

Brooklyn Newsletter



Town of Brooklyn, Connecticut
January - March 2022; Issue 26

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

Town Offices Will be Closed On:

January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 21: President's Day

From the Assessment Appeals Board

The next hearing of the Board of Assessment Appeals will be on **March 10, 2022**. This hearing will be for Real Estate, Personal Property, and Supplemental Motor Vehicles issues. You can print out an application from the town's website (www.brooklynct.org), then go to the Assessor's page. Also, the Assessor's office will have the forms available. The completed forms must be in the Assessor's



office by February 20, 2022. They can be mailed in or hand delivered. You will be mailed a confirmation of your appointment. **Please note**, it is important for you to bring to the hearing any and all information pertaining to your case including your tax bill.

Current members are:

Joanne Eiler, Justin Phaiah, and Susan Wasstrom

2022

happy new year

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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

Along with the colder weather, January brings Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax Bills. These bills are for any motor vehicles that were registered between October 2, 2020 and September 30, 2021 and covers the months that you owned the vehicle. If you had transferred a plate from one vehicle to a new vehicle during this time period, you will see the credit on your tax bill for the months you did not have the old vehicle.

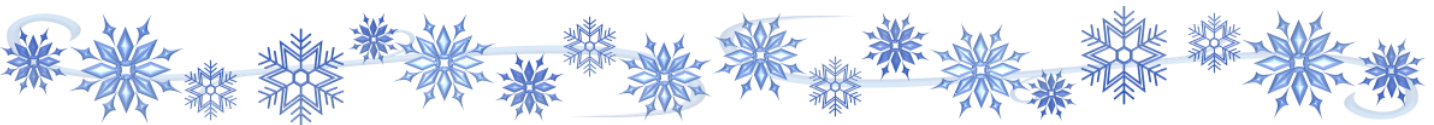


The third installment for real estate and personal property taxes, the second installment for sewer taxes, and supplemental motor vehicles are also due this month. You can pay your bills four different ways:

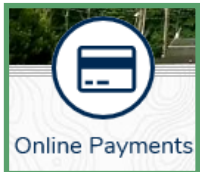
- ❁ You can mail in a check to PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234.
- ❁ You can pay online with a credit card (2.50% fees for a credit/debit card, \$3.95 fee for a Visa Debit Card ONLY, and \$2.00 for an electronic check). The same fees apply if using the card in office or over the phone.
- ❁ You can use the drop box located at the Town Hall.
- ❁ You can pay in the Tax Office.

The due dates for this year's taxes are:

January 1st – February 1st
April 1st – May 2nd



Tax Bills are Online!



❁ Go to www.brooklynct.org and click on "Online Payments."


INCOME TAX

❁ You will be brought to the search page. Type in your last name space first initial (ex. John Doe would type in Doe J). Click on the circle saying IRS Payment Records for Year 2021 and click search.



Click on Sewer/Water/Misc if you want to search Sewer/Water/Misc bills only.

Click on Tax Bills if you want to search your Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle or Supplemental Bills.

SEARCH BY
Name 

Enter the search criteria below.

Enter Last Name then space then 1st Initial (example SMITH J) or Business Name (No comma, & or -)

All Due Now Balance Due IRS Payment Records for Year 2020

Check the applicable accounts, then click on the View IRS button for a listing of payments made in 2020



❁ You will be able to see your tax bills, date(s) of payment, and how much you paid to the Town of Brooklyn during the calendar year. You can also print out your tax bills for your records by clicking on the box next to "IRS" and click on "View IRS."

News from the Assessor's Office

Assessor

860-779-3411

Option 6

Fax: 860-779-7853

4 Wolf Den Rd

PO BOX 356

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

❄️ **Supplemental Bills for the 2020 Motor Vehicle Grand List are due in January, 2022. You may be receiving a Supplemental bill because you did not receive a 2020 Motor Vehicle bill in July, 2021 for a particular vehicle.**

❄️ **Assessment Increase Notices will be mailed within 10 days of the signing of the Grand List in January 2022. These notices apply to changes made to your property such as building permits, new homes, renovations, sheds, decks, pools, etc.**



❄️ **Personal Property Assessment Notices will be mailed in January 2022.**



❄️ **Deadline for Disabled Veteran's Proof:** The deadline to file proof of your Veteran's Disability is March 31, 2022 for the 2021 Grand List.

❄️ **Additional Veteran's Applications:** The filing period begins February 1, 2022 and runs until October 1, 2022. Proof of 2021 income required. **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE BY MAIL OR OUR DROP OFF BOX.**

❄️ **Elderly and/or Disabled Homeowners:** Filing period begins February 1, 2022 and runs until May 15, 2022. Please Note: Thursday May 12, 2022 will be the final day for applications as the Town Hall is closed on Fridays. **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE BY MAIL OR BY USING OUR DROP OFF BOX.**

❄️ **To be eligible for this tax credit:**

- ◆ You or your spouse must be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2021 or over the age of 18 and permanently disabled per Social Security.
- ◆ You must be a permanent resident of Connecticut. You must own the property or hold tenancy for life or for a term of years, which makes the applicant liable for payment of taxes (CGS Sec. 12-48) as of October 1, 2021. The property must be the applicant's primary residence (domicile).
- ◆ Your 2021 income cannot exceed \$46,400 if you are married or \$38,100 if you are unmarried.
- ◆ You must provide the Assessor with a copy of your SSA 1099 for 2021, or its equivalent, from Social Security and your 2021 Federal Income tax return if you were required to file. And any other interest/dividend statements and pension statements, all for 2021.

❄️ **Board of Assessment Appeals:** Applications for Board of Assessment Appeals must be filed by February 20th, 2022 for Real Estate and/or Supplemental Motor Vehicle. Forms are available on our website at www.brooklynct.org from the Assessor's Department. BAA is scheduled to meet Thursday March 10, 2022 & March 14, 2022 if needed.



Any questions or comments are always welcome, and we can be reached at 860-779-3411, option 6.

Regards,

**Stephanie M. Kosoff CCMA I, Assessor
Maryann E. Szela, Assistant Assessor**

Planning for Housing Affordability



Real estate prices are still skyrocketing as high demand meets low supply in the housing market. Brooklyn is no exception to this phenomenon.

In 2019, more than one third of Brooklyn households paid more than 30% of their income on housing. These households are cost-burdened for housing, whether they do so by choice or not, regardless of their income, ownership status, or housing type. With a highly competitive housing market, this trend is expected to continue.

The Town of Brooklyn received a grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing to prepare an Affordable Housing Plan, a requirement for all Connecticut municipalities. Working in conjunction with the Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments, several educational modules have been developed to make the issues facing housing affordability easier to understand.

What do you think? Please visit the web page and respond to the survey!

Brooklyn Housing Plan Website

www.brooklynct.org/planning-zoning-commission/pages/affordable-housing-plan



Parks & Recreation Mid-Winter Update

Parks & Recreation

860-779-3411

option 7

Fax: 860-779-9372

69 South Main St.

PO BOX 356

Greetings from the Brooklyn Parks & Recreation Department! Another year has passed, and here we are welcoming in the New Year.

Brooklyn Parks & Recreation has been through many changes since COVID became a household word. This past spring and summer did see the welcome return of some of our seasonal favorites such as Summer Slam Basketball Camp and Summer Camp and this fall, we had a few bus trips added to the lineup again.



This spring we are partnering with the senior center again, to present the Senior Spring Fling picnic. This was such a fun event last year and we are excited to be a part of it again this spring.

Our spring and summer brochure will go out to all Brooklyn households in late January or early February. As always, it will also be posted on our website. It will include our spring craft class, running club, summer camp activities and events. Be sure to check it out and get ready to plan for warmer days!

We hope to be able to offer more of our annual favorites this spring and summer but will continue to adapt to the current recommendations. We hope you will all join us in the coming year, for some recreational fun and entertainment!



We want to take this opportunity to recognize the generosity of our residents, businesses, and local organizations, that benefited our annual Toys for Giving Toy Drive. We are always so appreciative to see the outpouring of support for this program.



Brooklyn Transfer Station

77 Rukstela Rd, Brooklyn
860-779-1105

Hours of Operation

☀ **Daylight Savings Time Hours** (March – November) ☀
Wednesday & Friday 10am – 5pm & Saturday 8am – 5pm

❄ **Winter Hours** (November – March) ❄
Wednesday & Friday 10am-4pm & Saturday 8am-4pm

Municipal Solid Waste: This is household garbage and should be placed in Green Town of Brooklyn bags and disposed of in the compactor.

Bag cost is \$7.00 per box of five 13-gallon bags; \$10.00 per roll of five 33 gallon bags. Bags can also be purchased individually for \$2.00 each.

Bulky Waste: Any debris such as construction, demolition, or land clearing waste. This should be weighed at the scale house and disposed of in bulky waste containers at 0.12 cents per pound.

Tires: Tires are accepted and have their own container. Car tires are \$2.00 off the rim and \$5.00 on the rim. Truck tires are \$5.00 off the rim and \$10.00 on the rim.



Propane Tanks: \$5.00

Refrigerators and Freezers: Cost is \$15.00 to dump and the doors must be removed.

Couches & Chairs: Cost is \$20.00 to dump in bulky waste container. Convertible couches must be weighed at the scale house.

Metals: Scrap metals, wires, fencing, etc. are free to dump. Washers and dryers also fall into this category.



Brush: Christmas trees and brush are accepted and put in the brush pile. No limbs over 4" in diameter will be accepted. No other wood products, i.e., such as decking, fences, scrap lumber.

Leaves: Leaves are accepted into the compost pile, but should not be left in bags.

Paint: Oil and latex paints can be collected. Please see Transfer Station Attendant.

Electronic Waste: Please place in the POD at the Transfer Station.

There is no longer a fee for mattresses and box springs.

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-5pm

Thursday: 5pm-6pm

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Monday, Tuesday, and

Wednesday: 8am-5pm

Thursday: 8am-6pm

Heating season is upon us once again!! Please be advised that the following require a building permit: – Installation of:

- ❄ Woodstoves
- ❄ Pellet stoves
- ❄ Fireplace inserts
- ❄ Generators
- ❄ Mini split ac/heat pumps
- ❄ Gas wall hung units
- ❄ Gas line installation
- ❄ Replacement of boilers, furnaces
- ❄ Replacement of electric heating elements



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.

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)

Expiration of Permits: Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance. If project is incomplete after 180 days, the applicant must renew the permit.

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

Warmest Regards,

John Berard, Building Official
Lisa Lindia, Building Office Assistant
Sara Deshaies, Building Office Assistant

