



Brownsville Village News

April 2022

Brownsville Fire Company Announces New Facility Location

The Brownsville Fire Company has served Brownsville and the surrounding community since 1891, and out of our current fire station on Clark Street since 1963. It's served us well for nearly 60 years, but is now at the end of its functional life span.

We are pleased to announce that our new facility (to be located at 840 Oaklane Rd.) has been designed for safety and convenience for our responders and will hopefully meet community's needs for the next 75 years.

You have the opportunity to help us build the new fire station! We are at the beginning phases of launching a capital campaign to cover the costs of building the new station. Pat and Marysue Michels have graciously donated the land; we are now working on the building phase. Please understand that this facility is not a want, but a need for this community. The fire and EMS industry is continuously evolving. We are planning for the safety of your lives, property and businesses along with the lives and property of visitors to this great community. We want to set Brownsville up for fire service capabilities for the foreseeable future. . .and then some!

Detailed information will be arriving in your mailboxes in the next few weeks, with various donation levels to consider.

We hope you will consider a tax-deductible donation to the Brownsville Fire Company's capital campaign. Please feel free to reach out at any time regarding this campaign, or any other related question.

Yours for a Safer Community,
Kelly C. Thomas, Chief



Village Wide Rummage Sale!

The Village wide rummage sale date is Saturday, May 14th this year (many sales are open for business on Wednesday or Friday also). Let us hope it is a sunny warm weekend!

Bulky Pick-up

Bulky pick-up for Village residents is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th. Please place all items, big or small, at the curb by 6 a.m. Items that will NOT be collected: All electronics, appliances, tires, yard waste, concrete and large quantities of building materials in excess of 1/2 cub. yard, hazardous waste items such as paint thinners, paint (paints may go in the garbage if they are hardened), gasoline, vehicle batteries, and motor oils. For guidelines on what will or will not be picked up, check the Village website "Brownsvillewi.com" under garbage and recycling.

Open Book & Board of Review

Open Book which was to take place Thursday, April 21 will be via phone or email only. Call Linda Baxter at 920-322-3414 or email the assessor any time before the end of the Open Book (May 13) to linda@wi-assessor.com

The Village's assessment roll – which lists all the property values – is open for examination, April 21 thru May 13. During Open Book a property owner may informally discuss their property value with our local assessor Grotta Appraisals. Grotta Appraisals, ph. 262-253-1142, may also be called if you wish to discuss your properties value. 2021 assessment values may be viewed on website: www.assessordata.org

If a property owner is not satisfied with the assessment (best to talk to the assessor first), they can bring their concerns to the **Board of Review** which takes place Thursday, May 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Board hears assessment appeals from property owners. This formal appeal includes the requirement the property owner file an objection form 48 hrs. prior to the meeting, for complete details on board of review appeal, contact the clerk's office (ph.920-583-4087, email: vobclerk@plbb.us). Grotta Appraisals may be contacted with questions on your assessment at 262-253-1142



Village Website: Brownsvillewi.com





From the Marshal's Desk . . .

Now that spring has arrived, I would like to remind you that the arrival of warmer weather brings new potential safety concerns with it.

- * It is time to make sure to watch for children playing near the streets and on the sidewalks. Pedestrians when walking on streets, need to walk facing traffic. State law requires all motorists to yield to pedestrians crossing in a crosswalk. Also watch for bicyclists.
- * Persons walking dogs are reminded to clean up after your dog. Dispose of dog feces in proper container.
- * Many of you are cleaning up plant debris from the winter. Burning of yard and plant debris is prohibited in the Village. Yard debris may be taken to the Village composting site at Dale R. Michels Park.
- * Just a reminder; the speed limit for operation of ATV/UTV's on Village streets is 15 mph. Headlights and tail lamps must be operating when driving on Village streets.
- * Is your driver license coming up for renewal? You can renew your driver license up to 1 year prior to expiration via the WisDOT DMV website <https://wisconsindot.gov/>. Many persons can self-certify no change to their vision and avoid needing an eye test to renew their driver license.

If you need additional information or assistance from the Police Department, please contact me, 920-583-6800
Best regards, Marshal Brad Seymour

Creek Maintenance

If you are a resident that lives next to the creek, please remove any debris (tree branches, litter, etc.) that might impede the flow of water.

Residential Cross Connection Control

What is a cross connection? A cross connection is a connection or potential connection between the water supply system and a contaminant source. Examples: a garden hose with one end submerged in soapy water, fertilizer, or a swimming pool; a toilet; or a lawn irrigation system. Why should I be concerned? Under certain circumstances, a cross connection can allow the backflow of undesirable or toxic substances into your drinking water or the municipal water supply. The unwanted reversal of normal flow in the drinking water system may occur during system maintenance or repairs when water pressure is lower than normal. Although infrequent, backflow incidents usually occur when conditions known as back siphonage exist within the water supply. Learn more on the Village's website, Brownsvillewi.com on the "water and sewer



Compost

Great for gardens, and around trees or bushes! There is free compost available for Village residents behind the back ball diamond. The compost ready for pick-up is in the pile that looks like black dirt. Village residents may also drop off leaves and grass clippings in this same place. Please try to avoid the area if a ball game is in progress. If you have any question about the compost, contact Supt. Lechner at 583-6700.

April Showers bring reading hours at the Brownsville Public Library

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Programs for birth-Kindergarten—1000 Book Before Kindergarten (Download the app)
Programs for Kindergarten - 5th Grade - 500 Books Before Middle School
(Info at brownsville.beanstack.org)

Story Hour is back! Join us in person for stories, crafts and snacks.

Join us for monthly Youth/Adult book club and recipe club. Stop in for details.

Pick up the Spice of the Month! A new spice, with recipe suggestions, is available the 1st Monday of the month. Quantities limited, first come first served.

"Read Beyond the Beaten Path" - Watch for information on our summer reading program. There will be opportunities for everyone.

Stop in for more information or visit:
<https://www.brownsville.lib.wi.us/>