

**BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS**  
**October 13, 2011**

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**FREE**  
**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm.  
Brooklyn Community Building Gymnasium



**“TRICK-OR-TREAT” HOURS**

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

4:00pm-7:30pm

Have a fun and safe Halloween!!!

Visit [www.brooklynwi.gov](http://www.brooklynwi.gov) for safety tips by clicking on the Police Department's link.

## BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2011

The Village Board meeting was called to order on October 10, 2011 at 6:31 pm by President Walsten. Trustees present were Steve Lust, Mark Bruner, Jessica Hawkey, Dorothy Frandy, Dean Van Den Eng. Trustee Klahn was absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, Police Chief Barger, Public Works Director Langer, Alison Koelsch, Rachael Brickner, Steve Staton, Joshua Cornell, Wade Engelhardt, and Pat Hawkey.

There were no public comments.

Bruner moved, second Lust, carried to approve the Sept 12, 2011 minutes with a correction adding the word "carried" to a motion by Bruner, second Van Den Eng "carried" for \$4500 to be taken from the 2007 BAN for cement work around the Community Bldg.

Alison Koelsch, **Oregon Senior Center** Director, Oregon Village President, Steve Staton, and case worker, Rachael Brickner were present to discuss the 2012 Senior Center budget and Village's contribution. Town of Dunn is withdrawing funding from the Senior Center. What the center has to offer the seniors was explained. Koelsch stated the original agreement was effective in 1996 with all municipalities within the school district partnering making this center unique to Dane County. Because of the economy of the State, there are budget shortfalls. Seniors in the Town of Dunn are not happy about the funding being pulled from this program and a listening session is scheduled. When the agreement started, the Village paid per capita for the entire population in the Village. The agreement changed when the calculation was based on only Dane County population even though Green County residents are welcome to the center. Koelsch also explained that there are services provided which are not recorded because "we never turn anyone away who needs our help", which includes village residents who are in Green County. Brickner explained some of the work she does as a case worker for the center, i.e., finding resources for dental work, assisted with sign up on the Medicare Part D drug program which is hard for elderly to understand, arranged rides to appointments, helped surviving spouse get benefits, gave resource info during foreclosure, attended medical appointments with residents to help them better understand what the doctor was saying, provided resources for food pantries and home delivered meals, located medical equipment needed, helped them sign up for Lifeline, secured energy assistance, provided resources for legal advice, and much more. Walsten asked if nurse case managers take referrals when there is concern for the welfare of elderly or disabled persons in the community and Brickner acknowledged that is part of their role. The 2012 budget presented shows an increase for the Village from \$14,336 to \$16,625 (+\$2289) which is a 15% increase. Staton reported the services provided are about more than numbers participating. Staton stated the center was a great resource of information when his own father became ill. Resources are also provided to those that are not sixty years of age. Staton said if the Village would maintain the 2011 commitment, he would ask the Oregon Village Board to pick up the difference of \$2289. Dane County has reinstated the \$6500 to their budget for next year. Staton said he wants the community to be comfortable with the services provided and the fees paid for those services. Walsten felt the Village and Senior Center need to work together to promote services available to our seniors as well as providing the Board updates over the year.

President Walsten reported on the 9/28 meeting with Dane County Cities and Villages Association and the Oregon Area Economic Development Commission meeting on 10/4. As a member of the League Board, Walsten will be attending the League of Municipalities Annual Conference on 10-18 thru 10-21 in Milwaukee and will also be attending the Capital Area Regional Planning Conference 10-28 & 29th.

Clerk Strause reported on the Towns Association, Attorney Hazelbaker's filing with the Dept of Revenue an exemption for towns for the DaneCom radio expense from levy limits. The expense from each municipality will be mandated by Dane County if signing on to the new communication system. President Walsten gave the **Oath of Office to Officer Joshua Cornell**. Chief Barger gave a background summary and work overview which includes extensive military service. Cornell was welcomed to the Village.

**Public Works:** Director Langer presented the **Cross Connection Control Program**. Bruner moved, second Van den Eng, carried to approve as written. Langer gave an overview of the **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)** with approximate costs. Two owners of property in the alley behind Hotel St. businesses were contacted to see if they are interested in improvements to their property if the Village refurbishes the rest of the alley which is Village owned. Neither owner opposed the project but want more information. The alley would need to be surveyed to determine where all the property lines are. It is hoped to do a mill and overlay for part of Easy and Teddy Street (from Kerch to Hotel) at a cost of about \$40,000 next year. It is also hoped to be shovel ready with surveying done on some streets in case federal dollars are appropriated for infrastructure projects. The sidewalk contractor has started work in the Village. Langer reported the alarm sounded again tonight for the Kerch St. lift station. A flyer will soon be handed out to residents in the neighborhood regarding what is allowed to go down the sewer system. Residents are putting something in the system that is plugging pumps consistently as Public Works employees have been called in several times over the last few months because of the lift station being plugged. It would cost approximately \$11,000 to switch pumps to 3 hp and change motors and other parts if the problem can't be resolved. Discussion was had on replacing the 6" water main with a 10" main on N. Kerch to St. Hwy 92 for better pressure, especially the Hilltop and South Kerch neighborhoods, and to serve a proposed business park on St. Hwy 92. Replacing the 6" main with a 10" main along Market St. was also discussed.

**New Business: Amended Ordinance 32.08(I)(2) Parking Restrictions** was presented. Bruner explained that even though there were several requests for alternate side parking during the winter months, this policy was found not feasible for many reasons after discussion with police and public works employees. To keep the streets clear and free of ice ruts requires early and complete plowing during snowfalls, which is prevented when parked cars are present. The compromise allows overnight parking on one side of the street on dead end streets in the Village, on first come first serve basis. These dead end streets are: Daisy Lane, Sunrise, N. Kerch (north of Douglas), and Marcie Dr., west of Pine St. All other streets (with the exception of Hotel St between Commercial St and N. Rutland Ave) will remain no parking from Nov 15th through April 15th from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. Frandy moved, second Bruner, carried to approve the amendment 32.08 (I)(2) as written. Trustee Hawkey voted Nay.

A draft outline of framework on **fees for amendments to the Dane County Water Quality Plan** (service area expansion requests) was presented. DCCVA has drafted this policy that CARPC be allowed to charge \$110 per acre for processing urban service area applications. The fee structure is proposed rather than to cut CARPC services as a way to maintain the structure of CARPC and meet the needs regarding approval of service area extension applications. Walsten will gather more info. The 2010 Mission and Goals Statement was distributed and Walsten asked each committee to develop their **2012 Goals**, which couldn't be accomplished earlier because of the accelerated budget process but can be completed by 12/1/2011. A Board mission statement and committee goals were not completed for 2011, but Walsten feels this process needs to be renewed. **Unfinished Business:** The **Heart of Brooklyn's proposed lease agreement** was presented. Heart of Brooklyn has requested to use the gym for an after school day care program from 2:30 to 6 pm, Monday-Friday. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the lease with minor wording corrections. Van Den Eng moved, second Bruner, carried to approve an **assessment maintenance only contract for one year with Jacobsen Appraisal for 2012** for \$4500. This is no increase from the 2011 contract. There are changes being implemented by DOR starting in 2013; and at this time, assessors are unsure what expense they will incur due to these changes, consequently they are advising only a 1 year extension. A multiple year contract which may include a full revaluation would be bid in 2012 effective Jan 1st, 2013, as that can cost approximately \$20,000. **DaneCom's apportionment of charges for radio operation and maintenance** only was presented, using ½ by population and ½ by valuation, reports that the Village would be charged \$306 in 2012, \$610 in 2013, \$1205 in 2014. Until all communities sign on, these numbers are not set. Deadline for signing the intergovernmental agreement by municipalities has been extended to 12/1/2011. The deadline for all states to begin an interoperable emergency communications system is Jan 1, 2013, however, Walsten reported it appears Dane County will need to apply for an extension as implementation is behind schedule. Finance committee

reviewed the **proposed lease with Union Bank & Trust**. Van Den Eng stated if the Board determines there are funds to pay for the \$6,000 annual lease in the 2012 budget cycle, the lease would then be sent to the attorney for review. Van Den Eng moved, second Walsten, carried to postpone the process until it is determined there will be money in the 2012 budget for the Clerk's office to lease space at UBT. Chief Barger reported the Dane County Police Chiefs Association has created a draft ordinance that can be used for **the Concealed Carry Law/Ordinance**. Barger will also get ordinance copies from neighboring communities. Signage prohibiting concealed weapons can be posted for municipal buildings. Barger recommended keeping all municipal buildings posted the same.

**Municipal Court** update: Walsten reported the certified court clerk that was interested in the position is no longer interested. Walsten will contact Attorney Beth Cox to see if her court clerk is interested in this part time position. The **2007 BAN** will be discussed during budget at the end of the meeting. Nov 2 or Nov 8th are two dates picked for a possible joint meeting with the Town of Rutland regarding the **Hwy 14/92 flooding remediation project**. Walsten is meeting with Dale Beske on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. The town board meeting is Nov 1st.

**Consent Agenda:** Van Den Eng moved, second Bruner, carried to approve all items as follows: approve payment of October 2011 invoices as listed; approve Resolution 2011-10 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation; approve Resolution 2011-11 Green County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Revision; operator licenses for Jean Haerle and James Ronspiez; approve Clerk to attend WMCA District 4 meeting in Dodgeville, Oct 27th and have office closed; approve Cub Scout Pack 352, Webelos 1 Den Bluebird Service Project in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**Committee Reports: Safety-**Chief Barger reported it would cost \$9329.60 to add a base radio to the dept in addition to two portable radios costing \$7315.20 for a total of \$16,644.80 to become **DaneCom compliant**. Public Works will also need to replace the base in the Clerk's office and five portable radios. Spilde's portable is already compatible. Total cost is expected at \$15,000. Village may get a discount if both systems are replaced at the same time, and another promotion may be available before the end of year. Barger, Walsten, Clerk Strause and Deputy Clerk Brewer met with National Financial Corporation, who has a contract with WIDOT, **for vehicle registration and titling services**. A service center could be set up in the Clerk's office for registration only renewals. A processing fee would be kept by the Village. Safety Committee recommended proceeding with this service. Finance Committee will discuss further regarding the extra work load and the cost for a credit card swipe machine. Van Den Eng moved, second Bruner, carried to postpone until review by Finance. Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to have **Trick or Treat on Oct 31 from 4-7:30 p.m.** as recommended by the Safety Committee. Trustee Bruner voted Nay.

**Junk vehicle abatement** work is almost completed. Officer Engelhardt and Chief Barger met with **Dept. Of Corrections** representatives today to receive training to help their agency conduct regular status checks on sex offenders that live in the community. Staff evaluations are being worked on; department windows are completed; work will be done creating a concealed weapon ordinance; squad car is back in service after radio and new counsel install.

**Planning & Zoning:** Working on Chapter 48 Zoning Ordinance. Community survey results will be presented and discussed. **EDC:** Results of the community survey have been tabulated and will be discussed at the next meeting. **Ordinance:** Still reviewing Chapter 2. **Fire-EMS:** Next meeting Wed Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to finalize their budgets. As the Village has to work on budgets earlier every year, the Fire-EMS budget requests will also have to be done earlier next year. An open house was conducted last weekend. **Personnel:** Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the **Authorization for Release of Information form for new hires**. Walsten voted Nay. Because the release of information is comprehensive, the Board discussed the need for all the information requested be dependent on the position being filled. Van Den Eng explained the committee's recommendation to pay the **Emergency Management Director \$750 annually** with payments made quarterly. Wage is based on the number of hours per month that Director Spilde works keeping the plan up to date. Their recommendation also is to make this retroactive to Jan 1, 2011 to pay Spilde for the time he has put in to create the plan. Committee felt this should not be tied to an hourly wage while reimbursing him for taking on the task.

Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to pay Spilde \$750 per year, paid quarterly, retroactive to Jan 1, 2011 for the Emergency Management Director position.

**EDC-Walsten** presented and reported on the survey analysis with final tabulations of all 122 surveys. If the survey had more than four questions unanswered, it was not included in the analysis. There were about 12 of these incomplete surveys. Three documents were distributed: 1) a summary of all responses; 2) A bar graph of questions #2, #15-20, #29; and 3) comments listed for questions #3-#23. The results will be discussed in more detail at next month's meeting, however, Walsten highlighted a) prevalent complaint was about the high sewer rates; b) there is a great deal of support for economic development; c) village services are viewed positively, especially garbage and recycling pick up; and, given the dissatisfaction with the sewer rates, it was surprising to see d) civic leaders were ranked as "somewhat satisfied". At the next EDC meeting, the survey analysis will be reviewed in greater detail.

**Recreation:** Frandy requested the Clerk to get a price from Bartolotta for a half-hour show on July 4th next year. The ice rink set up schedule will be worked on. No other committee reports were given.

**2012 Budgets:** A **special Budget meeting** will be held on Monday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Clerk Strause explained the 2007 BAN refinancing balance needs to be decided as debt service needs to be calculated for 2012 in order to do the levy limit worksheet. There are some outstanding contracts, some completed, some not, that need to be paid with BAN dollars. The 2007 BAN needs to be refinanced before Aug 2012 and totals \$370,000. The balance in this fund would pay down the debt. EDC's approved wish list includes \$37,000 for completing the development steps necessary for creation of a business park (create TIF, service area application; marketing; planner/engineer); replacement signage for the village hall, (if there is a move to UBT), all parks, the Community Building and Hwy 104 entrance sign for \$7,000 and \$18,000 for Community Building entrance upgrade. Eric Urtes, Strand architect, drafted a plan for the Community Building with a cost of \$13,000 for a new ramp and steps, meeting ADA specifications, \$2,400 for concrete slab/stamped concrete; and \$2600 for exterior lighting. (Drawings showed additional plans for moving the bike rack and installing pavers, replacement of front doors with auto opening, ground lighting from parking lot, new sidewalk and curb cut from building to parking lot, and adding enhancements such as planter, bench, trash/recycling containers.) The cost of the ramp/entrance slab/lighting was felt to be excessive and lower costs could be found. To improve the appearance of the entrance, the Police Department door is bleached and needs to be repainted and it might be possible to paint the front doors also. The exterior lighting on the Community Building needs to be replaced but for less than \$2600. The steps/ramp/slab to sidewalk at \$15,400 is too expensive. Van Den Eng stated EDC needs to come to the Board to explain what the needs are for the dollars to develop the business park plan, that there needs to be more dialog. Walsten pointed out the economic development funds was requested in April, 2011 and the money from the 2007 BAN that has been spent on building and public works maintenance projects; and economic development cannot be put on the back shelf. Lust stated the \$37,000 can be borrowed when the Village is ready to do these projects. Walsten moved, second Frandy, carried to approve \$7,000 for signs for all three parks, the Community Building, the south Village entrance, and UBT if the Clerk's Office moves there. Price includes installation. Trustees Van Den Eng and Hawkey voted Nay. Lighting of the Community Building may be taken from the General Fund's fund balance rather than the BAN. After additional discussion, there will be no capital projects added to the budget for 2012. A snow plow truck is in need of replacement.

Changes in the Levy limit formula for 2011 and the need for an amendment to be filed for 2010's levy limit was presented and explained by Clerk Strause. The Village did not use \$24,393 of its allowable levy last year. Because the formula has changed, the levy for the Village is now being penalized an extra \$24,393. An amendment filed lowering the debt service by \$24,393 to make the allowable levy to be the same as the actual levy in 2010 will raise the 2011 allowable levy by the same amount. All the refinancing issues need to be addressed so that general obligation debt service payments can be added to the levy limit worksheet.

Bruner moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to adjourn at 10:15 pm.

Carol A. Strause, MMC

**President's Letter**  
**October 12, 2011**  
**Nadine S. Walsten**

As you know it is time for the final decisions to be made for the 2012 budget. We accelerated our budget process so most of the work was done by August, prepared for seeking a referendum, if necessary, should our budget not allow the Village to stay within the no levy limit increase (net new construction) law passed in the spring without decreasing or eliminating some essential services. The Finance Committee has received requests and proposed budgets from committees, department heads and outside programs dependent on municipal support (i.e. Senior Center, Youth Center, etc), since July. All of these requests have dollar amounts that are carefully scrutinized for essential need and justification in committees. Like the family budget, the wants and the needs are separated and, most of all, we must meet the bottom line. Our budget has been barebones, like all local municipalities, for years and we will remain true to this objective. On 10/10/11, the Board decided not to do any capital projects next year and on 10/17/11, the final cuts/decisions will be made at the special Board meeting where, hopefully, the 2012 budget will be finalized. In these times where bashing elected officials is Olympic sport, it might be useful to remember your trustees are tax payers, too. Public Works has cut their budget substantially but feel this is more in line with what is actually needed. The Police Department is seeking an increase in our permanent part time officers position because of the need for more staff time.

Two additional items of interest is the Bank of Brooklyn (UB&T) has offered to rent 3 offices to the Village to house our Village Clerks' office for \$500/month X 5 years, with option to renew at \$800/month, etc.. This move could meet several needs: Ease cramped quarters in Clerks' office and provide extensive storage space for all of the Village records, archives, etc., which should a fire occur in our current building, could destroy valuable documents, records, etc. This could also provide space for our support services (building inspection, etc.). The clerks office in our current building would be available for multipurpose use and address the issue of moving the judge out of the police department quarters as mandated by state law. This does not solve our long term space problems. Further, moving our Clerks' office to UBT would probably be the most constructive thing we could do to stimulate business in our downtown because of the increased foot traffic it would bring. I am hopeful we can make this move because I want to stop the decay in our downtown and the most effective and necessary way that can be done is bring people to this area. The Board's goal in the past has been to purchase UBT and make it our Village Hall so this is not a new idea.

The other item you should be aware of is the Heart of Brooklyn desires to rent our gym for an after school program 5 days a week, 2:30 pm—6 pm for 6 months. The income generated from this program (\$600/month) could be used to pay for the bank rental. The contract has been approved by the Board and will be initiated next week, barring unforeseen difficulties.

The 2007 BAN loan was discussed (and needs a much longer description than possible here) and the balance of the unused portion of the BAN will be used to pay down the balance of \$371,000. Most of the funds taken out 4 years ago in that loan (Bond Anticipation Note=BAN) were to address capital projects to be accomplished over 5 years. Because there was a substantial portion that should have come out of the water utility budget but was included in this BAN by error, for example, there was a surplus. There have been a number of maintenance projects where the aging of lighting in the park or the Community Building (i.e. tuckpointing, old and highly inefficient furnaces, etc.) have been done and sorely needed to be addressed. Completion of improvements to the entrance of the Community Building was also voted down, not because it isn't needed, but the bid was too expensive at \$18,000. Unfortunately, the Economic Development Committee requested \$37,000 to continue its work to create incentives for commercial development, especially a business park on the east side, but this was voted down. We have given 3-4 businesses to Belleville's business park in the last 2 years because

there was no available land to build on in Brooklyn. The decision at this point is to take out a loan for this money in 2012 as we create a TIF, apply for service area extension and ideally, partner with a developer (whom we expect to invest hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars long term) to create space so our existing businesses as they expand can stay in Brooklyn. I would love to see a company move here that uses water and our wastewater system. Until these things happen, our taxes and sewer rates will not be relieved. I realize this is a tremendous challenge in these harsh times, but our location is stellar as Janesville expands and companies are looking for small towns with an available work force on a major transportation corridor.

After several delays in getting the community survey off the ground, I'm delighted to report the responses are tabulated and the data is being analyzed. We will be putting the results on the website ([www.brooklynwi.gov](http://www.brooklynwi.gov)) as soon as the analysis is ready. We received 131 total responses, 122 were tabulated. Initially of the 122, there were 31 who could not be entered because they missed 1-4 or more questions. We modified the data collection tool (surveymonkey) allowing 22 additional responses (those who skipped up to 3 questions), leaving only 9 hard copies that could not be entered. Five hundred thirteen (513) surveys were mailed, giving a return rate of 25% which is excellent and provides a strong cross section of the community. Twenty-two (22) were entered on line directly by respondents and 100 hard copies were entered manually into surveymonkey so results could be tabulated.

Some initial highlights of the strongest responses:

Most expect the quality of life to remain the same in Brooklyn in the next 5 years, however, most desire Brooklyn to grow the same as its current rate (37.7%) or faster than its current rate (40.2%). Commercial development should occur in north Brooklyn (46.7%--57 responses), downtown (58.2%--71 responses) and business park(s) (54.9%--68 responses) and nine percent (9%--11 responses) felt there should be no commercial development. Single family home housing was most preferred, followed by condos and senior housing. Multifamily housing (apartments) were supported by 41 respondents. Village services were almost all ranked "very satisfied" but the comments loudly reflected the complaints about the sewer rates. No surprise there. One surprise was 58 or 47.5% respondents reported they had never used the Bookmobile, a treasure in our community. Likewise, a majority of respondents had never used our parks, especially Smithfield and Water Tower parks. Other questions were: 55.2% (64 respondents) feel the Village should purchase existing space for our Village Hall; 83.2% (99 respondents) feel the Board should retain the Community Building and not sell; 76% (92 respondents) felt the Village should merge its municipal court with a neighboring municipality, such as , Oregon.

On behalf of the Board, Economic Development Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission, thank you for taking the time and thought to answer this survey and give guidance to future decisions aimed to strengthen Brooklyn and improve its abilities to meet the needs of its citizens.



## **BUDGET HEARING**

**NOVEMBER 14TH**

**6:30PM**

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BUILDING  
WATCH WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS**

**[WWW.BROOKLYNWI.GOV](http://WWW.BROOKLYNWI.GOV)**

**DETAILED BUDGET REPORT CAN BE VIEWED AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE  
STARTING OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

# BROOKLYN POLICE DEPT

## \* \* \* REMINDER \* \* \*

**New parking regulations:** Between the hours of 1am and 7am, Nov. 15-April 15, on-street parking is only allowed on the north side of Sunrise Dr, the west side of N Kerch St north of Douglas Dr, the north side of Marcie Dr west of Pine St, and the north side of Daisy Lane west of Fourth St. On-street parking from 1am-7am during these months on any other street in the Village is prohibited. \*(100 Block of Hotel St is 3am-7am)

## TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS

**When:** Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 4:00pm - 7:30pm



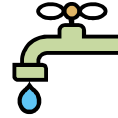
The Village of Brooklyn wishes you a very safe and Happy Halloween! For important safety tips, please visit the Village of Brooklyn website at [www.brooklynwi.gov](http://www.brooklynwi.gov) And click on the Police Department link.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

Leaf pickup will begin as demand requires. Residents are asked to rake leaves into the street gutter with NO twigs or other debris mixed in.

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## WATER SAVING TIPS OF THE MONTH



1. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
2. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons per month.
3. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.

The Clerk's Office and Public Works Dept. will be closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Day.



## WRITE ONE LESS CHECK EACH MONTH!!

Pay your water bill automatically on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact Kim at 455-4201 ext. 10 for more information or e-mail [deputyclerk@brooklynwi.gov](mailto:deputyclerk@brooklynwi.gov)



# FREE Family Movie Night!



Join us for a fantastic family  
movie  
in the Community Center  
Gymnasium  
**Sat., November 5<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00pm**  
(doors open at 6:30pm)

Enjoy Fresh Popcorn, Assorted  
Candy, Chocolate and Soda.  
Available at the concession stand  
in the downstairs kitchen.

Bring a pillow, blanket and chair.  
And get ready for a  
**FREE** fun family night  
together.

**Do you want to know what's playing? Here's  
your clue:**

"The life of a businessman begins to change  
after he inherits six penguins. As he transforms  
his apartment into a winter wonderland, his  
professional side starts to unravel!" PG  
**If you can't figure it out, call 455-4201 ext. 44  
to find out!**

## **\*\*SENIOR LUNCH\*\***

**Thurs., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Noon**

Please note that there will be **NO** senior  
lunch in **November** due to Thanksgiving.

There will be a special senior lunch on  
**Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** at noon in the Brooklyn  
Community Building.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **September Activity Report**

Burglaries/thefts	3
Suspicious Activity	3
Animal	4
Damage property	3
911 Disconnect	3
Open records request	6
Assists	25
Traffic incident	16
Traffic citations	15
Traffic warnings	21
Misc Comp/arrests	2
Domestic/family	2
OAR/OAS	2
Ordinance violations	11
OWI arrests	1
Disturbance/disorderly	5
Alarms	1
Parking citations	3
Financial	<u>1</u>
<b>Total calls:</b>	<b>123</b>

### **October Law of the Month:**

#### **Operating of vehicles on public property. Brooklyn Ordinance 32.12**

##### 32.12 Operating of vehicles on public property.

It shall be unlawful to operate any  
motorcycle, motor bike, mini-bike, trail bike,  
ATV, or other similar motorized vehicle in or  
upon any portion of public land, including but  
not limited to, parks, parkways, or open space  
easements, unless designated as a park drive,  
roadway, parking area or temporary parking area  
within such public land.

Failure to adhere to the above Ordinance  
could result in a citation and a penalty of up  
to \$235.00.

## **Brooklyn Police Department Halloween Safety Tips**

The Village of Brooklyn officially recognizes "Trick or Treating" to take place on Halloween afternoon and evening from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The "trick" for parents is to help their children find the "treat" in a safe Halloween so we have some suggested safety tips below.

We do think of Halloween as a time for treats and fun; however, on a more serious and important note, the National Safety Council says that roughly four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year, and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween. Most Halloween-related injuries can be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities.

The National Safety Council suggests the following for children out on Halloween:

- ✓ Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches or front steps rather than entering houses
- ✓ Travel in small groups while being accompanied by a responsible adult
- ✓ Bring treats home before eating anything so parents can inspect them
- ✓ Fruits should be washed before eating
- ✓ When in doubt, throw it out
- ✓ Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing yards
- ✓ Cross streets at the corner only and stay together before crossing
- ✓ Do not cross between parked cars
- ✓ Walk and don't run
- ✓ Treat bags or sacks should be light colored and have reflective trim for visibility
- ✓ Wear bright, reflective and flame retardant clothing
- ✓ Costumes should not hang below the ankles to avoid tripping and falling
- ✓ Costume accessories like swords should be made out of cardboard or flexible materials
- ✓ Use face painting instead of masks as masks can obstruct a child's view
- ✓ Avoid hats that will slide over eyes
- ✓ Avoid wearing long baggy or loose costumes
- ✓ Be reminded to look left, right and left again before crossing the street
- ✓ Discuss route and return time before venturing out
- ✓ Feed children a good meal before leaving to help avoid eating treats before inspection
- ✓ Dress for the weather

The Brooklyn Police always urge children to avoid accepting things from strangers so we urge parents to explain to their children that Halloween is a special night and that accepting treats from strangers is acceptable. Parents should explain safety matters with children and what they should do in certain situations. Children will react more appropriately when armed with information rather than being scared or frightened into action.

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