



THANK YOU FROM FIRST SELECTMAN STEVE DUNN -

I want to thank all of our residents for giving me the privilege of serving as your First Selectman. We have a great town with great people living here and it has been very heartening to see so many people who care deeply about our town coming out, attending meetings and giving our boards input. Our town will work best and meet the needs of the most people if we have the active involvement of all of our residents. I encourage you all to continue to come out and be heard. We are also looking for people to serve on one of our boards. You will find that you can make a real difference and we welcome you to let

us know if you would like to serve. Here are the boards that have open seats:

Arts Commission(15 member commission)	8 Regular
Brookfield Energy Ad-Hoc Committee	1 Regular
Cable Advisory Council for Charter Comm.	2 Regular
Economic Development Commission	1 Regular
Brookfield Housing Authority	1 Regular
Inland-Wetlands Commission	1 Regular/ 1 Alternate
Lake Lillinonah Authority	1 Regular
Municipal Building Committee	2 Alternate
Municipal Historian	1 Regular
Parks & Recreation Commission	1 Alternate
Planning Commission	1 Alternate
Water Pollution Control Authority	1 Alternate
Zoning Citation Hearing Officer	2 Alternate
Zoning Board of Appeals	2 Alternate
Zoning Commission	1 Alternate

At the same time, we have some urgent issues to address as a town in the next few months with the development of the Town Center being uppermost in the minds of residents. While over 500 housing units have already been approved and are in various stages of being built, we will work to ensure that the vision of the Town

Center as laid out in our plan of development as a vibrant commercial destination for town residents is realized to the best of our ability. In doing this, we have a fully completed plan for the streetscape for the Town Center that we are now finalizing with the State DOT and will be having a presentation for the town on it shortly. We urge you to attend to see how the Town Center is being developed and what the town is looking to achieve. At the same time there are a number of new applications for new developments being submitted to the town and we ask that you attend the meetings of the boards so you can best understand what is being proposed.

It is also budget season once again and we have already started working on next year's budget with the goal of ensuring that every dollar we propose to spend is needed on both the town and school sides of the budget.

In my first few days in office, I have met with most of our town employees and I am impressed with our team. We have a dedicated, hardworking group of employees working every day to meet the needs of our residents and I am very proud to work with them.

Some of the events coming up in the town that you might want to attend:

*Brookfield Police Department "Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive" for Connecticut Children's Medical Center will be held on Saturday, December 12 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Raymour and Flanigan Plaza, 14 Candlewood Lake Road. Please go to the Brookfield Police Department Facebook page for gift ideas/suggestions.

*The Brookfield Museum and Historical Society is hosting the 5th Annual Traditional Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 from Noon to 4:00pm located at 165 Whisconier Road (intersection of routes 25 and 133). Santa once again will be stopping by with his helpers bearing complimentary treats for the kids. The sight of operating model trains in a winter display will entertain children of all ages, while the sound of antique music boxes will fill the air with Christmas songs. Many classic decorations, tree ornaments and antique toys and dolls, and a scavenger hunt for the children. It's all free and attendees will be treated to complimentary homemade Christmas cookies and assorted pastries, hot chocolate and cider.

*A Bock and Blu Concert to benefit the Brookfield School District Music Department will be held on Friday, December 18 at 7:00pm at Brookfield High School Auditorium. Brookfield's own Bock & Blu are a ten piece band led by Steely Dan arranger Gary Blu featuring Barbara Bock & Timmy Maia on vocals. Join them and other guests along with the Brookfield High School Band, the Brookfield High School Chorus, the Brookfield High School Drum Line, the Whisconier Middle School Band, the Whisconier Middle School Chorus, and the Huckleberry Hill 4th Grade Chorus for an evening of inspiring music and holiday cheer. Purchase tickets at Brookfield Parks & Recreation by calling 203-775-7310. Students & Senior tickets are \$5.00 and Adults \$10.00. Tickets are also available at the door.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman
Brookfield, CT

SELECTMEN'S MEETING: The next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on January 4, at 7:30pm in Meeting Room 133 at Town Hall. You may view the attachments to the Meeting Packet on the Town's [website](#) using the Video on Demand link. The meeting will be live streamed on the Town's [website](#) and posted the following day on the home page in Video on Demand.

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Tax Collector's News

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes for the Grand List of 2014 is due January 1, 2016. Bills were mailed in June. If you purchased property after June and did not receive the bill, please contact our office for a copy. Your bill can also be found online at www.brookfieldct.gov.

If a different bank will be paying the installment or if you will be paying the installment instead of a bank, please call (203-775-7304) or email us at tax@brookfieldct.gov with the new information.

Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax Bills:

These bills are for new or replacement vehicles registered after Oct 1, 2014 and before August 1, 2015. The bills will be mailed in December and due January 1, 2016.

Payments:

Payments must be received or U.S. postmarked no later than February 1, 2016 to avoid an interest penalty. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest. Payments processed in the office are cash and checks only.

Credit Cards and Echecks: For your convenience your credit /debit cards and echecks can be made ONLINE ONLY at www.brookfieldct.gov Please note that there are fees to use this service.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8am-4pm and Thursday 8am-6pm

Public Works News

Our paving program is complete for 2015. We will start again in April of 2016. We are in the process of inspecting and rerating our roads. New road ratings will be posted in January.

Senior Center News

Alzheimer's Support Group

Wednesday, December 16 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, December 30 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Are you a caregiver, family member or friend of someone who is affected by Alzheimer's disease or Dementia? Brookfield has a support group for you! This ongoing educational/support group meets in a safe and caring environment twice a month. Please join us as often as you like!

WHEN: The second Wednesday of every month
from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
and/or
the fourth Wednesday of every month
from 1:00pm - 2:30pm

WHERE: Brookfield Senior Center

Group led by an Alzheimer's Association Facilitator

Social Services News

Veteran's Counseling

Danbury Vet Center
The Atrium Building

457 North Main Street, 1st Floor
Danbury, CT 06811
203-790-4000 or 877-927-8387

This is a great local resource for free counseling for Veterans and their families for readjustment and service-related issues for all generations. Individual, group and family counseling are available.

By appointment: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

CT Department of Veterans' Affairs

It is the responsibility of the Office of Advocacy and Assistance to provide assistance to veterans, their eligible spouses and eligible dependents in obtaining veterans benefits under federal, state and local laws. Connecticut employs authorized Veterans' Service Officers to assist in the following:

- Collecting and preparing data relating to benefits and services for Veterans, their spouses and eligible dependents.
- Canvassing nursing homes to determine if veterans and/or spouses are due benefits.
- Assisting in the establishment, preparation and presentation of claims pursuant to rights, benefits or privileges accruing to veterans.
- Furnishing counsel to veterans concerning educational training, health, medical, rehabilitation, housing facilities and services, and employment services.
- Representing veterans before the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) concerning claims and benefits.

Waterbury Veterans' Service Officer: Call (203) 805-6340

Online: www.ct.gov/ctva

Medical Coverage Open Enrollment

Are you under 65 years old, not on Medicare and in need of medical coverage? You can shop for plans through Connecticut's official health insurance marketplace, Access Health CT, by the following:

- Online using the website - www.AccessHealthCT.com
- By phone through the Access Health Call Center: (855) 805-4325

The enrollment deadline for coverage to begin January 2016 is December 15, 2015. You may still enroll in a marketplace plan through January 31, 2016 but the coverage will not begin until 15 to 45 days after enrollment.

Library News

Color Your World: Adult Coloring Event for ages 18+

Wednesday, December 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:30pm

We supply a large selection of books from which to choose pages, colored pencils and a small selection of gel pens and markers. If you have your own supplies, or a work in progress, bring those and join us. We also supply tea/coffee and light refreshments, along with music. Please register for programs so that we can plan seating-thank you!

Computer Classes: Click [here](#) to register for these computer classes.

Microsoft Word Online

Monday, December 14, 3:00pm OR 6:30pm.

In this class you'll learn the basics of Office Online use, including the use of OneDrive, Microsoft's cloud storage solution. You'll learn how to create and format, print, and share simple documents. This hands-on class is limited to 6 attendees, and registration is required.

Hour of Code Events

Computers are everywhere, but fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. If you heard about the Hour of Code last year, you might know it made history. In the first Hour of Code, 15 million students tried computer science. Last year, that number increased to 60 million students! The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Learn more about Hour of Code [here](#).

These free hands-on programs are open to ages 8 and up, and families are encouraged to attend and work together. The activities will work on any tablet or laptop, and no special software is required. We encourage you to bring your own device, but there will be a limited number of library computers available if you need one. Registration is required.

Book Discussions - Our discussion groups welcome new members, from Brookfield and beyond.

Brookfield Reads Fiction: Daytime and Evening Editions

Florence Gordon by Brian Morton

Monday, December 14, 1:00-2:00pm.

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00-8:00pm.

Book 'Em Mystery Discussion: *Fatal Error* by J. A. Jance

Monday, December 21, 12:30-1:30pm.

Movie Matinees: Free showings, popcorn & soda.

90 Minutes in Heaven: Saturday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 122 minutes.

Mission: Impossible--Rogue Nation: Saturday, December 19, at 2:00pm.
Rated PG-13, 131 minutes.

Teen Programs. <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/teen-events-calendar>

Children's Program registration: <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/kids-events-calendar>. Registration for the Winter 2016 Storytime Session will open on December 14.

Parks & Recreation



Letters to Santa:

Receive a genuine letter from Santa Claus himself! Drop your child's personal letter in the North Pole Mailbox at the Parks & Recreation Office, or mail it to Santa, Attn: Parks & Recreation Department at P.O. Box 5106. Your child's letter must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Santa himself will mail a personalized letter back in time for Christmas. In order for a

timely response, letters will be accepted through December 17.



Join Brookfield Parks and Recreation and Brookfield's own Bock & Blu on Friday, December 18 at 7:00pm in the Brookfield High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors, with proceeds benefiting the Brookfield District Music Department. More information available [here](#).

Like us on [Facebook](#) to receive timely updates on program information, upcoming events, weather-related cancellations and more.

Brookfield Health Department

The Brookfield Department of Health is pleased to announce its participation in the National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention campaign during the month of November. The department encourages all parents of children under the age of six to have their child tested for the presence of lead. Sources of lead may be toys made abroad, imported children's clothing and costumes and the walls, floors and windows of homes constructed prior to 1979. Lead-based paint is inherently "sweet" and children often will chew on it or eat flaking paint chips. Just because older surfaces are painted over, this does not imply they are safe for children. Get the facts! Go on line to cdc.gov/nceh/lead or call the department at (203) 775-7315 to learn more about this potentially serious childhood threat



As a member & chair of "Civic Development" for the Garden Club of Brookfield, I would like to share the joy it gives our club to present wreaths throughout our wonderful town. Our fund raising has made it possible to embellish the Police & Fire departments, Ambulance station, the Library, Williams Park, places of worship, Town Hall, Town Center Flag Pole Triangle as well as the "Welcome to Brookfield" sign and other locations of our community. We are proud of our plantings and holiday decorations we offer. We wish all a blessed Holiday!

Debra Grant

Civic Chair of the Garden Club of Brookfield



BROOKFIELD CARES

Promoting social and emotional wellness in our community.

brookfield-cares.org

BROOKFIELD CARES Hope and Support Group

Meetings every Monday

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Brookfield Senior Center
100 Pocono Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804

This is a weekly gathering for parents, grandparents, guardians, relatives and others with children or loved ones affected by substance use and abuse or other at-risk behaviors.

This is a forum to share experiences and information.

Facilitated by an experienced Drug & Alcohol Counselor, meetings are every Monday at the Senior Center.

Funded by a generous grant from the
Brookfield Education Foundation.

For more information, email: info@brookfield-cares.org

**There is NO charge for this group.*

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