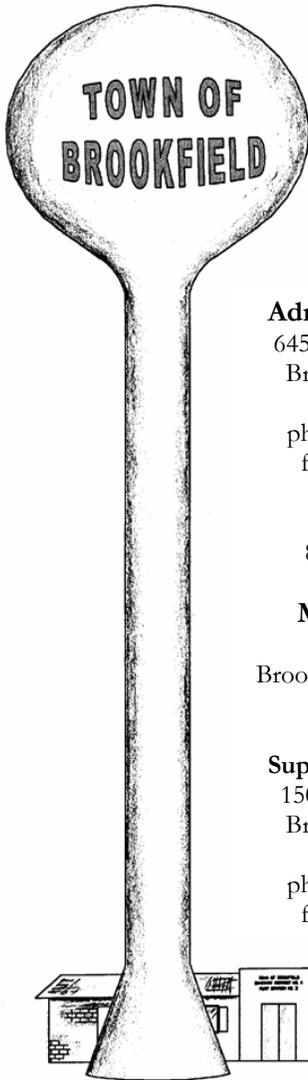


WATER TOWER NEWS

SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 4



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More Information On Our Website

For more information, check out our website with frequent updates. The address is: www.townofbrookfield.com.

The Sanitary District's information can be found under Departments. Information on billing rates, to well permit renewals and forms to renew your permit or make a temporary address change for those of you fortunate enough to escape our Wisconsin winter.

10 Reasons to Drink Water

- ◆ Water is absolutely essential to the human body's survival. A person can live for about a month without food, but only about a week without water.
- ◆ Water helps to maintain healthy body weight by increasing metabolism and regulating appetite.
- ◆ Water leads to increased energy levels. The most common cause of daytime fatigue is actually mild dehydration.
- ◆ Drinking adequate amounts of water can decrease the risk of certain types of cancers, including colon cancer, bladder cancer, and breast cancer.
- ◆ For a majority of sufferers, drinking water can significantly reduce joint and/or back pain.
- ◆ Water leads to overall greater health by flushing out wastes and bacteria that can cause disease.
- ◆ Water can prevent and alleviate headaches.
- ◆ Water naturally moisturizes skin and ensures proper cellular formation underneath layers of skin to give it a healthy, glowing appearance.
- ◆ Water aids in the digestion process and prevents constipation.
- ◆ Water is the primary mode of transportation for all nutrients in the body and is essential for proper circulation.

Source: *All About Water .org*

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Sanitary District office, which is now located in the town hall, will be closed for the following holidays:

Thanksgiving November 25 & 26
Christmas December 24 & 27
New Year's December 31 (1/2 day)
January 3, 2011

*"Wishing you a safe,
happy holiday season
and prosperous 2011"*



WELL PERMIT RENEWALS For 2010 PAST DUE



If you received notification last April that your well permit needed to be renewed, and you haven't sent in your paperwork, your well is now **not** in compliance. Sanitary District ordinance requires that penalties be assessed against you, the property owner, and you may be forced to abandon the well.

If you have not completed the process, **you need to call the Sanitary District office at 262-798-8631, as our next step will be to turn your name over to our attorney.** All expenses involved in the abandonment of the well will be billed to you, and if not paid, will be placed on the property tax bill.

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. Send the top portion of the form to our office. When you return, fill out the bottom of the form to change the billing address back to your residence. As always, if you have any questions regarding this, or any other matter, please give us a call.



KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS ACCESSIBLE

If there is a **fire hydrant** on, or near your property, please remember to keep it **free from snow** during the winter months. In doing so, you could save your home, your neighbor's home, or possibly lives!

Voluntary Mercury Removal & Chloride Reduction Reminder

Sanitary District No. 4 operates what is referred to as a collection system for our waste. The treatment of said waste is handled by the Fox River Water Pollution Control Center located in the City of Brookfield. The treatment plant is asking for your help in reducing chloride and mercury discharge into the system. Mercury has always been on the DNR's watch list and currently they are also asking for our help in the reduction of chlorides. We have brochures: "Water Softeners and The Environment" and "The Waukesha County Mercury Collection Program" available at the town hall.

Mercury

Mercury is an extremely toxic, non-degrading substance in the environment. As an environmental contaminant, mercury travels far and wide in air and water. Mercury poisoning has been linked to nervous system, kidney, and liver damage, and impaired childhood development. What can you do to reduce mercury in your wastewater? Remove mercury at the source by bringing your mercury to a hazardous waste or authorized mercury collection site. Mercury can be found in electrical switches, thermostats, fluorescent lights, thermometers, blood pressure gauges, chemical reagents and cleaners. Do not pour mercury down the drain and do not place it in the trash. Please call Waukesha County at (262)896-8327, or go to www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling for more information.

Chloride

The DNR is requiring the Brookfield treatment plant to identify significant sources of chloride discharged to the sewer system. State regulation NR211.40 authorizes publicly owned sewage treatment works to regulate chloride discharges from all sources. Voluntary source reduction efforts will be sought from any significant dischargers. What can you do to reduce chloride in your wastewater? A major origin of chloride discharge is water softeners and water softening processes. Source reduction efforts include using the minimum salt dosage required during softener regeneration. Or you could use potassium chloride, which is more expensive, instead of sodium chloride. Another way is to replace your old softener with a softener that uses a meter instead of a timer for regenerations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to beautiful fall in Wisconsin. Unfortunately most of the colors this year were on political signs not from mother nature, but it's still a pretty time if you look up a little.

We have completed our hydrant flushing for the year. We will never be done exercising valves or changing meters, and we are getting ready for another visit from old man winter and Santa. We are done with our yearly sewer cleaning and video taping, and work on the lift station is ongoing.

First, my standard advice. Take in your hose and make sure the hose bib is off. Staying hydrated is just as important in the winter as the summer. If you see any water running anywhere this winter, let us know.

Now just a few facts from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. There are 584 public water utilities reporting to the PSC. Over the past 5 years, state average sales declined by 12.2 %, I thought it was just us, while the customer base grew by 4.5%. This is an interesting fact. Surface water utilities account for 10.7 % of those 584 utilities, but they pump 50.4% of the water. Here's another real interesting fact. Across the state, the average cost is \$4.07 / 1000 gallons of water, and since 2005 water rates have risen 17.4 %. In contrast, the Town of Brookfield has remained at \$1.33 / 1000 gallons since 2003.

I know that when most of our infrastructure is underground, and water just happens when you want it, it is easy to forget about us. So every once and a while I have to publicly say thank you to my crew and the girls in the office for making it so easy to forget. Thank you, and have a safe and festive holiday season,

Terry Heidmann – Superintendent

