



\$950,000 CHARGE FROM STATE ON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT RESOLVED

Brookfield no longer owes the State over \$950,000 the State was claiming the town owed for the high school renovation project. In recent legislation introduced by Clark Chapin, at the request of this office, this debt to the State was absolved. While we had been able to recreate a large portion of the documentation the State was demanding to support the validity of the disputed

expenses and given the number of years since the project was completed, we felt it prudent to ask for assistance from Senator Chapin and Representative Steve Harding in dealing with this. This is a huge burden taken off of the taxpayers in our town.

NEW TOWN FACEBOOK PAGE

The town has created a new Facebook page to inform residents of what is going on in town: click [here](#) to check it out. This page is informational only and any political posts, offensive remarks or off topic comments will be removed from the page. As the page evolves we will be adding additional news items of interest to residents.

SELECTMEN "MEET AND GREET"

Meet the Selectmen will be held on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Meet and Greet is June 25 from 9:00am to 10:30am at the Brookfield Deli and Catering located at 782 Federal Road. We plan on choosing different locations in town for the Meet and Greet each month. Please feel free to stop by with any questions you may have or to let us know what's on your mind.

2016/2017 CAPITAL BUDGET REFERENDUM

The date of the 2016/2017 Capital Budget Referendum is Tuesday, July 19, from the hours of 6:00am through 8:00pm. District 1 voters will vote at Huckleberry Hill School and District 2 voters will vote at Brookfield High School. The appropriation of \$2,835,000 will fund the costs of the Town and School improvements, comprising a portion of the Town's Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2016/2017. You can review the Town's Capital Projects list on the Town's website. A postcard reminder from the Pennysaver will arrive at your home the Thursday before the Referendum. Please mark your calendar and remember to vote!

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on June 6 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. We continue to work on improving access by indexing the video to agenda items so that viewers can easily go directly to the section of the meeting they are interested in seeing.

The Board of Selectmen meetings can now be viewed on TV Channel 194 in addition to the Video on Demand. They are scheduled to be shown every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00pm. We have also started to index the meetings to the agenda so it is easier for residents to quickly go to the section of the agenda they wish to see. Please see Channel 194 broadcast schedule at the following link:
<http://www.brookfield.k12.ct.us/district/channel-194/pages/schedule>.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a Public Hearing prior to the regular BOS meeting on June 6 at 7:15pm in Meeting Room 133 regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program (NAA). The Connecticut NAA Tax Credit Program is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses that make cash contributions to these entities. Businesses can receive a credit of 60% of their approved contribution to certain programs (or 100% in the case of certain energy conservation programs) approved by the Department of Revenue Services. Any tax credit that is not taken in the income year in which the contribution was made may be carried back to the two immediate preceding income years (beginning with the earlier of such years). Please visit the Department of Revenue Services [website](#) or call 860-297-5687 for additional information, as the program has several statutory limits. There is no impact or expense to the Town of Brookfield. The Public Hearing notice and attachments can be viewed on the Town's [website](#).

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At the June 6 Board of Selectmen Meeting, the Selectmen will forward a request to the Board of Finance and schedule a Special Town Meeting to approve the filing of a Grant application to the State of CT Department of Economic and Community Development for a \$500,000 Assistance Agreement for the Streetscape Improvements at Four Corners.

BROOKFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

There are openings on many of our Boards and Commissions. The Brookfield Housing Authority has been awarded a 2018 CHFA Grant of over \$2 million to refurbish and modernize Brooks Quarry. The Housing Authority is a five member authority and is in need of another member. The ideal candidate can understand the concept of project management, have reasonable communication skills, be capable of using e-mail and Excel, and most importantly, be willing to commit the time and energy to stick with this project until fruition. If you are interested in volunteering and are able to attend the Housing Authority meetings on the third Tuesday of

every month at 6:00pm, and assist with the upcoming project, please call Ginny Giovanniello at 203-775-7301.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Thank you to all residents who came out and honored our soldiers at the Memorial Day Parade. Each year we have an opportunity to pay respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and it is heartening to see how many residents come to honor them.

TOWN BEACH HOURS

The Town Beach is now open on weekends until the end of school and then open every day. Please go to Parks and Rec [website](#) for details of hours. Please be aware that the beach will not be open if there is bad weather or the threat of lightning. Our primary goal is to keep our residents safe and we will close the facilities if there is a threat of dangerous weather.

MEADOWBROOK PROJECT

The Meadowbrook Project designed to fix the flooding issue our neighbors have been experiencing is moving along very quickly. Phase II will be finished in the next two to three weeks and Phase I will be finished soon after that.

TOWN HALL PARKING

We will be adding additional parking, as approved by the Planning Commission, at Town Hall to meet the needs experienced during high traffic events such as summer concerts. We hope to have this completed in the next few weeks in time for the start of summer.

BROOKFIELD VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT IN TOWN CENTER

At the upcoming Board of Selectmen's meeting, we will be presenting the Selectmen with an updated agreement for the Brookfield Village project. This agreement outlines the changes we have agreed to with the Brookfield Village in order to get this project moving forward and we look forward to having this project break ground.

PARKING FOR THE STILL RIVER GREENWAY IN THE FOUR CORNERS

As the Greenway is nearing completion, we realized that there was no town owned parking for residents using the Greenway in the Four Corners area. We are now in the process of developing a parking lot for that purpose. We still need State approvals but hope to have this parking in place in time for the opening of the Greenway.

SUMMER CONCERTS AT TOWN HALL

The concerts at town hall will start on June 17. Concerts are from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Come out, visit with friends and enjoy a free concert. Concerts are Fridays through August 26th. Drive in movies at Town Hall start after the concerts at dusk on July15, July 29 and August 12.

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Tax Assessor News

Revaluation 2016:

http://www.brookfieldct.gov/Pages/BrookfieldCT_Assessor/revaluation.

Tax Collector News

July 2016 Billing

Real estate and personal property bills will be mailed in June. Please note that bills are only sent once a year and include coupons for both the July and January installments. If you have changed banks or have paid off your mortgage, please contact the Tax Office to let us know where the real estate bill should be sent.

Email Reminders

If you are interested in receiving an email reminder that taxes are due, send your name, property address and email address to Liz Burandt at lburandt@brookfieldct.gov. Please write *Email Reminder* in the subject line.

Reminders will be sent for the July and January billings.

Electronic Check Payments

When paying with an electronic check from your banking account, please be sure to give ample time for the check to be printed and mailed to us. These checks do not have a post marks on the envelope. We will process them when we receive them. If they come to us after the deadline, interest will be applied.

Public Works News

The DPW Pavement Management Plan is proceeding with the completion of the paving of the Town Hall parking lot and the town's portion of the intersection of Candlewood Lake Road and Federal Road. We also started projects on Sulky Drive, Surrey Drive, and Carriage Drive. The paving of Greenridge Drive will follow. A complete list can be found on the town [website](#) under the Department of Public Works.

Brookfield Police Department News

Stop by the Fire Department's Kid's Day on Sunday, June 5th from 11:00am to 3:00pm for a K-9 demonstration and police displays, along with other Fire Department activities.



We will soon install a sign on the east side of the Department's parking lot, under the surveillance cameras, to designate a space for E-Commerce Safe Exchange. An announcement will be made in early to mid-June, when the sign has been installed.

Anonymously drop off your unused prescription and non-prescription medications at the 24/7 drop box, located in the Department's Lobby.

Like us on [Facebook](#) and Follow us on [Twitter](#).

Town Clerk News

NOTICE RE DOG LICENSES

All dogs six months of age and over must be licensed before July 1, 2016 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. Licenses may be obtained at any time during the month of June. The fee for a neutered male or a spayed female is \$8.00. The fee for a non-neutered male or non-spayed female is \$19.00. Owners of neutered or spayed dogs must present a certificate from the veterinarian. Sec.22-338, Connecticut General Statutes, requires that a certificate showing a current rabies vaccination must be presented.

PENALTIES START JULY 1, 2016

TOP DOG CONTEST: Don't forget to bring in a picture for the Top Dog Contest.

Thank you to our generous donors:

Brookfield Animal Hospital

A Paw Print Grooming

Dana's Natural Dog

Waggin' Train Dog Grooming

Magic Touch

Social Services News

RENTERS' REBATE FOR ELDERLY or DISABLED

Income-eligible renters who are 65 years and older or totally disabled (18-64 years in age) may be eligible for a rebate from the state of CT. Income and housing expenses determine the rebate amount.

What do I need to apply?

- 2015 gross income below \$35,200 if single or \$42,900 if married.
- A copy of your 2015 income tax return (if filed)
- Proof of all income for 2015 including Social Security, pension, V.A. pension, bank interest, stocks, bonds, rental income, etc.
- Proof of all housing expenses paid for 2015 such as: rent, electric, gas, and fuel bills.
- Must have been a Connecticut resident for any 12 months prior to applying.

When and where do I apply?

- April 1 to October 1, 2016 is the filing period.
- To set up an appointment, please call Brookfield Social Services (203-775-7312).

Park & Recreation News

The Town Park Beach on Candlewood Lake opens for the season on Saturday, May 28. Season passes are available for purchase at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Brookfield residents may also pay the "daily guest fee" of \$7.00 per person at the gate in lieu of purchasing a season pass. For fees and hours of operation, please visit our [website](#). New for 2016, Brookfield residents age 65 and over receive free entry into the beach all season long. Proof of age and residency will be required at the gate each visit, or stop by the Parks & Recreation Office in Town Hall to obtain your



season pass.

The Spring/Summer 2016 Program Guide is online and features programs, trips and special events as well as camps, swimming lessons, our Brookfield Muskrats Swim Team and Concerts in the Park schedule for 2016. There's plenty of fun to be had in Brookfield this summer. Be sure to visit our [website](#) for updated information.

Library News

Center Stage Jazz Big Band

Sunday, June 26, 4:00 - 5:15pm on the North Lawn; inside if rain

Free ice cream from 3:30 - 4:00pm

Sponsored by John A. Barbosa, Jr. CPA PC.

Register for adult programs at

<http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/adult-events-calendar>

Computer classes:

- Microsoft Word Online Class: Monday, June 6, 3:00pm OR 6:30pm.
- Express Excel: Monday, June 13, 3:00pm or 6:30pm.

Book Groups:

- Nonfiction: *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan: Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30pm.
- Brookfield Reads: *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende, Tuesday, June 21, 1:00 and 7:00pm.
- Book 'Em Mystery Discussion: *The Long and Faraway Gone* by Lou Berney: Monday, June 20, 12:30pm.

Movie Matinees: Free showings, popcorn & soda. No registration required.

Hello, My Name is Doris: Thursday, June 13, at 2:00pm. Rated R, 90 minutes.

Hail, Caesar!: Saturday, June 25, at 2:00pm. Rated PG-13, 106 minutes.

Programs

Connecticut Beekeepers and the History of Honeybees in CT: Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00pm.

AARP Safe Driver Course: Saturday, June 4, 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Color Your World Adult Coloring: Wednesday, June 15, 2:00 - 4:00pm.

Parlons Francais! Let's Speak French

Thursday, June 9, 6:30 - 8:00pm and Tuesday, June 28, 2:00 - 3:30pm.

French Film Series: Sunday, June 19, 1:00pm.

Teen Events: Details and registration at <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/teen-events-calendar>

Children's Events: Details and registration at

<http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/kids-events-calendar>

See the full story time schedule here: <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/kids-events-calendar/storytimes-calendar>.

Land Use News

Brookfield was awarded a Connectivity Grant from the CT DOT to study the best way to connect the northern terminus of the Still River Greenway Trail on Federal Road to the Four Corners Streetscape Project. Members of the study team included planners from the DOT and WESTCOG, Brookfield Land Use and Parks & Rec staff, a local business owner and Major Purcell. Recommendations from the study will be issued in early June and will include a location for a pedestrian crosswalk and parking lot.

Health Department News

Director of Health Responds to Questions Concerning ZIKA Virus:

What do We know about ZIKA Virus?

ZIKA virus is closely related to so-called Flaviviruses which include West Nile Virus, Dengue Fever and Yellow Fever. Its main carrier is the mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, which does not survive this far north. An instance of a second species, *Aedes albopictus*, carrying the ZIKA virus was discovered in Mexico. This species can be found during the summer months, in Connecticut, along the shoreline towns in particular. It breeds in stagnant water and bites during the daytime hours!

What are the Symptoms of ZIKA Virus infection?

Most people with ZIKA virus won't even know they have it. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting several days to a week. The most common symptoms include fever, a rash, joint pain and red eyes, the result of irritation of the conjunctiva or white parts of the eyes.

Why is everyone so worried about ZIKA?

This is primarily due to the fact that in some instances (we really don't know in what percentage) the virus infection causes microcephaly or stunted head size in newborns. This defect is associated with severe mental retardation and commits the family to a lifetime of care and expense. Thus, pregnant women and those anticipating pregnancy should take particular precautions. Bear in mind - it's all about the babies!

How is ZIKA virus transmitted?

The virus is transmitted directly by the bite of the *Aedes* mosquito. All cases thus far have been found in persons who have traveled to affected areas or who have had unprotected sexual relations with men who are infected. We know that the virus occurs in semen but we do not know for how long after becoming infected the

retention of the virus actually lasts.

Is there a test for ZIKA virus?

Yes. There are currently two tests available at the DPH Laboratory in Rocky Hill. Seek out the advice of your physician if you suspect you may have contracted the virus.

What can people do to prevent the Disease?

Wear long sleeve shirts and pants, preferably tucked into socks, when outside in high mosquito areas. Treat clothing and yourself with Mosquito repellents. Sleep under a mosquito net if windows must be open at night, or sleeping outdoors. Use EPA registered insect repellents. When used as directed, these repellents are safe and effective for pregnant and breast-feeding women. If you are using sunscreen, apply it before you apply insect repellent. And avoid travel to Central or South America or the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico, at this time.

What Environmental Steps can people take to reduce the mosquito population?

Most communities will not be spraying insecticide except in high risk areas as noted from disease patterns of prior years, i.e. West Nile Virus or EEE. Residents can be extremely helpful in reducing breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Empty all buckets, tires, garbage pails and bins, of stagnant water and turn them over. Cover all swimming pools, in-ground, above ground and kiddie pools, when not in use. Apply bleach or "pool shock" to any surface water in unused swimming pools, or where covers are sagging and collecting rainwater.

Connecticut 2016 Trails Day Celebration



200+ EVENTS STATEWIDE

Grand Opening & Guided
Hike on New Trail System in
Brookfield, CT

Saturday, June 4th 10am-1pm
Obtuse Road North
(Rain Date Jun 5)

Sponsored by the Brookfield
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Trust

See the CT Trails Day
online directory or printed
booklet for more details.



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Trails Day

CELEBRATION

Saturday & Sunday • June 4 & 5

**Go to www.ctwoodlands.org to view the CT Trails Day
online event directory, or pick up a copy of the printed booklet at
your town hall or public library.**

Funding for 2016 Connecticut Trails Day is provided by the Connecticut Forest & Park Association
and its members, and through the generous support of the following sponsors.



Brookfield Farmers Market



July 8 to October 28

BUY LOCAL

Fridays 3pm to 6:30pm

Brookfield Town Hall
100 Pocono Road

For More Information: BrookfieldFarmersMarket@gmail.com