

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

June 2020

We have been updating you regularly on Spotlight and a number of sources. Please see my Update #26 [here](#) on COVID-19; opening of town hall, town parks and businesses; town budget update; PPE for local businesses; and Brookfield Recovery Fund.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman



Important Alerts

Assessor

The income and expense forms have been mailed and the due date extended to September 1 because of the virus. We are accepting Income and Expense forms by mail only, so make a copy for your records before mailing.

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

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

Public Works

The DPW has been doing its spring street sweeping and is in the midst of its Paving Season. For a list of roads check the town [website](#).

Tax Collector

The town will be offering a Deferment Program for qualified applicants who have been affected by COVID-19. For more information visit the town [website](#).

Town Clerk

June is Dog Licensing Month

Due to the virus, we ask you make every effort to renew/register your dog(s) online or by mail. In-person registration 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.



Library

Contact-less curbside pick-up is now available. Please check our [website](#) or call us at (203) 775-6241 for details! The Library is staffed from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Look for the announcement of this year's selection for *One Town, One Read*. This year's title will appeal to all ages!

The library has online story times, book discussions, teen and adult game nights and more!

Summer Reading Kick-off is June 22. With the theme "Imagine Your Story". In addition, there will be a live Brazilian Jazz concert on the library Facebook page on that same day.



Parks & Rec



Summer at the Brookfield Town Park Beach

We have not released information on our summer programs for 2020. Please check our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page Brookfield, Connecticut Parks & Recreation for timely updates in the coming weeks.

Season passes for the boat ramp are available for purchase by Brookfield residents. Please call the Parks & Recreation Office for information on fees and our non-contact purchase options for 2020.

Season passes for William's Park Tennis Courts are also now available for purchase by Brookfield residents. Pass holders are able to reserve use of these well-maintained Har-Tru clay courts. Please call the office for information on fees and our non-contact purchase options for 2020.

Farmers Market – New Location

The Farmers Market will open on June 19. Please note that it will stay at the

The Brookfield Arts Commission and The Friends of the Arts of

Municipal Center at 100 Pocono Road, but move to an open space area behind the Senior Center with convenient parking. The Farmers Market Committee designed a single flow one-way in and another out. Shoppers will need to wear masks and the vendors will all be social distanced.

Brookfield, Inc.

Visit the town [website](#) for the Press Release regarding the 2020 BAC/FOA Student Award.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. See the town [website](#) for flyer and details on location, what to bring, what NOT to bring, and Protocol for event.



Schools

Board Chairperson Rosa Fernandes read a proclamation declaring May 4 – 8 as Brookfield Teacher Appreciation Week. The board extended warm thanks and appreciation for the incredible job our teachers do every day, especially in the current Distance Learning environment. Fernandes also read a proclamation declaring May 6 as School Nurses Day, and the board extended its wholehearted appreciation to the district's nursing staff for all they do for our students.

Lisa Gramling presented the winners of the 13th Annual HRRR Recycling Billboard/Poster Contest, with 11 towns participating. Brookfield had 135 students participate, with eight of them honored as regional winners. 1st place regional winners received a \$75 check; 2nd place winners \$50 check; and 3rd place \$25 check. This year's theme was "glass" -- how to educate the community about separating glass from other recyclables. Winners were honored in a virtual ceremony on April 22. Many thanks to the building principals, building secretaries, coordinators (Mrs. Larson, Ms. Burch, Ms. Kupper and Mrs. Boshell), Mrs. D'Arcangelo, Mr. Balanda and the BHS Science Department, for making this contest such a success for our students. The eight finalists are as follows:

- Winnie Zheng - 4th Grade - 2nd Place
- Anna Lin & Payton Shevlin - 9th Grade - 2nd Place
- Kayleigh Clarkson - Kindergarten - 1st Place
- Rachel Egge - 3rd Grade - 1st Place
- Cristiano Pereira - 5th Grade - 1st Place
- Alvina Bilal - 7th Grade - 1st Place
- Bailey Mahoney - 10th Grade - 1st Place
- Jenna D'Orazio - 11th Grade - 1st Place

The winners' artwork and the Zoom awards ceremony is on the HRRR [website](#).

The artwork/winners are also on the HRRR [Facebook](#) page.

The new elementary school project is in the Design Development Phase. The Municipal Building Committee met on May 19 and received an updated design plan and cost estimates for the project's scope. We anticipate that the Design Development Phase will be completed and voted on by the Board of Education and Municipal Building Committee after a presentation from Tecton on June 16 and 17.

Streetscape Phase 4 & 5

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance approved Streetscape Phases 4 and 5 and the LoTCIP grant applications were submitted to WESTCOG on May 14.

The new trees planted last fall with completion of Streetscape Phase 2 are in bloom and new banners have been hung, thanks to the staff at Parks & Recreation.




Census 2020

It is not too late to respond to the 2020 Census while practicing social distancing at home. If you have already responded...great. If not, please respond and encourage your family and friends to complete the Census too. For further information visit the Census [website](https://www.census.gov).

How is your town's count going?

2020CENSUS.GOV/RESPONSE-RATES



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Census data impacts funding for things like:

- > Emergency services
- > Medical facilities
- > Community mental health services
- > Education
- > Public transportation and roads
- > Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

If you live in a group housing or assisted living facility, a representative of the building will fill out the census questionnaire for everyone in the facility.

For more information, visit:
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Town Boards and Commissions

Visit our website regularly for updates and schedule of upcoming meetings.

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Town Events and Activities

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