

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 3** 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 3 at 6:30 pm

WHERE:

Fire Department

FEE: FREE!



Points of Interest

- Town Hall will be closed November 27 and 28 and December 24 and 25, at noon on December 31, and January 1
- Dog licenses are due January 2015; 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 15 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm with FREE entrance for residents
- Final Yard Waste Drop Off will be Saturday, December 6 at Town Hall from 8 am - 12 pm
- Wray Park ice skating is available with lights on from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Park permit reservations will begin on January 2, 2015; go to the website for forms and information

2015 TOWN GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Working on the 2015 Budget this year has been a challenge, to say the least. The Town Board and Town Administrator have worked very hard to keep taxes down, as our population is not increasing and some of us are retired and on fixed incomes. This year we have expenses that were expected, and must be addressed. These include replacing a 22-year-old Fire Dept. Ladder truck at a cost of \$700,000, updating to a new Digital Radio System for our protective services at a cost of \$100,500, replacing two new squad cars (\$50,000), repairing or replacing roads (\$200,000), in addition to the increased general operating expenses of the Town. I believe we have managed to keep our taxes in check and would encourage all of you to attend our Town Board meetings to give us your feedback as we make decisions that affect our town.

Your Town Supervisor, Dan Shea

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 4 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 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 was "Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month". It's important to have enough smoke alarms in your home. Fire research has demonstrated that with today's modern furnishings, fires can spread much more rapidly than in the past when more natural materials were used. Because of this, having a sufficient number of properly located smoke alarms is essential to maximize the amount of available escape time. The National Fire Protection Association offers the following tips for installing smoke detectors.



Installing smoke alarms

Choose smoke alarms that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area

and on every level of the home, including the basement.

On levels without bedrooms, install alarms in the living room (or den or family room) or near the stairway to the upper level, or in both locations.

Smoke alarms installed in the basement should be installed on the ceiling at the bottom of the stairs leading to the next level.

Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.

Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall-mounted alarms should be installed not more than 12 inches away from the ceiling (to the top of the alarm).

If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm within 3 feet of the peak but not within the apex of the peak (four inches down from the peak).



2014 Big Splash Day at Marx Park



2014 Fourth of July Parade



EAGLE SCOUT

Joseph McGrath Eagle Ceremony

Joe's distant cousin, Paul Zaring was the Guest Speaker and Jim Buskel, the Onatah Scouting District Unit Commissioner, made the Eagle presentation. The Ceremony included a slide presentation of Joe growing up. A reception followed the ceremony. His Eagle Service Project was the organizing and direction of the building

Neal Mathes Eagle Ceremony

Guest Speaker was Neal's Brookfield Central H.S. Odyssey of the Mind Group coach, Binder Johl and Jim Buskel, the Onatah Scouting District Unit Commissioner made the Eagle presentation. The ceremony included an impressive candle scouting ideals ceremony followed by a reception.



of two raised vegetable gardens and the development of two other flower gardens at Care-Age Rehabilitation Center.

Joe is a Senior at Pius High School, earned 23 Merit Badges, and is presently serving as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.



Neal's Eagle Service Project was the organizing and directing of the refurbishing of the St. John's church fire bowl area.

Neal earned 31 merit badges, and has graduated from Brookfield Central High School.

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts from the town!

PARK & REC NEWS

COOKING CLASSES

Chilifest

Most Americans consider chili a fun, filling meal, but residents of some states take the dish a bit more seriously. The exact ingredients, toppings, and accompaniments vary by region, producing a wide world of chili appreciation and debate. Plus, chili is great for gatherings because of the ease of preparing large batches and keeping it hot for hours. So, I'll prepare several different regional styles of chili for you to sample and maybe prepare for your own family...



- *Milwaukee's own "Real Chili"-style Chili*
- *San Antonio-style Chili*
- *Chile Verde with Pork*
- *White Chicken Chili*
- *Staci's "Not too Chilly" Chili*

WHERE: Pewaukee Wagner Park

WHEN: Thursday, January 29, 2015; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

FEE: \$20

Cooking with Coffee

Many people love to drink coffee. Not quite as many people know that you can actually use coffee in your food too!

Coffee is commonly used as an ingredient in desserts; however there are more uses for coffee! Coffee could quite easily find itself at home in barbeque sauces, meat glazes, and pot roasts. It is a very versatile ingredient. So, tonight I'm going to prepare several dishes that use coffee as an ingredient. You DO NOT have to be a coffee lover to enjoy these dishes; the coffee is as subtle as a fine liqueur. You'll sample...

- *Roast Pork Ribs with Coffee Mole*
- *Espresso Risotto*
- *Tangy Baked Coffee Beans*
- *Raspberry Mocha Mousse*

WHERE: Pewaukee Wagner Park

WHEN: Wednesday, March 4, 2015; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

FEE: \$20

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 15, 2015; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm

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

KIDS FISHING CLINIC

Ages 15 and under. Instruction will be provided on knot tying, safe use of equipment, fishing techniques and ID, and safety issues. All instructors teaching at the clinic have completed the DNR Angler Certification Course and have been certified. Registration in advance is not necessary. The daily park entrance fee is included with clinic participation. By: Wern Valley Sportsmen's Club

WHERE: Menomonee Park

WHEN: Saturday, February 14;
hourly between 9am - 3pm

FEE: **FREE**

SPRING SOCCER

Registration for the Spring Soccer Season will begin February 17 and run through March 6, 2015. 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 13, 2015. There is no travel and games are played within the practice schedule.

WHERE: Wray Park

WHEN: To be determined by coach

FEE: \$25

LEARN TO SKATE

This 5-week class consists of developing basic ice-skating skills for youth ages 4-11. Youth will develop confidence on the ice by learning to forward and backward skate, turns and stops, and falling and recovery. It is strongly suggested that young children bring helmets (bike or other helmet is fine), gloves, and warm clothes to the class. Admission to public skate



during the course of the class (five passes) is also included in the price of the class. Family members will be welcome to participate during public skating.

WHERE: Eble Ice Arena

WHEN: Wednesdays; March 4 - April 1, 2015; 6:30-7:00 pm

FEE: \$55/child

SPRING REGISTRATION DAY

On Saturday, March 28 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.

Registration forms are available at the Town Hall or online. You can even register via email and pay online! Check the website for more information.

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 Blue-mound Road on Janacek Road (196th and Blue-mound). 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

DO NOT PAY AT TOWN HALL

The 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 M-F, 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 or find information at the town's website at www.townofbrookfield.com.

UPCOMING

December 2	Town Board Meeting
December 3	Santa's Coming to the Town
December 6	Yard Waste Drop Off
December 16	Town Board Meeting
January 6	Town Board Meeting
January 20	Town Board Meeting
January 29	Cooking Class - Chili
February 3	Town Board Meeting
February 15	Town Skate Night
February 17	Town Board Meeting
March 3	Town Board Meeting
March 17	Cooking Class - Cooking With Coffee
March 4	Town Board Meeting

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

Neighborhood Watch

Are you or your neighbors interested in being part of the TBPD Neighborhood Watch Program? The best crime prevention tool ever invented is a GOOD NEIGHBOR! Neighbors working together, in cooperation with law enforcement, make one of the best crime-fighting teams around.

Residents who are interested in finding out if there is a watch group in their neighborhood or would like to start a watch group in their neighborhood can contact the Police Department.

WI Crime Alert Network

The Town of Brookfield Police Department (TBPD) utilizes the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network (WCAN) which is a



statewide program that links law enforcement agencies with the business community and the public in a partnership to fight crime. WCAN is a highly effective program which can help prevent crime and aid in the apprehension of criminals.

WCAN allows the TBPD to send out crime alert bulletins rapidly, to the business community and to the general public, whenever a crime or suspect may affect citizens or their businesses. WCAN sends the alerts to you via email, cell phone text message, or fax. WCAN provides a rapid, cost-effective means of communication between the TBPD and residents and businesses in the Town. For more information or to join visit www.wisconsincrimealert.gov.



SOCIAL MEDIA

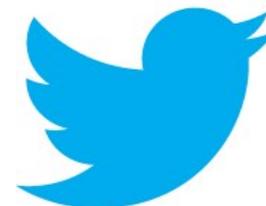
Your most up-to-date source for information on the Town of Brookfield can be located on the internet. Yard waste collection, elections, meetings, Park & Rec programs, special events, and so much more can be found online and updated constantly. There are several ways to get this information and we encourage the heavy use of these tools so that you can get the most out of your town. Go to:



www.townofbrookfield.com

www.facebook.com/townofbrookfield

Twitter: [@TwnBrookfieldWI](https://twitter.com/TwnBrookfieldWI)



Getting Healthy and Fit: Parks are the Answer

One of the most effective and low-cost prescriptions for a variety of physical and mental conditions can be found just a few steps from your front door: your public park.

Those who love the outdoors have long known about health benefits of parks and open space such as improved well-being, greater immunities to disease, and healthier lifestyle choices. But only recently have studies confirmed such common sense beliefs.

The stakes for your health are immense. Nearly half of Americans are overweight while a third qualifies as obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each year, 300,000 deaths are attributed to unhealthy weight gains due to poor diet and lack of exercise in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Obesity-related conditions include a greater chance of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and certain

types of cancer. If all inactive Americans were to become physically active, close to \$76.7 billion would be saved annually in the treatment of such chronic conditions, HHS predicts.

Your local parks, such as Marx Park however, provide close-to-home, low-cost, and accessible ways to help you get fit and stay healthy. Consider just some of the ways you and your family can get active through the Town of Brookfield Park & Rec: walking trails, hiking, biking or running, playing on playgrounds, playing basketball or tennis, taking fitness classes.

Parks *do* make for fit and healthy communities. Their diversity of offerings, both active and passive, and the accompanying range of physical and mental benefits extend to people of all age groups. Research confirms that the number and area of parks and playgrounds in a community are positively related to physical activity levels. Studies also show that time spent outdoors is the strongest correlation of children's physical activity, while numerous stud-

ies indicated that adults using parks become increasingly more physically active. There's ample evidence of improved cognitive functioning, impulse control, resilience to stressful life events, and overall mental health, according to a series of literature review papers developed for the National Recreation and Park Association.

In order to ensure that people can continue to use parks as a means to get healthy, communities everywhere need to support parks and recreation. America's Backyard—Make Parks Yours, a park awareness campaign from the National Recreation and Park Association, encourages all people in the Town of Brookfield to, not only experience the healthy benefits of parks but to stand together and support parks. To learn more about how TOBPRD is working to help you get healthy and fit and to stand up for your parks visit www.townofbrookfield.com. For more information on the benefits of parks and recreation, visit:

www.americasbackyard.org

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Happy
Holidays
to all!