



Selectmen Meet and Greet:



"Meet the Selectmen" will be held on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Meet and Greet will be scheduled on Saturday, May 28, from 9:00am - 10:30am at Layla's Bakery located at 316 Federal Road. We plan on choosing different locations for the Meet and Greet each month. Please feel free to stop by with any questions you may have or let us know what's on your mind.

Selectmen's Meeting:

The next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on May 2 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.

The Board of Selectmen meetings can now be viewed on TV Channel 194 in addition to the Video on Demand, and is scheduled to be on Channel 194 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 May 2 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room 133. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment concerning a proposed Ordinance for Article IV Snow and Ice Removal and Maintenance and Article V Assessment of Benefits for Sidewalk Improvements. The proposed Ordinance pertains to snow removal requirements and enforcement of those requirements, and gives the Selectmen the ability to establish a benefit assessment to be imposed upon abutting property owners for certain improvements in the Town Center District, or any person owning or occupying any lands in the town abutting or fronting a sidewalk. The sidewalk needs to be kept in safe condition and repair for the use of the public and free from obstruction and defects. You can review the proposed Ordinance on the Town's [website](#) or at the

Town Clerk's office.

Annual Town Meeting and FY 2016-2017 Budget Referendum:

Our Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00pm in the Brookfield High School Auditorium. The Board of Finance's final budget recommendation will be reviewed.

The date of the Budget Referendum for the FY 2016-2017 Town and School Operating Budget is recommended for May 17 and will be set at the Annual Town Meeting. The date of the Referendum for the FY 2016-2017 Town and School Capital items is recommended for June 21 and will also be set at the Annual Town Meeting.

2016 Remedial Bond Project:

Please note that at a Special Town Meeting held on March 21, it was voted to have a Referendum on the 2016 Remedial Bond Project on May 17. Besides the vote on the Operating Budget, residents will also vote on the 2016 Remedial Bond Project at the Referendum on May 17.

MOTHER'S DAY 5K:

The Mother's Day 5K is entering its 20th year. This race was originally started to help fund the construction of a new track at the high school. The new track was installed in 1996, which allowed the High School track team to hold their first home meet in over 10 years. Since that time, the track has become a valuable resource for the entire town and is used extensively by many residents.

The race has continued to be held each Mother's Day since and all funds raised go directly to helping maintain the track. Last year, the race was able to pay for all of the new striping on the track. Donations from prior years funded a large portion of the resurfacing of the track after it was damaged during the High School renovation.

Please come out and support your town by running or walking the course. The course is very flat for the most part. Awards, as usual, are for fastest overall finishers and top 3 by age group. There are also awards for the top 3 Mother/Daughter, Mother/Son, Grandmother/Granddaughter and Grandmother/Grandson. Teams must pre-register at Parks and Rec by May 6.

The race will be held on Sunday, May 8 at the Brookfield High School on Longmeadow Hill Road at 9:00am. You can preregister at Parks and Rec at town hall or register on race day. Cost is \$25 through May 6 and \$30 on race day. Please arrive early if you wish to register on Race Day. The first 225 registrants will receive a T Shirt. The race is chip timed.

Contact [Brookfield Parks and Rec](#) if you have any questions (203-775-7310).

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Brookfield, CT

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Tax Assessor News

Elderly and Veterans Benefit:

Applications will be accepted for the Elderly and Veterans Programs thru May 13. Click [here](#) for more information.

Revaluation 2016:

[http://www.brookfieldct.gov/Pages/BrookfieldCT_Assessor/revaluation.](http://www.brookfieldct.gov/Pages/BrookfieldCT_Assessor/revaluation)

Public Works News

The Department of Public Works will kick off its paving program this month by completing the paving of the town hall parking lot. An updated paving list can be viewed on the town [website](#).

The Residential Yard Refuse Center is now open on Saturdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Permits to use the center can be picked up at the DPW office in the Town Hall during normal business hours or at the center the first time you use it. Please have identification showing you are a Brookfield resident.



Brookfield Police Department News



As of April 1, the Police Department hired two new officers to fill vacancies that had been open for some time. Ben Gerstenmaier and Bethany Barr, our two new officers, will be at the Police Academy for the next 5 months.

The Department continues to participate in the distracted driving program as cell phone usage continues to be a major factor in vehicle accidents. Some of the delays you might witness on Federal Road are a result of the enforcement operation being undertaken.

Our Officers have recently completed training for the use of Narcan, an antidote for Opiate overdose. Each officer will be carrying Narcan with their equipment.

Town Clerk News

Important dates to remember:

May 3, 2016 at 7:00pm - Annual Town Meeting - Brookfield High School

May 4, 2016 - Absentee Ballots will be available

May 17, 2016 - Budget Referendum:

District 1 voters will vote at Huckleberry Hill School

District 2 voters will vote at Brookfield High School

Property owners, 18 years of age and older and a United States Citizen, with an assessment of not less than \$1,000.00, pursuant to the property tax assessment provisions of Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall vote at Brookfield High School.

Absentee Ballots will be available in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Voting machines will be used.

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the Brookfield Town Hall.

June - Dog Registration Month - Top Dog will be announced July 6th.

Social Services News

RENTERS' REBATE FOR ELDERLY or DISABLED

Income-eligible renters who are elderly (65yrs.) or totally disabled (18-64 yrs.) 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).

Library News

Register for adult programs at

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

Adult programs:

- Parlons Francais: Let's Speak French: May 5, 6:30 - 8:00pm, and May 10, 2:00 - 3:30pm.
- Designing Gardens with Native Plants: Gardening with Master Gardener Donna Katsuranis: Thursday, May 12, 7:00pm.
- Margaret Robbins of Wild Birds Unlimited: Tuesday, May 24, 7:00pm.
- Color Your World: Adult Coloring: May 26, 2:00 - 4:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm.
- AARP Safe Driver Class: Saturday, June 4, 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Book Discussions:

- Nonfiction Book Group: *The Finest Hours* by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman, Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 - 8:30pm.
- Brookfield Reads: *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal, Tuesday, May 17, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00pm.
- Book 'Em Mystery Discussion: *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith, Monday, May 23, 12:30pm.

Movie Matinees:

Joy: Saturday, May 7 at 2:00pm.

The Finest Hours: Saturday, May 28 at 2:00pm. In Your Own Backyard Series.

The Friends of The Brookfield Library are now accepting donations of gently-used

books, DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks for adults, teens, and kids. Please leave donations in the bin to the right of the doors. The annual book sale will be held August 4-8 at Center School.

Computer classes:

Intro to Windows 10: Monday, May 9 OR Monday, May 16, 3:00pm.

Intro to iPad: Wednesday, May 11, 3:00 OR 6:30pm.

Teen programs (Grades 6-12). Registration required for all programs:

Random Fandom - Star Wars: Wednesday, May 4, 5:00 - 6:30pm.

Snack Food Taste Test, Thursday, May 12, 5:00 - 6:00pm.

Color Your World - Teens: Monday, May 16, 5:00 - 6:30pm.

Teen Writers Group: Thursday, May 26, 5:00 - 6:00pm.

Programs for kids (see descriptions on calendar page for ages and registration details):

- Read to Baci the Therapy Dog, Tuesday, May 3 and May 17, 5:00 - 6:00pm.
- Write On! Journaling Session: Thursday, May 5, 5:00 - 6:00pm.
- Brookfield Builders: Saturday, May 7, 10:30 - 11:30am.
- Science Explorers: Tuesday, May 10, 5:00 - 5:30pm.
- Hot Air Balloon Science: Thursday, May 19, 5:00 - 6:00pm.
- Bedtime Stories: Thursday, May 19, 7:00 - 7:30pm.
- Kid's Improv Club: Monday, May 23, 5:00 - 6:00pm.
- Fairy Tale Theater: Tuesday, May 24, 5:00 - 6:00pm.
- Spyology: Tuesday, May 31, 5:00-6:00pm.

Land Use News

The Town has been approved to receive a Road Safety Audit as part of a Community Connectivity Grant sponsored by the CT DOT. This audit is the first step in the Town's effort to "connect" the Still River Greenway Trail to the walkway and bike path that will be built as part of the Streetscape Project in the Town Center District. Preliminary plans include a pedestrian cross walk on Federal Road.

The Town has contracted with Eversource for a cost estimate to eliminate the utility poles on Federal Road within the bounds of Phase I of the Streetscape Project. The estimate is expected in late July.

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