

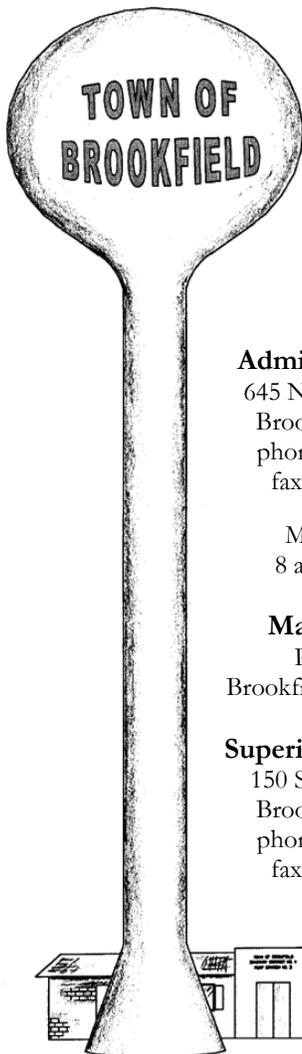
# WATER TOWER NEWS

## SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 4

### WELL PERMIT RENEWALS

Packets have now been mailed to property owners with well permits issued in 2004, telling them that it is time to either renew their private well permit or to abandon their well. To provide a safe sample, it has been recommended that you draw your water before summer's hot peak.

If you have any questions regarding the renewal of your private well permit, please do not hesitate to call the Sanitary District office, or you can check the town's website at [www.townofbrookfield.com](http://www.townofbrookfield.com) under Departments for the Sanitary District's information.



#### Administrative office:

645 North Janacek Road  
Brookfield, Wisconsin  
phone: 262.798.8631  
fax: 262.796.0339

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Mailing address:

P.O. Box 1296  
Brookfield, WI 53008-1296

#### Superintendent's office:

150 South Barker Road  
Brookfield, Wisconsin  
phone: 262.798.8629  
fax: 262.796.0339

### - - IMPORTANT NEWS - -

#### NEW UTILITY BILLING SCHEDULE

Your next utility bill, which will cover the 2nd quarter of 2009, will be sent to you July 1st, and due by July 25th.

The **new schedule** for utility billings:

1st Qtr January thru March	Due April 25th
2nd Qtr April thru June	Due July 25th
3rd Qtr July thru September	Due October 25th
4th Qtr October thru December	Due January 25th

To avoid penalties, payments must be received in the town hall office or tower drop box, **by 4:30 p.m.** on the due date. **DO NOT** put payments in the U.S. Mail Box located in the town hall parking lot. The drop box for payments is located just right of the east entrance of the town hall. Also, note the amount due after the due date printed on the utility bill only reflects the first late fee. A late fee is assessed to the account every month on the 26th.

If you make an online bill payment, please provide your account number so your payment will be applied correctly. Be sure to give your bank and the postal service 7 to 10 days to process and deliver your payment by the due date.

### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) are required by the Federal government under 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act. It requires Community Water Systems to provide information concerning water quality for the previous monitoring year, by July 1st of the following year. The report identifies contaminant and monitoring violations, and potential health effects created by those violations, based on results reported to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Sanitary District No. 4 is pleased to report that this year the drinking water provided to you is again safe and meets all federal and state requirements. Our wells are located in the shallow aquifer which means that we **do not** have radium problems as some of our neighboring communities do.

The report will be published in the Sanitary District's official newspaper, The Freeman, on Friday May 29th. Copies of the report will be available in the town hall lobby, or if you call our office, we will be happy to mail one to you upon your request. You can also find it on the Town of Brookfield website:

<http://www.townofbrookfield.com/SD4.html>



## SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

A reminder to all municipal water customers that, in accordance with Town Code and Sanitary District Ordinance, sprinkling restrictions remain in effect at all times. Sprinkling is permitted as follows:

**Odd-numbered property addresses are permitted to sprinkle only on odd-numbered days of the month and only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Odd-numbered day is determined by whatever day of the month it is at 6:00 p.m. and carries through to 8:00 a.m. the following day. The same holds true for even-numbered property addresses on even-numbered days.**



**"All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was." -Toni Morrison**

**Office Closed**  
*Monday, May 25th and Friday, July 3rd*

## SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER

With summer just around the corner, home owners are beginning to think about improvement projects. If one of your projects is to install new siding on your home, please contact our office at 262.798.8631 prior to removing the ROM, the outside remote reader, which is connected to the water meter inside your home. One of our field staff will come out and assist you.

If your construction projects are such as installing decks, fences or planting trees, please remember to call **Digger's Hotline** by simply dialing **811** from any land line or cell phone. Or, you can place an online request at [www.diggershotline.com](http://www.diggershotline.com).



Digger's requires a three day notice, so residents should take this into consideration before planning to do construction work or landscaping.

Be aware that Sanitary District No. 4 will only mark from the main in the street, to the shut off valve in the right of way. All plumbing in the yard and into the home was installed by a private contractor and we do not have information as to the location of the private side of the laterals. Also, water and sewer laterals are generally buried five to six feet deep to avoid winter freezing. Remember, it's better to be safe

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Happy Spring! By the time you read this the snow and your taxes should be a memory. As I type this, it's only the beginning of May, and I'm hoping I can safely put my snow blower away for the season. We have completed our spring flushing, and are starting on a few things that need to be cleaned up from the bad winter. There were no main breaks this year, but we did have a couple of bad stop boxes and one 12" valve on Bluemound Road that just gave up. Because the valve was on Bluemound Road, we had to work 26 hours straight, in the cold, sleet and snow to get it repaired. Some times it's GREAT to be a water guy. But compared to other water systems, we did pretty good for such a vicious Wisconsin winter.

We are still working on our GIS which is up and running. We will keep adding information as we exercise valves (depth, turns, etc), change meters and add new services. The GIS program will continue to evolve and grow as time goes on. This is truly a great tool. We are continuing our meter replacement program, with the installation of meters with Orion transmitters. Orion lets us read the meters from the street, and because of our water quality and the use of new meters, the PSC will let us change the meters every twenty years instead of ten.

Over the winter, we had a couple of sewer back-ups which turned out to be private lateral problems. I happened to be channel surfing one Sunday and saw some great info on toilets. It comes from Frank Hill, "King of the Hill", on Fox. I don't usually quote cartoon characters, but Frank said "only put things in the toilet that come out of YOU. No cigarettes, feminine products, toys, grease or other stuff not from YOU." Sorry I had to go there, but I thought Frank's statement had some merit, and if we listen maybe we can dodge some problems.

As you may or may not know, the United Nations has named Milwaukee a Water Technology Hub. It's one of two in the nation. For a water guy, it is pretty cool to be working in an industry that is finally getting to be a priority. We have been too casual about water because of the Great Lakes and our giant aquifers. But, maybe thanks to the world wide internet, or when Madonna wants to adopt a child from another country, we are starting to see and need to pay attention to what is happening in the rest of the world. Here's something to think about; an average Sub Saharan African uses the same amount of water each day as you use when you let the water run two minutes while you brush your teeth. There is no new water; it just recycles until we pollute it too much to safely use it.

Hopefully the Water Tech Hub can find some answers. In the mean time let's use water wisely. If you must water your lawn, please don't do it during the day when most of it evaporates. Also remember our sprinkling restrictions, and if you do sprinkle at night, keep in mind that Sub Saharan African and his limited water supply.

Enjoy the summer, be safe, but most of all, **stay hydrated.**

**Terry Heidmann – Superintendent**