

TOWN TIDINGS

Town of Brookfield
645 N. Janacek Road
Brookfield, WI 53045



Check out the town website...

www.townofbrookfield.com

Clerk's Corner

Read the Town Notification Boards

These boards are located at:

- Marx Park • Town Hall • Davidson Road • Mayrose Blvd.
- Weyer Road • Wisconsin and Woelfel

- Attend Town Meetings. All town meetings are held at Town Hall, 645 N. Janacek Rd.
- Surf the Net. Visit us at... www.townofbrookfield.com for agendas, minutes, and town information.
- Get out the paper. Read the Brookfield News, Brookfield Herald, and Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel for notices and updates.

Just stop on in!

The town hall is north of Bluemound Road on Janacek Road (196th and Bluemound). Call us at 796-3788 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for additional directions or information.

Town Hall Numbers

Emergency: Police and Fire911	Clerk of Courts796-3780
Police Dept. (non-emergency)796-3798	Park & Recreation.....796-3781
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)796-3792	Building Inspection.....796-3790
Town Hall796-3788	Electrical Inspection796-3791
Town Administrator796-3788	Sanitary District798-8631

2002 TOWN OF BROOKFIELD YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste includes: brush, grass, leaves, garden debris. Yard waste specifications:

1. Grass, leaves and garden debris shall be bagged.
2. Brush (branches less than 2 inches in diameter) must be cut to 4 foot lengths and bundled securely.
3. No bag or bundle shall weigh more than 60 pounds.

YARD WASTE MUST BE AT THE CURB THE THE NIGHT BEFORE PICK-UP

COLLECTION CALENDAR:

NORTH OF I-94	SOUTH OF I-94
April 10	April 17
May 8	May 15
June 5	June 12
July 10	July 17
August 7	August 14
September 11	September 18
October 19 - Sat.	October 19 - Sat.
November 2 - Sat.	November 2 - Sat.
November 23 - Sat.	November 23 - Sat.

NOTE: YARD WASTE COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAYS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.



Town Hall: 645 N. Janacek Road, Brookfield, WI 53045

Park & Rec Registration Day

March 9 at 8:00 am

Brookfield Road Construction

The topography along Brookfield Road near the intersection with Wisconsin Avenue results in poor sight lines for traffic, especially for turning movements into and out of Toldt Woods Condominiums, Brookfield Regency, Brookfield Woods, Wisconsin Hills Middle School and residences along both sides of the street. In 1990, the Town of Brookfield and the City of Brookfield jointly prepared a plan to reduce the height of the knoll in the roadway, but budget priorities did not align in both communities' annual budgets for work to commence. The plan proposed re-grading 1,400 feet along the roadway to provide a reduction in the maximum elevation of the hill by seven feet.

In 1998, the Town of Brookfield applied for, and was awarded, a State transportation grant which covered 80% of the cost of the project, with the remaining 20% allocated to the Town and the City based on each municipalities' frontage along the street. With a project cost of over \$600,000, the 80% state contribution moved the project onto a fast track, resulting in both communities' budgeting for the project.

The Town's and the City's engineering consultant, Reukert & Mielke, having completed the original design work in 1990, has updated the plans to include changes to the area since 1990, and the revised plan has been approved by the State Department of Transportation.

The current schedule proposes work to commence after June 12, 2002, with completion prior to August 24, 2002.

These dates coincide with the school calendar at Wisconsin Hills Middle School. Right-of-way and grading easement acquisition is anticipated to be completed by late February and bids let for the project in early April. Construction to commence, as indicated, in June. Utility relocation work has already begun.

The roadway will remain open to local traffic during the entire construction period. All other traffic will follow a posted detour utilizing Gebhardt Road, Barker Road and Bluemound Road. The work on Brookfield Road will not conflict with the County's proposed box culvert replacement on Barker Road at Poplar Creek, which is scheduled for construction later this year.

Information and a project map will be posted on the Town's website.

Chief's Desk

The weather we've experienced so far this winter has been remarkable. Driving conditions have been excellent and there have been fewer reported motor vehicle accidents over the past two months than over the same time period in previous years. The lack of snow and ice certainly make driving much easier. However, the department still sees a substantial number of stalled vehicles and stranded motorists over the winter months. Our officers provide safety and assistance to these unlucky travelers in a number of ways. We provide protection by using emergency lighting to warn other motorists of a stalled vehicle and offer a warm place to sit while waiting for a tow truck. Our squads have the capability to "push" a stalled vehicle out of traffic to avoid an accident and allow other vehicles to continue on their way. We also call tow truck services and we carry a small amount of portable fuel if someone happens to run out of gas.

Anytime officers are working on or near traffic lanes – investigating accidents, assisting motorists or conducting a traffic stop, there is an increased risk of serious injury or death to the officer. Nationally, more than 15 police officers are killed every year as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle while working on a highway and many more are injured. Wisconsin has enacted a new law, which went into effect on December 1, 2001, that is designed to increase safety for law enforcement, emergency personnel and tow truck operators. The new law requires motorists to shift lanes where possible to give emergency vehicles or tow trucks a safe zone in which to work.

Under the new law, any motorist approaching an authorized emergency vehicle (such as police, fire, ambulance, and conservation warden) or tow truck that is stopped within 12 feet of the paved portion of a highway and which has its emergency lights operating,

should shift lanes if possible. For example, on a four-lane divided highway, a motorist should move to the left lane if they see an emergency vehicle parked along the right shoulder. If shifting lanes would put you into oncoming traffic, motorists are required to slow until past the emergency vehicle. Persons who fail to either switch lanes or slow down will be subject to fines ranging from \$125.90 to \$458.00 and, if there is property damage or injury, a mandatory suspension of driving privileges. The bottom line – slow down when you see the emergency lights operating and give a little extra room to the men and women working on the highways.

As always, if you see anyone or anything suspicious in your neighborhood, please call us. We need your help in reducing crime and improving safety in our community.

Calvin J. Williams
Chief of Police

Firehouse Footnotes

Even though this has been, by and large, a mild winter, the weather in Wisconsin can turn on a dime! So, I want to spend this column with you talking about carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, CO for short, is a colorless, odorless, and very deadly gas. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, somewhere around 200 Americans die each year because of CO poisoning. Most people think of carbon monoxide as one of the nasty ingredients in vehicle exhaust. Thing is, CO is a byproduct of ANY combustion including fireplaces, fuel fired stoves and clothes dryers, and other sources found at home.

The Wisconsin Gas Company and the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety recently produced a brochure on carbon monoxide. We've made them available to you at the window in the Town Clerk's office. I encourage you to stop by and pick one up. The illustration accompanying this article is from that brochure. It shows a number of the things that can put you and your family at risk from CO poisoning.

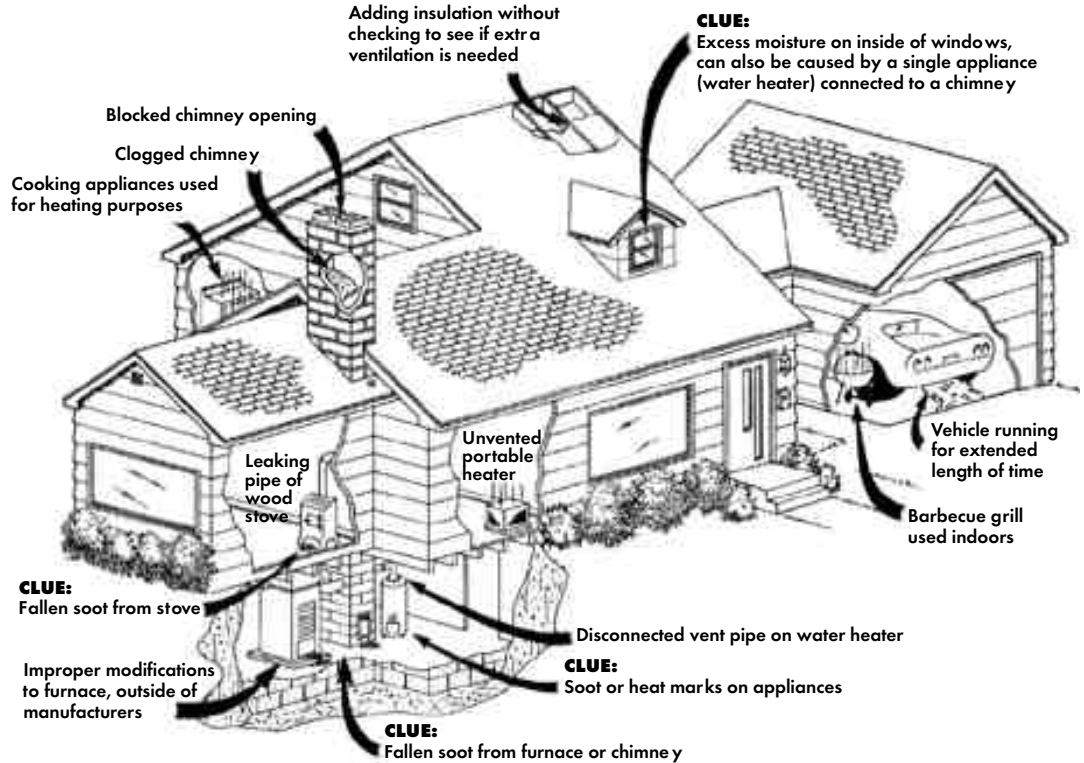
While you can't see or smell CO in the air, it does produce symptoms when people are exposed. According to Captain Jerry Biggart of our Department's Division of Emergency Medical Services,

headache, dizziness, nausea, and other flu-like symptoms, especially if they occur at home but get better when you're away can mean carbon monoxide poisoning. If in doubt, don't gamble, call the Fire Department.

Another good idea is to buy a good quality, Underwriters Laboratories listed, carbon monoxide detector and install it according to the manufacturer's directions

just in case. They're available at any hardware or home improvement store. Please have a safe and enjoyable winter. Stop by the fire station the next time you're in our neighborhood. We'd love to see you and show you how we're putting your tax money to use for your safety.

**-Chief Skip Sharpe
Town of Brookfield Fire Chief**



Holiday Cheer

Members of the Police and Fire Departments sing carols at a local senior residence center. These angelic voices help spread good tidings throughout the year and protect our town residents with even more zeal.



PARK&REC NEWS

Soccer Registration Begins

February 5th!!!

Spring/Summer Registration

is on March 9th!!!

Residents should look forward to spring with the upcoming Waukesha County Spring Soccer and Instructional Soccer registration. Boys and girls who are ages 4 to 15 and want to play soccer should register from Tuesday, February 5 until Thursday, February 21 (don't be late!!!). Ages determined by how old they would be any time in 2002, i.e. their 8th birthday is December 31; they will be considered 8 for the year. Come to the Town Hall, Parks and Recreation Dept., from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, with a copy of the participant's birth certificate to sign up for a team. Coaches are always needed (and receive a discount on their child's registration)!!! We will try putting together a Girls U-15 team this year in addition to the other teams. Those who are interested so sign up IMMEDIATELY to assure this team's formation.

You will be able to sign up for both the Spring AND Fall seasons this year at one time! Fees will be \$75 for County players for the year and \$45 for Instructional players (4-6 years).

Spring/Summer Rec Guides Are Coming!

The Spring/Summer Rec Guides will be coming out soon. Make sure to check it out for programs and events that will brighten up your day. Registration for residents will be March 9 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. There will be special hours during the next few weeks for registration as well; check out the Rec Guide for more info.

Town Skate Night

Skate away those winter blues! Make your way to Skateland at 1931 E. Main St in Waukesha and strap on some skates. Who needs an excuse to get out of the house during winter...but here is one anyway! Skates will be provided or bring your own (including rollerblades) We'll skate the night away listening to music and gather with our town friends and neighbors. Make sure you are there! The event is FREE and will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

ELECTION NEWS

APRIL 2nd 2002

The following are the Town Positions and Candidates that will appear on the ballot.

TOWN SUPERVISOR

(TWO POSITIONS OPEN)

Jeffrey A. Timm

Lori Ann McFadzen

Keith P. Harendra

ELECTION NOTES

The Town receives requests for absentee ballots from parents for their children away at school. Students attending college away from home should register to vote prior to leaving for school. They may also request an absentee ballot at that time for the Spring Election.

Elector's Registration to Vote: May be done by mail and must be received in the Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday preceding the election. Can be done in municipal clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. the day before an election. Or at the polls on the day of election.

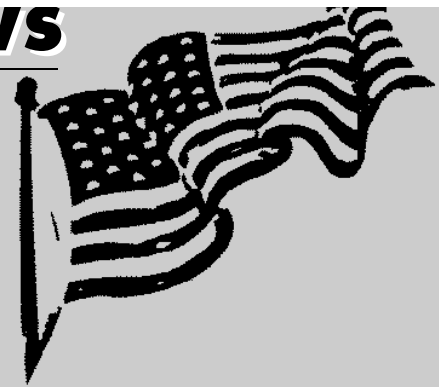
Absentee Ballot procedure: All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing with the signature of the voter. The application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. the Friday immediately preceding the election. If application is made in person it shall be made no later than 5 p.m. on the day preceding the election, excepting electors who are sequestered jurors or hospitalized.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 9TH, AT TOWN HALL

The 158th annual Town Meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. A short presentation on the financial status of the Town will be given. The remainder of the meeting is your chance to discuss the issues you feel are important with other citizens of the Town and the Town Board.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It's closer than you think!!! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30 at 10:00 am SHARP! We'll need help on March 20 to stuff the eggs for all those egg hunters and crawlers starting at 6:30 pm. Call 796-3781 for more info.



"Chairman's Notes"

Mark your calendar!

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 9th at 7 pm at the Town Hall. There will be a report from the Town Auditor's on the Town's fiscal status and swearing in of the newly elected Town Board members (don't forget to vote on April 2nd!). But the most interesting part of the meeting is the discussion on how YOU want YOUR Town Government to improve the Town of Brookfield. I know, it sounds boring. But it's not! This is one of those fun meetings! And besides, this year there is a special treat. You can be one the first to tour the new Police Department and the Fire Department additions.

You can vote too!

This is great! You get a comfortable chair, a place to work, a chance to talk to the neighbors, and your name in plastic. It doesn't get any better than this! So come join the fun! Every April the Town Board appoints residents to positions on the various committees that have a large say in how the Town operates. This year there is one position on the Police and Fire Commission, one on the Sanitary District, two on the Board of Appeals, and one or two on the Recreation Committee. Interested? Don't know if you're interested? Call me! I'll explain what the committees do and what the time commitments will be. (P.S. some of these committees will pay you for your efforts!)

-Chairman Keith Henderson

Adult Volleyball

Remember that Adult Volleyball at Pleasant Hill Elementary runs until February 13 on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. It's free and a great way to stretch out those winter "muscles". Get out and have some good fun!

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