

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 2** 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!

WHEN:

Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm

WHERE:

Fire Department

FEE: FREE!



Points of Interest

- Town Hall will be closed November 26 and 27 and December 24 and 25, at noon on December 31, and January 1
- Dog licenses are due January 2016; forms are in your tax bills, jump online, or 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 14 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm with FREE entrance for residents
- Final Yard Waste Drop Off will be Saturday, December 5 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 4, 2016; go to the website for forms and information

2016 TOWN GENERAL FUND BUDGET

It's that time of year again. The leaves have fallen, the days are shorter, the air is a little crisper, and budgets are being discussed. All municipalities and schools districts are getting ready to approve their budgets. The Town Board is also putting the final touches on the Town budget. The tax rate, which everyone looks at, is a calculation based on the levy. The levy is the amount of tax dollars to be collected. Control the levy, and you will control the tax rate. That is why taxes in the Town have been relatively stable. This year, the Town Board is proposing a levy that is the same as last year's. Notice, I said proposing. The levy is set by you, not the Town Board. So, if you missed the Budget Meeting on the 17th and didn't get a chance vote on the levy, maybe you can make it next year. It's not often that you have a say on the amount of taxes you pay, so take advantage of the opportunity!

- Chairman Keith Henderson

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 26 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

Thanksgiving Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



that are flame resistant or flame retardant.

- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining

- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Holiday Decorations

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations

EAGLE SCOUT

Daniel Ewert Earns Eagle Scout Award



Congratulations to new Eagle Scout Daniel Ewert, who is a member of Troop 64, chartered to Elm Grove Lutheran Church! Some of the many requirements Dan completed to achieve Boy Scouting's highest award were to earn 21 merit badges, serve

as a leader in the Troop, and complete a community service project.

Dan's service project was to lead the Troop in building two "walk-up" garden boxes for the elderly to use at the Village at Manor Park Nursing Home, West Allis, where his grandmother lives. The boxes allow the residents to enjoy both flower and vegetable gardening without having to kneel or stoop to the ground.



Many friends and family celebrated with Dan at his Eagle Court of Honor on July 27, 2015, including Town Chairman Keith Henderson. Dan graduated from Waukesha North High School with high honors and is now attending UW-Whitewater for Information Technology.

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout from the town!

ADULT ART CLASSES

Instructor Irene Angeles has a BFA degree in Painting and Drawing with extensive course work in Art Education. **Call the park and recreation office for a supply list.*

Beginning Polymer Clay

Polymer clay is loads of fun when you know what you are doing! In this beginner's class, we will learn all the foundational techniques needed to make really beautiful jewelry, barrettes, etc. Instructor Irene Angeles has a BFA degree in Painting and Drawing with extensive course work in Art Education.

WHERE: Town Hall

WHEN: Mondays, January 11, 18, February 1, 8, 15, 22; 6:00 - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$143



Open Studio with Basic Watercolor

This class is for absolute beginners or for those looking for a place to come, away from the cares of the world, to paint with some guidance! Come learn a variety of different watercolor techniques, from simple to more complex. We will discuss how to make our color sing and make beautiful, colorful pictures. It will be fun and you will be surprised how easy it can be!



WHERE: Town Hall

WHEN: Mondays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4; 6:00 - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$143

PARK & REC NEWS

COOKING CLASSES

All-American Regional Thanksgiving Sides and Dressings

Try something a little different this Thanksgiving and put a twist on your traditional holiday offerings with these classic American holiday side dishes that are sure to please. You'll sample...

- *Nor'easter Succotash*
- *Carolina-style Smothered Green Beans*
- *Idaho Potato Gratin with Black Pepper Cream*
- *Midwestern Wild Rice and Wheat Bread Stuffing with Brats and Dried Cherries*
- *Traditional southern Cornbread Dressing*

WHERE: Pewaukee Wagner Park

WHEN: Monday, November 23; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

FEE: \$22

Soups

January is National Soup Month and we are celebrating with an all new Homemade Soup class. Soup can be a meal-in-a-bowl. Add some bread or crackers, something "fruit" and a hot beverage and you have a satisfying and hearty meal. We will cover the basics of soup making from preparation of stocks to soup ingredients and serving ideas. You will receive lots of recipes including the ones you'll taste:

- *New England Clam Chowder*
- *Chicken B.L.T. Soup*
- *Creamy Onion Soup*
- *Pasta e Fagioli with Garlicky Rolls*



WHERE: Pewaukee Wagner Park

WHEN: Monday, January 25, 2016; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

FEE: \$22

Chicken

This program uses chicken in fabulous dishes designed for weeknight dinners. These recipes are easy on your time and budget yet delicious enough to serve to company. You'll sample...

- *Chicken Diane and Linguine with Truffle Butter*
- *Chicken & Spinach Enchiladas*
- *Italian Chicken in Cream with Polenta*

WHERE: Pewaukee Wagner Park

WHEN: Monday, February 15, 2016; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

FEE: \$22

French Toast

There must be a reason stuffed French toast seems to be showing up on more menus lately. Maybe because you can never have too much of a good thing. And its not just for breakfast anymore: Take what you have in the refrigerator -- cheese, bacon, leftover greens -- and improvise. Tonight class features a variety of French Toasts perfect for spring entertaining and you'll sample...

- *Banana Stuffed French Toast with Chocolate-Hazelnut Sauce*
- *Homemade Granola*
- *Panko-cruste Rumchata French Toast with Raspberry-Chambord Syrup*
- *Monte Cristo French Toast*

WHERE: Pewaukee Wagner Park

WHEN: Monday, March 14, 2016; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

FEE: \$22

TOWN SKATE NIGHT

Skate away those long winter blues and take your sweetie out for a date! 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 14, 2016; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm

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



SPRING SOCCER

KidsSports Soccer will be once again giving kids a chance to learn the basics of soccer in an instructional setting without the need for travel or weekend games (giving them the opportunity to participate in other activities too!) Registration for the Spring Soccer Season will begin February 16 and run through April 2, 2016.

WHERE: Wray Park

WHEN: Wednesdays, April 13 - May 18 (5/25 makeup)

FEE: \$60

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 2 - 30, 2016; 6:45-7:15 pm

FEE: \$55/child

SPRING REGISTRATION DAY

On Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 8:00 am - 9:30 am at the Town Hall, Park & Recreation Registration will take place. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall or online.

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.waukeshacounty.gov or find information at the town's website at www.townofbrookfield.com.

UPCOMING

December 1	Town Board Meeting
December 2	Santa's Coming to the Town
December 5	Yard Waste Drop Off
December 15	Town Board Meeting
January 5	Town Board Meeting
January 19	Town Board Meeting
January	Cooking Class -
February 2	Town Board Meeting
February 14	Town Skate Night
February 16	Town Board Meeting
March 2	Town Board Meeting
March	Cooking Class -
March 3	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

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 Closings

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

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26,
- Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 27
- Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24,
- Christmas Day - Friday, December 25,
- New Years Eve - Thursday, December 31
- New Years Day - Friday, January 1, 2016

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

Snow Season & Over Night Parking Restrictions

7.06(3) (D) Snow Season Parking Restrictions: No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle upon any street or highway in the Town from NOVEMBER 1 through APRIL 30.

(E) Overnight Parking Restrictions: No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street or highway in the town from 2:00 am to 6:00 am all year

Please call the Police Department for parking permission if you need to have vehicles on the roadway at anytime. Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (262) 796-3798 or Dispatch (262) 446-5070.

The members of the police department wish to thank the citizens of the Town of Brookfield for your continued support this 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

SOCIAL MEDIA

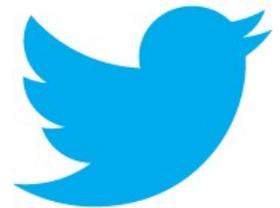
Your most up-to-date source for information on the Town of Brookfield can be located on the internet. Yard waste collection, elections, meetings, Park & Rec programs, special events, and so much more can be found online and updated constantly. There are several ways to get this information and we encourage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



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