

Brooklyn Newsletter



Town of Brooklyn, Connecticut

October - December 2019; Issue 18

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

Veteran's Day



Please join the Town to honor our veterans on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 1pm at the monuments across from Mortlake Fire Department. A short ceremony will be held to honor our veterans.

Please come show your support!

Roadside Leaf Pickup



Check out page 7 for the leaf pickup schedule.

Any questions, please call the Road Foreman at 860-77-2435 or the Selectman's Office at 860-779-3411.



Our dedicated and hard-working Town Clerk, Leona Mainville, is retiring on January 6, 2020 after twenty-eight years working for the Town of Brooklyn.

Stop in and wish her a Happy Retirement!

Check out page 4 for the Municipal Election information!

Town Offices Will be Closed On:

October 14: Columbus Day
November 11: Veteran's Day
November 27: Closing at 12:15pm
November 28: Thanksgiving

Nov 29: Parks & Rec and Highway
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 3rd**, I would like to remind everyone that it is also time to change and test the batteries in our smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. 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

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

Please Note: The last day to pay the October and April installments are November 1st and May 1st, which are Fridays. The Town Hall is closed on Fridays and will be closed on November 1st and May 1st. As long as your payment is postmarked on November 1st or May 1st, there will be no interest as we honor postmarks.



The mill rate for the 2018 Grand List tax bills is 28.92.

Tax Bills are Online!

- Go to www.brooklynct.org
- Click on "Online Payments."
- You will be brought to the search page. Type in your last name space first initial (ex. John Doe would type in Doe J).
- You will be able to see your tax bills, date(s) of payment, and how much you paid to the Town of Brooklyn during a calendar year. You can also print out your tax bills for your records.



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 September 1st until October 31st 2019. Applications are available on our website.**

 **Annual Farm Building Exemption** forms need to be **notarized** and **filed** by November 1, 2019.

 **Personal Property Declarations** deadline is November 1, 2019. If you are mailing your declaration, it must be postmarked by November 1, 2019. **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.**



PLEASE NOTE THAT NOVEMBER 1, 2019 FALLS ON FRIDAY AND THE TOWN HALL IS CLOSED. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.



 **New Commercial Truck** applications must be completed and filed by November 1, 2019.

 **New Totally Disabled/Handicapped Vehicle Exemption** forms must be filed by November 1, 2019. 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, 2019.**

 **New Totally & Permanently Disabled (under the age of 65)** must be filed by January 31, 2020. 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
Maryann E. Szela Assistant Assessor*



News from the Town Clerk's Office

Election Day is November 5th!



Town Clerk
 860-779-3411
 Option 4
 Fax: 860-774-5732
 4 Wolf Den Rd
 PO BOX 356

2019 is a Municipal Election year to vote for First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Board of Finance, Board of Education and Board of Assessment Appeals. If you cannot make it to the polls on November 5th and qualify for an Absentee Ballot, please stop in to our office any time before Election Day.

Our dedicated and hard-working Town Clerk, Leona Mainville, is retiring on January 6, 2020 after twenty-eight years working for the Town. Stop in and wish her a Happy Retirement!

State of Connecticut Official Ballot		Brooklyn, Connecticut					Municipal Election		November 5, 2019			District 1	
OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PARTY	First Selectman Vote for One	Board of Selectmen Vote for One	Town Clerk Vote for One	Board of Finance Vote for Any Two		Board of Education Full Four Year Term Vote for Any Three			Board of Education Full Two Year Term Vote for Any Three			Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for Any Two	
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1A Richard Ives	<input type="radio"/> 2A Joe Voccio	<input type="radio"/> 3A Katherine Bisson	<input type="radio"/> 4A Drew Dionne	<input type="radio"/> 5A	<input type="radio"/> 6A Mae Lyons	<input type="radio"/> 7A Nathan Richards	<input type="radio"/> 8A	<input type="radio"/> 9A Melissa Perkins-Banas	<input type="radio"/> 10A Ailla Wasstrom-Evans	<input type="radio"/> 11A	<input type="radio"/> 12A Buddy Conroy	<input type="radio"/> 13A
REPUBLICAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1B Austin Tanner	<input type="radio"/> 2B Lou "Butch" Brodeur	<input type="radio"/> 3B Katherine Bisson	<input type="radio"/> 4B	<input type="radio"/> 5B Sandra Brodeur	<input type="radio"/> 6B Keith Atchinson	<input type="radio"/> 7B Carolyn Hackbarth	<input type="radio"/> 8B AJ Kerouac	<input type="radio"/> 9B Justin G. Phaiah	<input type="radio"/> 10B Tana Jolley	<input type="radio"/> 11B	<input type="radio"/> 12B Joanne Eiler	<input type="radio"/> 13B Justin G. Phaiah
WRITE-IN VOTES	<input type="radio"/> 1C	<input type="radio"/> 2C	<input type="radio"/> 3C	<input type="radio"/> 4C	<input type="radio"/> 5C	<input type="radio"/> 6C	<input type="radio"/> 7C	<input type="radio"/> 8C	<input type="radio"/> 9C	<input type="radio"/> 10C	<input type="radio"/> 11C	<input type="radio"/> 12C	<input type="radio"/> 13C

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Committee

Get Involved

There are many ways to Get Involved especially before a disaster occurs, the content from this page will guide you find ways to take action in your community. Community leaders agree the formula for ensuring a safer homeland consists of trained volunteers and informed individual taking action to increase the support of emergency response agencies during disasters. Major disasters can overwhelm first responder agencies, empowering individuals to lend support. Here are some ideas to get you started:



-  Learn first aid, join a Community Emergency Response Team, volunteer to respond to disasters and help your fellow Americans. Visit NVOAD.org to learn more.
-  [Volunteer and receive training](#) to support disaster and preparedness efforts in your community.
-  Promote preparedness online by sharing preparedness tips on your social media account with [Ready's online social media toolkit](#) or [public service announcements](#)
-  Take a free online independent study course through [FEMA's Emergency Management Institute](#) and gain more knowledge to help your community become more prepared.
-  Support your community by participating in FEMA's individual and community preparedness programs: Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Team, Prepareathon, Youth Preparedness.

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 is busy this fall with many programs and events! We hosted three 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 both programs full to capacity. We will be offering Youth Basketball Clinic this October and youth and adult craft classes with Karen. Our fitness classes are in full swing with outdoor classes and Running Club with Christina and Staying Fit with Nate held throughout the school year at the elementary school gym. Check out the details and registration forms online at our website.

This fall we held a Scarecrow Contest. The scarecrows will be displayed on the Senior Center's front lawn and then shown at Spooky Nights.

Spooky Nights, our annual Halloween event will be held on October 11th & 12th at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds. Tickets are on sale up to the date of the event if tickets are still available. 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 family friendly entertainment. Plus **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 2019 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 25th and should be dropped off at the Brooklyn Post Office by Saturday, December 14th. Judging will take place before the 25th. Winners will be contacted, and prizes are awarded for top entries!



We are also bringing back a past favorite; the Holiday Lighting Contest! Contest is open to all Brooklyn residents/residential properties. Forms must be submitted by December 12th to our office. Judging takes place week of December 16th – 20th. Forms will be online later in the season.



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.



ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

No sorting on your end makes recycling quick and easy! Just focus on tossing **ONLY the Zero-Sort recyclables listed below** into your **recycling bin** and Casella takes care of the rest.

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper
(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tub, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)

METAL



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)

GLASS



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE BETTER!

- No items smaller than 2" in size
- All containers are empty, rinsed, & dry
- Cardboard is flattened & broken down
- ACCEPTED list in the recycling bin



For recycling tips and resources, visit casella.com/RecycleBetter • 800-CASELLA

RECYCLE BETTER™

THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW **DON'T** BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN.

PLASTIC BAGS DON'T BELONG	BAGGED RECYCLABLES DON'T BELONG	CLOTHING/TEXTILES DON'T BELONG	FOOD WASTE/LIQUIDS DON'T BELONG
TANGLES DON'T BELONG	SCRAP METAL ITEMS DON'T BELONG	BATTERIES OF ANY KIND DON'T BELONG	ELECTRONIC WASTE ITEMS DON'T BELONG

NO Medical Waste (Rubber gloves, sharps, pills, etc.)	NO Hazardous Materials or Explosives (Find safe & secure disposal near you)	NO Toys, Hangers, or Shoes (Donate gently used items)	NO Coated Paper Items (Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups, & waxed paper plates)	NO Plastic Wrap, Films, or Tarps (Food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap, shrink wrap, or tarps)	NO Wood, Waste, or Tires (Wood, diapers, human/pet or yard waste, or rubber)	NO Disposable Items (Styrofoam®, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, & coffee pods)	NO Ceramics or Baking Glass (Donate gently used items)

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Roadside leaf pickup schedule for the following roads in the
TOWN OF BROOKLYN

Any questions call Road Foreman 860-774-2435 or Selectman's Office 860-779-3411.

November 12th thru November 15th

RUN 5

Allen Hill Road	Lockwood Avenue
Bailey Street	Middle Street
Cote Drive	Nelson Street
Cundall Street	Pleasant View Drive
Dawn Drive	Proulx Street
Elm Street	Quebec Square
Ennis Road	Ronald Street
Erin Drive	Russell Avenue
Fortin Drive	Salmon Drive
Front Street	South Main Street
Hamilton Avenue	South Street
Hillside Drive	Tiffany Street
Juniper Way	Ventura Drive
Kathleen Drive	

November 18th thru November 22nd

RUN 1

B & B Road	Hickory Lane
Barrett Hill Road	Hugh Drive
Brick Yard Road	Hyde Road
Brown Road	Malbone Lane
Bunny Lane	Meadow Brook Lane
Church Street	Paula Street
Claudia Street	Pauline Street
Cliff Street	Pine Tree Terrace
Darby Road	Plaza Street
Day Street	Pomfret Landing Road
Fairview Drive	River Farm Drive
Greenway Drive	Spaulding Road
Henry Road	Westview Drive
	White Brook Drive

NO BAGS – PICKUP TO BE AT CURBSIDE ONLY!

