



# 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: Associated Bank - Monroe. Sugar River Bank - Monroe, Belleville, Brodhead and Juda. The Bank of New Glarus - New Glarus. Union Bank & Trust - New Glarus and Brooklyn. Monona Bank - Belleville and Brooklyn. Greenwoods State Bank - Monticello.

If you prefer, you can pay your Real Estate taxes online. Go to the the Green County website at <http://www.co.green.wi.gov/>. On the right side of the web page are some "Quick Links", click on the 4th tab down "Pay taxes online". Point and Pay does charge a fee for this service - credit card at 2.39%, e-checks at \$1.50 flat fee and debit card at \$3.95 flat fee.

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## BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS. FIRE ENGINE REPLACEMENT IN 2020.

The Brooklyn Fire and EMS District continues to recruit volunteer fire fighters, emergency medical technicians and drivers. If you are interested in serving your community and learning new skills, we encourage you to look into volunteer opportunities. Please call the station at 455-3812 or use the contact form at [brooklynfireems.org](http://brooklynfireems.org).

A few sections of the town are served by Fire and EMS services based in Albany, Belleville and Evansville. If you are interested in volunteering with these agencies, contact information is available on

the town website: [townofbrooklyn.org](http://townofbrooklyn.org). Look for the tab Fire / EMS and then Fire & EMS Provider Information.

Bill's Supermarket provides support to Brooklyn Fire and EMS with a one percent reward on purchases at the store. Save your Bill's receipts and put them in the drop box in the fire station parking lot.

Brooklyn Fire will replace a 20-year old engine in 2020. The town of Brooklyn pays 28% of the cost of district fire service costs including equipment. The tax levy in 2019 includes a \$15,000 fund reserve toward the down payment on the new engine.

## 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 (download form from the Town website <http://townofbrooklyn.org/> or contact the clerk for a printed copy) 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 \$8 each, Unspayed Unneutered \$13, Multiple dog license \$35 (up to 12 dogs, \$3 extra for each dog over 12).

## Mailboxes

Prepare your mailbox for winter and make sure it can withstand heavy snow wash. If you believe your mailbox has been struck by the plow it must be reported to the Town within 24 hours. Town Board policy is to pay a maximum of \$25 per homeowner for mailbox struck by town plow, one time per winter.

If you need to replace your mailbox you may want to look for a Next Generation USPS® approved, package-friendly mailbox. Dimensions are 13.63' wide x 7.75' tall on sides, 12" tall at center x 16.5' deep. These mailboxes can hold multiple packages, plus your regular letters, bills, and magazines.

## The Road Report

### BACKGROUND

The town of Brooklyn maintains 42.4 miles of road. The annual expenditures for general road operations (plowing, salting, mowing, brush cutting, shoulder maintenance, patching and other repairs) and projects (reconstruction, seal coating, and crack sealing) consume a large part of the Town's annual budget.

Several years ago the Board adopted a comprehensive long term road management plan that sets as an average annual goal reconstruction of about 1 mile of road, selecting projects as needed based on traffic counts, road condition, and pavement age. The plan also calls for maintenance projects (such as seal coating) on about 5-8 miles of roads based on a projected schedule and prevailing conditions. Adequate and timely maintenance is necessary to preserve pavement quality, such that major reconstruction is only required every 40 years on average.

The town of Brooklyn completed all of the planned projects this year despite the record rainfall and flooding. A total of 4 culverts were replaced on Brooklyn-Albany road just in time for 2.51 miles of reconstruction (pulverization of existing asphalt, grading, new asphalt, and shouldering). The asphalt was applied using a one pass system across the entire width of Brooklyn-Albany road. Seal coating included

## New Internet Options

More high-speed internet options will become available to town of Brooklyn residents in the near future. A state grant was awarded to Bug Tussel Wireless to expand service in the town of Brooklyn. Bug Tussel has asked to place a 300-foot tower at the town recycling center. The tower, one of 19 towers planned for Green County, will provide wireless internet service in a five-mile radius. The tower will also carry AT&T cell service.

Federal grants have been awarded to Frontier Communications and AT&T to expand broadband service in this part of Green County. The grant requires new services to be in place by the end of 2020. Frontier's tentative plans are to provide service via fiber optic cable in the 455 exchange, but the time frame is currently unknown. AT&T will provide wireless service and it is currently available in the 882 telephone exchange area.

## Little Free Library

The Little Free Library, located outside the gates of the Recycle Center, has a new curator. Town resident, Julie Anderson, has volunteered, and been appointed, to maintain the area and rotate books that have been donated.

If you would like to donate a book(s) please leave them with the Recycle Center Attendant or give them directly to Julie. The curator would prefer to review them prior to putting them in the library.

Next time you stop by the Recycle Center check it out! This is another great way to recycle!

1.5 miles of Benson road and 2 miles of Elmer road. An additional double culvert on Legler road was constructed to deal with flooding issues. The Town's bridges are receiving attention and several are in the process of getting cleaned out and widened underneath for proper maintenance and water flow. Next years projects are under review and will be determined at a later date by the Highway committee.

### From the Recycle Center

#### Hours of Operation:

##### Winter Hours:

Start Labor Day and End the Saturday before Memorial Day  
Saturday 8 AM -4 PM

##### Summer Hours:

Start the Saturday before Memorial Day and end on Labor Day. Note the Tuesday after Labor Day the Recycling Center will be closed.

Sat 8AM - 2PM & Tues 6PM - 8PM.

#### Items which Cannot be recycled:

No plastic bags, not even plastic grocery bags  
No oil containers or oil filters of any kind  
No Paint/Stain containers of any kind  
No Styrofoam - neither hard nor peanuts  
All plastic containers without a recycle triangle are trash.

**\*\*Keep all electrical items separated from trash\*\***

## Election Inspectors Wanted

The Wisconsin Elections Commission encourages all private citizens to vote and to become involved in the election process. One of the most rewarding ways to do this is to become an Election Inspector. Or, a Chief Election Inspector who is in charge of the polling place, and has additional training requirements.

Citizen involvement is essential to conduct open, accurate and fair elections in Wisconsin. We hope that you will consider participation in one of these positions.

The responsibilities of an Election Inspector are to conduct assigned duties at a polling site on Election Day. Duties can include issuing ballots to registered voters, registering voters, monitoring the voting equipment, explaining how to mark the ballot or use the voting equipment or counting votes.

Election Inspectors are compensated for working at polling places at a rate determined by the Town Board. Election Inspectors may also choose to volunteer their services by filing a written declination of compensation with the municipal clerk.

To be an Election Inspector a person must:

-Be a qualified elector of the county in which the municipality is located (i.e., an adult citizen of the United States who has resided in the election district for 10 consecutive days and is not otherwise disqualified to vote)

-Be able to speak, read, and write fluently in the English language

-Have strong clerical skills

-Be able to solve problems

-Be an effective communicator

-NOT be a candidate for any office to be voted on at the polling place at that election.

Please contact Jeannie Welsh, Town Clerk, for more information.