

TOWN TIDINGS

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

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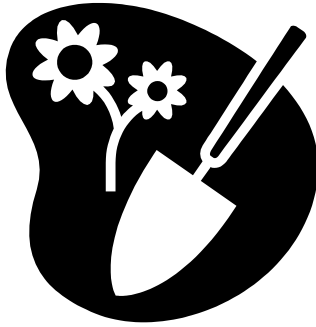
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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

We have several new activities that we are undertaking. One of the most exciting is a new residential award for beautiful gardens, planting beds, lawns and landscapes

The name for this new residential TOBBA (Town of Brookfield Beautification Award) is the "**Curb Appeal**" Award which this fall has been awarded to residents:

Russell and Elizabeth Ziebell
655 E. Ravenswood Hills Drive



The Commercial Business TOBBA

for outstanding landscapes by town businesses:

August—September :
McDonalds

September—October:
Culvers

Thanks to the Ziebells, McDonalds and Culvers for helping make the Town a beautiful place to live.

To nominate residences or businesses for these awards, contact Chad at the Park & Rec at 796-3781 or email at parkrec@townofbrookfield.com

TOWN HALL CLOSINGS

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

November 27 & 28

December 24 & 25

December 31 at noon

January 1, 2004

April 9, 2004

July 4, 2004

September 6, 2004

Normal business hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday—Friday.

GOT WELL WATER?

Did you know that drinking 8 glasses of water a day adds up to 182 gallons per year? Aren't you curious what you're drinking? Testing your well water is a New Year's resolution that you can keep. The Waukesha County Environmental Health Division recommends private well water be tested annually. Your water collection kit can be ordered and mailed for \$20.00 via Visa/MasterCard by calling 262-896-8300, They will include free postage and handling to you through the end of January. It's your family's health...what could be more important?!

RADON INFORMATION

Did you know that 55% of the radiation people are exposed to comes from radon? Exposure to radon gas causes thousands of lung cancer deaths each year. Only smoking causes more. It is easy and inexpensive to test your home. If you would like to find out the radon levels in your area, call the Waukesha County Environmental Health Division. A radon test kit can be ordered and mailed for \$20.00 via Visa/MasterCard by calling 262-896-8300. It's hard to breath air in moderation...shouldn't you test your home today?!

NEW DOG LICENSE RULES

The Town Board enacted new rules to stay in line with Waukesha County requirement for 2004. The fees have been raised from \$5 for a spayed/neutered dog to \$7 for the same and from \$10 for non-spayed/non-neutered dog to \$12. In addition, there will be a late fee of \$5 for any dog not registered before April 1. New dog purchases are exempt from this late fee but proof of the date of purchase will be required.

This fee increase from the county deals with the Animal Control office. This position is paid for through this \$2 increase in dog license fees.

Make sure to get your dog licensed for your peace of mind, your dog's safety and the safety of the town.

Proof of vaccinations are required and must be presented when licensing.

Remember to Get Involved!

Plan Commission: November 25

Town Board Meeting: December 2

Town Board Meeting: December 16

Plan Commission: December 23

Town Board Meeting: January 6, 2004

Town Board Meeting: January 20, 2004

Annual Town Meeting: April 13, 2004

PARK & REC NEWS

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Beautiful-bright lights, Christmas carols, hot chocolate, cookies and whole lot of fun describes this great holiday celebration! So don't miss this year's celebration of lights which will be held at the Town Hall lower level parking lot. We will have a great time celebrating the holiday, singing holiday carols with the local elementary kids as well as enjoying snacks and hot chocolate.

Where: Town Hall

When: Wednesday, December 3; 6:30 pm

SOCCER REGISTRATION

Changes in the soccer league will move some of our registration dates in the coming years. Spring soccer registration will be from **February 3—12**. Fall registration will then be **May 11—20**. The leagues will switch from year's past in that leagues will be fall—spring in orientation. This means that those who sign up in May for Fall Soccer will also be able to sign up for Spring Soccer in 2005.

Age groups will also be switched. We will follow Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association rules starting with Spring Soccer Registration.

U8: born 8/1/96—9/31/97

U10: born 8/1/94—9/31/95

U12: born 8/1/92—9/31/93

Participants will receive a jersey but will need to supply shorts, shoes and shin guards. Parents will be required to sign the NYSCA Parents Code of Ethics and abide by its guidelines. Call for more information.

Land O' Leagues soccer:

FEE: \$40 for Spring Season

\$75.00 for both Fall and Spring (beginning with the Fall Registration in May)

Instructional soccer:

FEE: \$25 for Spring Season

\$45.00 for both Fall and Spring (beginning with the Fall Registration in May)

TOWN SKATE NIGHT

Come on down to Skateland at 1931 E. Main St. in Waukesha and strap on some skates. Roller-skates will be provided or you can bring your own (including rollerblades!)

Where: Skateland

When: Saturday, Feb. 21; 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fee: **FREE** (proof of residency required)

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Simply show up at Pleasant Hill Elementary School (175 S. Barker Road) on the nights you want to participate. The games will be pick-up in nature and balls must be supplied by the participants.

Where : Pleasant Hill School

When: Thursdays: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
from January 8 - March 11
(availability will be dependent on school closings;
closed January 22, February 5 and 26)

Fee: **FREE**

REGISTRATION DAY

On Saturday, March 13 from 8:00—10:00 am, the Spring/Summer Registration Day will take place. Look for the Rec Guide in February for all your baseball, softball, golf, swimming and tennis information. Don't miss this day to assure class formation, pick your favorite team and get into the right class.

2004 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Please note the day of pick up has changed to THURSDAY for 2004.

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

Yard Waste Specifications:

Grass, leaves & garden debris shall be bagged in paper biodegradable yard waste bags, disposable cardboard boxes 3'x3'x3', or unlined 32-gallon garbage cans. You may also use plastic bags by purchasing and placing a sticker on each bag. Stickers in lots of twenty-five (25) for forty cents (\$0.40) per sticker can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office or by sending a payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) along with a self-addressed long 4 1/8 x 9 1/2 envelope stamped with sixty cents (\$0.60) postage to the Town Hall.

Brush (branches less than 2 inches in diameter) must be cut to 4 foot lengths and bundled securely and twine must support the weight of the material.

No bag, can or bundle shall weigh more than 60 pounds.

Yard waste must be at the curb the night before pickup.

2004 COLLECTION CALENDAR

North of I-94	South of I-94
April 15	April 22
May 13	May 20
June 17	June 24
July 15	July 22
August 12	August 19
September 16	September 23
October 14	October 21
Saturday, November 6	Saturday, November 20

STORMWATER UTILITY DISTRICT

What's this I hear about a new bill for storm water?

The Town will form a Utility District for maintaining and improving the **storm water** drainage system. The fees collected can only be used to solve flooding and to improve water quality in our rivers and creeks. All fees collected must be maintained in a separate account. A quarterly bill will be sent to every property owner. The first bills will be mailed in early January 2004.

Local communities that have storm water utilities include New Berlin, Wauwatosa, St. Francis, Butler, Glendale, and Cudahy.

Why is storm water a problem?

When rain falls on any land within the Town, the runoff is called storm water. This storm water is water from both rain and snowmelt. Rain falling on natural ground creates little runoff; rooftops and paved areas prevent this water from being absorbed and cause it to run off at a much faster rate. Flat land and poor drainage systems cause serious problems during heavy rains. These problems cause flooding and public health issues.

When storms occur, water quality is a problem. When rain falls on streets it picks up oil, gasoline, and other harmful contaminants. Also, lawns can create pollution from fertilizers and pesticides. The result is pollution in rivers, creeks, and streams. Also, these items can enter the ground water and threaten our drinking water supply.



I don't have a flooding problem in my neighborhood; why should I pay?

Rain creates storm water across the entire Town. Everyone who lives and works in Brookfield benefits when storm water problems are well managed. Everyone suffers if these problems persist.

Why a storm water utility now?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have adopted storm water regulations that mandate the Town to control this storm water runoff.

Therefore, the Town must reduce the dirt and other pollutants carried in storm water by 20% in 2008 and 40% by 2013. In order to meet this standard, the Town must maintain the drainage system and build new facilities.

What money is needed and how will it be used?

A new fee would allow money to be collected and spent specifically for storm water without raising taxes. Without this fee, the Town would have to raise taxes to meet government regulations. Also, the Town must fix existing drainage problems. The goal is to clean creeks and protect our drinking water.

How much will it cost?

Every residential dwelling unit will pay a flat rate. This includes a single house, apartment, and a condominium. The rate for each unit will be approximately \$6.80 per month.

All other properties will be charged based upon the land that is covered by concrete, wood, and gravel. Commercial, industrial, and tax-exempt properties will pay a much larger monthly charge.

Where can I get more information?

If you would like additional information on the storm water utility program or have specific concerns about storm water issues, please contact the town at 796-3788.

2004 ELECTION DATES

February 17, 2004
Spring Primary and Presidential Preference Primary Election

April 6, 2004
Spring Election

September 14, 2004
Partisan Primary

November 2, 2004
General Election

Polls are open from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

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 Fall Election.

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. It can also 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.

Two Town Supervisor positions will be up for election in spring 2004. Town residents may pick up candidate packets at the Clerk's Office in mid November 2003.

The packet will contain a Campaign Registration Statement, Registration requirements, Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office.

The first day nomination papers may be circulated is **MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2003. Papers must be turned in to the Town Clerk's office NO LATER than 5:00 pm on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2004.**

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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 Mayrose Blvd.
Davidson Road Weyer Road Wisconsin and Woelfel

- Attend Town Meetings. All town meetings are held at Town Hall, 645 North Janacek Road
- Visit the town website at www.townofbrookfield.com for agendas, minutes and town information
- Read the Brookfield News, Brookfield Herald, Waukesha Freeman and Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel for notices and updates

Just stop in!

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

TOWN HALL NUMBERS

Emergency: Police / Fire	911	Clerk of Courts	796-3780
Police Dept. (non-emergency)	796-3798	Park & Recreation	796-3781
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	796-3792	Building Inspection	796-3790
Town Hall	796-3788	Electrical Inspection	796-3791
		Sanitary District	798-8631

LOTTERY CREDIT

If after January 2, 2002 and as of January 1, 2003 you became the owner of a property in the Town of Brookfield and it was used as your primary residence check with the Town for forms to fill out to receive the Lottery Credit.

GARBAGE/RUBBISH NOTES

Appliance Disposal: You must call ahead to schedule for an appliance pick up. The number to call is (262) 367-6040 and then press 4 to reach the Residential Home Service Department.

Toys and Other Valuables: Please keep toys and other valuables a minimum of 10 feet away from your refuse bags or cans, larger items put out for pick up and recyclable container on collection day.

ELM-BROOK HUMANE SOCIETY (EBHS)

Starting December 1, the town will be using EBHS as our Animal Control Specialists. If you have an animal issue, contact the Police Department or them directly at 782-9261. Contact them if you find a stray or injured animal or to see if they already have your lost pet. You can also check them out at www.ebhs.org