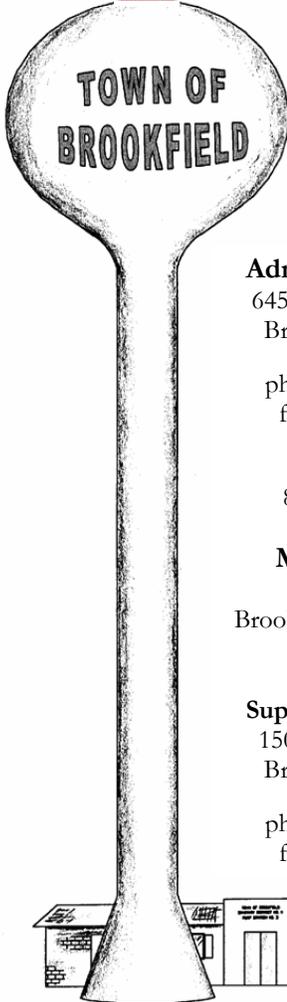


WATER TOWER NEWS

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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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

Thanksgiving November 22 & 23
Christmas December 24 & 25
New Year's December 31 (1/2 day)
January 1, 2013

*"Wishing you a safe,
happy holiday season
and prosperous 2013"*



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.

11 MONTHS FOR NEW TOWER

Now I can finally give you the news I have been waiting years to tell you. The NEW WATER TOWER IS ON LINE!! As of October 5th, we have added 300,000 gallons of storage in the form of the new water tower located at the end of Janacek Court. This new storage gives us capacity on the north side of the freeway, provides better fire protection, and is keeping the system pressure more steady.

It has been a treat to see it built this summer, and get to see first hand what it takes to get that giant spiroid in the sky. I could go on and on about building, problems, landscapers, painting and filling, but I would assume you only want to know why it is dark blue on the bottom. That is because in the summer the water is about 52 degrees and condensation forms on the bottom of the ball. Dust and freeway funk attaches to the ball which makes it look dirty. The dark blue won't keep it cleaner, but it will not look as bad. The tower on Barker Road gets cleaned every five years because the freeway makes it look terrible. Drinking water is clean, and even though the inside is pristine, you will draw a mental opinion of the water from the outside.

WELL PERMIT RENEWALS For 2012 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.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Greetings, I usually open this fall report with ramblings about Wisconsin weather. But this time I would like to open this report with a question. Where the heck am I working? As I write this, we have just had the hottest summer on record and then, no fall, and we are now flushing hydrants with parkas on. Where is Al Gore when you need him? I like fall, and I think we might have missed it. What we can't miss however is turning off our outside spigots, and when it snows, which may be tomorrow, please keep the fire hydrants clear of snow, because when they are needed, it's too late to dig them out. Also, please help us look for running water or wet spots this winter, as this could be a sign of trouble. The sooner we know, the sooner we can have it fixed, which will reduce our water losses.

Also, as the summer draws to a close, we are seeing the road projects ending. Most people don't think about the manholes and valve boxes that get hit or paved over, or need to be raised or lowered. Brookfield Road was not too bad, but Bluemound Road construction was stressful. Those giant cantilever traffic light posts get a concrete base that is 18 inches wide and 14 feet deep. Believe me that giant auger they use would only be lubricated by my water main. Don't get me wrong, they weren't a bunch of cowboys, not that there is anything wrong with cowboys, and they didn't want to hit my main either, but stuff happens. Thankfully, our water mains remain unscathed, and we think we still have all our valve boxes and manholes.

This summer we also had Well #3 rehabbed, and by the time you read this, we will have Well #1 rehabbed as well. The DNR and well guys think a good life for a municipal well would be seven years. Well #3 only lasted 5 years, but Well #1 lasted an unheard of 18 years. We are trying to get ready for winter, and start our indoor projects, much like you.

So have a great holiday season. Celebrate like crazy, and remember, the police won't stop you for drinking too much water. And it's good for you, too!! Merry Christmas, HO,HO,HO!!

Terry Heidmann – Superintendent