



# WEST BROOKWOOD Winter NEWSLETTER

## 2021

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*Our best wishes to you and your family for a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.*

### EVENTS of the FALL and Holiday Seasons

Many families enjoyed our Fall Festival in October, new and old. We hope to see you again next year.

### Holiday LIGHTS and DECORATIONS

West Brookwood's holiday contest began Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at dusk. There were so many fabulous decorations and glistening lights that made it exceedingly difficult deciding this year winners. Here are the results...

#### BEST DECORATIONS



9 Mayne Avenue



21 Beech Street



57 Belton Street

#### BEST LIGHTS



13 Acorn Street



3 Springbrook Street



14A River Road

#### Honorable mentions

4 Belton St., 14 Chestnut St., 16 Lauren Ct., and 28 Lockwood Ave.

Would you like to judge next year? Call the office for more information.

### KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

#### House Numbers and Personal Safety

Recently a first responder who was en-route to a West Brookwood home had to stop and ask a resident for assistance in finding the home. Most residents are aware of the township ordinance requiring their house number to be posted on the home, but these numbers may not be visible in the dark.

For your own safety, please consider installing high visibility house number signs so that an ambulance, fire engine, or the police can find your house in the dark. The signs are available at your local hardware store or home improvement retailer. Also, blue, and white reflective house number signs for mounting on mailbox posts are available from the Byram Township Fire Department for \$10. Contact Eugene Zisa at 201-274-6642 or [ezlandscaping@yahoo.com](mailto:ezlandscaping@yahoo.com).

#### Other Safety Measures

If you are walking your dog or riding a bike in the dark, please consider using a reflective vest, leash, or other equipment so you are easily visible to traffic.

Our community,

As we know our community is characterized by narrow, winding roads and no sidewalks. BMRPOA has received several complaints related to vehicles speeding through the neighborhood and causing near accidents. There are typically many pedestrians, runners, babies in strollers, and bicyclists on our streets. We recommend making yourself as visible to as possible to motorists by wearing light or reflective clothing and dog leashes and carrying a flashlight pointed down at night. It only takes a split second for lives to be changed forever. Please be careful while driving our roadways.

On an additional note, some people park across the road from another parked vehicle which results in a very narrow passageway. An Amazon delivery van had to turn around because the driver could not pass between two parked cars. While it is not critical if your Amazon package is a few minutes late, what if the vehicle had been a fire engine or ambulance?  
Similarly avoid parking across the road from a driveway to allow for safe egress. Please slow down and be considerate of where you park. Encourage your visitors to do the same. Ultimately, everyone benefits.

Reminder, Parking Rules

**November to April 15 there is no street parking between 2am -6am OR during a snow emergency.** See township codes at [www.byrantwp.org](http://www.byrantwp.org) .

**Water Department News**

For the past 5 years our water bills have included a fee of \$25 per quarter for capital improvements to the water system. You may have noticed a reduction of \$25 beginning with your October bill at the end of the 5 years. Here are the accomplishments made with the capital improvement funding:

- New turn-off valves have been installed throughout the community to isolate a water break to the affected street. Water service to the entire community is no longer disrupted. The valves are being exercised annually.
- A new fire hydrant was installed on Glenbrook Street and a hydrant was repaired on Robert Street. Hydrants are exercised annually.
- A new generator was installed at 3 River Road thereby safeguarding the water supply during power outages.
- The electrical system at 3 River Road was modernized.
- Wells: Meters for each of the three wells have been replaced.
- Field work: Replacing “radios” and, if needed, meters is an ongoing project. Customers, please keep your appointments for scheduled work. We are at 72% completion. The pandemic impeded progress.
- Cleaning the water tower was delayed when a thorough examination revealed that interior and exterior painting is also required to preserve the integrity and life of the tower. Painting is a costly endeavor, and a new capital improvement plan is being developed.

Part-time Position

The Water department of BMRPOA is seeking a Field Technician.

Job Description: Basic knowledge of location equipment to locate curb stops and be able to turn them *off* and *on*.

Replace water meters and re-wire radios to a meter.

With a basic knowledge, training can be arranged. Please email your resume to [bmrpoa@gmail.com](mailto:bmrpoa@gmail.com).

**IN THE KNOW**

**Volunteer Board of Governors 2021-2022**

President	Masoud Joudi
Vice President	Barbara Kostiuik
Treasurer	Janice Drace
Secretary	David Pinkham
Governor	David Wink
Governor	Ignazio Ciresi
Governor	Open (3 seats)

Glen Brook/ Lower River	Dee Garrison:	973-229-5784
Lauren	Open	
Lockwood	Kristi Bristol:	732-735-5931
Mayne	Joe Tedeschi:	862-221-1146
River (Upper)	Open	
Robert	Dolores Bollinger:	973-769-7345
Springbrook	Open	

**Association meetings are schedule the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.**  
*Please check your e-mail for the meeting agenda and location.*

**Know Your Street Representative**

Adair	Heide Gunther:	570-460-0949
Ash	Open	
Avon	Open	
Banker	Helen Perri:	201-919-8028
Beech	Open	
Belton	Laura McVicar:	973-448-8680
Broad	Elaine Carr:	973-347-4461
Chestnut/ Waterloo	Kathy Stevenson:	973-448-8869

**Please consider volunteering for the following:**

- Governor
  - Street Representative
  - Facebook Administrator
  - Newsletter Editor
  - Event Coordinator
  - Event Coordinator (e.g., Fall Festival, Clean Up Day)
  - Greetings Coordinator to welcome new residents
- Call or email the office for more information.  
Thank you for your consideration.