



# Brownsville Village News

April 2021

## From the President . . .

It is time to pass the gavel onto a new President. I am not a candidate, nor am I running for the job in the April election. I made this decision in order to retire from public life. I was born and raised in Brownsville. I remember when there was no city sewer and water. I served as Fire Chief for 35 years, Director of Emergency Government, Village Trustee, and Village President.

I have always placed the needs of the Village and the residents before anything else, helping to see that projects are done correctly, not on the cheap. It is the cheap that always comes back to bite you. Being fair and impartial is how I have tried to serve the citizens of Brownsville.

I enjoyed serving as your President these past 10 years or so. We have a very good Village Board and employees; I wish them the best in the future. I also wish all the Village residents and businesses the best in the years to come. We have a nice clean Village, something to be proud of. I thank you all for the privilege of being allowed to serve as your Village President. My last meeting as your President will be April 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Jeffrey B. Bloohm, Village of Brownsville President

## Village Wide Rummage Sale!

The Village wide rummage sale date is Saturday, May 8th 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 12th. 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 22 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 19) to [linda@wi-assessor.com](mailto:linda@wi-assessor.com)

The Village's assessment roll – which lists all the property values – is open for examination, April 22 thru May 19. 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](http://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 20 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 clerks office (ph.920-583-4087, email: [vobclerk@plbb.us](mailto: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.
- \* The Village is considering legalizing the operation of ATV/UTV's on Village streets. If you would like to see this change or are opposed to allowing this, please contact me or a Village Board member and voice your opinion regarding the proposal.
- \* 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](http://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 to Kindergarten -- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten  
(Download the app)

Programs for Kindergarten - 5th grade -- 500 Books Before Middle School  
(Info at [brownsville.beanstack.org](http://brownsville.beanstack.org))

Coming soon -- Reading in Retirement!

Story Hour To Go kits will be available through May. Fun for the entire family!

"Reading Colors Your World" -- 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/>

