

Welcome to the Village of Brooklyn



Resident Handbook 2024 Edition



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VillageofBrooklyn.com



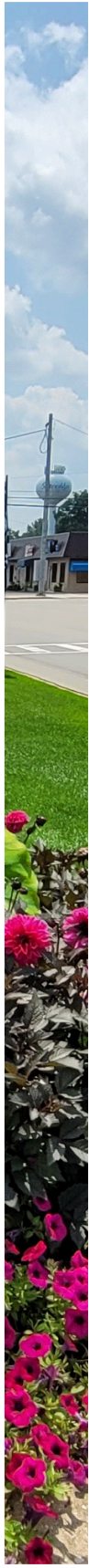
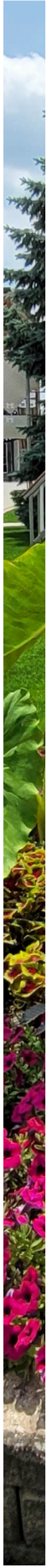


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Welcome!

Welcome to the Village of Brooklyn. Our local community government and Village Council want to say thank you for being a part of our community. This packet was created to help you understand the advantages of living in our quaint and charming community. If you have any questions, comments, concerns that are not covered in the booklet, feel free to reach out to the Office at any time.

Additional resources:

The website contains much of the information presented in this packet with links to various useful tools such as the [Village ordinances \(Municode\)](#) under the government tab or [bill payment \(BS&A\)](#) under the services tab.

Stop by the Office
121 N. Main St. Brooklyn, MI 49230
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12:30 -1:30 pm

Phone: 517-592-2591
VillageofBrooklyn.com

Staff Contacts



Village Manager - Matt Swartzlander - Manager@VillageofBrooklyn.com

The Village Manager oversees the Village Staff, day-to-day operations, and service delivery to our community. The Manager is the Village Zoning Administrator and Street Administrator.



Clerk/Office Administrator - Whitney Harbowy - Officeclerk@VillageofBrooklyn.com

The Office Administrator/Clerk is responsible for the management of the office including working with treasurer on finances and completing meeting minutes.



Treasurer – Marilyn Troyer - Treasurer@VillageofBrooklyn.com

The treasurer is responsible for oversight of the Village finances.



Assistant - Sandy Kimball - Sandy.Kimball@VillageofBrooklyn.com

The assistant is responsible for community communications and assistance with daily activities of the Village office.

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is a critical piece in the Village of Brooklyn, responsible for the routine maintenance of the water system, sewer system, the parks, roads, and sidewalks. The team is responsible for keeping our community looking great in all situations from summer grass mowing to keeping the streets clear in the winter. The DPW works hard behind the scenes to ensure that our residents and businesses are proud of the community we live in. Along with the Director, the Service Technicians respond to emergency calls for water, sewer, and street issues. They also complete all maintenance on village properties such as parks and restrooms.

DPW Staff



DPW Director - Dennis Spitler

The DPW Director oversees the water, sewer, grounds, streets and staff of the Department of Public Works.



Service Technician / Water Operator - Andrew Cox



Service Technician - Ben Garrison



Service Technician - Michael Raymond



Service Technician - Ryker Smith

Leadership - Village Council

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

COUNCIL

The Village of Brooklyn utilizes a system of local government that combines the political leadership of elected officials (the governing body) with the managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. The governing body is commonly known as the council—it may also be referred to as the commission or board. The council-manager form establishes a representative system where all power is concentrated in the elected council, and where the council hires a professional manager to oversee the delivery of public services.

2024

Village of Brooklyn Council

Terry Mahr, President
Patti Robinson, President Pro Tem
Gabriella Bach, Trustee
Phil Bliven, Trustee
Stacy Hicks, Trustee
Bob Jenson, Trustee
Phil Krauss, Trustee

The council-manager form, sometimes referred to as the "city or village manager" form, was born in the early 20th century in response to corruption and patronage that plagued many cities. The form was designed to "professionalize" local government and resembles the structure of a corporation or a non-profit. In a city, for instance, the city council acts much like a board of directors: similar to how a board would hire a CEO to run a private sector organization, the council hires a professional manager to run the day-to-day operations of the village. (The position of mayor/president can be compared to the chair of the board.) The council, which includes the Village President and six trustees, oversees the actions of the professional manager and ensures that policies are implemented to the community's satisfaction.

- The village president shall be elected every even-numbered year, consistent with the general election for the State of Michigan, for two-year terms of office.
- Three trustees shall be elected every even-numbered year, consistent with the general election for the State of Michigan, for four-year terms of office.

The council meets monthly, along with the Village Manager, Clerk, and Treasurer to set the policies of the Village in the form of resolutions and ordinances through a process of majority vote. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Brooklyn Branch of the Jackson District Library Community Room.

Boards & Commissions

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Village Planning Commission is a seven-member board nominated by the Village President, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Village Council. This board has the authority to review, discuss, and vote on decisions for planning and zoning changes for the village. The Planning Commission is responsible for the asset planning and creating the community Master Plan. These seven members shall be residents of the Village and represent different professions or occupations.

The Planning Commission meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 pm at the Brooklyn Branch of the Jackson District Library Community Room.

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

The Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) of the Village is a board of nine appointed members consisting of a majority of business owners in the district and at least one resident living within the CIA District. This board makes decisions, based on majority vote, in the best interest of the public to correct and prevent deterioration in the business districts, to redevelop the commercial corridors, and to promote economic growth of commercial districts. The authority shall analyze the impact of economic changes and growth in the development area and develop plans in coordination with the Village Planning Commission to promote orderly economic growth in the commercial districts.

CIA meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am at the Village Office.

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

PARKS BOARD

The Village Parks Board is a panel of seven members nominated by the Village President, subject to the approval of the Village Council. The Parks Board is charged with strategic planning and development of the Village's parks, including Swain Memorial Park, Weatherwax Park, and the Public Square Downtown Boulevard. The Parks Board will be exploring the feasibility of park upgrades and expansion, along with recreational opportunities that will make our community a better place to live.

The Parks Board meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 pm at the Village office.

Village Meeting Information

The Village of Brooklyn invites all residents to be informed and attend meetings or have the ability to read minutes and agendas on our website: www.VillageofBrooklyn.com. Any cancellations or changes in date, time, or location of meetings will be updated on the website also. Meetings are open to the public and have time for public comment.

Columbia Charter Township

Columbia Charter Township
8500 Jefferson Road
Brooklyn, MI 49230
517-592-2000
Monday – Thursday 7:30am-5pm
Closed Friday
[Website - Twp.Columbia.MI.US](http://Twp.Columbia.MI.US)



The Village of Brooklyn is a part of Columbia Charter Township and is covered for emergency situations by Columbia Charter Township Police and Fire Departments. Emergency dispatch can be reached by dialing 911, but non-emergency fire or police questions can be directed to the appropriate department at the numbers below. Police and Fire Stations are located at the Township Office.

Columbia Charter Township Police
517-592-3122
Chief of Police - Jay Niles
JNiles@Twp.Columbia.MI.US

Columbia Charter Township Fire Department
517-592-8654
Fire Chief - Scott Cota
SCota@Twp.Columbia.MI.US

Columbia Charter Township also oversees local elections and tax assessing for the Village.

Columbia Charter Township Supervisor
Barry Marsh
517-592-2000 ext. 230 -
BMarsh@Twp.Columbia.MI.US

Columbia Charter Township Clerk
Cathy Jo Hulbert
517-592-2000 ext. 231 -
CHulbert@Twp.Columbia.MI.US

Columbia Charter Township Assessor
Brian Small
517-592-2000 ext. 241 -
BSmall@Twp.Columbia.MI.US

Jackson County



Jackson County
Michigan

120 W. Michigan 7th Floor
Jackson, MI 49201
517-788-4340
<https://mijackson.org/>



County Commissioner
District 4
Phil Duckham III
517-204-7154
PDuckham@mijackson.org

County Treasurer
Karen A. Coffman
517-788-4418
Kcoffman@mijackson.org



County Clerk/Register of Deeds
Cierra L. Sowle
517-788-4268
csowle@mijackson.org



Leadership - Federal & State

U.S Senators

Senator Debbie Stabenow



Mid-Michigan Office
221 W. Lake Lansing Road
Suite 100
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: (517) 203-1760
www.Stabenow.senate.gov

Senator Gary Peters



Lansing Office
124 West Allegan Street
Suite 1400
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: (517) 377-1508
www.Peters.senate.gov

U.S Congressional Representative 5th District

Congressman Tim Walberg



Jackson Office
401 W. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, MI 49201
Phone: (517) 780-9075
www.Walberg.house.gov

State of Michigan

State Senate
District 14

Senator Sue Shink



P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536
517-373-2426
855-DIST014 (855-347-8014)
SenSShink@senate.michigan.gov

State House of Representatives
District 47

Representative Carrie Rheingans

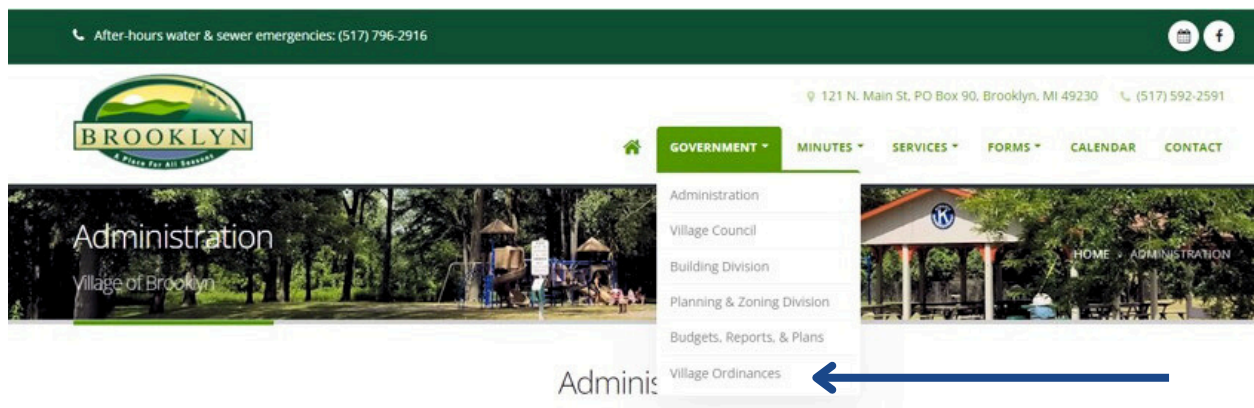


P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514
517) 373-8835
CarrieRheingans@house.mi.gov

Local Ordinance

The Village of Brooklyn is governed by federal law, state law, and our municipal ordinances. These are the laws put in place by our elected officials to regulate different items within the control of our municipality. These ordinances, just like state and federal laws, must be followed by Village residents, visitors, businesses, and property owners. A community standard is set through the zoning ordinance of the Village. Our elected and appointed officials work, in conjunction with the general public, to set this standard for all to follow. The regulations look at things such as the need to keep your property maintained, signs for businesses, and having your address clearly placed on your home so the emergency personnel can easily locate you. Village of Brooklyn ordinances are vital to creating the type of community in which we all want to live.

The ordinances used to govern in the ward of the Village are available to view online. They can be found on the Village website (VillageofBrooklyn.com) under the Municode button on the government tab. Once on the site, the search bar at the top will allow a search of the entire site for related ordinances by keyword or phrase.



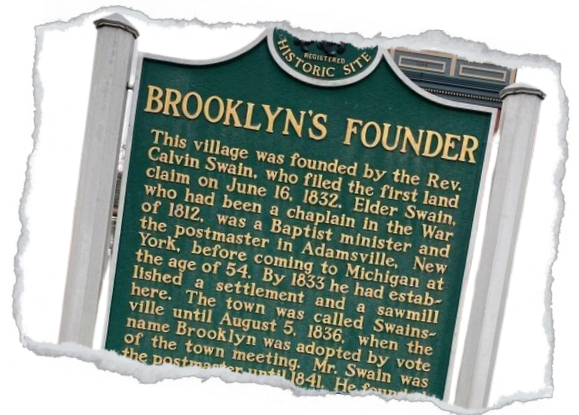
This tool will help you research local ordinances that exist in the Village that help keep a beautiful and safe community. If you have any questions about an ordinance, feel free to contact the office. It is important to remember to reach out to the Village Office before you start a project. We are happy to work through your plans and determine what is feasible and if permits will be needed ahead of time.

The Village Code Enforcement Officer works to identify and inform people of violations of the local ordinance. The goal of the Code Enforcement process is always to have the issue corrected, not to collect fines. We will work within the ordinance with all residents and businesses to solve any issues that exist when possible.

About the Village

Located in Columbia Charter Township, inside of Jackson County, the Village of Brooklyn has the distinction of being part of the prestigious Irish Hills. The village limits, approximately one mile square, are small in comparison to the 65 square miles covered by the Brooklyn, MI 49230 mailing address, but have everything a Village resident desires. The population of over 1,300 (as of 2020 Census) residents has access to scenic landmarks, historic buildings, ample recreation, and shopping areas.

Although small in area, we are equipped with most any service needed including hair salons/barber shops, pharmacies, and grocery. The downtown area also encompasses a quaint downtown shopping district consisting of unique shopping boutiques and restaurants. The community has a post office and various churches within the Village limits.



History

The area that is now the Village of Brooklyn was originally named Swainsville in 1832 by Reverend Calvin Swain when he purchased 40 acres along the River Raisin. In 1836, the community voted to become Brooklyn as a namesake for Brooklyn, NY.

Henry Ford noted the resources of the area and opened an automotive plant along the River Raisin in Brooklyn prior to World War II. The plant made horns, buttons, and switches for Ford automobiles until the war when the facility switched to making parts for bomber planes. Production of various parts continued after the war until 1967 when the factory was shut down. A number of businesses have occupied the space, and it is currently being redeveloped as an area destination for our greater Brooklyn community.

Benefits of the Village

Some of the services provided by Village taxes that are available to residents include:

Department of Public Works technicians are dedicated to the continued care and maintenance of the Village, including the following:

Streets

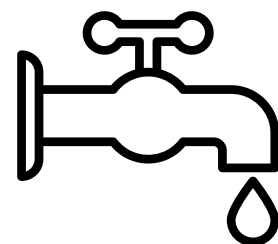
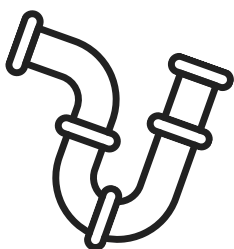
Weather in Michigan can be very fickle, as we all know. The DPW technicians are ready to keep the village streets clean from snow or ice but also for any other issues that may arise, such as environmental hazards or downed trees from storms. The DPW crew also helps direct traffic and prepare streets for downtown events such as parades. Taxes are also used to repair and maintain village streets and sidewalks when needed.

Water System

The water system is kept safe and running smoothly for service to both the village residences and businesses. This includes the flushing of fire hydrants and all testing required by the State of Michigan to be sure the water continues to be at a top level according to state standards. On the rare occasion there is an issue with any part of the water system, including things such as water main replacements or breaks, the DPW technicians are on-site to complete these projects with as little interruption to service as possible. The Village of Brooklyn strives to provide you with the best drinking water possible. The Consumer Confidence Report, located on the Village website, provides the information about your drinking water, including where your water comes from and the treatment it receives before it reaches your tap.

Sewer System

The gravity sewer system is also maintained by the DPW technicians. All maintenance, including long-term planning and immediate needs of the complete system, is part of the DPW workload. Someone is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This person can be reached by calling the emergency number 517-796-2916 any time of the day. The Village is part of the Leoni Regional Utility Authority (LRUA) to work together for full system maintenance and planning.



Curbside Brush Pick-Up

Curbside Brush Pick-up and woodchipper service is available April through October.

(Exception - Christmas trees will be picked-up during the first two weeks of January)

- On Mondays, the DPW personnel will pick up grass clippings ONLY.
- On Tuesdays, the DPW personnel will pick up all other yard waste (NO GRASS CLIPPINGS) including bundled branches.
- All grass clippings and yard waste should be placed out curbside or at the street edge by 8:00 a.m. but no sooner than 48 hours before the scheduled pick-up.
- All grass clippings and yard waste should be placed in paper bags or trash containers. (NO PLASTIC BAGS or EASY CARTS WILL BE PICKED UP)
- The maximum total weight of bags, bundles, or containers should not exceed 40 pounds. Brush or branches will be picked up in trash containers provided they do not exceed the 40-pound weight limit.
- The maximum size of bundled (tied) branches should be no longer than 4 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter. Tie brush bundles with rope or twine, no wire please.
- Large quantities of brush/branches that do not meet these restrictions WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. Private haulers are available to assist residents with such removal at the resident's expense.
- The Village tree limb chipper will be out for the first FULL week of May, August, and October to give the residents a chance to have fallen or trimmed tree limbs chipped by the Village. Tree limbs should not be put out for pick-up any sooner than ONE WEEK PRIOR to the chipper being out. It will also come out for the period of four weeks in the event of a severe storm that has caused extensive damage.

All limbs must be stacked neatly with cut ends towards the street. Limbs are not to exceed 5 inches in diameter. No messy piles, logs, root clusters, or vines will be chipped or hauled by the Village.



Curbside Leaf Removal



Curbside Leaf Removal is available **October 15 through December 10**

- Leaves will be removed from the curbside of the street edge of properties from **October 15 through December 10**, weather permitting. DPW staff will pick-up leaves on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (additional days if required)
- Leaves must be piled at the street edge or curb and must not include other debris. Piles containing debris such as stones, sticks, branches etc. **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**
- Leaves should be as close to the edge of the road as possible, but no further from the edge of the road than 6 feet. Keep leaf piles at least 4 feet from either side of poles, signs, and mailboxes etc., the hose cannot reach around these items.
- If an early snow fall should occur prior to December 10th and does not allow residents to finish getting their leaves picked-up, the Village will notify residents to have the leaf vacuum out for the **FIRST FULL WEEK OF APRIL ONLY.**

Village Parks



The Village of Brooklyn has three community parks available for use - Swain Park, Weatherwax Park, and the Downtown Square/Boulevard.

Weatherwax Park

Weatherwax Park is located ½ block east of the boulevard on Monroe Street. There is a parking area along with a grassy area, grill, and public restrooms. The restrooms at both parks are maintained by the Village DPW team through payment of village taxes.

Downtown Square/Boulevard

The Downtown Square (Boulevard) is a grassy area in the middle of downtown that includes crosswalks for M-50 to enjoy downtown shopping, the Veteran Memorial, and a gazebo that is decorated for various holidays. The grassy area is used as a center for the enjoyment of the Village of Brooklyn parades.

Swain Park & Pavilion Reservations

Swain Memorial Park, at Tecumseh Street and River Street (behind Wesco), is open to the public during daylight hours. There are public restrooms available for use. The park has playground equipment, a pavilion, a basketball court, an Artesian well, and runs along the River Raisin. Coming in 2024-25, thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn and state grants, the playground will be getting new ADA-compliant playground equipment.

Unless reserved by a group of twenty (20) or more, the pavilion is available to all on a first-come basis and can be shared by smaller groups. Requests can be made at any time and are FREE to Village residents. Non-residents will be assessed a \$25 fee for a reservation. There is an optional \$10 fee for electricity for both residents and non-residents. A reservation form must be filled out and returned to the Village office. This form can be found online at VillageofBrooklyn.com or by stopping into the office.



Responsibilities

Along with any perks, there must also be responsibilities:

Permits

Village residents are responsible for obtaining proper permits for any work being completed within the Village of Brooklyn. These may include one or more of the following:

- Building permit
- Electrical permit
- Mechanical permit
- Plumbing permit
- Fence permit
- Right of way permit (Driveway)
- Sign permit
- Temporary sales permit



When you first have an idea, reach out to us, so we can discuss the best way to make it happen.

Forms for all permits are located on the website www.VillageofBrooklyn.com or can be picked up in the village office. Any work being done that requires digging must have a Miss Dig completed first. This can be done by contacting Miss Dig by phone at 811 or MissDig811.org. As inspections are needed, inspectors must be contacted for inspections by the permit holder at the numbers below. Any questions on any permits may be directed to the specific inspector or the Village Office.



Building Inspector
Electrical Inspector
Mechanical Inspector
Plumbing Inspector
Zoning Administrator

Brian Taylor
Mark Fish
Jim Wiech
Tom Trudeau
Matt Swartzlander

517-795-9902
517-206-6551
517-937-2813
517-206-9005
517-592-2591 (office)

Utilities

New Owner/Occupant

If you are a new homeowner or new tenant, The Village needs documentation to correctly set up billing information. Proper documents may be dropped off in person or in the drop box, emailed to officeclerk@villageofbrooklyn.com or mailed to PO Box 90, Brooklyn, MI 49230. Please call the office if you are unsure of the documentation needed for billing changes.

Billing

- New meters were installed Fall/Winter 2023 and are equipped with many benefits for homeowners.
- Water and sewer bills are billed monthly. Meters are read on the last business day of the month, bills are then processed and mailed.
- Village residents are billed a readiness-to-serve charge (currently \$22.75 for water and \$47.33 for sewer) monthly regardless of usage. In addition to the readiness to serve charge, a fee per gallon of water and sewer used (currently \$.00435 for water and \$.00600 for sewer) is charged.

Payments

Bills are due on the 15th of each month (unless the 15th falls on a day the office is not open, then it is the business day following). Bill payments can be paid in the Village of Brooklyn office during normal business hours (cash, check, or credit/debit card with **nominal fee for card**) or after hour payments (cash or check) can be placed in the secure slot in the door on the south side of the Village office at the top of the ramp. You may also mail your payments to:

Village of Brooklyn, PO Box 90, Brooklyn, MI 49230

Or set up automatic payments from a checking or savings account. A signed [authorization form](#), available on the Village of Brooklyn website or in the office, must be completed for this service.

Late Payments

The following fees are assessed for payments made after the due date:

- 2% penalty on the unpaid amount
- \$5 service fee for the late notice (mailed on the next business day after due date)
- \$10 service fee for shutoff hanger placed at service address
- \$30 fee for water service being shutoff

If you are having financial challenges, please communicate with the Village Office for options and resources to avoid a water shutoff.

Utility Requests

Utility Board Review Request

If you are a resident or business owner in the Village of Brooklyn and would like to request a review of your utilities by the Utilities Review Board, please use the utility review request form. The policies and procedures are included with this form on the website or in the office.

Utility Requests can be emailed to officeclerk@villageofbrooklyn.com, dropped off at the office in person, or via the drop box in the side door.

Sewer Repair Request

If you are a resident of the Village of Brooklyn and have an issue with your sewer system, there is service available 24 hours every day. Please call **517-796-2916** and leave a message with the attendant that answers the phone, and they will send it to the on-call staff for attention.

Volunteer

Outside of elected officials and staff, the Village relies on resident volunteers to run and operate effectively. Volunteering your time and energy is not only good for the community but assists in building community ties and relationships. These boards and committees utilize many different skill sets and passions to better the way our community operates. Whether on Parks Board, Corridor Improvement Authority, Planning Commission, Activity/Event Organizer, or other opportunities, each person can have an impact in our Brooklyn community. If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a [volunteer application](#) (found under forms on the website) to the Village Office. It can be dropped off in person, mailed, or emailed. If you have any questions, please contact the village office.

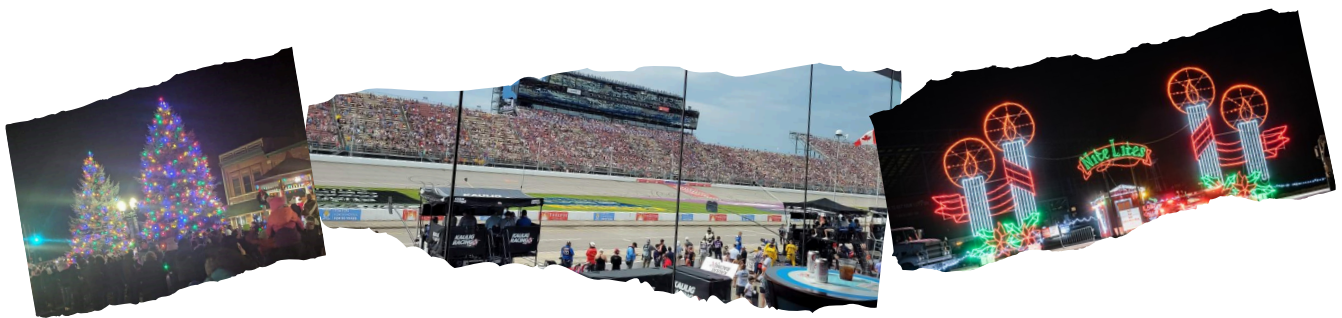


Community Resources & Events

Along with having a variety of businesses needed for daily living, there are many different attractions, events, and resources that are located in the local area. The Irish Hills Regional Chamber of Commerce (IrishHills.com), Experience Jackson (ExperienceJackson.com), and Visit Lenawee (VisitLenawee.com) are great ways to see what community and regional events are happening in the area year round.



The Village of Brooklyn is within 10 miles of 52 lakes that include fishing, swimming, and boating during the summer months and many winter activities as well. Some events that take place on the surrounding lakes are the Polar Plunge, the Great American Crab Races, Raft O' Rama along with various fishing tournaments. The Village of Brooklyn hosts several community parades and events throughout the year such as Pumpkin Quest, the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, Memorial Day events, and one of the area favorites, our 4th of July Parade and Fireworks.



Brooklyn and the Irish Hills play host to World Class events at [Michigan International Speedway](http://MISpeedway.com) (MISpeedway.com). It is home to various events including the Faster Horses Country Music Festival in July, NASCAR racing every August, and the Nite Lites Christmas light show each November and December, among many other events throughout the year. MIS continues to draw hundreds of thousands of people annually to our area from all over the country and world.

Community Resources & Events



An additional resource directed to our aged population is WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging (WellWiseServices.org). WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging works to improve conditions affecting the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities. Serving Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee Counties, WellWise helps identify concerns and develop a comprehensive and coordinated network of services to help their clients function as independently and safely as possible in their homes and communities.

Located at 107 Chicago Street, WellWise offers services in many different areas including technology help, home safety assessments, and referrals for other senior services.

Contact them for more information at 517-592-1974.



Department on Aging

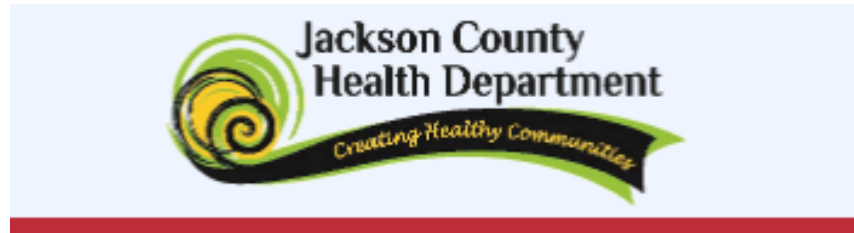
The Jackson County Department on Aging is a local government agency that has various services for the county's senior population. The agency offers assistance with services such as in-home respite, adult day care, caregiver education and support groups, chore services, and Meals on Wheels (hot, nutritious meals delivered for homebound seniors).

Address

1715 Lansing Avenue
Jackson, MI 49202
Phone: 517-788-4364
Fax: 517-780-4739

Website <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/619/Department-on-Aging>

Community Resources & Events



The Jackson County Health Department offers a variety of services including:

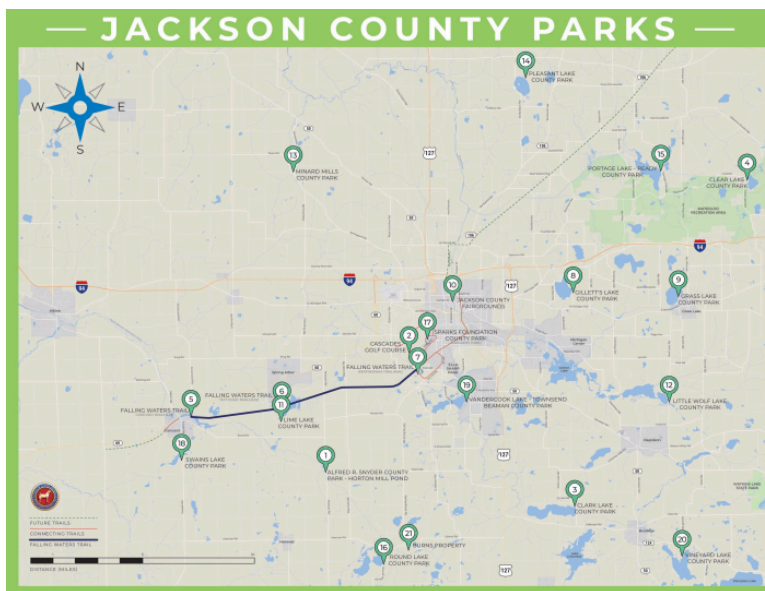
Address
1715 Lansing Avenue
Jackson, MI 49202

Phone: 517-788-4420
Fax: 517-788-4373

Hours
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Communicable disease education
- Immunizations
- Sexual health clinics
- WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program
- Hearing, vision and dental assistance
- Emergency preparedness education
- Environmental location assistance (sewer and water lines)
- School Wellness Program

Website <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/3077/Health-Department>



Jackson County Parks
128 W. Ganson
Jackson, MI 49202

517-788-4320

Website <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/3070/Parks-Recreation>

Community Resources & Events



JACKSON
DISTRICT
LIBRARY

A PLACE TO DISCOVER



207 N. Main St.
Brooklyn, MI 49230

517-905-1369

HOURS

Monday: 10-8
Tuesday: 10-6
Wednesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-6
Friday: 10-6
Saturday: 10-3



BrooklynFoodPantry.com

The mission of the Brooklyn Food Pantry is to provide assistance to community members who are in need of emergency food.

The Brooklyn Food Pantry is a 501(c)3 agency serving area families in need of assistance. ANYONE who is in need is welcome to come to this pantry bi-weekly. Please visit their website to view open times and location.

This food pantry, started in the early 1970s, and is run by community volunteers. The volunteers are dedicated people who cheerfully distribute boxes of food, hygiene and cleaning products to various clients. Volunteers spend endless hours ensuring that boxes of food are always available to those in need.

Brooklyn Food Pantry
making a difference in our community

119 South Main St, Brooklyn, Michigan 49230
Mailing Address: PO Box 122, Brooklyn, MI 49230
Phone (734) 476-9177

Thank You!

Again, welcome to the Village of Brooklyn. We are happy to have you as a part of our beautiful community.

Remember the website VillageofBrooklyn.com has forms, ordinances, and additional information.

The Village of Brooklyn [Facebook page](#) has events and up to date information also.

Village of Brooklyn monthly [e-Newsletter](#) can be sent directly to your inbox for current information also. Simply provide your request to be added with your name, email and if you are a village resident by any of the following ways:

- Sign up on our [website](#)
- Call or stop by the office

email Sandy.Kimball@VillageofBrooklyn.com



If you have any questions, concerns, or kudos, please stop in to see us or contact us at 517-592-2591 or email at the following:

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BROOKLYN'S FOUNDER

This village was founded by the Rev. Calvin Swain, who filed the first land claim on June 16, 1832. Elder Swain, who had been a chaplain in the War of 1812, was a Baptist minister and the postmaster in Adamsville, New York, before coming to Michigan at the age of 54. By 1833 he had established a settlement and a sawmill here. The town was called Swainsville until August 5, 1836, when the name Brooklyn was adopted by vote of the town meeting. Mr. Swain was the postmaster until 1841. He founded Baptist churches at Brooklyn, Woodstock, and Napoleon. He died in 1856 and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Napoleon.

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