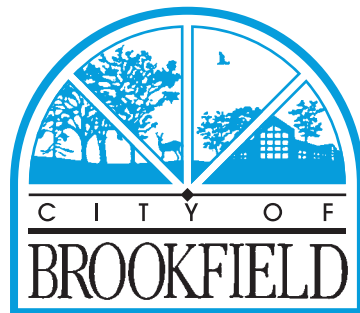


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## NEWSLETTER



### SUMMER 2013

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## FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Brookfield Residents,

As summer begins, I am sure we are all looking forward to enjoying the outdoors and joining in the many activities here in Brookfield.

At the top of my list is the Independence Day celebration on Thursday, July 4th. The UW Badger Band and the Waukesha North "Northstar" Marching Band will join our parade again this year. After the parade, the celebration continues in the Civic Plaza (the area between City Hall and the Safety Building) with the Color Guard flag raising ceremony, the free ice cream social and the Badger Band 5th Quarter entertainment. Family Fest will be held at Mitchell Park beginning at 6:00 p.m. on July 4th with many fun activities and entertainment for all ages. There will be fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

The Civic Plaza will be a busy place throughout the summer. Brookfield's very popular Farmer's Market will be held each Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until noon. This is its twenty-third season! The Farmer's Market is expanded to Market & More each third Saturday of the month to include arts and crafts.

The Noon Concert Series returns to the Civic Plaza this summer, as well as three Wednesday evening concerts. Also, the City of Brookfield will hold its 15th Annual National Night Out on Wednesday, August 7th. Communities nationwide join together each August to support this crime prevention and safety event.

There are a wide range of recreational activities available at Brookfield's many parks. I hope you will also enjoy walking and biking on the increasing number of paths being installed along our arterial roads, as well as the Greenway Corridor Recreational Trails.

Find out more about these and other City events by reading this Newsletter and visiting the City's website: [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us). The website went through a major redesign and update last year. You'll find it easier than ever to navigate and it has all kinds of information about Brookfield.

Remember also to enjoy the great entertainment available at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Mitchell Park. A particular favorite is the free outdoor Starry Nights concert series on Friday evenings.

Have a wonderful summer in Brookfield!

Mayor Steve Ponto



## Hazardous Waste Day

**June 1, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon**

City Public Works Yard, 19700 Riverview Drive



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Listed below is information on some of the programs, special events and services offered by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. For more information you can visit the City's website at [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us). If you have questions, please contact the Department at (262) 796-6675.

## Independence Day Activities — Thursday, July 4, 2013

The City of Brookfield announces that Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare will be the Title Sponsor for the 2013 Independence Day Parade.



**Wheaton Franciscan**  
Elmbrook Memorial Campus

### Parade: 10:00 a.m. on Calhoun Road between Gebhardt Rd. and North Ave.

We are excited to welcome back popular entries from years past to the 2013 parade to include the UW Badger Band, the Waukesha North "Northstar" marching band, local marching bands, community organizations and

much more. Avoid the traffic jams and join your friends and neighbors right after the parade in the Civic Plaza for the Independence Day ceremony, Color Guard flag raising ceremony, free ice cream social, and the Badger Band 5th Quarter entertainment.

### Notice to Parade Spectators:

For the safety of the spectators **NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC ON CALHOUN ROAD WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 9:30 a.m.** Please plan accordingly for this closure.

In the interest of public safety and fairness, the Independence Day Activities Committee is requesting that parade spectators refrain from obstructing or attempting to reserve any public right of way area (e.g. sidewalks, curb areas, medians) by placing chairs, blankets, tape, rope, tents or any other item along the parade route before 7:00 p.m. the night before the parade. In addition, the placement of large and over sized items that could potentially obstruct the view of other parade spectators is strongly discouraged. The Parade Committee thanks you for your cooperation!

### Family Fest: 6:00-9:00 p.m. @ Mitchell Park

Family oriented activities will be offered including games, inflatable jumping toys, face painting, food



and drink vendors, non-profit groups selling food and beverages and entertainment for all ages. The "Truly Remarkable Loon" and "Glen Gerard" will be featured and performing live on the "Field Stage." Our House Band will be back by popular demand and performing from 6 to 9 p.m. on the "Pavilion Stage."

### Fireworks: 9:15 p.m. @ Mitchell Park Co-Sponsored by Safro Motorcars



The annual fireworks show will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. Arrive early, enjoy all of the activities at Family Fest, and get a great viewing location for this spectacular fireworks display.

## Sponsorships

We extend our appreciation to those who are committed to sponsorships in 2013:

**Safro Motor Cars** — Cosponsors of the 4th of July fireworks.

**Wheaton Franciscan Elmbrook Memorial Campus** — Title Sponsors for the Plaza Centre Stage Concert Series and Title Sponsors for the Independence Day Parade.

**PNC Bank** — Sponsors of the Noon and Evening Plaza Centre Stage Concerts.

This is a great time of year to express your civic pride by becoming a sponsor and supporting one or more of the variety of community events/activities available for sponsorship. Funding/sponsorship opportunities and

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## WIRTH AQUATIC CENTER

### POOL HOURS

**\*\*OPENING DAY, JUNE 1, 2013\*\***

Dates	Main Pool	Zero Depth Pool
Monday-Friday June 3-August 9	1-4:30 p.m. 6-8 p.m. 6-8 p.m.	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1-4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday August 12-August 16	1-8 p.m. 1-8 p.m.	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday June 1-August 18 Wednesday, July 4	1-8 p.m.	1-8 p.m.

### FEES

#### Daily Fees

	City Resident	Non Resident
Adult (ages 18 and above)	\$4.00	\$5.75
Youth (ages 3-17)	\$3.00	\$4.50
Senior (ages 55+)	\$3.00	\$4.50
Child (ages 2 and under)	Free	Free

#### Morning Zero Depth Only Fees

	City Resident	Non Resident
Adult (ages 18 and above)	\$2.75	\$4.00
Youth (ages 3-17)	\$2.25	\$3.25
Senior (ages 55+)	\$2.25	\$3.25
Child (ages 2 and under)	Free	Free

#### Evening Fees

	City Resident	Non Resident
Adult (ages 18 and above)	\$2.25	\$3.50
Youth (ages 3-17)	\$1.75	\$2.75
Senior (ages 55+)	\$1.75	\$2.75
Child (ages 2 and under)	Free	Free

*NOTE: Wirth Aquatic Center will be closed on July 14, 2013 for an Elmbrook Swim Club Meet.*

#### Season Pass —

#### NEW PASS TYPES AND FEES FOR 2013\*

City Residents Only	
Family Pass	\$125.00
Family Plus One	\$165.00
Adult Pass	\$55.00
Adult with Aide	\$80.00
Senior Pass	\$40.00
Senior with Aide	\$60.00
Youth Pass	\$40.00
Youth Plus One	\$80.00

\* Please see the City of Brookfield website, [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us), for detailed information regarding policies and procedures regarding Wirth Aquatic Center passes.

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levels range from a few hundred dollars and from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for sponsoring elements of the Independence Day Parade, Family Fest, Family Campout or the new German Holiday Market and Tree Lighting Event. Your generous contributions will be recognized in many different ways. Contact Marty Will, Park Programs and Operations Manager at (262) 796-6675 or [will@ci.brookfield.wi.us](mailto:will@ci.brookfield.wi.us) for more information.

## Family Camp Out — Friday, June 21, 2013 in Wirth Park



This event will provide an overnight recreational camping experience for families who are novice or experienced campers. Families bring their tents

and gear and enjoy an outdoor experience close to home. This event offers a variety of family-oriented fun activities. Friday night activities include open swim time, fire truck displays, and a presentation by the Wildlife In Need Center, and campfire songs with Gary Cross. Held in Wirth Park. This event is for City of Brookfield residents. Go to [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us) for more information.

## Mosquito Control Program Update

The City's ongoing integrated mosquito management program (14th year) is based upon the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and includes the following primary components.

### Larviciding

The City has received a permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to again apply biolarvicides to wetlands in the City for the control of disease (West Nile Virus) transmitting mosquitoes. The City's program utilizes a consultant to perform ongoing population monitoring and surveillance as well as the application of the biolarvicide when mosquito larvae counts warrant treatment.

### Adulticiding

The adulticiding program includes regular treatments of community-wide parks and large group public gathering places as necessary and surveillance program indicates.

A summary of the City's Mosquito Control Management Program and maps of the treatment areas are available at the Parks and Recreation Office. Watch for additional updates on the website or through the news media. Treatment dates and ongoing information may also be obtained by calling the Mosquito Program Information Line at (262) 796-6711.





## Mosquito Control and West Nile Virus

### What Property Owners Can Do to Help Reduce the Risk

A critical element of an effective integrated mosquito management program includes community outreach and public education and the practice of source reduction. Source reduction is a community effort to alter or eliminate mosquito larval habitat to prevent breeding wherever practicable. Residents and businesses are encouraged to engage in habitat alteration or elimination activities such as the proper disposal of used tires and the cleaning of rain gutters, bird baths, and unused swimming pools or any other types of vessels/containers/areas that will hold water and serve as potential breeding areas. In addition, other habitat alteration or elimination activities performed by the City include ongoing streambank clearing and restoration, catch basin and/or storm inlet cleaning, and container removal.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has prepared a Fact Sheet on "Mosquito Information for Homeowners" regarding West Nile Virus. Copies are available at the Parks, Recreation and Forestry office or can be obtained through the DATCP website at <http://datcp.state.wi.us>.

A variety of pamphlets, fact sheets, brochures and other materials are available at the Parks, Recreation and Forestry office that will provide information related to mosquito biology, personal protection, appropriate source reduction around the home, and the overall City integrated mosquito management program.

## Reserving Park Facilities

Park facilities, tennis courts, ball fields, picnic areas, Wirth Aquatic Center, Mitchell Park Pavilion, Senior Center and picnic kits may be reserved for use by Brookfield residents and/or groups for meetings, gatherings or picnics. More information (i.e. facility details/descriptions, eligibility requirements, rates, etc.) is available on the City's website ([www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us)) or call the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Office for availability at (262) 796-6675.

## Greenway Trail System — "Your Community Connection"

The ongoing development of the planned 39 mile trail system will be continuing in 2013 with an additional 2/3 of a mile of off-road trail scheduled for construction. By the end of this year, approximately 12+ miles of off-road segments will have been completed along the Beverly Hills, Civic

## 2013 Plaza Centre Stage Concert Series

Special Thanks  
to our returning  
Title Concert



Wheaton Franciscan  
Elmbrook Memorial Campus

### Series Sponsors at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

All concerts will be held at the Civic Plaza, 2000 N. Calhoun Rd., just north of City Hall. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy these free concerts with family and friends. During the concerts, Angelina's Deli will have handmade sandwiches, salads, soft drinks and lunch combo specials available for purchase. Sorry — no concert rain dates will be scheduled. Music is provided by ACA Entertainment and the Brookfield Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

## NOON CONCERT SERIES: Wednesdays Noon-1:00 p.m.

Special thanks to our  
new Noon Concert Series  
Sponsors at PNC Bank.



PNC BANK

June 12	Marcell Guyton
June 19	Jenny Thiel Trio
June 26	"Special K" Kevin Kennedy
July 3	Gary Cross
July 10	Bobby Way
July 17	Dusk
July 24	Al White
July 31	Heat Duo
August 7	Nora Collins
August 14	Downtown Harrison

## EVENING CONCERTS: Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Special thanks to our new  
Evening Concert Series  
Sponsors at PNC Bank.



PNC BANK

June 12	North Coast Orchestra
July 10	Bobby Way and the Fabulous Wayouts
August 14	5 Card Studs

Go to [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us) for more information.

Center, Deer Creek, Dousman, Rolling Meadows, and Underwood Creek Trails.

Trail segment construction details and updates, as well as the trail system map and user's guide, are available on the City's website ([www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us)) under "Parks and Recreation — Parks, Trails and Forestry — Greenway Trail System."



## Brookfield's Fifteenth National Night Out Planned

The City of Brookfield will hold its fifteenth National Night Out event on August 7, 2013, from 5:00-9:00 p.m., in the Brookfield Civic Plaza, and at the Safety Building (2100 N. Calhoun Road).



Communities nationwide gather together in August every year to support this crime prevention and safety

event. There will be many activities for all ages at National Night Out. Information booths will be set up in the Fire Department's Apparatus Bay to provide tips on Neighborhood Watch, Homeland Security, Identity Theft, Internet Safety, Personal Safety, Bullying Prevention, 9-1-1 Emergency Phone Call information, Drug Abuse Prevention, Fire Prevention, Child Safety, Child ID Kits, Bicycle and Traffic Safety.

The Flight For Life Helicopter, Waukesha County Incident Command Post, Waukesha County Canine Unit, Kohl's Cares: Grow Safe and Healthy display, and the New Berlin Fire Department Safety House will be featured on the National Night Out grounds. In the Civic Plaza area, there will be Self-Defense educational demonstrations, Airbag Safety demonstrations, Children's C.P. Rail Rides, and a Dunk Tank. The musical entertainment will be provided by "Crossfire." Food, refreshments, and T-shirts will be available at the event. A Flashlight Walk Against Crime, from 8:30-9:00 p.m., brings everyone together for a great ending to this important community event.

The Brookfield Task Force on Public Safety Education, Inc. is seeking volunteers for National Night Out. For more information on the event or on volunteering, please call the City of Brookfield Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (262) 787-3557.

## Preventing Thefts from Vehicles

Most thefts from vehicles are crimes of opportunity, many times involving unlocked cars. The City of Brookfield Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit provides these tips for protecting your vehicle and your valuables:

- The safest location for your vehicle is parked inside a secure garage. If vehicles are parked outside, secure them in a well-lighted area. Remember to lock your car and take your keys. Never leave a vehicle running and unattended.
- Remove items of value from the vehicle or lock them in the trunk. Leave no valuables in plain view. Very

few vehicle break-ins are random. The thieves usually see something out in the open or hints of possible hidden valuables. If you leave packages or items in your vehicle, and they're visible, the chances that your vehicle will get broken into increase greatly.

- Take anything you can't afford to lose with you, e.g., a wallet or laptop computer. Put other valuables in the trunk before you park, never after you park. Thieves may be watching.
- If your vehicle is stolen or property is taken from your vehicle, call the police immediately.

## Preventing Bicycle Accidents

The Crime Prevention Unit offers these tips to provide children and adults with the information they need to help prevent bicycle/motor vehicle accidents:

- **Ride a safe bike.** Have it safety inspected and keep it well maintained.
- **Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.** A good hard shell approved helmet can be a lifesaver, protecting you from head injury in an accident. Replace the helmet if it is damaged.
- **Obey all traffic signs and signals.**
- **Keep right when riding in traffic.** Ride single file in the same direction as the traffic flow.
- **Signal your moves with hand signals.** Look behind you before changing lanes or turning and proceed carefully. Ride predictably and signal your turns. Don't ride in a manner that requires other road users to react suddenly to your movements.
- **Drive defensively.** Be prepared for motorists, pedestrians, and other cyclists to do the most unpredictable things. Scan traffic at all times. Be aware of other traffic when approaching intersections and when making left turns. Make sure drivers of merging cars see you.
- **Keep control of your bicycle.** Don't carry passengers or packages that interfere with vision or control. Use baskets or carriers for packages and books.
- **Watch for pedestrians.** Be especially alert for children who may dart out into the roadway without first checking for traffic. Use a bell or horn or call out a warning to let pedestrians know when you are passing.





- **Watch road conditions.** Watch for hazards, dangerous road conditions, and other road users. Use caution when riding over railroad tracks.
- **Be visible.** Make yourself as visible as possible by wearing bright, light colored or reflective clothing. Protect yourself at night with a white front light and a red rear flashing light or reflector.
- **Maintain your level of awareness.** Wearing headphones and listening to music while you are cycling will only decrease your level of awareness

and make it difficult for you to listen for things happening around you.

- **Purchase a Bicycle License at the City of Brookfield Police Department lobby.** The one-time fee for the license sticker is \$6.00 and is valid for as long as the bicyclist owns the bike. Affix the license sticker to the center post of the frame of the bicycle. It can help the bicycle rider in the event of an accident and can help the Police Department to return a bicycle to the owner if it is stolen and later recovered.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### City of Brookfield Guidelines for Construction and Use of Cooking Fires and Outdoor Fireplaces

#### Cooking Fires

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Fire pits shall be constructed with a minimum depth of 4 inches and a maximum diameter of 3 feet. Burning materials must be contained within this enclosure at all times. Such fire pits shall be surrounded by non-combustible materials such as a steel ring, concrete, rock or cement block.
- Permanent barbecues, portable barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, or grills shall not be used for the disposal of rubbish, trash, or combustible waste material.

#### Outdoor Fireplaces

- Outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with

the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 10 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

- An outdoor fireplace is any commercially available appliance designed to contain a wood fire when operated according to manufacturer's instructions with all lids, screens and spark arresting devices in place; or permanent fireplace structure built entirely of non-combustible materials designed with spark arrestors and screens to contain a wood fire.
- Outdoor fireplaces must be placed on a non-combustible surface when in use.
- Incinerators, outdoor fireplaces, permanent barbecues, and grills shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe condition at all times.

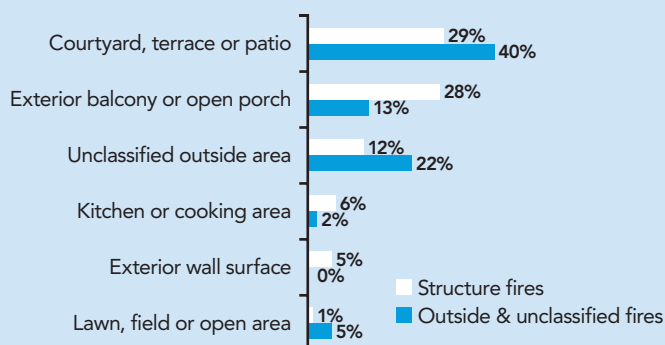


### Open Fires and Outdoor Fireplace Use Instructions

- Open cooking fires and outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as water barrel or garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.
- Outdoor burning is not permitted when the wind speed exceeds 15 miles per hour.

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#### Home Grill Fires by Leading Areas of Origin 2005-2009







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- Fuel for outdoor recreational fires shall consist of natural wood or manufactured fire log material only and may not include leaves, rubbish, garbage, trash, construction materials, any materials made of or coated with rubber or plastic, leather or petroleum based materials and may not contain any flammable or combustible liquids may not be used to aid in starting any outdoor fire. Flammable or common/standard dry kindling materials may be used to aid in starting any outdoor fire. Common/standard dry kindling material may be used to aid in starting fires.



## Leaves — What Can You Do?

### Mulch Them In Place/Mow Them

Leaves are rich in carbon, phosphorus, and potassium — all essential nutrients needed by plants including turf grasses (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources). Simply mow your leaves along with the grass during fall, and let the small leaf pieces filter down among the grass blades. Make sure grass is exposed to the sun after the tree leaves have been mulched.

- Leave your mower set to the same height you use to mow your lawn
- Use a rotary mower that pulverizes the leaves
- Mow when the leaves are dry

### When burning leaves this spring, please keep in mind:

Moist leaves, which tend to burn slowly, give off more smoke than do dry leaves. These moist leaves are more likely to also give off chemicals called hydrocarbons, which irritate the eyes, nose, throat and lungs. Some of these hydrocarbons are known to be carcinogenic.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible gas that results from incomplete burning, such as with smoldering leaf piles. After inhaling carbon monoxide gas, it is absorbed into the blood, where it reduces the amount of oxygen that the red blood cells can carry. Children, seniors, smokers and people suffering from chronic lung and heart disease are more susceptible than healthy adults to carbon monoxide effects. Please consider your health and the health of your neighbors.

## Open Burning Regulations

Burning is permitted in the City of Brookfield on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays when wind velocity is lower than 15 miles per hour. **No burning between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.**

\*Grills and outdoor fireplaces are an exception.

- Do not burn in open areas of standing grass, woods, or brush.
- The fire ring must not exceed 5 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Never burn flammable liquids or other materials which create a fire hazard.
- Never burn garbage.
- Never burn materials liberating a toxic substance or combustion, or producing a noxious odor or creating a health hazard.
- Never leave an open burning site unsupervised.

- Make sure that mower blades are sharp and use a slow movement with the mower to help grind the leaves finer
- 3-4 passes may be required to chop leaves fine enough so that they filter through the turf and expose grass leaves to sunlight; i.e. make sure that pulverized leaves do not cover the grass blades completely

Ground leaves should settle into the turf in a day or two, especially with rain

It is best to mow tree leaves regularly, not letting them lie more than 3-4 days

Although additional nitrogen has not shown any major benefit, the Department of Horticulture-Michigan State

### Compost Them

Composting is the natural recycling process that you can begin at home with leaves, grass clippings, and other lawn and garden waste.

Leaves are high in carbon and can be used as one of the brown yard wastes when making a compost pile.

### Use Them For Mulch

Mulches offer your garden and landscapes many benefits from moisture retention to temperature moderation to erosion prevention.

Yard wastes such as grass clippings, leaves, and chipped or shredded brush and branches can be used as organic mulches.

Organic mulches are usually applied 3 inches deep over the soil and around plants to achieve the benefits of mulching.



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June 2013

## Elmbrook Schools Named a "Top Workplace" by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel named the School District of Elmbrook one of the area's "Top Workplaces" as part of the newspaper's annual rankings. The award recognizes companies and organizations with at least 50 employees in the 10-county southeastern Wisconsin area that create a positive, stable work environment.



"Despite the contentious atmosphere regarding public education in Wisconsin, Elmbrook Schools has been able to maintain extremely positive employee relations by creating an environment of collaboration, trust, and a feeling of professional ownership over continuous improvement efforts," said Chris McGill, a special education teacher at Dixon Elementary School and eighteen-year veteran of the district. "The superintendent has spoken of moving the district from 'great' to 'greater.' I believe there is a feeling among staff that, even in an era of difficult budgets, we can do exactly that."

Particularly after the passage of Act 10, the state law that fundamentally changed collective bargaining in Wisconsin public schools, the district has worked hard to engage staff in shaping the future of the school district and seek input regarding continuous improvement efforts.

"In Elmbrook, there really has been a focus on bringing staff, administration and board members together in honest conversations about what we can do to achieve excellence," said Keith Brightman, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations, and Human Resources. "The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's recognition of the district as a top workplace is further indication that our efforts are paying off."

## Honoring Elmbrook Staff Members

### Elmbrook Retirees – Thank You for Your Service

Frank Azzolina	Cynthia Jacobs	Sheri O'Driscoll	Deborah Webster
Stephen Enters	Thomas Kinsella	Russell Paepke	Debbie Zielinski
Lee Gardner	William Mahony	Deborah Patz	
June Heit	Rick Mueller	Mary Rook	
Mary Hempel	Roberta Naples	Melanie Stewart	

### Congratulations 2013 Outstanding Employees

Carol Chetney	Douglas Johnson	Dan Paese	Judy Roznik
Rick Domach	Jill Michalak	Charlotte Peirick	Deborah Webster

## Message from the Superintendent

In this issue of *Link*, we are reminded of the extraordinary things taking place in the School District of Elmbrook:



Mark Hansen, Superintendent

a Pulitzer Prize-winning alumnus, new partnerships with local businesses, our student athletes' participation in nationally prestigious events, and our district's distinction as one of the area's top workplaces.

As we celebrate our successes, we are grounded by our mission to become an even better school district.

Moving from "great" to "greater" includes working to further engage community members in the district's work, seeking additional partnerships with local businesses and organizations, and overall, delivering a superb, well-rounded education to our students.

While we push forward with these efforts, I want to thank you for your interest in improving our district. I look forward to sharing more good news in the future. It remains an honor and a privilege to be a part of the journey.

## District Partners with Trace-A-Matic and WCTC

The School District of Elmbrook has announced a new partnership with Trace-A-Matic—a Brookfield-based machining company—and Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC), in which Elmbrook high school students will receive certification in computer numerical control (CNC) machine tools and become eligible for future employment opportunities with Trace-A-Matic in the process.

Elmbrook students who participate in the program will attend high school classes in the morning and receive training at WCTC in the afternoon. Students will receive both high school and college credit, along with a certification. The program will be piloted in the 2013-14 school year, with the potential for future expansion.

"The partnership between the school district, Trace-A-Matic and WCTC is not only one that serves students by providing them with

critically important job skills, but it also benefits a local employer whose success is based on finding highly trained workers," said Curt Mould, Director of Secondary Instruction for the Elmbrook Schools. "This is a tremendous opportunity, and we are very excited to be a part of it."

Elmbrook Schools has emphasized expanding students' pathways to success with a continued focus on rigor and ensuring students have wide-reaching experiences.

"The work of precision machining requires tremendous knowledge and skills, including advanced mathematics, the use of computers and the ability to read blue prints," said Brian Obst,

Human Resources Corporate Recruiter at Trace-A-Matic. "This partnership is a great opportunity not only for Trace-A-Matic, but even more so for the participating students who will gain critically important skills."

***"This is a tremendous opportunity, and we are very excited to be a part of it."***

## ELL Cultural Fair & Fashion Show

More than 200 students, faculty, and community members gathered to celebrate the district's cultural diversity at the 3rd Annual English Language Learners (ELL) Cultural Fair and Fashion Show in April. The district is proud to have more than 300 ELL students in its schools, with 38 different languages represented.



**Above L to R:** Brookfield Elementary students Fares and Toleen al-Katanani

The evening's festivities began with a dinner, followed by a Parade of Nations in which students proudly displayed the traditional styles of dress of their cultures. Attendees experienced the exhibits prepared by students, which included food, cultural artifacts, and presentations. Some students put on special performances, including a traditional Ukrainian song, an Indian dance, and a Chinese sword demonstration.

Cultures included Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, India, Japan, Laos, Mexico,

Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and the Ukraine.

"I leave this event each year very humbled to have had the opportunity to work with these families, who are willing to share their cultures within our Elmbrook community," said Mary Beth Bauer, an ELL Specialist with Elmbrook Schools.

## The C.A.R.I.N.G. Group = Triple Win

As a Brookfield resident, local business owner, and alumnus of Elmbrook Schools, Todd Ruedt has a strong sense of devotion to his community. When the recent economic downturn began to take its toll on local businesses, he was understandably dismayed. However, when significant budget cuts to local schools became imminent, Ruedt decided it was time to take action and began developing a cohesive solution to the problems facing both businesses and schools.

The Companies Actively Reinvesting in Neighborhood Growth (C.A.R.I.N.G.) Group unites the interests of local community members, business owners, and Elmbrook Schools by providing a mutual support system. Through this organization, patrons of local businesses can elect to donate a portion of their transactions to a local school of their choice.

As more customers have learned about the group, many have begun consciously steering their business towards locally run companies. The result is a win-win-win scenario. "It's really a simple concept that employs a triple-winning strategy," said Ruedt. "People shop in their community, so their purchase helps the local economy. In turn, the local businesses get increased traffic and a tax benefit by donating a portion of the sales. Plus, Elmbrook schools get additional funds directed to them to use where needed."

The  
**C.A.R.I.N.G.**  
Group

Businesses involved in the C.A.R.I.N.G. Group display a window sticker to show participation in

the organization. Customers have no residency requirement for participating and only need to enroll online. Business owners and customers can register to participate by visiting the website at <https://www.thecaringgroup.org>.

# Kiwanis Donate 15 iPads to Elmbrook Students with Autism

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club recently committed to donating 15 iPads to Elmbrook Schools. The iPads will be used by students with autism.

One in 88 children in the U.S. is affected by autism. Researchers have found that the use of special iPad apps can help children with autism communicate and learn in new ways, offering a potential breakthrough in autism education. The Kiwanis Club has embarked on a nationwide effort to provide iPads to students with autism, complete with apps for learning language and math, as well as communicating wants and needs.

"We are very appreciative of the Kiwanis Club's efforts to donate these iPads to our students. They have the potential to change the lives of students who have autism," said Tanya Fredrich, Director of Student Services for Elmbrook. "This is a great community partnership between the school district and a local organization."



**Above L to R:** Kiwanis members Don Bardonner, Jim Buskel, Jerry McCormick; Elmbrook Schools Director of Student Services Tanya Fredrich; Brookfield Elementary Special Education Teacher Julia Jacobi and former Green Bay Packer William Henderson

The Kiwanis Club iPad effort has received a great deal of attention across the United States, and in Wisconsin, former Green Bay Packer William Henderson has become a strong spokesperson. In addition to providing students with valuable learning tools, the initiative aims to foster a greater understanding of autism. While students may have special needs, it's important to realize that they also have opportunities for a bright and successful future.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis recently presented the first of the iPads to a Brookfield Elementary School second-grade student and her family. To find out more about the Autism Project, including the iPad grant application, visit <http://www.kiwanisautismproject.org>.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club has more than 90 members who meet every Friday morning. The group regularly supports a number of important organizations in the Elm Grove and Brookfield areas.

## 2nd Annual "Most Influential Educator" Award Program

The Elmbrook Education Foundation in partnership with several Parent Teacher Organizations and private donors presented the 2nd Annual "Most Influential Educator" Award programs in May.

Fifteen seniors from Brookfield East and Brookfield Central high school who have achieved academic excellence were asked to nominate a teacher who had a significant positive impact on their education.

The following teachers were honored: Kevin Allen, Sarah Allen, Sandra Aslakson, Jennifer Austino, Patrick Coffey, Jill Cook, Bob Crandall, Matt Dapelo, Dennis Gillingham, Jeff Gryzwa, John Harder, Emira Hot, Craig Keir, Amy Kosmider, Tim Kroening, Kelli Kwiatkowski, Mary Mann, Betsy McGinn, Elyce Moschella, Mark Mueller, Jeff Ortman, Anne Marie Peterson, James Riegert, Mark Ritter, Honore Schiro, Tony Spence, Bonnie Sullivan, Louise Thompson, Ben Westphal



**At Right—Top:** Award winning teachers nominated by BEHS students

**At Right—Bottom:** Award winning teachers nominated by BCHS students





# Celebrate Success!

## Brookfield East Relay Team Competes at Penn Relays

The Brookfield East High School boys' 4 x 800-meter relay team competed in the Penn Relays, one of the most prestigious track competitions in the country. The BEHS team, which is comprised of Stephen Browne, Trenton Daniels, Ryan Dundun, and Brad Johnson, qualified to race in the Penn Relays based on times in previous meets and was the only team from Wisconsin to participate.

The oldest and largest relay meet in the United States, the Penn Relays draw high school, club, and college teams from across North America. Since its inception in 1895, more athletes have run at the Penn Relays than at any single meet in the world, and more spectators have watched it than any other, not counting the Olympics and World Championships.

The BEHS relay team finished fourth in its heat with the fastest time in the state so far this season.

"It is a tremendous honor to qualify for the Penn Relays, and the experience is one that will last a lifetime," said Randy Bucheger, the team's assistant coach. "The boys did a great job representing not only their team and their high school, but also their community and the entire state."

Earlier this year, Johnson, the defending 800-meter state champion, and Daniels announced their intention to run track for the University of Minnesota.



Above L to R: Ryan Dundun, Trenton Daniels, Brad Johnson, and Stephen Browne

## Elmbrook Graduate Ayad Akhtar Awarded Pulitzer Prize

Ayad Akhtar, a 1988 graduate of Brookfield Central High School, will be awarded this year's Pulitzer Prize for Drama for his play, "Disgraced."

In 2012, the play won the Jeff Equity Award for Best New Play. It is scheduled to premiere in May at the Bush Theater in London, following its successful run at the Lincoln Center Theater in New York last year.

"Disgraced" delves into the complex subjects of cultural and political tension as faced by the play's central characters — a Pakistani-American lawyer who distances himself from his cultural origins, and his wife, a white artist whose work is heavily influenced by Islamic imagery. When the two decide to host a dinner party, these tensions escalate to the point of conflict, illustrating some of the challenges presented by the apparent cultural gulf that divides Western and Eastern sociopolitical worldviews.

"We are very proud of the accomplishment of this esteemed alumnus, and we hope to continue to provide the foundation that allows our graduates to thrive and excel when they leave our school," said Don LaBonte, principal of Brookfield Central.

While at Brookfield Central, Akhtar participated in a number of activities, including student government. He would go on to graduate from Brown University and Columbia University's School of the Arts with degrees in Theater and Film Directing.

Akhtar's newest play, "The Who and the What," is scheduled to premiere in 2014 at San Diego's La Jolla Playhouse.



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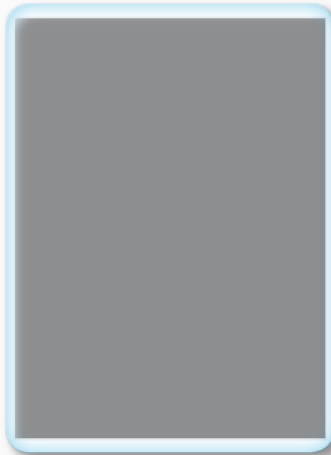


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## Lots of Activity in Brookfield Village

A group of businesses, property owners and residents in the Village area have been meeting since last year



to organize and plan events for the Village area. The group has now incorporated as “Brookfield Village, Ltd.”, a nonprofit entity. The group is “Dedicated to promoting the Village as a center of community activity in Brookfield and a great place for specialty retail and service businesses.”

Business in the Village

started to blossom last year, with the continued expansion of the Brookfield Dance Academy and the opening of Urban Upcycle, a retail shop with unique women’s clothes, jewelry and art at 2863 N. Brookfield Road. New ownership at Vino Cappucino has focused on the lunch and evening trade with live piano music, and has a revamped menu and wine offerings.

Momentum continued this year with the move of Olive Promotions, a home grown Brookfield promotional items business, to the building at 2965 N. Brookfield Road, and the opening of Goody Two Shooz in the former Plank Hotel at Brookfield and River Roads.

This is the second store for Goody Two Shooz, which opened its first store in Mequon in 2006.

The Village group created last year’s successful Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony and coordinated decorations in the Village area, including new banners. This year

a Farmer’s Market and Kid’s Fest are planned. The Village group has been working hard to create a new look in the Village. A newly designed logo will be featured in new street banners.

**The Farmer’s Market is planned for Thursday afternoons from 3:00-7:00 p.m.** on the Pleasant Street parking lot, just east of Brookfield Road. This second Farmer’s Market in Brookfield is designed to take advantage of traffic going to and from the City yard, as well as parents picking up children from the Brookfield Dance Academy and Mary Linsmeier Schools across the street. Brookfield Village also hopes the Farmer’s Market will encourage nearby residents to walk to the Village area on summer evenings. The market will feature a variety of goods including bison, Italian sausage, farm fresh eggs, fresh produce, meats, fish, flowers and prepared foods.

**The first annual Kid’s Fest, “Village Extreme”, will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,** with activities centered on McCoy Field Park, just west of Brookfield Road. An inflatable bounce gym and slide, a rock climbing wall, roving artists, a disc jockey, dance performances, food vendors and more activities are planned. A sidewalk chalk art festival and sidewalk sale will be held on the west side of Brookfield Road.

More information on these events will be available on the City’s website at [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us) and on the Village’s facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TheVillageArea](http://www.facebook.com/TheVillageArea). Residents can “like” the page to stay informed on Village events.

Anyone interested in helping to sponsor, volunteer, or participate in these events can contact the City’s Economic Development office at (262) 796-6694, or the Village at their facebook page.

## WATER UTILITY



### Lawn Sprinkling

To preserve our precious drinking water supply (groundwater in Brookfield) the City of Brookfield has regulations regarding lawn sprinkling. (This includes properties with private wells). Even numbered houses may water only on even numbered days. Odd numbered houses may water only on odd numbered days. When watering, you will need to water before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. This will make sure the water you sprinkle on your lawn will not evaporate as quickly as if you sprinkled in the middle of the day. In case of excessive heat or drought, the Water Utility may put sprinkling bans in effect.

### Stop the Leaks

If your water bill seems high, it may be a result of leaks in your plumbing. Many people do not realize that a dripping faucet, leaking hose or toilet can waste thousands of gallons. Did you know that a 1/8-inch diameter leak wastes 2,500 gallons of water in just 24 hours? This type of leak left unattended can lead to a significantly higher water bill for the quarter. Water softeners that regenerate too often can also waste lots of water. Leaking water is not only wasted, but also needs to be treated. Please conserve and check your plumbing for leaks. It could save you money on your water and sewer bill.



## Brookfield Public Library

*"Where to go, when you want to know!"*

### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday.....9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Friday and Saturday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sunday (October-May).....1 to 4 p.m.  
 Phone ..... (262) 782-4140

[www.brookfieldlibrary.com](http://www.brookfieldlibrary.com)

## Bzzzzzz

You are invited to BUG, the Brookfield Users' Group, a drop-in, hands-on session designed to provide you an opportunity to ask questions about computers, the Internet and email. First Friday of every month at 10:00 a.m. **June 7; August 2.**

## Are you "At Knits End"?

Then join fellow knitters, both novices and experts at our knitting group. 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Tuesdays: June 4 and 18; July 2 and 16; August 6 and 20.**

## Wii Bowling for the Seasoned Bowler

All the fun without having to rent shoes or throw a heavy ball! We bowl on the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. **June 14; July 12; August 9.**

## Hands on Internet Classes for Adults

Registration is required. Keyboard and Mouse skills required.

June 13	Thursday	7-8:00 p.m.	Email
June 20	Thursday	7-8:00 p.m.	Advanced Email
July 15	Monday	7-8:00 p.m.	Introduction to the Internet 1
July 22	Monday	7-8:00 p.m.	Introduction to the Internet 2
August 7	Wednesday	2-3:00 p.m.	Email
August 14	Wednesday	2-3:00 p.m.	Advanced Email

## Basic Word Classes

Keyboard and Mouse skills required. Please register for a Part 1 and Part 2.

June 21	Friday	10-11:00 a.m.	Part 1
June 28	Friday	10-11:00 a.m.	Part 2
August 20	Tuesday	2-3:00 p.m.	Part 1
August 27	Tuesday	2-3:00 p.m.	Part 2

## Basic Computer Class

No computer skills required. Learn what computers are all about. Registration required.

July 9	Tuesday	2-3:00 p.m.
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## Reads-to-Reel Movie Discussion

Call the library for the movie selections. Movies are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

**Thursdays: June 27; July 25; August 22.**

## Book Clubs at the Library

Anyone interested in reading and discussing these titles is welcome. Books are available at the Circulation Desk about one month before the discussion.

### Armchair Travel

**Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 a.m.**

Selection meeting for 2013-2014 season.

**Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.**

Contact the Library for the Book Selection.

### Talking About Books

Returns in September.

### It's All Elementary — Mystery Book Club

**Monday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.**

*Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow

**Monday, July 8, 6:00 p.m.**

Annual Movie Night!

We read the book last month — now see the movie!

**Monday, August 12, 7:00 p.m.**

*Cover her Face* by P.D. James

### "Great Lives" Biography Book Group

**Monday, June 3\*, 1:00 p.m.**

*Chocolate Wars* by Deborah Cadbury

\*date change because of Memorial Day

**Monday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.**

Selection Meeting for the 2013-2014 season.

**Monday, July 22, 1:00 p.m.**

*Her Majesty: Queen Elizabeth II and Her Court* by Robert Hardman

### Short and Sweet Book Club

Returns in August.

### Brookfield Brew

**Tuesday, July 23, 10:00 a.m.**

Discussion of *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson, rated as one the top ten nonfiction books of all time. Copies available at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting.

## Adult Summer Reading Program: Beneath the Surface

**Monday, June 17 through Saturday, August 17**

After reading or listening to a book, just complete and submit an entry form at the display by the Adult Reference Desk. Enter as often as you like for your chance to win a great prize package!





## Say Cheese!

Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.

Tom Dezell, Cheese Specialist at Sendik's Fine Foods, will discuss the wide variety of delicious cheeses that are made throughout the country, including those right here in Wisconsin! Samples will be available to enjoy! **Registration required. Contact the Adult Reference Desk.**

## Restoration Salvation

Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.

William C. Balsiger, of Artisan Restorations in Brookfield, will discuss the restoration work he has done for organizations such as the Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute and National Geographic, and share his tips on the best methods for preserving and restoring your treasured heirlooms, including furniture, paintings, decor, and more!

## Landscaping with Native Plants

Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.

Judy Newman, member of the Elmbrook Garden Club, will share tips on how to beautify your backyard using indigenous plants!

## UFOs of Wisconsin

Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

Chad Lewis discusses some of Wisconsin's most bizarre UFO cases including those who have encountered strange beings and even report being abducted by them.

## Trivial Matters

Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

Show your family and friends just how smart you are. Join us for our Second Annual Trivia Night. **Registration is required.** Register as a team of 4, or individually and we will assign you to a team. You must be 14 or older to participate.

## Teen Summer Reading Program: Beneath the Surface

June 10 through August 17

Teens, earn prizes just for reading! Open to teens ages 12-18.

## Teen Movie

Tuesday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a free movie and snacks.

## Teen Live Action Angry Birds

Tuesday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.

Can you conquer the pigs in real life?

## Friends Book Sale

August 9-11 and 16-18

(Friday 5-8:00 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

The sale takes place in the City Hall Senior Center. Donations of books, CDs, and DVDs are accepted at the Library. For more information or to volunteer, please email the friends at [friendsbrookfieldlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsbrookfieldlibrary@yahoo.com) and look for them on Facebook.

## Teen Decorate a T-Shirt

Thursday, August 1, 2:00 p.m.

Get creative with your attire. **Registration required.**

## Teen Book Discussion

Thursday, August 8, 2:00 p.m.

Discuss a book and enjoy some snacks.

## Read it and Eat

Saturday, August 3, 12-2:00 p.m.

**Registration Required — begins Monday, June 24.**

Join us for a tailgate lunch in the courtyard and a lively discussion of Chad Harbach's *The Art of Fielding*, a novel about baseball and much more. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels — A Beautiful Solution to Water Pollution

Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.

When it rains — where does your rainwater go? Learn about two great ways to capture your runoff — rain gardens and rain barrels. Presented by Jayne Jenks, Conservation Specialist, Waukesha County Parks and Land Use Department.

## Author Barry Wightman

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Come to a book talk about the author's debut novel, *Pepperland*. Books will be available for sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## E-readers and your Library

The Library provides books for you to download to your portable reading device. We also have tip sheets and classes to teach you how to use them. Contact the Library for more information.

## Children's Summer Reading Program: "Dig into Reading"

Monday, June 3 — sign up begins. Children 12 years old and younger (including babies!) can register.

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Incentive prizes will encourage them to keep reading (or being read to) all summer, and that's just the beginning of the fun at the library! Come and join the summer fun with special programs including: book clubs; story times; sing-alongs; craft days; Family Fun Nights; a magician; live animals; musicians; puppeteers; scientists; a Legos architect; a carnival and more! Contact the Children's Department for details.

## From a Galaxy Far, Far Away. . .

**Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon**

Members of the 501st Legion will visit the Library. Will Vader be here? Bring your cameras — lightsabers optional.

## Cows in the Courtyard

**Saturday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.-noon**

Cozy Nook Farm will bring a cow and a calf to the courtyard. It's a celebration of Dairy Month!

## Bike Decorating for July 4th

**Wednesday, July 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m. —**

**Fire Department Bay**

The Brookfield Public Library Children's Department and the Brookfield Fire Department are teaming up again this year to promote a safe and fun Fourth. Just bring your bikes, trikes and strollers and we'll supply the stars and stripes! You'll be all ready for the Brookfield Independence Day Parade on Thursday, July 4th. Bring your helmets for a safety check!



# HUMANE SOCIETY

## Help! My Pet is Lost!

The weather's heating up, and Brookfield residents will start spending more time outdoors with their pets. While you're at a picnic or the park, thunderstorms and fireworks may scare your pet and make them bolt. Brookfield is a lovely, wooded community, but it can be a scary place when your pets go missing.

## What should you do if you have lost your pet?

1. Immediately put out food, water and your dog or cat's bed or an article of your clothing at the location where your pet was last seen. There is a good chance that your pet may return. Don't give up hope!
2. Get the word out by using flyers and signs (like yard sale signs) with a picture of your dog or cat and your phone number. Make sure to check your phone often during this gut-wrenching time. Go door-to-door with your flyer in the neighborhood where your dog or cat was last seen.
3. Contact Elmbrook Humane Society, other local animal shelters and rescues, animal control facilities, vet clinics and police departments to report your missing pet. Fax or email them a photo of your pet with your contact information.
4. Instruct everyone who is helping you NOT to call or chase your dog or cat. This will prolong your



search. If they see your pet, have them sit or lay down (without making eye contact) and gently toss out tasty treats to lure your pet in.

5. Post your flyer on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Lost Dogs of Wisconsin and Craigslist, to get a virtual army on the lookout for your lost pet.

Now, on the other hand, if you've found a lost dog or cat while out and about in Brookfield, there are steps you can take to reunite that animal with their family.

## What do you do if you have found a lost dog or cat?

1. Check for a license or ID tag. No tags? Ask around your neighborhood in case the animal lives nearby.
2. Take the dog to the nearest veterinarian or shelter to have the animal scanned for a microchip and checked for a tattoo.
3. Notify all of the correct authorities to report the animal you've found. Call your local shelter and the police department.
4. Create "found dog/cat" flyers and post it around the neighborhood and at animal service businesses.
5. Post on your local Craigslist, in your local newspaper (found ads are often free), and post on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you to Lost Dogs of Wisconsin for all of their helpful tips in finding lost dogs in our area every day.

For more resources on finding your lost dog, visit Lost Dogs of Wisconsin at [www.lostdogsofwisconsin.org](http://www.lostdogsofwisconsin.org)

or contact Elmbrook Humane Society at (262) 782-9261.



## Trash Delay

Trash pickup will be delayed one day following the 4th of July and Labor Day, September 2nd. Advanced Disposal will work on Saturday of that week to finish up the routes for the week. Remember to have garbage and recyclables out by 7:00 a.m.

## Dispose of your Hazardous Waste Responsibly

Advanced Disposal will not accept oil-based paints. In addition, the following items should be brought to the locations listed below: acids, antifreeze (used), bug spray/insecticides, carburetor cleaning, solvents, chemicals (hobby/photo), concrete cleaner, degreasers, fertilizer with weed killer, furniture stripper, gasoline/lighter fluid/kerosene, fluorescent bulbs, lacquers, lead paint, mercury thermometers, motor oil, oil-based paint, paint thinners, pool chemicals, poisons, polish with solvent, spot remover, weed killer, wood preservatives. For maps and more information go to the Household Hazardous Waste site at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/).

**Menomonee Falls** — Advanced Disposal Environmental Services, W124 N9451 Boundary Rd. (124th St.)

**Waukesha** — City Incinerator Bldg., 900 Sentry Dr.

**Muskego** — Jensen Environmental Mgt., W144 S6347 College Ct.

**Franklin** — 10518 S. 124th St.

## Disposal of Latex Paint

1) Use it all up.

## Fireworks Regulated

Brookfield Municipal Code 8.20.030 prohibits the use of any fireworks other than caps and sparklers. Firecrackers, bottle rockets, cherry bombs, M-80's, etc. are illegal to sell, possess, or use within the City of Brookfield.

Only organizations may apply for a fireworks permit normally issued for festivals or celebrations. A permit may be applied for through the City Clerk's office. No unauthorized person may use caps, or sparklers at a fireworks display for which a permit has been issued if the display is open to the public, especially at the 4th of July fireworks display.

Violations of this ordinance may result in a citation as well as confiscation of any unused illegal fireworks. In addition to citing juveniles, parents may also be cited for allowing their children to violate the fireworks ordinance.

## Brookfield and North Roundabout Delayed Until 2014

Waukesha County will not be reconstructing the intersection of Brookfield Road and North Avenue this summer. The intersection was scheduled to be converted to a single lane roundabout but budget issues have delayed its construction until 2014. This link to the Waukesha County website provides more information about the roundabout. <http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/defaulttwc.aspx?id=44665>

- 2) Dry out the paint outside by removing the lid and allow to dry. For larger paint quantities, put into a shallow cardboard box lined with a plastic bag and add some kitty litter to speed up the process.
- 3) A product called "Waste Paint Hardener" is available at hardware stores. It hardens latex paint in minutes rather than days. Remember to keep the lid off so your garbage man knows it can be accepted.

## Election Info

There are no more elections for the remainder of the year.

## I Wonder How That Works

*Question: I was wondering what the rules are for door to door solicitors?*

**Answer:** The City of Brookfield requires solicitors to register with the City Clerk at least 2 weeks prior to going door to door. The solicitor must submit an application, permit fee and is subject to a background check for all individuals going door to door. Successful applicants may be granted up to two 30 day permits. Solicitors must carry the ID Badge/permit with them when they are soliciting. The purpose of the permit requirement is to protect against criminal activity, safeguarding residents of the city from fraud, misconduct or abuse, to minimize the unwelcome disturbance of citizens and the disruption of privacy and to otherwise preserve the public health, safety and welfare by regulating, controlling and licensing door-to-door solicitors and peddlers as well as other transient merchant trade. The regulations are not intended to regulate speech by any person or endorse any product or service, but merely to regulate the activities of those individuals selling or offering for sale merchandise or requesting contributions for a charitable purpose. It is unlawful for any direct seller, transient merchant, or charitable solicitor to engage in sales and solicitation within the city without being

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permitted for that purpose. If you are experiencing solicitations from individuals without a permit or are witnessing suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, please call the Police at (262) 787-3702 right away to report the incident.

## 5.36.060 Prohibited practices.

The direct seller, charitable solicitor and permanent merchant are prohibited from:

- A. Calling at any dwelling or other place between the hours of eight p.m. and nine-thirty a.m. except by appointment;
- B. Calling at any dwelling or other place where a sign is displayed bearing the words “No Peddlers,” “No Solicitors” or words of similar meaning;
- C. Calling at the rear door of any dwelling place; or

remaining on premises after being asked to leave by the owner, occupant or any other person having authority over such premises;

- D. Making false, deceptive or misleading statements concerning the quality, quantity or character of any goods offered for sale, the purpose of their visit, or identity of the organization being represented;
- E. Not more than two individuals shall engage in direct selling or solicitation upon any premises for the same goods or services or for the same religious or charitable purposes;
- F. No transient merchant, permanent merchant or charitable organization shall make any loud noises to attract customers that can be heard outside the radius of one thousand (1,000) feet;
- G. No direct seller or charitable solicitor shall solicit

## Emergency Preparedness — Be Alert and Stay Safe!

Summer is when we often think of being prepared for severe weathers, as most such events occur during the summer months. But weather or other disasters can occur any time of the year, and taking personal responsibility to prepare for a potential disaster can help your family stay safe.

The City has recently invested in upgrades to the emergency warning siren system, including the addition of a siren location near Brookfield Road and Capitol Drive to improve warnings in that area of the City. However, sirens are only one part of being alert, as the warning siren system is primarily designed to warn citizens who are outside and are not always audible to people indoors. In fact, newer technologies are already being added to the warning toolbox. Emergency government officials and the National Weather Service have been working with wireless phone carriers to implement Wireless Emergency Alerts, which were rolled out nationwide last year. When an alert is sent, the mobile device displays a short text message accompanied by a special tone different from your standard ring tone. The free alerts are sent to all phones within range of the cellphone towers where a tornado warning has been issued. More information about this system, including which devices currently are compatible with the system, can be found at [www.ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov](http://www.ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov) — click on the Cell Phone Alerts button.

You can also sign up for local, customized alerts

through Waukesha County on the County website ([www.waukeshacounty.gov](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov)) — click on the Emergency Alerts button at the bottom of the home page. Further, investing in a NOAA weather radio is an inexpensive and easy way to stay informed of severe weather conditions.

Speaking of **ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov** — everyone should visit this website sponsored by Wisconsin Emergency Management to get helpful tips



and tools to plan for emergencies, including emergency kits, shelter information, warnings, and many other topics.

Finally, over the past 15 years, the City has been working on improvements to the storm drainage and sanitary sewer systems and will continue to do so to minimize the possibility of basement flooding. However, in a severe weather event, power outages can be a main cause of basement flooding. Your best defense is to be prepared and have a battery backup for your sump pump, which can particularly assist in situations where the pump is cycling (not running continuously). You could also consider obtaining a portable generator to provide power for your sump pump and other electrical appliances (be sure to follow all manufacturer's instructions for safe operations).



or conduct business with persons in motor vehicles upon a road, street or alley, as defined by Section 340.01(22) in the Wisconsin State Statutes;

- H. No ice cream vendor or solicitor operating from a moving vehicle shall continue sales during the hours of darkness as defined in Wisconsin State Statutes 340.01(23).
- I. Permits are not valid for use on January 1st, the Thursday prior to Easter through Easter, the Thursday of Thanksgiving through the Sunday following, and December 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st.

## Small Propane Cylinders Pose Hazards to Recycling Facility Workers

Workers at the Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility removed over 100 small propane cylinders from the recyclables the first week of April and there are concerns that this problem will continue to increase throughout the summer months. Waukesha County and the recycling facility operator, ReCommunity Recycling, ask residents to not place propane cylinders in their household blue recycling bin.

Propane cylinders pose a very serious risk to workers because during the baling process materials are compressed under hundreds of pounds of pressure in order to form large bales for shipping. Even when the cylinders are empty, they remain pressurized and can explode when compacted. In 2011, one compressed propane cylinder did explode at the facility and caused a small fire although, there were no injuries.

"The operator strives to maintain a safe working environment for all employees at the recycling facility. We want residents to understand that certain items such as propane cylinders cannot be recycled in their

## Have a Plumbing Question?

Our Plumbing Inspector, Chiquita Jeffery, is available to take plumbing questions from residents by e-mail, phone or fax. (**Jeffery@ci.brookfield.wi.us**, (262) 796-6683 — phone, or (262) 796-6702 — fax) She will get back to you as soon as she is able. Watch for answers of general interest questions in upcoming newsletters. Please be aware she cannot recommend plumbers.

blue bins due to the potential hazard to workers and equipment. They need to be specially handled by companies that sell these products," stated Rebecca Mattano, Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Supervisor.

Propane tank/cylinder manufacturers recommend that consumers return unusable propane tanks to a local distributor.



Please check for the 'manufacturer's tag' as a source of contact/disposal information.

Alternatively, many local scrap metal collections will accept empty propane cylinders for recycling. Please visit

**[waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://waukeshacounty.gov/recycling)** to find propane tank dealers in Waukesha County that will safely dispose of used or unwanted propane tanks.

## ELMBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Join the Elmbrook Historical Society and help preserve the history of Brookfield and Elm Grove for future generations. See our website for an application. **[www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org)**

**The Dousman Stagecoach Inn Museum:** Where History Comes Alive! Located at 1075 Pilgrim Pkwy, Brookfield. The Inn is open the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from May through October (except closed Labor Day Weekend), from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tour the 1840's Stagecoach Inn and learn about life in Brookfield in the mid 1800's. Out buildings also open. Admission:

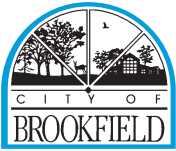
Adults \$5, Children 6-12 \$2, and under age 5 free.

The Inn is also available for field trips, scout events, brunch and more, see our web site.

**Father's Day, Sunday June 16th:** Bring your Dad to tour the Inn and he gets in free on Father's Day.

**General meeting/lecture:** Monday, Sept. 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the Brookfield Public Library.

**Speaker:** Ellen Engseth from the Archives Dept at UWM. She will talk about preserving your heritage and storing your photos and documents. Free.



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# FINANCE DEPARTMENT



### Property Tax Amounts Available Online

The second installment of your property tax payment is due to **Waukesha County** by July 31st. Bills from the Waukesha County Treasurer should arrive in mid-June, but you can view your tax bill online. Follow these easy instructions:

1. Go to [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us). On the Home Page, click on the Quick Links Button on the left side of the screen, and under Finance click the "Pay/Search Property Tax" link.
2. Follow the on screen Search Instructions on how to enter the search. If the instructions are not displayed, click on the Search Instructions heading and it will display them.
3. You can then locate your property and click on "Listing" or "Bill."
4. When clicking on "Bill," the bottom of the screen will display any outstanding balance, and if you click on "Show all transactions," it will show the "Effective" date when a payment was made and how much the payment was.

Assessments and prior payments going back to the year 2000 are available to view, by selecting the year you would like to see from the drop down at the top of the screen.

You can use this website to print tax receipts, find current amounts due, previous payments and various payment options, as well as make payments.

A pre-addressed envelope will be enclosed with your bill from **Waukesha County**.

The second installment of your tax payment should be made payable to and mailed to:

Waukesha County Treasurer  
515 W. Moreland Boulevard Rm 148  
Waukesha, WI 53188

**Please note second installment tax payments are NOT accepted at the City of Brookfield.**

### Utility Bill Payment Options

The City of Brookfield offers citizens multiple options to pay sewer and water utility bills.

To pay by credit card, please use the City website at [www.ci.brookfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us). Click on the Payments button on the left-hand side of the screen. Please note that a nominal convenience fee will be charged by the credit card service provider to cover processing fees. Credit card payments are only available online and cannot be accepted at City Hall.

If you use an online bill pay service, please make sure to enter the entire account number as shown on the bill to ensure that the payment is applied to the correct account.

Other methods of payment available are via mail, in-person at the Treasurer's office with cash or check only, dropping your payment in the drop box located outside the North clock tower entrance and the Automatic Payment Plan (APP).

The APP offers an easy, convenient way to have your payments automatically deducted from your checking account at no cost on the due date. Please call the Finance Department at (262) 782-9650 or visit the Payments link on the City website for an APP enrollment form.