



# Town of Brooklyn News

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## Tax Collection

The Green County Treasurer's office will be collecting Real Estate and Personal Property taxes for the Town of Brooklyn. You may mail your payment or stop by the Green County Courthouse during regular business hours. Also accepting payments are the following banks: Sugar River Bank - Belleville. Belleville Community Bank. Brooklyn Community Bank. Greenwoods State Bank - Monticello.

## Fire and EMS update

Fire and emergency medical service are two of the most important basic services provided by local governments. The town of Brooklyn is one of five area municipalities that are served by the Brooklyn Fire and EMS District. The district is one of the last in the area to be staffed entirely by volunteers.

Recently, a shortage of volunteers has meant that the EMS side has been out of service about ten percent of the time, mostly on weekdays during the day. To assure 24/7 coverage, the district board recently approved hiring part-time paid emergency medical technicians. Funding the \$13 / hour salary for these positions will require an increase in the annual levy to \$60 for each resident in the district. The annual charge amounts to \$5 a month or a little over 16 cents per day for each of the 3,340 people served by the district firefighters and EMS staff.

A few sections of the town are served by fire and EMS services based in Evansville, Albany and Belleville.

Belleville is also adding paid staff this year.

Volunteers are still needed. A recent change in state law allows First Responders to take on more EMS duties. The training for this category of EMS is less time-consuming than the EMS-basic category and should help small communities attract more volunteers. It could also reduce the need for paid staff in the future. If you are interested in helping your community, contact the district at 455-3812. More information is available at [www.brooklynfireems.com](http://www.brooklynfireems.com)

*(Additional note from WTA November report 2016: "Volunteers comprise 71% of firefighters in the United States and save local communities of all sizes an estimated nearly \$140 billion a year. Of the total number of volunteer firefighters, 95% work in communities with a population of 25,000 or less." ...." With the ranks of volunteer fire and EMS personnel declining but still critically needed, the federal government should provide small incentives to these volunteers who risk their lives for little or no compensation.")*

## Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial

The Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial is to show appreciation and recognize our veterans who have provided us with foundations of life with freedom.

The monument is being built with funds from donations. Individuals and organizations have purchased flag poles, pavers, benches and given memorial donations that are greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

The monument will be dedicated on Memorial Day, 2016. We hope all residents will attend.

## Town Hall and Liberty Pole Hill Park available to rent

Need some extra space to host a birthday party, anniversary party or graduation? Consider having your event at the town hall or Liberty Pole Hill Park.

The town hall has a full kitchen and two bathrooms. The maximum capacity is 100.

Liberty Pole Hill Park has electricity hook up, a shelter house and vast space. Picnic tables are all ready in place.

Download a park rental form from the Town website. Town residents receive a discounted rate.

## Thank you!

The Town of Brooklyn would like to express their gratitude to Bartelt Enterprises for donating their services!

Bartelt Enterprises sealcoated the entire parking lot at the Town Hall at no charge. Thank you so much for your service and dedication to the Town of Brooklyn.

Town board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 8PM

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## What to Expect at the Polling Place

Now that people are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for these changes as you are.

### State It

As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They'll check your information in the poll book. Understandably, some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but it is the law, and it helps ensure openness in elections.

### Show It

Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you.

The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs that say Sue can relax.) Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you, even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight.

### Sign It

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address. Now you're ready to vote.

## Dog Licenses

Wisconsin State Law requires all dogs over 5 months of age to be licensed by April 1st of each year or when they turn 5 months old, if later in the year. Non-compliance can result in assessment of late fees, collection through fees and penalties being placed on your property tax bill and/or other charges.

You must provide a completed application together with a current rabies vaccination certificate (or copy), a stamped self-addressed envelope (for your license and rabies certificate to be mailed back to you) along with payment sent to: Town of Brooklyn, Russ Cichy – Treasurer, 400 W. Main Street, Brooklyn, WI 53521. If you prefer, you can drop off the completed application package together with your check at the Brooklyn Recycle Center or at the Town Hall during normal posted hours vs. sending in the mail if that is easier. Dog license fees are as follows: Spayed/neutered \$6 each, Unspayed/Unneutered \$11, Multiple dog license \$35 (up to 12 dogs, \$3 extra for each dog over 12).

Town of Brooklyn  
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Brooklyn WI 53521

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Name of Dog	Breed	Sex	Color	Fee
<b>Total</b>				<b>Amount Due</b>