

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

JULY 2018

I'm pleased to present our new monthly newsletter, Brookfield Spotlight, redesigned to make it easier to find the information you need and help you feel more connected to the community. Whether you're the parent of a child in the school system, interested in Senior Center activities, or curious when a road in your neighborhood will be paved, we intend to deliver timely, relevant information. On occasion, we will circulate "Special Editions" as needed. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up to receive Brookfield Spotlight. We also encourage you to regularly check the [brookfieldct.gov website](http://brookfieldct.gov) for the latest information.

Capital Budget Vote August 7

The referendum for the Capital Budget is set for August 7. The reason the vote is so late is because we are required to allow 45 days after the adoption of the budget. The Capital budget is available on the [town website](http://brookfieldct.gov). We strongly encourage all residents to vote.



Change in Location for Voting in August

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District 2 voting for the referendum on August 7 and the primary on August 14 has been moved from Brookfield High School to Center School. The water tank is being replaced at the high school, so there is no water available. Voting in District 1 will be at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School, the usual location.

District 1

Huckleberry Hill, 100 Candlewood Lake Rd

District 2

Center School, 8 Obtuse Hill Rd

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are voting under property rights for the Referendum August 7, please vote at your designated polling location.

Governor Malloy sent the State application for financial assistance to FEMA in Washington on July 9. FEMA will send its recommendation to the President, who makes the final decision on whether to declare Brookfield and the state a FEMA disaster area. We have been advised to expect an answer by the end of August.

2018 Storm Update

We completed cleanup of the town right-of-way, removing 50,000 cubic yards of debris in 19 days. We are in the process of reducing the debris to prepare for transport to a final destination. If you see a pile of roadside debris you think originated in the town right-of-way, please call our Department of Public Works at 203-775-7318. Our town public works crews will be handling ongoing cleanup, so we ask for your patience as they balance their daily responsibilities with storm cleanup. As always, their priority is safety-related issues.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman
Brookfield, CT



Mark Your Calendar

Household Hazardous Waste Day

July 28 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Brookfield High School, 45 Long Meadow Hill Road. The list of permissible items to bring is on the [town website](#).

Meet the Selectmen Coffee

Scheduled on Saturday, July 28 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Jesters Coffee, 331 Federal Road. First Selectman Steve Dunn and Selectman Harry Shaker will be available for residents to stop by with any questions, comments or concerns.

Concert/Movies

Join us for the Concert in the Park series at the Town hall Gazebo every Friday evening in summer from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Join us to hear some great bands. [View Details](#)

Don't forget the "Drive In Movie Nights" following concerts on specific evenings. [View Details](#)



Town Center News

Town Trails Still Closed

Larry Rousseau, the CT DEEP Western District Certified Forester, has agreed to come to Brookfield this month to evaluate the damage in Williams Park and some of the other open spaces with trails, if time permits. He will be evaluating these trails for public safety. There is no cost for his evaluation, which should be completed shortly thereafter.

After his review, we will begin making the trails safe for walking as quickly as we can, but until then please stay away from any trails in wooded areas until they can be made safe. It is safe to walk the trails away from the edges of the woods, in the fields at Burr Farm, Happy Landings and Williams/Gurski Park.

The Greenway is open between the downtown and the Police Station thanks to Lewis Tree Service and Wright Tree Service, who generously donated their time and equipment to make the trail safe. We are working on a plan to clear the rest of the Greenway south of the Police

Station.



Solarize Brookfield

The town is participating in a residential solar program that makes going solar easy and affordable. Two final workshops have been scheduled on August 14 and September 11 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in Meeting Room 133 at Brookfield Town Hall. Homeowners who want to find out if their home is good for solar can go directly to SolarizeCT.com



Important Alerts

Property Taxes are due.

Last day to pay is August 1. [View Details](#)

Register for CT Alert

In the aftermath of the May Storm, daily alerts and updates were sent using the CT Alerts system. If you have not signed up for these, you can [sign up here](#). Don't forget to sign up both landlines and cell phones in case of outages.

Because of the May storm, penalty fees for Dog Licensing will be waived through the month of July.



Did you know?

One Town, One Read

Our first One Town, One Read Book is "My Dear Hamilton" by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie, the epic story of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, married to Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, who struggled to define herself in the wake of war, betrayal, and tragedy. We are hosting events throughout the summer which include fashions of the times, a Hamilton trivia night, Hamilton lecture, a visit from the authors, and book discussions. For every OTOR event attended, and for each companion book read, patrons will receive an entry ticket for prizes, which include two tickets to see the Broadway show Hamilton! Check our [website](#) for more information.

Summer reading has begun!

Summer Reading has begun at The Brookfield Library and runs through August 10. Kids beginning at age 3, and up to those entering 5th grade, can participate in our Summer Reading Program. Find more information on our [website](#).

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