Meeting
January 30	Cooking Class - Chocolate!
February 4	Town Board Meeting
February 21	Town Board Meeting
February 23	Town Skate Night
March 4	Town Board Meeting
March 21	Town Board Meetings
March 25	Cooking Class - Cooking With Wine #2

### 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**

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.

**Holiday Closing**

The Town of Brookfield Police Administrative Office will be closed on the dates noted below to celebrate the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 21
- Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 22
- Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24
- Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25
- New Years Eve - Tuesday, December 31
- New Years Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2014

**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
- 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

**From the Chief's Desk**

With the holiday season now upon us, we find ourselves attending a number gatherings and other social events with family and friends. We also find that alcohol is served at many of these occasions. The month of December has the highest number of alcohol-related crashes in Waukesha County. The bottom line – Don't drink and drive – and don't let others do the same.

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!

-Chief Chris Perket

**FROM THE JUDGE'S BENCH**

As many of you know, Wisconsin drivers must have car insurance, and also must have their insurance cards with them while driving. As of 7/7/2013, a person is allowed to provide proof of insurance by electronic documents, including by display of images on a cellular telephone or other electronic device. Take a photo of your insurance card with your cellphone or tablet, so you will always have it available.

Also, Wisconsin is a state that requires a car to have IDENTICAL license plates affixed to the front and back of the vehicle. This means a front plate showcasing your fraternity/sorority, favorite sports team, type of car, etc. is a violation of the law. While we're on plates, the rear license plate stickers are to be affixed to a specific location. The month should be on the lower left corner of the plate, and the year should be on the lower right corner of the plate. Placing these stickers anywhere else on the plate is a violation of the law. In addition, plates placed on the dashboard or in the rear window are also illegal.

Keeping you informed.  
Your Friendly Neighborhood Judge,  
JoAnn Eiring



**2013  
SPECIAL  
EVENT  
IMAGES**



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Happy  
Holidays  
to all!