

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

July 2020

We have been updating you regularly in a number of ways. Please see my [Update # 31](#) on COVID-19; the opening of town hall, town parks and beach. For state resources and information, visit ct.gov/coronavirus.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman



Mark Your Calendar

Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is every Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. behind Brookfield Town Hall. See town [website](#) for vendor information. Shoppers need to wear masks and the vendors are all physically distanced.



Board of Selectmen Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, July 6

View the meeting on YouTube, connect by computer or by phone to participate. Meeting information can be found in the agenda on the town [website](#).

Coffee with the Community

5:30 p.m. Monday, July 22

Residents are welcome to address the



Important Alerts

Assessor

The income and expense forms have been mailed and the due date has been extended to September 1. We are accepting these forms by mail only. Please make a copy for your records before mailing them to us.

If you are closing a business, please visit our [website](#) for information and paperwork needed. We are accepting Personal Property paperwork by mail only, so make copies for your records and mail us the originals.

All paperwork for Motor Vehicle adjustments will be accepted by mail, email, or fax.

Economic Development

The 11 trees planted last fall along the newest sidewalk in the TCD are doing well. These trees were selected for their drought resistance. More than



selectmen with any questions, comments or concerns. View the meeting on YouTube, connect by computer or by phone to participate. Meeting information can be found on the agenda in the town [website](#).

4th Annual Brookfield Creates

The Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival is scheduled from 4 - 6 p.m. on Friday, August 7, at Town Hall (rain date August 14) on the Town Hall Sidewalk. Have fun, show your creativity, and make some beautiful artwork for all to admire!

Participants and spectators will follow guidelines staying six feet apart and no materials will be shared. Please see the flyer on the town [website](#).



Library

July at the Brookfield Library

2020's *One Town, One Read* program is in full swing, with virtual book discussions and programs for all ages. This year's title, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, by Frank L. Baum, will appeal to all ages. Join in the fun by participating in the Yellow Book Road Challenge! Watch [videos](#) of readings of the book by local celebrities to get clues to the Scavenger Hunt. Learn to use apps to make your own movies.

Summer Reading has kicked off, too. This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story". Visit our [Search & Find Challenge](#). Participate in Zoom crafts and Science sessions. For [teens](#), we have meditation, trivia, game nights, and writing and book clubs.

Contact-less curbside pick-up is now available between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Not sure what to read? We now offer a reader's advisory for adults, curated reading suggestions for teens and [book bundles for kids](#). Let our experts find some great items for you.

We've also added digital resources for job seekers and magazine lovers. Look for

110 shade and ornamental trees and shrubs are planned for Streetscape Phase 3, with construction to start in Spring 2021.

Health Department

The Health Department has a limited supply of PPE -- masks, face shields, gloves, sanitizer and gowns --available for only healthcare offices. Please email the director at Rsullivan@brookfieldct.gov if interested.

Public Works

Our 2020 road paving program continues, having completed micro-surfacing and crack sealing projects on West Whisconier Road, Logging Trail Road and Signal Hill Road. The next roads scheduled are Fawn Ridge Road, Tead Road, Manor Road and Old White Turkey Road. We are also considering a preventative maintenance process for Secor Road. For a complete list and description of each process, go to the town [website](#) DPW section.

Tax Collector

Tax bills were mailed on June 29. You may start making payments on July 1.

Covid 19 Deferral Program Application [here](#) – The last day to apply is July 1.

Legal Notice for July 2020 Taxes [here](#).

No cash payments will be accepted. You may mail us a check or use our online payment option. Please note that fees apply to the online option.

Visit the Tax Collector's [website](#) page for more information.

To sign up for an email reminder, go to the Tax Collector's [website](#) page.

Town Clerk

Governor Lamont Signs Executive Order Allowing All Eligible Connecticut Residents to Vote Absentee in August 11 Primary Elections. Go to [website](#) for further

updates on our reopening, as well as details regarding all of our offerings, on our [website](#).

information.

There is still time to register your dog with out Penalty. Renewals and registrations are extended through July. We request you make every effort to renew/register your dog(s) online or by mail. In-person registrations will require an appointment. Email pictures of your favorite, furry friend to townclerk@brookfieldct.gov to be entered into Brookfield's 2020 Top Dog Contest.



Parks & Rec

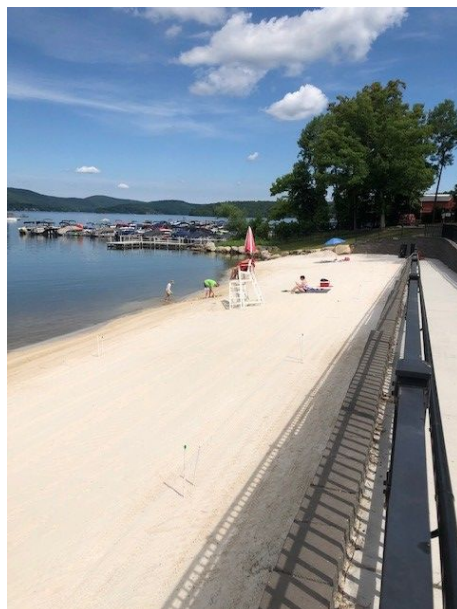
We're creating community at your comfort level this summer through a variety of in-person and virtual camps, classes and events. Please join us! Details available [here](#).

The Town Park Beach opened for the season on June 26. Season passes and reservations are required to allow us to maintain safe social distancing for all park users. Please do not go to the beach until you have purchased your pass from the Parks & Recreation Office and made a reservation. Details on fees, hours and amenities available [here](#).

The Newtown Savings Bank Concerts in the Park series kicks off Friday, July 3, featuring the band "60's Satisfaction" playing live music at the Town Hall Bandstand from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Following health guidelines, households in attendance must be seated 15 feet away from any other household. Surrounding fields will be used for seating in addition to the areas in front of the bandstand. The playground will remain closed. Please wear a mask (may be removed when seated with your household), bring your refreshments, blankets and chairs and enjoy this beloved summer tradition just a little farther apart this year.

Not comfortable attending the concert in person? Watch for a link on our website every Friday and enjoy the concert via livestream from the comfort of your home. More information to be posted soon on our [website](#).



Schools

Tecton Architects presented the final design for the New School Project to the Board of Education on June 16. The board approved final design development plans and remains on schedule to go out to bid for construction services by December.

The School Reopening Team has submitted recommendations for safely reopening

schools to administrators. The team suggested various instructional models, following current health recommendations and guidelines from national, state and local officials. Administrators will develop a plan following the governor's and Connecticut Department of Education's reopening guidelines. The plan will be reviewed and approved by Dr. Raymond Sullivan, Brookfield's Director of Health. See Dr. Barile's and Dr. Ruby's letter to the community for the state's reopening plan for this Fall on the school [website](#).

The board listened to deeply moving comments from several former students who shared stories about their racial experiences in Brookfield. The board is committed to acting in a responsible, actionable and meaningful way to address these issues. The board and superintendent are scheduling a summer retreat to set specific and actionable objectives to address diversity, equity and race in our district's educational priorities. We are committed to ensuring all students, staff members and families feel welcome, safe and supported. Read the Letter to the Community from the board and superintendent on the school [website](#).

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