

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

February 2020

The town's budget process for 2020 - 2021 is underway. In mid-February, the Board of Selectmen will begin deliberating the First Selectman's recommended budget.

Board of Finance vacancy

The Board of Finance is seeking candidates for an open position. Qualified candidates must be a current resident of Brookfield and either a registered Democrat or Unaffiliated voter. Please submit your resume and a statement of interest to: Brookfield Board of Finance at BOF@brookfieldct.gov. Application deadline is February 7 at 3 p.m.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman



Mark Your Calendar

Economic Development

On February 1, at 10 a.m., Federal Road Express Laundry, 626 Federal Road, will have its grand opening celebration!

Also, a big thank you to the Brookfield Town Center 4 Business Association's donation to the town for the holiday decorations in the Town Center District, including the lights, garland, and bows!

Tax Collector

This is a reminder that the second installment of Real Estate, Personal Property and Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes are due February 3. Further information is on the town [website](#). If you have questions or concerns, our office is available to assist you.



Important Alerts

Assessors

Are you new to town and haven't updated your vehicle registration? Please click [here](#) for details.

If you are 65 or older as of December 31, 2019 or a veteran who served during wartime, you may be eligible for a state or town tax benefit. If you are already receiving benefits, you should receive the paperwork in the mail the first week of February. If you do not, please visit our office. If you have never applied before, you will be able to find the paperwork online beginning February 1, or we will have applications in the office. Please remember that when applying, we will need a copy of your tax return and proof

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Monday, February 3, at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room 133 in Town Hall. You can view the agenda and attachments to the meeting packet on the town's [website](#).

BOS Public Hearing

Prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting on February 3, a hearing on the Septage Management Ordinance is scheduled at 6:45 p.m. to hear public comment and opinion concerning revisions to the ordinance. The Notice of the Hearing and the updated ordinance pertaining to Chapter 182-9 can be reviewed on the town's [website](#).

Coffee with the Selectmen

Saturday, February 29, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Dunkin Donuts, 270 Federal Road. We encourage you to stop by with any questions or comments.



Did you know?

February brings two popular special events for the family; our Annual Community Skate at Danbury Ice Arena and Tom O'Brien's Magic Show. Details available [here](#).

Red Cross First Aid and CPR classes, iPhone Photography, Thai Cooking and Intro to Drawing and Acrylics are just a few of the adult programs being offered this winter. Details on all winter programs available [here](#).

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

Lower Ptak Field is "tucked in" for the winter. These turf growth blankets function

of all your income, including Social Security. If you have any questions, please call our office at 203-775-7302.

Health Department

February is American Health Month - Heart disease doesn't happen just to older adults. It is happening to younger adults more often partly because the conditions that lead to heart disease are occurring at younger ages. February is the perfect time to learn about your risk for heart disease and the steps you need to take now to help your heart. Check the following link on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [website](#).

Public Works

The updated road ratings have been posted on the town website under the [DPW section](#). The list will be used to finalize our paving and preservation list for the spring of 2020.

Town Clerk

Information on the April 28th Presidential Preference Primary can be found [here](#).



Library

There are many wonderful activities offered this month at the Library. Please visit our [website](#) for details on all of our other offerings of book clubs, tech and language classes, adult coloring and Mahjong.

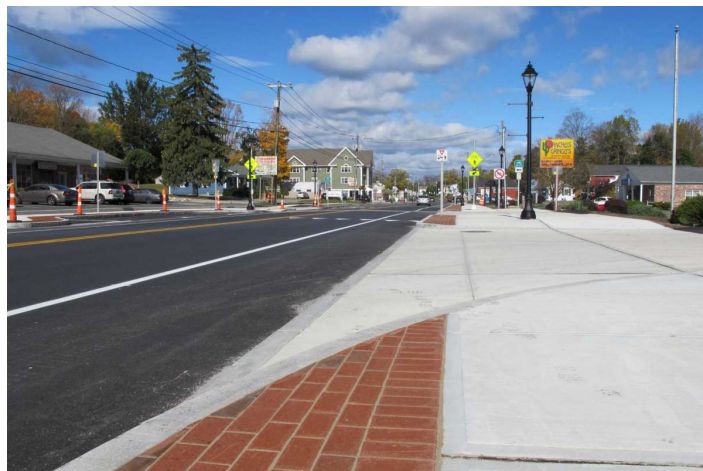
This month we also bid farewell to Assistant Director Katherine VanLeeuwen, who is retiring after nearly 20 years of service. Please join us for an open house gathering on February 6, from 3 - 5 p.m., at the Library. You can stop by any time during the month of February to write a note in a guest book for Katherine to wish her well.

similarly to a greenhouse. The loosely woven fabrics allow sunlight, oxygen and water to enter the covered area while protecting the turf from cooler or colder weather. Their use improves cold temperature seed germination in the fall and come spring, allows the turf to come out of its winter dormancy weeks earlier, accelerating spring green-up. Parks & Recreation is grateful to the Brookfield Soccer Club for their financial support of this initiative. If as successful as expected, we hope to expand the program onto other grass playing fields in town.



Streetscape Phase Three

CT DOT issued its commitment to fund Streetscape Phase 3 for \$1,350,880, with total project costs estimated to be \$1.5 million. Various departments are reviewing the design and we expect DOT approval this fall. Construction will start in the spring of 2021.



Police Department

This year the Brookfield Police Department is hosting a Penguin Plunge event, called "Plunge Candlewood," in support of Special Olympics. It's scheduled on Sunday, March 15, at the Brookfield Town Beach. If you, along with your family and friends would like to sign up, please visit the [website](#). It is \$50 per participant, who is encouraged to raise money for their plunge and donate to CT Special Olympics.



Please help spread the word to family and friends. We would love to have your support!



Schools

New School Project

Through collaboration with Tecton Architects, the Board of Education approved the Schematic Design for the new elementary school at its meeting on January 22. Over the

past four months, the Board of Education and Municipal Building Committee have hosted three public forums and facilitated multiple user group meetings, seeking input on designing to effectively implement the educational program. In the user group meetings, classroom, visual & performing arts, special education, and physical education teachers, along with our media specialists, nurses and school administrators have played an integral role in ensuring we have the necessary learning spaces for our students.

The project now enters the Design Development Phase, in which the architects and town-hired construction manager work within the scope of the budget to analyze space use and ensure all program requirements are met, including the recent increase to enrollment projections. The architects will collaborate with the board and committee on the final design of the school, including building materials, energy efficiency, site specifications and fields, as well as public use and access. The town will prepare to bid the project in late fall, with construction beginning in the spring of 2021. The project remains on budget and on schedule.

This project has been a real community effort over the past four years. The board plans to engage with the community, especially students, to name the new school. Some suggestions have already been solicited during the fall public forums. Be on the lookout for more information regarding the naming process!

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