



There are no full time paid Firemen in Brookfield!

But we do have 1 Chocolatier, 1 Coast Guardsman, 1 Physical Therapist, 1 Graphic Artist, 2 Electricians, 4 Town Employees, 3 Builders, 3 Office Managers, 2 Landscapers, 1 Controller, 6 IT professionals, and 52 other people who work tirelessly to fight fires in our town. Please help them in their annual fund drive when you get a request in the mail or when one of them knocks on your door. The town spends about \$900,000 well spent dollars every year to support our Fire Departments. The Town of Ridgefield spends about \$5 million a year to support their professional fire department. Let's show our support by responding to their annual fund drive.

Building in the 4 Corners-The Renaissance

I have met with the developer and he has agreed to come back to the town with a 3 story building instead of his original 6 story building. We also negotiated to include some commercial space and to have a smaller three story

building just south of the main building. The new design is attractive and, most importantly, goes a long way in meeting our Plan of Development. We will have an attractive downtown for our residents if we all work together as we have on this project. Please continue to attend meetings and voice your opinion.

National Volunteer Week

April 10 - 16th is National Volunteer Week, a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week focuses national attention on the impact and power of volunteerism and service as an integral aspect of our civic leadership. The week draws the support and endorsement of the President and Congress, governors, mayors and municipal leaders, as well as corporate and community groups across the country. Brookfield is fortunate to have hundreds of volunteers participating in Town government on boards and commissions, working in our schools, helping out at the Library and Senior Center, supporting our youth and adult sports activities, working with local non-profits and religious institutions and serving as volunteer firemen and EMS responders. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent or just want more information, please contact Ginny Giovanniello, 203-775-7301.

2016/2017 Town Budget Process

The Board of Finance finalized the town budget during the week of March 21. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00pm at Town Hall in Meeting Room 133. This public hearing is the final opportunity for residents to express their opinions to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance will finalize the budget the week following the Public Hearing and then present the budget at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 3. The Annual Town Meeting sets the official date for the budget referendum which, at present, is tentatively schedule on Tuesday, May 17. The Board of Finance's recommended budget is available on the Town's [website](#).

2016 Remedial Bond Project

The Board of Selectmen held a Special Town Meeting on March 21 to discuss and act upon a resolution setting Tuesday, May 17 for Referendum on the 2016 Remedial Bond Projects in the amount of \$1,905,000. As I have previously reported, when I took office I was informed of a number of projects that town meetings had approved to be paid for by bonding once the projects were completed. These projects were completed during the time frame of approximately 2003 to 2012. It appears that this bonding did not take place or that less was bonded than had been approved. Bond Counsel has approved and agreed that we can bond \$1.905 million of the total \$3.3 million. This Town Meeting allowed us to take the next step to set the date of Referendum to seek approval from residents to do the bonding that was intended originally. Our town remains well capitalized and we plan to continue to build our fund balance in the coming years to maintain our Triple A rating, which allows us to borrow at the most favorable rates.

8th Annual Brookfield Film Festival

The Brookfield Arts Commission is hosting their 8th Annual Brookfield Film Festival on April 8-10 at the Brookfield Senior Center. Please see the flyer attached to note the times of the showings. To make reservations, email Ann Amorossi at ann.amorossi@gmail.com or call 1-919-977-3327.

Cadigan Park

The town appreciates the donations made for the 30' lighted flag pole at Cadigan Park that was not part of the Cadigan Park project. Thank you to the Hutchinson-Cadigan Family, Brookfield Lacrosse, Brookfield Soccer and Brookfield Youth Football for their generous contributions!

Selectmen Meet and Greet:

"Meet the Selectmen" will be held on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Meet and Greet is April 30 from 9:00am to 10:30am at the Hi-Way Market Deli located at 616 Federal Road. We plan on choosing different locations in town for the Meet and Greet each month. Please feel free to stop by with any questions you may have or to let us know what's on your mind.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman
Brookfield, CT

Selectmen's Meeting:

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The next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on April 4 at 7:30pm in Meeting Room 133 at Town Hall. You may view the attachments to the meeting packet on the Town's [website](#) using the Video on Demand link. The meeting will be live streamed on the Town's [website](#) and posted the following day on the home page in Video on Demand.

The Board of Selectmen meetings can now be viewed on TV Channel 194 in addition to the Video on Demand, and is scheduled to be on 194 every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00pm. We have also started to index the meetings to the agenda so it is easier for residents to quickly go to the section of the agenda they wish to see. Please see Channel 194 broadcast schedule at the following link: <http://www.brookfield.k12.ct.us/district/channel-194/pages/schedule>.

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Tax Collector's News

Intent to Lien Notices

Real Estate Intent to Lien Notices will be sent out in April for taxes that are still outstanding for the 7-1-2015 and 1-1-2016 billing due dates.

July 2016 Billing

If your Real Estate taxes are escrowed, the bank should request your Real Estate bill.
If you change banks or pay off your mortgage, please contact the office to let us know where the bill should be sent.

Roberta Q. Sinatra, Tax Collector
203-775-7304
rsinatra@brookfieldct.gov

Tax Assessor News

Elderly and Veterans Benefit:

Applications will be taken for the Elderly and Veterans Programs starting February 1 thru May 13. Click [here](#) for more information.

Revaluation 2016:

http://www.brookfieldct.gov/Pages/BrookfieldCT_Assessor/revaluation.

Public Works News

Ground was broken on the long awaited Meadowbrook Manor Flood Relief project on March 14, 2016. Completion is scheduled for November 1, 2016. The project will eliminate the potential for flooding in this neighborhood for up to a 100 year rain event.

Senior Center News

Brookfield Trekkers will be starting our 2016 Season this month. In order to plan for hikes and carpools where necessary, we are asking that everyone register for each hike. You must be a member of Brookfield Senior Center. All hikes will have a \$3 registration fee that will help cover costs of carpooling, entrance fees and instructor time. Please sign up and pay fee at least 2 days in advance so that we



know who to expect.



Tuesday, April 5 at 9:00am

Orzech Family Preserve. Let's start off the hiking season by following the rail trail of the former Shepaug Valley Railroad, along the Shepaug River, in Roxbury. This is a flat, easy, well-maintained trail through the woods with many views of the river. 2.8 miles (Raindate: April 26).

Thursday, April 14 at 9:00am

George Waldo State Park. Join us for an easy yet windy 3.5 mile hike in Southbury at George Waldo State Park. This is a single file loop trail that takes us through wide open woods, dense hemlock forests, and a variety of rock outcroppings. The highlight of this hike is stopping for a rest at the calm eastern shore of Lake Lillinonah. (Raindate: April 28)

Alzheimer's Support Group: Wednesday, April 13 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm and Wednesday, April 27 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm: For caregivers, family members or friends of people affected by Alzheimer's disease or Dementia. This ongoing educational group meets in a safe and caring environment twice a month. Please join us as often as you like!



AARP Safe Driving: Friday, April 29 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. The AARP Driver Safety Class provides a refresher of driving rules and teaches valuable defensive driving skills, safety strategies, and tips for adapting your driving to compensate for physical and cognitive changes that come with aging, etc. By law, Connecticut residents age 60 and older who complete this class will qualify for a minimum of 5 percent automobile liability insurance discount for at least two years. Please sign up and pay in advance. Cost is \$15/AARP members and \$20/nonmembers (checks only).

Social Services News

RENTERS' REBATE FOR ELDERLY or DISABLED

Income-eligible renters who are elderly (65yrs.) or totally disabled (18-64 yrs.) may be eligible for a rebate from the state of CT. Income and housing expenses determine the rebate amount.

What do I need to apply?

- 2015 gross income below \$35,200 if single or \$42,900 if married.
- A copy of your 2015 income tax return (if filed)
- Proof of all income for 2015 including Social Security, pension, V.A. pension, bank interest, stocks, bonds, rental income, etc.
- Proof of all housing expenses paid for 2015 such as: rent, electric, gas, and fuel bills.
- Must have been a Connecticut resident for any 12 months prior to applying.

When and where do I apply?

- April 1 to October 1, 2016 is the filing period.
- To set up an appointment, please call Brookfield Social Services (203-775-7312).

Library News

Please subscribe to the library's newsletter for complete details about our programs and services. Go to www.brookfieldlibrary.org, click on "Get Email Updates" on the right, enter your email address, and pick the categories you're interested in.

Register for adult programs at

<http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/adult-events-calendar>

Alturas Duo in Concert: Sunday, April 17, 3:00 - 4:15pm.

Color Your World: Adult Coloring

Wednesday, April 6, 2:00-4:00pm.

Thursday, April 28, 2:00-4:00pm. and 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Butterflies in My Backyard with Victor DeMasi

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00pm.

Inside Emily Dickinson, Her Poetry and Her Life with Actress Ginger Grace

Thursday, April 14, 7:00pm.

This program is funded by the Brookfield Education Foundation.

Maple Sugaring with Author David Leff

Monday, April 18, 7:00pm.

Tax Free in Retirement with Michael Alimo

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30pm.

Book Discussions:

- Nonfiction Group: *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr
Tuesday, April 5, 6:30pm.
- Brookfield Reads: *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman
Tuesday, April 19, 1:00pm and 7:00pm.
- Book 'Em! Mystery Discussion: *Career of Evil* by Robert Galbraith
Monday, April 25, 12:30pm.

Movies @ the Library:

- *The Big Short*: Saturday, April 2, at 2:00pm.
- *Out of Africa*: Monday, April 5, at 1:00 pm.
- *Concussion*: Saturday, April 9, at 2:00pm.
- *The Lady in the Van*: Thursday, April 21, at 2:00pm.

Passport to Connecticut Libraries: April 1-30. Visit the 123 participating public libraries in the state. Stop by The Brookfield Library to pick up your passport. At each visit to a participating library, show your library card; the library will stamp your passport and give you a token gift.

Computer classes. Register at <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/computer-classes-calendar>

Intro to Digital Photo Editing with Picasa Series

April 11, 13, 18, 20, & 25

3:00pm OR 6:30pm.

Intro to Windows 10 Class

Wednesday, April 27, 3:00pm OR 6:30pm.

Teen Programs (Grades 6-12). Register at <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/teen-events-calendar>

Random Fandom - YouTubers: Wednesday, April 6, 5:00 - 6:30pm.

Teen Crafternoon, Friday, April 15, 4:00 - 6:30 pm.

Teen Writers Group, Wednesday, April 20, 5:00 - 6:00pm.

Programs for kids. Register at <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/kids-events-calendar>

Fairy Tale Theater for Grades K-2, Tuesday, April 19, 5:00 - 6:00pm.

Kid's Building Challenge for Grades 3-5, Thursday, April 21, 5:00 - 6:00pm.

Dinosaurology for Grades K-5, Monday, April 25, 5:00-6:00pm.

Brookfield Arts Commission



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!
**THE 8TH
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APRIL 8-10, 2016

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 AT 7:30PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:30PM
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[Brookfield Commission on Aging](#)

Aging At Home

Saturday April 23, 2016

At the Brookfield Senior Center

The Brookfield
Commission
on
Aging
presents

on 100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, Ct.
10 am to 12 pm.

This is open to the public. Seating is limited so get here early.

If you need directions the building is on the same property as the Brookfield Town Hall

For information please contact

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Speakers will be
James Gustin
Owner of Home
Crew Ct.

Patricia Werlau
License Clinical
Social Worker

Former owner
of Visiting
Angels Senior
Home Care in
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