

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

August 2019

The State Department of Transportation has agreed to our request to place a guardrail along the portion of the Still River Greenway that abuts Federal Road coming into the Town Center.

All town departments' Legal Notices will be available from the Legal Notices button on the home page of the town [website](#).

Yellow Pages Phone Book Fairfield County Directory – Residents have until September 19 to opt out of the upcoming directory, which will be delivered beginning in November. Please see additional information on the town [website](#).

Steve Dunn
First Selectman



Important Alerts

Assessors

If you lived in Brookfield as a homeowner, renter, or were temporarily staying with a friend or family member on or before October 1, 2018, your vehicle(s) should be registered in the town of Brookfield. Here are the details: **The tax year runs from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 for the 2018 grand list year. The key date is where you lived on October 1. If you moved to Brookfield on or before October 1, 2018, you must register your car in Brookfield and pay the 2018 grand list bill to Brookfield.**

If you are a property owner and were renting your Brookfield property, please contact your tenants and notify them that they need to have their vehicles registered in Brookfield, or give us their information and we will contact them.

If you have more than one home and live in



Mark Your Calendar

Coffee with the Community

Saturday, August 31, from 9 - 10:30 a.m.
at Chick-fil-A, 156 Federal Road. We encourage you to stop by with any questions or concerns for Selectmen. This event is scheduled on the last Saturday of each month.

Candlewood Lake Study Update

Thursday, August 22, from 7 – 9 p.m.
at Brookfield Town Hall, Room 133. The Brookfield Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) hosts a public informational meeting on its Wastewater Study of the approximately 1,500 properties in the Brookfield Candlewood Lake drainage area and their impact on Candlewood Lake. One goal of the study is to determine if it is beneficial to intercept the septic flows into the lake, and at what cost. The study is

Brookfield for part of the year, you may have to fill out a personal property form for the vehicle(s) that are here during your stay. For more details, please see our [website](#) or call our office at 203-775-7302.

Health Department

The Brookfield Health Department is participating in the Greater Danbury Health Survey. Your input is welcome and appreciated. Please click [link](#) to participate.

Still River Greenway

The Greenway extension project through the Town hall campus is moving forward. We received the commitment to fund letter from the state and the required environmental screening. Next steps include working with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to ensure there are no endangered or threatened species in the area of construction. This project will include a half mile extension to the already existing greenway with more parking, Americans for Disability Act compliance, and a small picnic area. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Dana Ferraro at Dferraro@brookfieldct.gov or 203-775-7316.

Tax Collector

Last day to pay taxes is August 1, 2019. To pay taxes through our website please click on this [link](#), but note there is a convenience fee to use this service.

Town Clerk

Congratulations to Ellie F, the 2019 Brookfield Top Dog! See photos [here](#). Fairfield County has been randomly selected as one of the survey locations during the current National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). The survey will be conducted via phone between August 5 and October 19, 2019. To learn more visit town [website](#).

partially funded by a CT Clean Water Fund grant. Read the WPCA's [press release](#) for further information.

Library

A Universe of Stories! Summer Reading concludes with great programs at The Brookfield Library. More Martian Movie Madness, a Bottle Rocket Workshop, a Moon Glow Dance Party, and the Finale: Casey Carle's Bubblemania! These events are not to be missed!

For Teens: a Super Mario Party, and movie night with *Spiderman: Homecoming*, and more!

For adults, more "One Town One Read" activities related to this year's selection: *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love* by Dani Shapiro, including book discussions and a Family Tree Craft. Join us as The Brookfield Garden Club presents a landscaping program. Don't forget our Annual Jazz Concert, too! Check out our [website](#) to see our schedule of regular offerings of book discussions, movies, story times, coloring, meditation classes and artist exhibits.



Parks & Rec

The Town Beach is open daily through August 25 and again for Labor Day Weekend, August 31 through September 2. More information on passes [here](#).

The Newtown Savings Bank Concerts in the Park series continues on Friday nights for the month of August. Full schedule available [here](#).

There are two family-friendly outdoor movies scheduled for Friday nights in August following the Concert in the Park. Schedule and details available [here](#).



New World Language Lab at Whisconier Provides Real Time Feedback

All Whisconier Middle School students will be able to enhance their Spanish and French education with our new World Language Mobile Lab. This technology platform will improve our teachers' lab instructional time, increasing language classroom use and enabling communication to begin as soon as both students and teachers are logged into the platform.

Students will benefit from being quickly paired up with peers for speaking practice, which will maximize class time. Teachers will be able to record and collect students' work products in one step, review them at any time, and give feedback using text, audio or video. Students also will be able to review their work products with teachers' comments to self-reflect, correct and move forward.

Teachers are able to give students individual attention, and to real-life context by integrating authentic materials including audio, video, text, images and web links.

The inclusion of the World Language Mobile Lab at Whisconier is just one more step on our journey to provide the highest quality education to our Brookfield students.

New School Project Update

The New School Project is now in the Design Development Phase, when details and final design will be developed.

We invite community members to review design details and provide input and feedback to the architect, the Board of Education and the Municipal Building Committee. To support participation, three public engagement forums are scheduled at **Huckleberry Hill Elementary School at 6 p.m. on September 26, October 22, and November 19**. If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, you can email your ideas to newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org

We will be working soon with the town to establish a School Naming Committee. Additional information will be forthcoming at the public engagement forums that the MBC and BOE will be holding this fall.

Public Works

The Gas Pump Canopy installation at the Town Garage is substantially complete. It will keep the users dry during inclement weather, and prolong the life of the pumping mechanism and controls. The canopy is lighted for night use when we are out on snow plow duty during late night winter storms. See attached picture.

Streetscape Phase 2

Streetscape Phase 2 construction is progressing well. Installing the new storm drains is taking longer than Phase 1 because of a rock ledge. Granite curbing will start to be installed shortly, with completion scheduled in September. See attached picture.





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