

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

July 2019

Ratings Upgrade

Moody's has upgraded Brookfield's AA2 rating by removing the negative outlook it placed on the town's debt three years ago, stating "...the town benefits from long-term financial planning, improved and strengthened policies and procedures and projected positive operating results in fiscal 2019" and "improved accounting and financial monitoring practices."

Steve Dunn
First Selectman



Important Alerts

Assessors

If you recently disposed of a vehicle or received a bill for a vehicle that you no longer own, please supply us with the acceptable forms of proof. You can bring them to our office, fax them (203-740-3871), or email them (assessor@brookfieldct.gov). Acceptable forms of proof can be found on the town [website](#) or call us at 203-775-7302.

If you are a veteran and have never brought your DD-214 to the Town Clerk, please do so by September 30, 2019 and you may be eligible for an exemption on your taxes. If you have already submitted your DD214, you do not need to do it again – we keep it on file.

Health Department

The 2019 Cyanobacteria Monitoring



Mark Your Calendar

Veteran's Awards Ceremony

Korean War Veterans' recognition for their patriotic service is scheduled Monday, July 8 at 5 p.m. at the Brookfield High School Auditorium, 45 Long Meadow Hill Road. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony, officiated by Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and Commissioner Thomas Saadi of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

FREE Drop-off is Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Brookfield High School. It's easy: load your vehicle with all your unwanted chemicals and paint and we will empty it for you; no need to get out of your vehicle. Please see the [flyer](#) of What to Bring and What NOT to Bring.

Program will begin collecting beach water samples on Wednesday and Thursday, June 26 - 27. In addition, the Parks and Recreation staff will take weekly samples of beach water. High levels of toxic algae or coliform bacteria could lead to closing the beach to protect the health and safety of our residents. Have a safe and healthy summer!

Public Works

The DPW is in the micropave phase of its paving program, which is highly weather dependent. The recent rainy weather has seriously slowed our progress. For paving updates and a list of scheduled work, check the town [website](#) DPW section.

Still River Greenway Ad-Hoc Committee

The committee invites you to take a brief survey about your Greenway experiences: the possible extension to the New Milford

Town line; Brookfield Town Center businesses; and the Still River. Please take survey on the town [website](#). The Greenway Extension is currently in the design review stages. Please be aware of the surveying flags and markers on the town hall campus.

Tax Collector

Taxes are due July 1, 2019. Please see the Notice to Taxpayers on the town [website](#).

Town Clerk

Voting for Brookfield's 2019 Top Dog contest can be done in Town Hall or online at the town [website](#). Prizes have been generously donated by Brookfield Animal Hospital, A Paw Print, A Magic Touch, Melanie Fanning Photography and Thomaston Feed of Brookfield.

Coffee with the Community

Saturday, July 27, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Hi-Way Market, 616 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.

3rd Annual Brookfield Creates

The Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival is scheduled from 4 - 6 p.m. on Friday, August 9, at Town Hall, with a rain date of August 16. Please see the flyer on the town [website](#).



Parks & Rec

The Town Beach is now open on weekends and will begin weekday hours on Wednesday, June 19. More information on passes [here](#).

The Newtown Savings Bank Concerts in the Park series begins on Friday, June 21. Full schedule available [here](#).



Library

July at the Brookfield Library

The Brookfield Library's Summer Reading Program is underway! Kids age 3 through Grade 5 are invited to "Read for Beads" and enjoy a long list of exciting programs and activities through August 9. See our [calendar](#) for a full listing of upcoming events.

Also at the library this month: teen game nights and craft programs, and a Woodstock 50th Anniversary program. For a listing of all activities offered in July, check out our [website](#). Be sure to check that site regularly for details regarding this year's "One Town One Read" selection and for programs related to the book. Stop



Farmers Market

The Farmers Market has returned! Stop by the horses at 100 Pocono Road every Friday from 3- 6 p.m. to get fresh vegetables and other great products. There will be both new and returning vendors, and live music.

by and visit the Friends of the Brookfield Library at the Farmers' Market every Friday, too!



Schools

Brookfield High School ranked among top high schools in the nation. U.S. News and World Report released data for over 23,000 high schools in the U.S., ranking schools six variables, including College Readiness (30%), Math and Reading Proficiency (20%), Math and Reading Performance (20%), Underserved Student Performance (10%), College Curriculum Breadth (10%), and Graduation Rate (10%).

New School Project

Tecton Architects has been hired to design the new school. Here is an update on the next phase of the project and the process for your input and communication with the Municipal Building Committee/Board of Education.

- Public forums to provide input to the architects will begin this fall. Dates have not been determined.
- Communication will follow the same effective process implemented prior to the referendum:
 - Any input or questions relating to the New School Project may be emailed to newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org. Procedural questions will be answered regularly. Specific questions and suggestions involving technical expertise will be forwarded to Tecton for consideration. Please do not contact members of the design team directly.
 - Visit the [Facebook page](#) for progress updates.
 - Updates, archived information, and FAQ's regarding the school project and the chart of the School Project Milestone schedule can be found on the [website](#).

Streetscape Phase 2

Construction has started, see attached pictures.





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