

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

October 2019

Town Center Update

We have reached agreement, after many months of negotiation, with Brookfield Village to immediately take down the former Subway and Mother Earth buildings on Federal Road. The owners applied for a demolition permit on September 13, have disconnected the water supply, and hired a demolition company to start work immediately after the mandated 30-day comment period is over. **The developer has informed the town that remediation will begin on October 21, with demolition immediately thereafter.** Construction of the new apartments will start in the spring of 2020 – at market rate rents -- with the entire ground floor to be commercial in both buildings.

New Tree in Town

The CT Tree Protective Association is offering each town in the state a Centennial Oak for the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the Arborist Law. The tree, a White Oak, will arrive with a plaque and will be planted in the Town Center District.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman



Important Alerts

Assessors

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS!

Personal Property declarations will be mailed at the end of September and are due no later than November 1. Please note that declarations must be postmarked by the Postal Service no later than November 1 or there will be a penalty. All forms are online if you do not receive a form or misplace it. Call the Assessor's Office with any questions, 203-775-7302.

Health Department

PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING:

The State of Connecticut recently enacted a law which prohibits the sale of tobacco and tobacco products, vaping substances and



Mark Your Calendar

National Coffee with a Cop Day

October 2 is National Coffee with a Cop Day! Please join our officers from 9 - 11 a.m. at Dunkin' Donuts, 270 Federal Road (across from the Rollingwood Complex) for National Coffee with a Cop Day! Allow our officers to buy you a cup of coffee and hear your concerns. Come with comments and questions or just grab your coffee and go.

Absentee Ballots

The Town Clerk will have special hours on October 12 from 9 - 11 a.m. for Absentee Ballots. To learn more visit the town website.

Brookfield Day

October 19 is Brookfield Day! Join us in

vaping materials to persons under the age of 21. This law goes into effect

October 1. Anyone caught selling these products will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

There is national outcry against vaping, with the deaths of at least 12 people and another 500 hospitalized nationwide. Health officials have not had time to fully study the effects on users, but it is highly likely that, as with smoking tobacco, the long-term effects are grave. Advertisers tell us that vaping is a conduit to quitting smoking, but, 80% of those vaping have never smoked. Companies have also introduced flavors for the express purpose of getting our youth hooked on another dangerous habit.

Even in a small state such as Connecticut, there have been at least 11 cases of "chemical" pneumonia reported. Vaping is not smoking, but is far worse. Parents should be aware of their children's activities and encourage them to avoid this dangerous trend. It is everyone's job to educate our children and turn them away from this highly dangerous practice. Please see the [DPH Press Release](#) and the CDC [website](#) for more information.

Public Works

The DPW has completed its paving for the 2019 season. A complete list of roads and methods used can be viewed on the town [website](#). We are currently evaluating and rating all of our roads to determine the 2020 paving projects.

Tax Collector

Water Line Assessment bills become due October 1. Please see attached notice on the town [website](#).

Town Clerk

Did you know?

Any elector who is permanently physically disabled and who files an application for an absentee ballot with a certification from a primary care provider, indicating that such elector is permanently physically disabled and unable to appear in person at such elector's designated polling location, shall be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status. **Does not apply to referendums with less than 3 weeks notice**

celebrating the town with events throughout the day, including the 50th Celebration of the Yankee Fair, an open house at the Brookfield Craft Center, and program events at the Brookfield Library. For more information, please visit the website for each event below.

[Yankee Fair](#)

[Brookfield Craft Center](#)

[Library](#)

Please note that the first Fall Food Truck Festival at Brookfield Municipal Center has been postponed.

New School Project

The next New School Project is now in the "Design Phase" in which the conceptual design details and features will be finalized. The Board of Education & Municipal Building Committee hosted a public forum on September 26 for residents to ask questions and provide input on the project. Attendees interacted with elected officials, school and district administration, and the architects, and viewed a 3D rendering and other visuals.

There will be two more Public Engagement Forums scheduled for the evenings of October 22 and November 19 at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School. Those unable to attend either of these meetings can email feedback to newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org.

The BOE & MBC will create a School Naming Committee and has begun accepting suggestions for names for the new school! Be on the lookout for the opportunity to make your suggestion.

Coffee with the Community

Saturday, October 26, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Jesters Coffee, 331 Federal Road. We encourage you to stop by with any questions or concerns for Selectmen.

Halloween 5K AND Kids K Fun Run

Join us for the 28th Annual "Well Adjusted LLC" Halloween 5k and Kids K Fun Run on Sunday, October 27. Registration information available [here](#).

To learn more visit town [website](#).

Library

There are many seasonal activities offered this month at the Library! Fall story times continue, as do teen gaming nights and movies. Special events for kids include Halloween crafts on Saturday, October 12 at 10 a.m. and a "Goblins and Giggles" special story hour on Saturday, October 19 at 5 p.m. that you won't want to miss! Teens can make a Haunted Gingerbread House on October 29 at 4:30 p.m. For adults, there will be meditation classes on Mondays, two organizational classes, an artist reception, along with our usual book clubs, adult coloring, sewing, computer and language classes, and matinee movies. Visit our [website](#) or better yet, stop by to see us!



Parks & Rec

The Parks & Recreation Fall 2019 Program Guide was mailed to all residents the week of September 9. It is also available [online](#). Registration is ongoing for a wide array of programs for adults and kids of all ages, as well as trips and special events.

Like us or follow us on [Facebook](#) for program information, upcoming events and much more!



Farmers Market

The Brookfield Farmer's Market is open every Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. and will remain open until October 18. It has been a wonderful season and we thank the Farmers' Market Committee and **Vendors - Kimberly Farms, Mitchel Family Farm, Nature View Farm, Pepe Creamy of the Crop Clams, SilverDust Soaps, The Two Knotty Hippies, Wave Hill Bakery, Marlene's Ariston Products, Friends of the Library, Oronoque Farms, Frank and Nance and Shari Lynn.** Thank's to Dalton Drums and the Mom's Club for participating in the Harvest Fest!



Police Department

Please follow the Brookfield Police Department on social media and stay up-to-date on local happenings and our community events!

<https://www.facebook.com/BrookfieldPoliceDepartment/>

https://twitter.com/brookfield_pd?lang=en

https://www.instagram.com/brookfield_pd/



Streetscape Phase

Streetscape Phase 2 construction is going well. All granite curbing has been set, sidewalk paving will be complete by the end of September, and roadway repaving has begun. Sidewalk light installation and tree plantings will begin in mid-October. See the attached photo taken on September 23.



Stay in the know!



Town Boards and Commissions

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Town Events and Activities

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