



# TOWN OF BROOKLYN

## 2024 Summer Newsletter

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## 2024 Property Revaluation — What's Next?

After the visual revaluation process is completed, the assessor will finalize the assessment and send letters to all property owners informing them of their new assessed value. Under WI State Statutes, the assessor's values are assumed correct unless proven otherwise, which places the burden on the taxpayer. If you are not satisfied with your new assessed value, the time for you to voice your concerns is during Open Book.



**What is Open Book?** Open Book is a conference, face-to-face, with an assessor to discuss the value of your property. If after reviewing your information with the assessor you are still not satisfied with your new assessed value as it compares to other properties in Town of Brooklyn, your next step is to file an objection to be heard at the Board of Review.

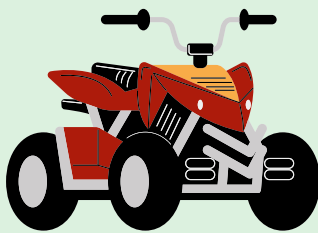
**What is Board of Review?** Board of Review functions like court and is required to evaluate evidence based on facts. You or your representative must provide factual evidence that your property is inequitably assessed. The burden of proof is solely on the taxpayer. The assessor's value is presumed correct by state law until proven otherwise.

**How will the new assessment affect my taxes?** By itself, a reassessment does not increase or decrease tax revenue; it merely redistributes the total tax burden more fairly. Some owners will see increases while others will see decreases.

**What date is Open Book and Board of Review?** Open Book and Board of Review will occur in Fall 2024. Town of Brooklyn will announce dates at the Town Board meeting, send communication to subscribers, and post on Town's website.

## We NEED Your Thoughts on ATV Use!

**Special Meeting: October 24th at 7:00pm at Town Hall**



ATV/UTV questions can no longer be added to election ballots due to recent Wisconsin legislative changes. All eligible electors are invited to attend — in person — a Special Meeting of Electors at the Town Hall, 400 W Main Street, on October 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm to provide your input on the following question:

*Should the Town of Brooklyn, Green County, Wisconsin adopt an ordinance that permits individuals to operate ATV/UTVs on all paved Town Roads and all county roads in the Town of Brooklyn?*

### YES

Indicates that you would like all town roads and county roads in the Town of Brooklyn **opened** to ATV/UTV traffic.

### NO

Indicates that you would like all town roads and county roads in the Town of Brooklyn **closed** to ATV/UTV traffic.

## Keep Your Driveway Clear for Emergencies

Open your Driveway for Emergency Vehicles! Cut back trees and shrubs, and ensure turnarounds are operational using these guidelines:

- Driveway clearances must be a minimum of 14' tall and the clear width shall be a minimum of 6' to each side of the driveway surface for a total of 26' wide clearance.
- A minimum of a 25' turnaround area at the end of the driveway and on longer driveways.
- Keep the turnout areas required every 300' graveled and clear for emergency vehicle passing lanes.

Your emergency services crews thank you!

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**TOWN OF BROOKLYN RESIDENT**



**Visit a Brooklyn Farm!**

- Alpine Ridge Orchard:** [alpineridgeorchard.com](http://alpineridgeorchard.com)
- Bellbrook Berry Farm:** [organicaronia.com](http://organicaronia.com)
- County Road Alpacas:** [countyroadalpacas.com](http://countyroadalpacas.com)
- Cox Hill Farm:** [coxhillfarm.com](http://coxhillfarm.com)
- Down in the Valley Farm:** [down-in-the-valley-farm.business.site](http://down-in-the-valley-farm.business.site)
- Green Haven Gardens:** [greenhavengardenswi.com](http://greenhavengardenswi.com)
- Still Point Flower Farm:** [stillpoint.farm](http://stillpoint.farm)
- The Farmhouse:** [thefarmhouse.farm](http://thefarmhouse.farm)
- Winterfell Acres:** [winterfellacres.com](http://winterfellacres.com)
- Yellow Dog Flowers & Product:** [yellowdogproduce.com](http://yellowdogproduce.com)

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**In Other News:**

- A one-day collection of hazardous waste at the Monticello Recycling Center, 406 N. Main Street, Monticello; Wednesday, August 21st from Noon - 6 PM. For a full list of allowed and non-allowed materials, please visit [townofbrooklyn.org](http://townofbrooklyn.org).
- You can now throw away alkaline batteries and incandescent light bulbs in your trash. They do not pose a hazard and have very little recyclable material. If you have questions, talk with The Recycling Center personnel or check out recycling rules and updates at [townofbrooklyn.org](http://townofbrooklyn.org) under "Community" and "Waste & Recycling".
- Please be aware that pushing snow or other materials onto or across Town roads is illegal. Performing these activities can cause accidents and injury, and is prohibited by Wisconsin State Law Statutes 86.01, 86.07(2), 346.94(5) and 941.01. There can be NO personnel property/stuff in the right of way (33 feet on each side from the center of the road). Please remove your stuff to prevent damage to Town equipment and ordinance violations. See Town Ordinance 1.2 for more information.
- Road Work scheduled for this summer includes Elmer Road (HWY E to Smith Road), Alpine Road, Sandy Hook (Hwy 92 to Hwy C), and Yarwood (Hwy E to Hwy 104). Be aware and drive safe!

