

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

December 2019

All of us at Town Hall wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season! I want to thank the residents of Brookfield for electing Sue Slater and me for another two years, and we welcome back Harry Shaker in continuing Brookfield's progress.

The Board of Selectmen and town and board newly elected officials were sworn into office on November 30. Congratulations to the following officials:

Town Clerk: Andrea DiStephan

Board of Selectmen: Dunn, Slater, Shaker

Town Treasurer: John Lucas

Board of Finance: Brianna Ruocco, Mark Mulvaney, Sean Hathorn

Board of Education: Robert Belden, Michael Murphy, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster

Board of Assessment Appeals: Julie Kerton, Jeff Bronn

Planning Commission: Jon Van Hise, Renee Santiago

Zoning Commission: Leslie Ruggiero, Mary Cappiello, Chris Delia

Zoning Board of Appeals: Robert Marconi, Lisa Temple

Steve Dunn

First Selectman



Mark Your Calendar

Iroquois Pipeline Informational Open House

Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6 - 8 p.m.
at Town Hall.

Iroquois invites all interested residents to visit with representatives regarding its proposed ExC Project and possible construction of additional compression at its Brookfield facility. For additional information, see the attached Open House [Notice](#) and [Project Overview](#).



Important Alerts

Health Department

During these colder months, the Brookfield Health Department highlights the need for extreme caution in the use of generators and space heaters. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless, so it can lead to serious harm, even death, with individuals being totally unaware of its presence. For more information about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide, go to the State Health Department or the Centers for Disease

Control to watch a brief video or click [here](#).

Brookfield Senior Center Holiday Boutique

Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will have baked goods, garden shop, jewelry, a variety of handcrafted items and our famous tag sale room! Lunch will be available to purchase. Entertainment by Brookfield's own Sharps & Flats. Free diabetes screening by the Brookfield Lions Club. All proceeds to benefit Friends of Brookfield Senior Center. Please see [flyer](#).

Holiday Tree Lighting

Ring in the holiday season with the Brookfield Girl Scouts at the Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7 at Town Hall. The festivities begin at 5 p.m.



Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Seats are still available for the annual trip to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular on Monday, December 9. Please see [flyer](#).

A Bock and Blu Concert

Join Brookfield's own Bock & Blu on Friday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the Brookfield High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, with proceeds benefiting the Brookfield District Music Department. More information available [here](#).

Public Works

Our residential brush yard behind the fire house on Pocono Road will be open for its last day in 2019 for brush and leave drop off on Saturday December 7, 2019. It will re-open on January 4 and 11 for Christmas tree drop off only. New 2020 dates will be posted in the coming months.

Tax Collector

Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax Bills will be mailed at the end of December. Second installment real estate, personal property and motor vehicle supplemental bills are due January 1, 2020. The last day to pay is due February 3, 2018.

Town Clerk

Did you know Current Board and Commission minutes can be viewed [here](#)? You can sort by Board/Commission, Year, Month or Day. Take advantage of the "Enter Search Term" bar at the top of the page to find what you're looking for!



Library

There are many wonderful activities offered this month at the Library! We have holiday-themed activities for all ages: an alcohol-ink tile workshop for adults, ornament and gingerbread house crafts for kids, and teen cookie wars and pasta-making, too.

If the frantic pace of the season is stressing you, come to one or both of our Monday meditation sessions. Get informed at a program for *Women in Retirement* on December 5. Get enlightened at the Library Art Gallery's reception on December 8, which will feature oil paintings of snow scenes and

A BOOK AND BLU CONCERT

5th Annual Brookfield Police Department Toy Drive Announcement

We are excited to announce that our 5th annual "stuff a cruiser toy drive" is scheduled on Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All donated toys will be personally delivered to the children at Yale New Haven Hospital the following week.

Our location has changed, but our mission has not! We have moved the event to the corner of the Kohl's parking lot (closest to Five Guys).

Additionally, we have once again partnered with our friends at KICKS 105.5, Candlewood Coffee and Chick-fil-A Brookfield. That means we will have great music, great coffee, and great food the entire day! Rain, snow or shine!

Not sure if you will be able to make it? You can drop your new and unwrapped toy off at police headquarters (63 Silvermine Road) any time. We will have a box set up in our lobby. Please see [flyer](#) for gift ideas/suggestions!

The Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

Save the Date! The Chamber will be holding its annual Gala on March 21, 2020 with the theme "Celebrating Our Town" at the Candlewood Inn. Tickets will be on sale soon.

still lives by Connecticut's Susan Grisell. The kids won't want to miss ringing in 2020 at our annual Noon Year's Eve Party on December 31!. As always, there are book clubs, story times, movies, adult coloring and more! Please visit our [website](#) for details on all of our other offerings.



Parks & Rec



Letters to Santa

Receive a genuine letter from Santa Claus himself! Drop your child's personal letter in the North Pole Mailbox at the Parks & Recreation Office (now located in the Old Town Hall at 162 Whisconier Road), or mail it to Santa, Attn: Parks & Recreation Department at P.O. Box 5106. Your child's letter must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Santa himself will mail a personalized letter back in time for Christmas. In order for a timely response, letters will be accepted December 1- 14.

Basketball Leagues

Registration is ongoing for all of our Youth Basketball Leagues. Full details on our programs for grades 1 through 12 are available [here](#).

Gingerbread House Contest

The Brookfield Arts Commission is again hosting a Gingerbread House Contest.

Entries should be dropped off at Town Hall on Monday, December 9, from 4 - 6 p.m.

Please see [flyer](#) for details.



Like us on [Facebook](#) to receive timely updates on program information, upcoming events, weather-related cancellations and more.

Coffee with the Community

Please note that the next one is scheduled Saturday, January 25, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A, 156 Federal Road. There is no Coffee with the Community in December.



Schools

Word of the Week: WOW! is designed to help our students develop robust vocabularies and an appreciation and awareness of language. WOW! will help our students to develop “word consciousness” and become “Word Wizards.”

Each week, we will have a WOW! The word will be introduced in the morning announcements, be posted in your schools and on the web page, and used in a variety of ways in our classrooms.

Each week we will provide our community partners with a link to downloadable WOW! vocabulary page to print out and display at their place of business. Students will be challenged to find the WOW! in books, magazines, papers, conversations; on TV, radio, and the internet; and in the community - stores, restaurants, places of worship, and businesses.

Students will be encouraged to use WOW! in speaking and writing in school, at home, and in the community. As Word Wizards, our students are invited to report their “findings” and “discoveries” of the WOW! vocabulary to their teachers, their parents and our community partners.

Reminder: The Brookfield High School campus is closed to public use during school hours, a Board of Education policy in place since 1997. The administration, in concert with the board’s Security Task Force will follow the recommendation of the Homeland Security Department’s Safety Report to ensure that signage clearly indicates to the public that the campus is not open to the public during school hours. This notification serves as a policy reminder for this practical solution for both curricular programming and school security.

Economic and Community Development

The Town of Brookfield will be presented with the 2019 CCM Municipal Excellence

Award for the Streetscape project with a \$1,000 prize at the 2019 Annual CCM convention at Foxwoods.

It's looking a lot like the holidays in the Town Center District! Take a stroll down Federal Road to enjoy the lights and garland wrapped around the light poles. This year we added 15 new light poles to the Streetscape design to light up the sidewalks. Make sure you check the town page for the local tree lighting ceremonies and craft fairs late November and early December.

Have a business in town? Make sure you update your FREE [CTVisit.com](https://www.ctvisit.com) profile to be featured on the State's Tourism pages! Need help? Contact Dana Ferraro at Dferraro@brookfieldct.gov with any questions.

The Garden Club of Brookfield Welcomes New Members or Friends

Since 1962 the Garden Club of Brookfield has been committed to its mission statement: *"...operate as a non-profit organization working toward the beautification of Brookfield and educating its members and the community on good gardening practices and the conservation of our environment."* Please visit the town [website](#) for further information on the club or contact the Club's President, Joanne McKendry.

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Town Events and Activities

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