

Message from your First Selectman

November 2019

Town Center Update

Demolition on the Subway and Mother Earth buildings began on Tuesday and will be completed by the end of the week. After demolition is completed, crews will level the lot and seed it. The developers plan to begin construction of the two new buildings on this lot in the spring, with commercial on the ground floor and market rate apartments on the second and third floors. There will also be a plaza between the two buildings for outdoor dining and gathering space.

New School Project

The Board of Selectmen has, on the recommendation of the Municipal Building Committee, agreed to hire ARCADIS as our owner's agent. They will be responsible for overseeing the entire project on a daily basis for the town and are charged with keeping all records needed to be fully reimbursed for the state grant. The BOS also appointed the Energy Advisory Board to advise the MBC about the most energy efficient and green ways to construct the new school.

Steve Dunn First Selectman



Important Alerts

Assessors

If you have recently disposed of a vehicle or have received a bill for a vehicle that you no longer own, please supply us with acceptable forms of proof. You can bring them to our office, fax us (203-740-3871), or email us

(<u>assessor@brookfieldct.gov</u>). Acceptable forms of proof can be found on the town <u>website</u> or call for that information at 203-775-7302.

Public Works

We are currently preparing for the winter



Mark Your Calendar

Brookfield Historical Society's 25th Annual Crafts Festival

Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Whisconier Middle School. See flyer <u>here</u>.

Brookfield Historical Society's "A Musical Salute to Our Veterans"

Sunday, November 3 at 1 p.m. at the Brookfield Public Library Community Room. See flyer *here*.

Municipal Election

season. On October 21, Brookfield hosted a regional Snow Plowing Safety class as a refresher for Brookfield's DPW crew as well as for the participants who attended from other area towns.

Tax Collector

Water Line Assessment Bills 2019
Reminder: The last day to a make payment on the Water Line Assessment is November 1. Payment must be received or postmarked by November 1 to avoid an interest penalty.

To view the Legal Notice, click *here*.

To make a payment through our website, click <u>here.</u>

Library

There are many wonderful activities offered this month at the Library! Fall story times continue and there will be a teen movie night. The library's three-part organizational series concludes with "Bullet Journaling" on November 6 at 6:30 p.m. Other special events include The Friends of the Brookfield Library Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and an all-ages event showcasing live eagles on Sunday, November 24 at 3 p.m. with Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation and Education. This month, the Library Art Gallery will feature the work of a top Connecticut watercolorist. Please visit our website for details on all of our other offerings.



Farmers Market

The Farmers Market has come to a close. Thank you to all the attendees and vendors, whom we hope to see next year. Keep an eye out for the 2020 season start date.

Please remember to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. Polling hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School for District 1 and Brookfield High School for District 2. Sample **ballot**. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk's office through November 4. All absentee ballots must be received by November 5. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. on November 5 to issue emergency ballots for residents who apply for an absentee ballot because of an unforeseen illness or physical disability occurring within six days before the close of the polls or because they are patients in a hospital within that six-day period.

Passport Event Day at Town Hall

The event will process new passport applications and renewals on Friday, November 8 from 3 – 6:00 p.m.

See flyer <u>here</u> for important information.

Networking Event for Businesses

Save the Date! Brookfield Economic
Development is partnering with People's
United Bank to host a networking event for
businesses in the area on November 13. Get
the latest information by signing up for the
Economic Development Newsletter *here*.

New School Project

There will be one more Public Engagement Forum scheduled for November 19 at 7 p.m. at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School. Those unable to attend can email feedback to newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org.

Coffee with the Community

Saturday, November 23, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Brookfield Deli & Catering, 782 Federal Road. We encourage you to stop by with any questions or concerns for Selectmen.



Schools

Brookfield Public Schools have again been recognized by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education for Excellence in Communication. Brookfield was designated as the Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications recipient in the following categories.

Winner:

- Special Project Board of Education Video for the New School
- Website Design New School Project Website

Honorable Mention:

- Social Media Social Media presence and public engagement
- Going Green 12th Annual HRRA Recycling Contest
- Newsletter Brookfield Broadcast

Streetscape Phase 2

Brookfield's Streetscape Phase 2 is now open to the public. Its completion marks a major milestone in the development of the Town Center District (TCD). This project connects the Still River Greenway Trail to the Streetscape Phase 1 project completed in 2017. Features added in Phase 2 include 26 roadside parking spaces, a pedestrian crosswalk, 11 shade trees, 15 sidewalk lights, a bus shelter and 1,300 feet of concrete sidewalk and multi-use trail. Both phases were completed on schedule and within budget.

Economic Development & Land Use Planning

Brookfield received CEDAS Best Practices in Land Use and Economic Development Accreditation. You can read the full press release <u>here</u>.

Brookfield is honored with the Sustainable CT Certification. You can read the full press release *here*.

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