



# TOWN OF BROOKLYN

Annual Newsletter - December 2023

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## Tax Collection

The Green County Treasurer's office collects Real Estate & Personal Property taxes for the Town of Brooklyn. You may mail your payment or stop by the Green County Courthouse during business hours. Also accepting payments are the following banks: Bank of New Glarus - Monroe, Belleville, Brodhead, Juda & New Glarus; Lake Ridge Bank - Belleville, Brooklyn & New Glarus; Woodford State Bank - Argyle, Blanchardville, Monroe, New Glarus & South Wayne. Payments can be made at [www.co.green.wi.gov](http://www.co.green.wi.gov) with debit or credit, but incur a 2.35% surcharge; payments made with an e-check will incur a \$1.50 surcharge.

## E-Waste Recycling Event a Resounding Success

From August 12-22, our Town invited residents to clear out their attics, garages, barns, and basements of old electronics for free. We collected 5.4 tons of a wide variety of old electronics representing decades of accumulation! Congratulations on responsibly disposing of these items and keeping our environment clean.

— Kevin Santulis, Recycling Committee Chair

## Brooklyn Fire & EMS Update

The Brooklyn Fire & EMS District has received state permission to operate the emergency medical division at the Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced level when appropriate staffing is available. This flexible approach is a step above the previous EMT-Basic level. This higher level of service is permitted when at least one member of the crew is certified at the EMT-A level. Brooklyn is the first EMS division in the region to gain approval for flex staffing. Medical calls are a majority of the district's calls.

The District has sufficient funds to purchase a new ambulance to be delivered in 2024. A grant of \$89,005 combined with funding from the five municipalities served by the EMS division will cover the cost. Ambulances are replaced on a ten-year rotation. Engines and water tenders are replaced at 25 years.

The Town of Brooklyn's share of the District budget will be \$118,738 in 2024, or \$11.60 per month per district resident. District personnel responded to 305 emergency calls in 2022.

— John Marx, Town Representative to the Brooklyn Fire District Commission

## Liberty Pole Hill Park Etiquette

The Liberty Pole Hill Park pavilion is available for reservations; contact the Town Clerk. Some notes on etiquette when visiting our Town Park:

- No firearms or fireworks allowed.
- Alcohol is prohibited unless approved by the Town of Brooklyn Clerk's office.
- Loud speakers, amplified music, or public address systems are prohibited.
- Keep fire in grill only and ensure it is completely out when finished.
- Leave no trace: put trash in trash can or remove all items when you leave the park.
- Do not drive on grass or under the trees; stay on gravel road.
- Park hours are sunrise to sunset.

Let's work together to keep our park beautiful!

— Kathy Pennington, Parks Commissioner

## Comprehensive Plan Updates Coming in 2025

In 2005, the Town developed a Comprehensive Plan to help guide governance. Chapters within this plan include: 1) Issues and Opportunities; 2) Utilities and Community Facilities; 3) Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources; 4) Housing; 5) Transportation; 6) Economic Development; 7) Intergovernmental Cooperation; 8) Land Use; & 9) Implementation.

This Plan is updated every 10 years, with the next update due in 2025. Given the breadth of this document, the Planning Commission has begun its review and would like to hear your input. Please reach out to anyone serving to provide input on any of the above topics. Planning Commission member contact information may be found on our town website at: [TownOfBrooklyn.org](http://TownOfBrooklyn.org) > Departments > Plan Commission. Feel free to attend any Planning Commission meeting, which occur the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the Town Hall.

— Phil Molina; Planning Commission Member

## Town Chair's Report

Over the last year, the Town completed the reconstruction of Alpine Road by using a Bipartisan Infrastructure grant. The Town also seal-coated over 5.5 miles of roads. The Town welcomed Charter Communication internet in the NE corner; some additional residents now have a fiber-to-home option. Residents also turned in nearly 6 tons of e-waste at the Recycling Center during our free e-waste days. The Board of Supervisors and all Town committees continue to work tirelessly to provide excellent services throughout the Town as evident by the articles in the newsletter.

As we look into the next year, the Town will complete a full reevaluation of our properties per state statute. I ask for your cooperation when Bruce Gardiner Appraisal Service contacts you so that we obtain accurate information to benefit all of us.

Lastly, please do not hesitate to contact a committee member, the Town Clerk, or myself with your comments and/or suggestions. I encourage you to subscribe to Town Updates, keep abreast of happenings within the community, or volunteer to help out — these notices are available on the Town website; click "Subscribe for Town Updates here!" at [townofbrooklyn.org](http://townofbrooklyn.org).

— Kathy Pennington, Town Chair

## The Road Report

In 2022, the Town received a grant award under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill to resurface the Brooklyn part of Alpine Road. The resurfacing project was completed this summer. The total project costs were about \$640,000, of which the Town paid about \$125,000 (20%). New asphalt overlays were placed on Dallman and Swann Streets in Attica. Patching and sealcoating were done on Freidig (south of Highway 92), Glenway, and Mortensen Roads. Culverts were replaced on Elmer and Freidig (north of Highway 92) in anticipation of future resurfacing work. Plans for 2024 will be finalized next spring after winter damage can be assessed. The Town is submitting additional grant applications, which if awarded would provide State funds to cover part of a future road reconstruction project.

— Hans Herweijer, Highway Committee Chair

## Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial: Show Your Support, Purchase a Paver!

We appreciate everyone's support at the annual Memorial Day Activities. If you missed it, mark your calendar for May 2024. More information about the activities will be coming next year. If you are interested in a paver or name engraved on the wall, visit the memorial's website and complete a form at [www.brooklynveteransmemorial.org](http://www.brooklynveteransmemorial.org). All requests need to be in by mid-April to be completed by Memorial Day. — Kathy Pennington

## 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 collected through fees and penalties being placed on your property tax bill and/or other charges. Please see the Town website for up-to-date fees and application process, located under the "Community" tab, click "Forms & Permits." Questions? Contact Town Treasurer Russ Cichy at 608-220-4508.

## Internet Options in the Town of Brooklyn

There are several internet options available in the Town, now including Charter as well as Bug Tussel (residents eligible for a discount), Frontier, Litewire, and others. The town website has a list of all the broadband internet providers serving the town; look under the "Community" tab for "Internet Service Providers". — John Marx, Broadband Commissioner

## All Fire & EMS Departments Need Volunteers

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; contact information is available on our website: [townofbrooklyn.org](http://townofbrooklyn.org). Look for the tab Fire / EMS and then click on Fire & EMS Provider Information.

— John Marx, Town Rep. to District Commission

## Snow & Other Hazards in Road & Right-Of-Way

With winter approaching, the Town of Brooklyn Board wishes to remind everyone that depositing snow or ice from your driveway onto the highway or highway shoulders is not only dangerous, but illegal. This not only applies to you, the homeowner/landowner, but also to contractors hired under your direction. Please do not plow your snow onto Town Right-of-Way (33' from the center of the road). In addition, items stored in the road right-of-way create a hazard for both our Town Patrolman, other residents, and drivers. Please keep your section of the right-of-way empty. Thank you for doing your part in keeping our roads safe.

## Mailbox Replacement

If your mailbox gets hit by the Town's snowplow, the Town has a policy in place to pay a one-time \$25 reimbursement for a new mailbox. Your box must be physically hit by the plow, not merely by snow wash. If this happens, take a photo of the hit box and send it to [clerk@townofbrooklynwi.gov](mailto:clerk@townofbrooklynwi.gov).