

Brooklyn Newsletter



Town of Brooklyn, Connecticut

October - December 2018; Issue 14

What building do you need?

Department phone numbers start with 860-779-3411, followed by the option number.

4 Wolf Den Rd

Brooklyn, CT 06234

Selectman's Office - option 2

Town Clerk - option 4

Registrar of Voters - option 4

Tax Office - option 5

Assessor's Office - option 6

69 South Main St.

Brooklyn, CT 06234

Parks and Recreation - option 7

Financial Department - option 8

Building Official - option 9

Fire Marshall - option 9

Land Use Department - option 9

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:

8:00am - 5:00pm

Thursdays: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Closed

Highway Department, option 3

95 Rukstela Rd

Hours: Monday - Thursday:

7:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 7:00am - 11:00am

Brooklyn Town Library

10 Canterbury Rd 860-774-0649

Monday and Wednesday: 2-7pm

Tuesday and Saturday: 11am-5pm

Thursday and Friday: 2-5pm



Veterans Day



Please join the Town to honor our veterans on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1pm at the monuments across from Mortlake Fire Department. A short ceremony will include laying of the wreaths, prayer, Color Guard, TAPS, and a three volley salute.

Please come show your support!

Fall Festival Results

Scarecrow Contest

1st Place: Jewett City Savings Bank

2nd Place: Quiet Corner Inn

3rd Place: By the Brook



Youth Category Winner

Brooklyn Before and After School Program

Pie Contest

1st Place: Ellen Sorel

2nd Place: Jackson Sorel

3rd Place: TEEN Center with Lisa Lindia



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Festival!



Town Offices Will be Closed On:

October 8: Columbus Day

November 12: Veterans Day

November 21: Closing at 12:15pm

November 22: Thanksgiving

December 24: Christmas Eve

December 25: Christmas

January 1: New Year's Day

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From the Desk of the Fire Marshal:

Fire Marshal

860-779-3411
Option 9
69 South Main St.
PO BOX 356

As fall approaches and we think of **turning our clocks back on Sunday, November 4th**, I would like to remind everyone that it is also time to change the batteries in our smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Also make sure that you test all the detectors in your house. Additionally, it's the perfect time to make a fire escape plan or have a fire drill to make sure everyone remembers the plan.

For all you wood burning folks, it is a great time to have your stoves and chimneys cleaned and get them ready for the season ahead. Also, please remember to burn only seasoned wood and to put ashes into a metal container. Put the ashes outside, away from your house or other structures. If you have a pellet stove, remember to keep it clean to prevent build up and increase heat output.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 860-779-3411, Option 9.

Douglas P. Kramer, Sr., Fire Marshal



News From the Tax Collector's Office

Now that the scent of pumpkin spice is filling the air, it can only mean one thing...it's tax time again.

Tax Collector

860-779-3411
Option 5
Fax: 860-779-7853
4 Wolf Den Rd
PO BOX 253

The second installment of real estate and personal property taxes are due this month. You can pay your bills three different ways:

-  You can mail in a check to PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234.
-  You can pay online with a credit card (2.50% fees for a credit/debit card, \$3.95 fee for a Visa Debit Card ONLY, and \$2.00 for an electronic check).
-  You can also come into the office and pay in person with check, cash, or card (fees still apply if you pay in the office).



The due dates for this year's taxes are:

-  October 1st - November 1st
-  January 1st - February 1st
-  April 1st - May 1st

News from the Town Clerk's Office

STATE ELECTION - NOVEMBER 6, 2018

The State Election will be held on November 6, 2018 from 6am-8pm at the Brooklyn Middle School. Absentee Ballots will be available beginning October 4, 2018 from the Town Clerk's office. If you qualify for an absentee, please see our office for an application or you may print one from the Town Clerk's section of the Town's website.

If you are disabled, you may qualify for a permanent absentee ballot. Submit an application to our office with a note from your doctor stating you are permanently disabled and an absentee ballot will be automatically mailed to you for every election or primary (if applicable).

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

Hunting Season will soon be in full swing! You may purchase licenses and permits in the Town Clerk's office. Remember, if you're age 65 and over, a license is free!



News from the Assessor's Office

Please visit our website at www.brooklynct.org for any forms that may pertain to you.

Assessor
860-779-3411
Option 6
Fax: 860-779-7853
4 Wolf Den Rd
PO BOX 356

During the month of October our staff will be conducting Building Permits and Sales Inspections and we may at times be out of the office.

Please call 860-779-3411 option 6 to insure someone will be able to assist you.



 **PA 490 Applications for Open Space, Farm Land & Forest Land** are being accepted until October 31, 2018. Applications are available on our website.

 **Annual Farm Building Exemption** forms need to be **notarized** and **filed** by November 1, 2018.

 **Personal Property Declarations** deadline is November 1, 2018. If you are mailing your declaration, it must be postmarked by November 1, 2018. **Failure to file or filing late will result in a 25% Penalty assessment.**

Note: Real property or Connecticut registered motor vehicles **do not** need to be declared. Taxable personal property includes: **Unregistered motor vehicles, vehicles located in Connecticut but registered in another state, horses, ponies, manufacturing machinery and equipment, business furniture and fixtures, farm machinery, farming tools, mechanics tools, electronic data processing equipment, telecommunication equipment, cable conduits, pipes, poles, business expended supplies and other such as billboards, video games, vending machines, leasehold improvements, etc.**

 **New Commercial Truck** applications must be completed and filed by November 1, 2018.

 **New Totally Disabled/Handicapped Vehicle Exemption** forms must be filed by November 1, 2018. The form can be found on our website under Ambulance/Handicapped Vehicle Exemption.

 **Armed Service Members:** Connecticut Resident in Military Service or Exemption for Federal Soldiers & Sailors Civil Relief Act, as well as In-Service Veteran's Exemption forms are available on our website and must be filed with the Assessor by **December 31, 2018.**

 **New Totally & Permanently Disabled (under the age of 65)** must be filed by January 31, 2019. Proof of award is required.

As always, we welcome any questions or comments. You may contact us at 860-779-3411 option 6.

*Best Wishes for a Pleasant Day,
Kathleen M. Thornton CCMA II, Assessor and Maryann E. Szela Assistant Assessor*

What's happening at the Brooklyn Teen Center...

Brooklyn Teen Center
860-412-0060
Brooklyn Community Center
31 Tiffany St
Lower Level

TEEN Center's Youth Afterschool Recreation Program is in its 4th year and we continue to participate in Spooky Nights. Last year's new kid friendly haunted house was so well received we are planning a return performance again this year! Look for Lisa and our members in the family friendly house after your wagon ride.

Brooklyn TEEN Center – A World of Possibilities!



Be sure to read instructions to vote.

Vote on the Questions

- Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to ensure (1) that all moneys contained in the Special Transportation Fund be used solely for transportation purposes, including the payment of debts of the state incurred for transportation purposes, and (2) that sources of funds deposited in the Special Transportation Fund be deposited in said fund so long as such sources are authorized by statute to be collected or received by the state?
 YES NO
- Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to require (1) a public hearing and the enactment of legislation limited in subject matter to the transfer, sale or disposition of state-owned or state-controlled real property or interests in real property in order for the General Assembly to require a state agency to sell, transfer or dispose of any real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or control of the agency, and (2) if such property is under the custody or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, that such enactment of legislation be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly?
 YES NO

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	OFFICE	6	7	8	9	10	11
PARTY	Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One	United States Senator Vote for One	Representative in Congress Vote for One	State Senator Vote for One	State Representative Vote for One	PARTY	Secretary of the State Vote for One	Treasurer Vote for One	Comptroller Vote for One	Attorney General Vote for One	Judge of Probate Vote for One	Registrar of Voters Vote for One
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1A Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	<input type="radio"/> 2A Christopher S. Murphy	<input type="radio"/> 3A Joe Courtney	<input type="radio"/> 4A Mae Flexer	<input type="radio"/> 5A Pat Boyd	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 6A Denise W. Merrill	<input type="radio"/> 7A Shawn Wooden	<input type="radio"/> 8A Kevin Lembo	<input type="radio"/> 9A William Tong	<input type="radio"/> 10A Leah Schad	<input type="radio"/> 11A Katlyn Gugliotti
REPUBLICAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1B Bob Stefanowski and Joe Markley	<input type="radio"/> 2B Matthew Corey	<input type="radio"/> 3B Danny Postemski, Jr.	<input type="radio"/> 4B David W. Coderre	<input type="radio"/> 5B AJ Kerouac	REPUBLICAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 6B Susan Chapman	<input type="radio"/> 7B Thad Gray	<input type="radio"/> 8B Kurt Miller	<input type="radio"/> 9B Sue Hatfield	<input type="radio"/> 10B Leah Schad	<input type="radio"/> 11B
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GREEN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1F	<input type="radio"/> 2F Jeff Russell	<input type="radio"/> 3F Michelle Louise Bicking	<input type="radio"/> 4F	<input type="radio"/> 5F	GREEN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 6F S. Michael DeRosa	<input type="radio"/> 7F	<input type="radio"/> 8F Edward G. Heflin	<input type="radio"/> 9F Peter D. Goselin	<input type="radio"/> 10F	<input type="radio"/> 11F
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GRIEBEL FRANK FOR CT PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1H Oz Griebel and Monte E. Frank	<input type="radio"/> 2H	<input type="radio"/> 3H	<input type="radio"/> 4H	<input type="radio"/> 5H	WRITE-IN VOTES	<input type="radio"/> 6J	<input type="radio"/> 7J	<input type="radio"/> 8J	<input type="radio"/> 9J	<input type="radio"/> 10J	<input type="radio"/> 11J

News from the Building Department

Building Official
860-779-3411

option 9

69 South Main St.
PO BOX 356

Hours of the official:

Monday: 8am-6pm

Thursday: 5pm-6pm

Hours of the office:

Normal Town Hall Hours

Heating season is upon us once again. Please be advised that the following require a building permit. The installation of:

 Woodstoves

 Chimney liner

 Fireplace inserts

 Replacement of boilers, furnaces

 Oil tank replacement

 Replacement of electric heating elements

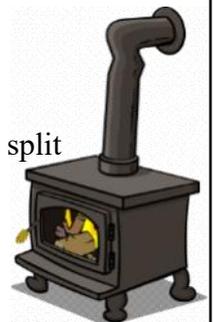
 Heat pumps-mini split

 Gas line

 Pellet stoves

 Generator

 Water heater replacement



Once the installation is complete, an inspection is required by the Building Official, John Berard. Please contact the office at 860-779-3411 Extension 12 to set up an inspection date.

Parks & Recreation Fall Update

Parks & Recreation

860-779-3411

option 7

Fax: 860-779-9372

69 South Main St.

PO BOX 356

The Brooklyn Parks & Recreation Department has a lot going on this fall! We hosted Concerts at Riverside Park and scheduled a Bike Rodeo Safety Clinic for Kids in conjunction with our resident trooper at the Brooklyn Car Cruise this September. Before and After School Recreation is in full swing, with the After School Rec Program full to capacity. We will be offering Youth Open Gym, to begin in November held at the Middle School Gym. We also have several adult and youth craft classes with Karen scheduled throughout the fall along with Running

Club and Staying Fit with Nate. Check out the details and registration form online at our website.



Spooky Nights, our annual Halloween event will be held on October 12th & 13th at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds. Tickets are available September 10th – the night of the event if tickets remain, Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Parks & Recreation Office, Hank's Restaurant, Hurme TV & Appliances, Danielson Surplus, Courthouse Bar & Grille and WINY Radio Station. There is something for everyone at this event, Hay Wagon Ride, Bonfire area with a DJ, Food Vendors, face painting and Mr. Magic. And **TWO Haunted Houses!** One for the young and young at heart visitors, and one that is sure to scare everyone who dares to enter!

We are also preparing for the winter holiday programs such as our annual Toys for Giving Toy Drive. Donations are accepted throughout the year, but the drive officially starts for the 2018 year on November 1st. Unused, unwrapped toys or appropriate gifts and monetary donations are accepted. All proceeds benefit Brooklyn children in need.



Our "Letters to Santa" program also starts on November 1st. Send a letter to Santa with your child's name and address and Santa will send one back to your child! Letters should be addressed to Santa c/o Santa's Elves, 29 Canterbury Rd, Brooklyn, CT 06234.



Brooklyn Post Office and the Recreation Department will partner again to present our Holiday Coloring Contest during the month of December. **Two age groups:** Ages 6 and under or 7-12 years old. Pick up a coloring page from the Brooklyn Post Office, Brooklyn Parks & Recreation office or online at www.brooklynct.org and get creative! Please include your child's name, age and contact number on the **BACK** of the coloring pages. Coloring pages are available beginning November 26th and should be dropped off at the Brooklyn Post Office by Saturday, December 15th. Judging will take place before the 25th. Winners will be contacted and prizes are awarded for top entries!

We always have something to offer, to keep you and your family busy and happy!

Call our office, visit our website or like us on **Facebook – Town of Brooklyn Parks & Recreation**.

Building Department (Cont.)

Town Ordinance 8-2 Withholding Approval of a Building Application When Taxes are Delinquent:

Pursuant to the authority of Public Act 95-320, it will be the policy of the Town to withhold approval of building applications when taxes are delinquent for the property for which an application is made.

Waiver. In the event that a taxpayer seeking an application is contesting the underlying tax assessment, or in cases of unusual hardship, the Board of Selectmen may waive the denial of approval set forth in this section. (Ord. No. 95-1 State Statute 1)

As always, we welcome any questions or comments. You may contact us at 860-779-3411, Option 9.

Warmest Regards from John Berard, Building Official and Audrey Cross-Lussier, Building Office Assistant

From the Registrars of Voters

August 14, 2018 Democratic and Republican Primary

Registrars of Voters

860-779-3411

Option 4

4 Wolf Den Rd

PO BOX 356

Office Hours:

Tuesdays:

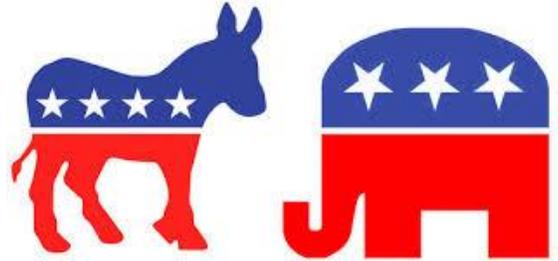
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Questions can be referred
to the Town Clerk all
other times.

 There were 1,439 registered Democrats and 293 voted by machine with 5 absentee ballots. There was a 20.7% Democratic voter turnout, which means that 1,143 registered Democrats did not vote in the Primary.

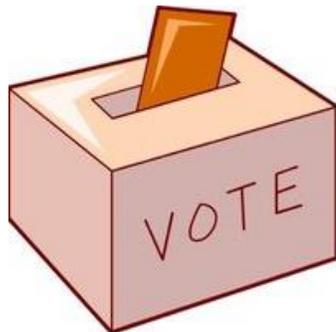
 There were 1,297 registered Republicans and 324 voted by machine with 10 absentee ballots. There was a 25.75% Republican voter turnout, which means that 969 registered Republicans did not vote in the Primary.

 Twenty-one voters were turned away from voting in the primary because they were not registered as a Democrat or a Republican. Please note that you may only vote in a Primary if you are a registered voter with that Primary.



 If a voter has difficulty filling out a regular ballot, please be aware that there is an IVS system that allows a voter to use a computer and a ballot will be printed for them that can be fed into the tabulator.

Recommendations for State Election day November 6, 2018



 Please do not wait until the last minute to make sure you are registered to vote.

 A person may register in person at the Town Hall, online at the following address (<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>) or at the DMV.

 Registration by mail and online deadline by October 30, 2018.

 Registration cut off in all towns October 30, 2018.

 Limited registration session November 5, 2018 whose eligibility to vote in Brooklyn was attained after October 30, 2018.

 There were voters who commented on the goldenrod color of the ballots in August! Unfortunately, we do not have control over the color of the ballots.

Annual Canvass and Voting History:

The Registrars conducted the annual canvass, according to Connecticut State Statutes, beginning in February and ending in April of 2018. The purpose of this activity is to update existing voter records as well as to purge voter registrations for those voters who have either moved out of the town and/or state or not voted within the last 4 years.

If you have been a registered voter in Brooklyn and received our canvass mailing, please review the documents and return the canvass notice back to the Registrars with any changes/corrections noted so that you will not be removed from the Active Voter List.

General Information:

Registrar Office Hours are on Tuesdays between the hours of 1pm to 4pm. Our office phone is: 860-779-3411, ext. 19 for Katlyn Gugliotti or ext. 29 for Jo Ann Gerardi-Voccio and email is: registrars@brooklynct.org.

