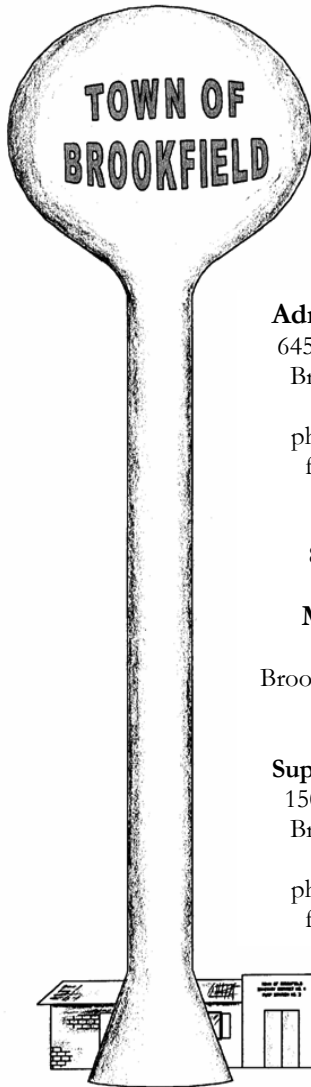


WATER TOWER NEWS

SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 4



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ONCE AGAIN WATER & SEWER RATES AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE AREA

We are again happy to report that Sanitary District No. 4's combined water and sewer residential rates are among the lowest in the area. In fact, our rates are in the bottom 13 percent.

In the annual study conducted by Ruckert & Mielke, a local engineering firm, an average annual total cost per household for water and sewer ranges from a high of \$1,700.00 to a low of \$281.62. This year's study included 297 communities. With #1 being the highest combined rate and #297 the lowest combined rate, Sanitary District No. 4 was ranked #260 with a combined total of \$444.64 per year. There were only 37 communities that had a lower combined rate.

Rankings of some of our surrounding communities and their annual combined rates:

#29	Menomonee Falls, Village	\$986.66
#40	New Berlin, City	\$917.88
#86	Delafield, City	\$786.90
#137	Brookfield, City	\$679.21
#141	Pewaukee, City	\$669.50
#181	Pewaukee, Village	\$602.30
#187	Hartland, Village	\$591.46
#199	Germantown, Village	\$571.00
#255	Waukesha, City	\$454.10
#260	Brookfield, Town SD#4	\$444.64

Annual cost per household was based on 70,000 gallons per year usage. Copies of the study are available in the lobby of the town hall or if you would like to see the entire study, including the separate studies for water and sewer, you can go to the engineer's website at www.ruckert-mielke.com and click on the "2006 Water and Sewer Rate Study" link in the lower left hand corner of the home page.

It has always been our goal to bring you the highest quality water, and sewer and water services, at the lowest possible cost.

WELL PERMIT RENEWALS DUE DECEMBER 31st

If you received notification last April that your well permit needs to be renewed, you need to start now. If you do not meet the deadline of **December 31st**, Sanitary District ordinance requires that penalties be assessed against you, the property owner, and you may be forced to abandon the well.

If you have any questions regarding the renewal of your private well permit, please do not hesitate to call the Sanitary District office at 262-798-8631.

*"Wishing you a safe,
happy holiday season and
prosperous new year"*



KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS ACCESSIBLE



If there is a **fire hydrant** on, or near, your property, please remember to keep it **free from snow** during the winter months. In doing so, you could save your home, your neighbor's home, or possibly lives!

HAVE YOUR UTILITY BILL FORWARDED

If you are a residential customer, your utility bill comes to you addressed as "current resident". Most municipalities send their utility bills to "current resident" for a good reason - the utility billing stays with the property, not with the property owner. If the utility billing were to be sent using the owner's name and the property is sold, the bill would continue to follow that person until such time as the municipality is notified that there is a new owner.

Due to the fact that the U.S. Postal Service does not forward any mail that is addressed to "current resident", if you are leaving the area for any considerable length of time and would like your utility bill to be sent in your name to another address, we will require that you make that request "in writing". You can come into our office for a Temporary Address Change Form or you can download a copy from the town's website at www.townofbrookfield.com, click on "Departments", "Sanitary District No. 4 Information" and look for our forms. Send the top portion of the form to our office. When you return, fill out the bottom of the form to change the billing address back to your residence.

As always, if you have any questions regarding this, or any other matter, please give us a call.

MAKING UTILITY PAYMENT ON A TIMELY BASIS

Just a reminder that our office is located at the town hall when making your payment in person. For after hour payments, a drop box is located to the right of the east door of the town hall. Plus, you can still use our night deposit box that is located on the gate in front of the water tower on Barker Road. Both boxes are checked daily, and at 4:30 p.m. on the due date.

To assure proper application of payments to your account, please return the bottom portion of your stub and make checks payable to Sanitary District No. 4.

For those who use Online Banking, you need to include your account number and also allow enough time for the mailing of the check. We have been receiving many checks after the due date.



HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Sanitary District office, which is now located in the town hall, will be closed for the following holidays:

Thanksgiving	November 23 & 24
Christmas	December 22 & 25
New Year's	December 29 (1/2 day) January 1, 2007

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Happy fall into winter. It is that time of the year again in Wisconsin. Here at the Sanitary District we are thinking the same thoughts as you are at home. Will the furnace work, will the snow-blower run, make sure all the Hydrants are drained, winterize the Vac-Star, etc. So, maybe we don't have all of the same thoughts, but we are all preparing for old man winter. We have a couple of extra things to check. Meters were read and the fall hydrant flushing was completed. Hopefully we can get a few more valves exercised before the big chill hits. Indoors we are working on our budget for next year. Some of our 2007 projects are, one of our wells will be rehabbed, the starters on Wells 5 & 6 need to be changed, the outside of the tower will be scrubbed, plus the inside of the reservoirs and tower need to be cleaned and inspected.

Just a side thought that may be of interest. The DNR tells us that we must clean and inspect our reservoirs and tower every five years. Years ago, before Terry, the tower and tanks were drained to do the inspection which meant wasting hundreds of thousands of gallons of water to drain and refill them. We then had to wait two days for two safe samples before they could be put back on line. Now, we have a guy dive the tanks and the system stays in service all the time, and no water is wasted. The diver has to wear an old-style diving helmet that has a video camera on it and a special suit so no skin is exposed. Before entering the tank, he is washed down with chlorine. It's the neatest thing that I can sit in their van and observe exactly what the diver sees plus any repairs he makes on a video monitor. This is so great that we can save time, money and water.

Anyway, enough of my ramblings. If you are reading this and you are the person that hit the fire hydrant at Brennen's and didn't report it, stop and see me. They don't fix themselves, you know. Everyone else, Happy Holidays and drink more water!!!!

Terry Heidmann – Superintendent



In order to comply with federal safety laws, our operators must practice confined space rescue.