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Town of Brooklyn 2011 Newsletter

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State of the Town: Mike Wuest, Town Chair

My fellow residents, as the year 2010 draws to a close, the Town has had many "economic woes" that loomed before us. The Town Board has met these challenges. I hope 2011 will give some relief for the local economy with positive change. Controlled spending was and is our 1st priority. The Town Board opted to take no salary increase this year or next and no salary increase to the Recycling/Sanitation/Green Waste workers, or the election workers. I am committed to hold "wasteful spending to zero" in the Town. I can't say the same for County or State Government. Have a wonderful 2011.

Road Supervisor - Ron Triemstra

In November of 2008, the electors of the Town approved a long-range plan reconstruction and maintenance of town roadways, along with an increase of funding.

In 2009, the Town Board implemented the plan and has made great progress in providing improvements to the roadways.

The focus has been on residential streets due to the greatest need in this area. In 2009, Illinois Avenue and Woodland Circle were reconstructed. In 2010, in the Sunnyside subdivision, we reconstructed North Court, Hillside, Grant and Lakeside Streets. In the Sugarloaf area, Del and Peacock Lane, Channel Road and Jane Streets were also reconstructed. Presently, planning is underway for the 2011 program.

I recommend that the residents take an opportunity for a pleasant tour of the town and drive these improved roadways to see what has been achieved.

If any property owners in the Town have plans of surfacing or reconditioning their driveways, please contact the Town or one of the Board Members prior to starting the work. The Town has an ordinance that prohibits the construction of permanent pavement on Town right-of-way (i.e. concrete). A representative of the Board will assist you in determining the limits of Town right-of-way.

Recycling/Sanitation/Green Waste Center Supervisor - Harley Reabe

I want to thank you for the cooperation you have shown the employees at the R/S/GW Center during the past year and ask for your continued support and cooperation. I am sure many of our users have been watching the progress of the construction for the installation of the garbage compactor, which was placed into service on the 20th of November. The reason your Town Board chose to install the compactor is to reduce our cost of the disposal of refuse. One of our biggest expenses is that of the large roll-off dumpster for the disposal of larger items. A reduction of one emptying of the roll-off dumpster per month will pay the rent of the garbage compactor for a month. I believe that we can reduce the emptying of the roll-off dumpster by two, and perhaps as many as three times a month, since much of the refuse that is being dumped into the roll-off dumpster can be placed into the compactor. This, along with the reduction in the cost of emptying the many dumpsters we presently have, will result in a cost reduction for all our garbage removal. I am also in the process of negotiating for the installation of a second compactor for the recyclables. Once installed, we would go to single stream recycling, which means all of the recyclables go into the same container. Thus, your paper and cardboard would not need to be kept separate from the plastic, glass or cans. In last year's letter, I stated that we cannot accept items which contain heavy metals and/or radioactive material. These items include, but are not limited to the following: microwaves, computers, computer monitors, televisions, smoke & carbon monoxide detectors,

etc. We are also prohibited from accepting items that have had, or do have, refrigerants. Should you have any items that fall into these categories, please contact an appliance dealer in the area as many of them will assist you in disposing of them, or can provide you with the name of someone who will accept the item for disposal. Please refer to the separate sheet included with this newsletter for more information on the R/S/GW Center.

Assessment Notes: Last year Elizabeth Rowley (our assessor for 26 years) has retired. She was the Town of Brooklyn Treasurer for 7 years before becoming the assessor. We have contracted Grota Appraisals, LLC, N88 W16573 Main Street, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. (262) 253-1142 to do our assessments.

Please remember we have a website: www.townofbrooklyn.com. If you have not done so, please go on line and check it out. All agendas are posted, there is a calendar of events, and boards and commission names are posted. Some forms are available to be printed off, such as dog licenses, etc. Please check it if you have questions. Town's e-mail address is: townofbrooklyn@centurytel.net. If you have questions, you can always e-mail us and we will try to answer in a timely fashion.

Annual Meeting: Will be held at the Town Hall on **April 19, 2011** at 7:00 p.m.

Building Inspector: Jerry Buhrows, Jr. has a website. www.jandb.info. You can get information and forms directly from the web. His cell phone is (920) 579-3480.

Budget Meeting: Is scheduled in November, time to be announced. This is when the Town Levy, highway expenditures, and Town Board Salaries are approved. After the budget meeting held in November, the budget will be approved at the next Town Board meeting.

Elections: Are held at the Town Hall. Hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please remember that if you did not fill out a state registration form, you will have to complete one before you can vote. You may register at the Town Office during regular office hours, or print the form off the website and send it in. You may also register at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse during their regular office hours.

Fire Wardens: The Town of Brooklyn has 2 emergency fire warden stations. One is: 4M Bison Farm, Marcel Mildebrandt, at N5697 Skunk Hollow Road, Ripon. The other station is the Town of Brooklyn Hall at N5988 County Road A, Green Lake (This will be during regular office hours). Starting January 1st until May 31st, if there is not significant snow on the ground you need a burning permit for brush, leave burning and barrels. **Remember: After you have obtained your written annual burning permit, you must check the Internet or call the hotline for daily burning restrictions after 11:00 a.m. on the day you wish to burn.** www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire or call 1-888-947-2876. You only need one (1) permit per year.

Open Book/Board of Review: By Statute the Board of Review is opened during the 30-day period beginning the second Monday in May.

Postings/publications. Prior to each meeting an agenda is posted at the Town Hall; 1st National Bank-Green Lake Branch; and the Town Recycling /Sanitation/Green Waste Center. Legal Notices are also published in the Green Lake Reporter. We also submit the agendas to the Green Lake Reporter, on the town website: www.townofbrooklyn.com, and Channel 19.

Meetings: All Town Board Meetings are open to the public and are held at 7:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise posted. Plan Commission: Meets the first Thursday of the month when items need attention, or as needed.

2011 Elections

February 15 Primary Election if needed ----

April 5 Spring Election

To cast an absentee ballot, contactMarian Mildebrandt, Clerk