



May 2017



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Brookfield Town Hall. You may view the attachments to the meeting packet on the Town's [website](#) using the Video on Demand link. The meeting is live streamed and posted the following day on the home page in Video on Demand.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARINGS

Prior to the May 1 meeting the BOS will conduct a Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. in Meeting Room 133 to hear public comment on an amendment to Ordinance Section 127-7. The amendment would enable the Wetlands Enforcement Officer to make the determination of and approve a permit transfer as an agent duty and establish a \$25 fee for the transfer. The BOS will also hear public comment for a proposed Ordinance (new section 127-5) for Land Use Agency Fees to be determined and set by Land Use Boards and Commissions (Inland-Wetlands, Planning, Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FY 2017-2018 BUDGET REFERENDUM

Our Annual Town Meeting for FY 2017/2018 Town and School Operating and Capital Budget is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the Brookfield High School Auditorium. The Board of Finance's final budget recommendation will be reviewed. The Budget Referendum recommended date is Tuesday, May 16, to be set at the Annual Town Meeting.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

At the Board of Selectmen Meeting on May 1, a date for a Public Hearing on the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report will be proposed for Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room 133. The 12-page CRC Draft Report and Recommendations is located in the Town Clerk's office and the Town [website](#).

SELECTMEN "MEET AND GREET"

Meet the Selectmen is held on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Meet and Greet is Saturday, May 27 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Brookfield Deli & Catering, 782 Federal Road. Please feel free to stop by with any questions or to let us know what's on your mind.

For more news, announcements and activities, please sign up for Brookfield Matters on the Town's [website](#).

Steve Dunn
First Selectman
Brookfield, CT

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Town Clerk's News

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
WARNING: NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Brookfield, and those entitled to vote therein, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Brookfield High School Auditorium at 45 Long Meadow Hill Road, Brookfield, Connecticut on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**, for the following purposes, to wit:

1. To consider, but not to finally vote upon, the appropriations recommended by the Board of Finance of the Town of Brookfield for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Said appropriations are in the total amount of Sixty Four Million Seven Hundred Eighty Two Thousand and Six Hundred Eighty One (\$64,782,681) Dollars, consisting of the sum of Forty Million Eight Hundred Eighty Four Thousand and Eight (\$40,884,008) Dollars for the Board of Education portion of the Budget and the sum of Eighteen Million Six Hundred Thirty Four Thousand and Five Hundred Forty (\$18,634,540) Dollars for the Town Government portion of the Budget.
2. To consider and vote upon a Resolution setting the date and time for a vote by voting machine on the Budget for the Town of Brookfield, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Said machine vote is required pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen on April 3, 2017. The Selectmen have recommended Tuesday, May 16, 2017, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., as the date and time for said machine vote. The questions to be voted upon shall be as follows:

Shall the Town of Brookfield appropriate the sum of \$40,884,008 for the Board of Education portion of the Town Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018?

YES () NO ()

Shall the Town of Brookfield appropriate the sum of \$18,634,540 for the Town Government portion of the Town Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018?

YES () NO ()

Non-Binding Advisory Questions:

Is the Town Operating Budget in the amount of \$18,634,540

TOO LOW___ ADEQUATE___ TOO HIGH___

Is the School Operating Budget in the amount of \$40,884,008

TOO LOW___ ADEQUATE___ TOO HIGH___

3. Report of Town Treasurer.
4. To do any and all things which may be legally necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above named purposes.

Dated at Brookfield, Connecticut, this 12th day of April, 2017.

Stephen C. Dunn
Sue Slater
Martin E. Flynn, Jr.
Selectmen of the Town of Brookfield

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

The legal voters of the Town of Brookfield and those entitled to vote therein, are hereby warned and notified that a referendum will be held on Tuesday May 16, 2017, between the hours of 6:00 A. M. 8:00 P.M., to vote on the following questions:

1. "Shall the Town of Brookfield appropriate the sum of \$40,884,008 for the Board of Education portion of the Town Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018?"

YES ()

NO ()

2. Non-Binding Advisory Question – Response is Voluntary

Is the Board of Education portion of the Budget in the amount of \$40,884,008

TOO HIGH _____ ADEQUATE _____ TOO LOW _____

3. "Shall the Town of Brookfield appropriate the sum of \$18,634,540 for the Town Government portion of the Town Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018?"

YES ()

NO ()

4. Non-Binding Advisory Question – Response is Voluntary

Is the Town Government portion of the Budget in the amount of \$18,634,540

TOO HIGH _____ ADEQUATE _____ TOO LOW _____

District 1 voters shall vote at Huckleberry Hill School.

District 2 voters shall vote at Brookfield High School

Property owners, 18 years of age or more and a United States Citizen, with an assessment of not less than \$1,000, pursuant to the property tax assessment provisions of Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall vote at Brookfield High School.

Voting machines shall be used.

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Dated at Brookfield, Connecticut this 3rd day of May, 2017. Joan M. Locke, Town Clerk

Tax Collector News

Liens on 2015 Grand List Real Estate

Liens will be placed on all unpaid Real Estate parcels at the beginning of the month. Please pay any outstanding balances to avoid the lien and fees.

Collection Agency

Delinquent taxes will be sent to Tax Serv, our collection agency, for collection. This will include the Grand List years of 2013 and 2014. All previous years are already with the Collection Agency.

July 2017 Billing

In preparation of the next billing cycle if your Real Estate taxes are escrowed, the bank should request your Real Estate bill. If you have changed banks or have paid off your mortgage, please contact the Tax Office to let us know where the bill should be sent.

If you are interested in an email reminder that taxes are due, send your name, property address and email address to tcordeiro@brookfieldct.gov. Please write **Email Reminder** in the subject line. Reminders will be sent for the July and January billings.

If you have any questions, please call us at 203-775-7304 or email us at tax@brookfieldct.gov.

Tax Assessor News

Town Elderly Tax Relief Benefit requirements for the 2016 GRAND LIST (2017/2018 tax bills) are as follows:

1. An applicant or their spouse was 65 years of age or older as of December 31, 2016.
2. A person has resided and paid real estate taxes on their Brookfield residence for a period of five years immediately prior to application for tax credit. Applicants must be current on their tax payments.
3. The net assessment of an applicant's property shall not exceed the median assessment of \$236,860 for the current 2016 Grand List year.
4. A property must be the legal residence of an applicant and occupied by the applicant more than 183 days of each calendar year.
5. Applicant income must not exceed \$49,280 unmarried and \$60,060 married. "Income" is defined as total income from the 2016 IRS Form 1040, in addition to Social Security and tax-exempt income. If an applicant is not filing an income tax return, copies of all income statements for 2016 must be submitted with an application.
6. Applicant must be the record owner of a property as of October 1, 2016.
7. Applications must be filed between February 1 and May 15 annually.

Town Additional Veteran Exemption requirements for the 2017 GRAND LIST (2018/2019 tax bills) are as follows:

1. Must have form DD214 Discharge filed with the Town Clerk's Office by September 30 of the Grand List year in which a veteran is applying.
2. Veteran must have served during an eligible war period and have been Honorably Discharged.

3. Income must not exceed \$52,700 unmarried and \$58,900 married for calendar year 2016. "Income" is defined as total income from the 2016 IRS form 1040 PLUS Social Security and tax exempt income.

4. Filing period is from February 1 to September 30.

State Elderly Tax Relief Benefit and State Additional Veteran Exemption requirements are as follows:

1. Applicants must be the owners and legal residents of Real Property as of October 1 of the filing year. Elderly Tax Relief applicants or their spouse had to be age 65 as of December 31, 2016. There is no age limit for the State Additional Veteran Exemption.

2. Income cannot exceed \$35,200 unmarried and \$42,900 married. "Income" is defined as total income from the 2016 IRS form 1040, in addition to Social Security and tax exempt income. If an applicant is not filing an income tax return, copies of all income statements for 2016 must be submitted with an application.

Public Works News

The DPW started its paving program the week of April 17. The first road paved was North Beach Tree Road, followed by Fieldstone Road. A complete paving list can be found on the Town [website](#) under the Department of Public Works.

Economic Development News

Our vision of creating pedestrian-friendly streetscape and roadway improvements in a newly revitalized Town Center reached another milestone. The State of CT DOT has approved our bid package and the project was advertised in the News-Times, the Town's [website](#) and the State Contracting portal starting on April 12. Bid packages are also available in the Land Use Office. There was a mandatory pre-bid meeting for interested contractors on April 25. Bids are due on May 12. Construction will start in June and should be completed in November. Any questions about this project should be directed to Greg Dembowski, Project Manager, at 203-740-3865.

Library News

The Brookfield Library is co-sponsoring the Small Business Administration three week program entitled: ["Ready, Set Go: Entrepreneurship in 3 Easy Steps."](#) Find out what it takes to get a small business off the ground. Please join us on Monday (May 1, May 8 and May 15) From 5 - 7 p.m. in our Community Room.

FOUR GREAT TECHNOLOGY CLASSES IN MAY:

Learn from IT Librarian, Jenn Doyon, about Google Photos, a free, unlimited backup of your

mobile phone's pictures. It's automatic and comes with a host of features. Google Photos' Assistant will even create collages, animations, and albums you will enjoy. Take this introductory class on May 31 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Always wanted to learn how to SKYPE? Here's your chance! Take this class on May 9 from 3 - 4 p.m. (<https://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/events/skype-class/>) OR on May 10 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (<https://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/events/skype-class-2/>) for a great introduction to how to install and use the app on your mobile device as well as on your desktop or laptop.

Excel has numerous practical applications. In one hour, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on May 22, Jenn Doyon will show you how to create a sample budget and medical expenses workbook using simple Microsoft Excel formulas. (<https://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/events/express-excel-6/>).

Everyone is talking about [Internet safety](#). Take this Online Privacy & Safety Class on May 24 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. to find out how you can keep your data safe.

For Teens:

What is Candy Sushi? Make a delicious dessert using Rice Krispies treats and candies. For teens only, on May 10, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., in our Community Room. Make some candy sushi to take with you. Please register [here](#).

For Kids:

Learn about Morse Code, then design necklaces, bracelets, or key chains with hidden messages. For kids in grades 2 - 5, on May 18, from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., please register [here](#).

A reminder to our patrons, the library is closed in observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th.

Information and registration details for programs for adults (computer classes, concerts, book groups, and both ongoing and special programs) can be found [here](#).

Programs for Teens can be found [here](#).

Programs for Kids can be found [here](#) or [here](#).

Parks & Rec News



Join us for the Mother's Day 5K on Sunday, May 14 to benefit the BHS track. Online registration is available [here](#).

The Spring/Summer 2017 Program Guide is online and features programs, trips and special events as well as camps, swimming lessons and tennis programs during the months of May through August. Be sure to visit our [website](#) for more information.

Health Department News

May is National Melanoma/ Skin cancer Month.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S. Ultraviolet radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer. UV damage can also cause wrinkles and blotches or spots on your skin. The good news is that skin cancer can be prevented, and it can almost always be cured when it's found and treated early.

The Brookfield Health Department is proud to participate. Join us in May to help prevent skin cancer and reduce the risk.

Take simple steps today to protect your skin:

- Stay out of the sun as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. Put on sunscreen every two hours and after you swim.
- Cover up with long sleeves and a hat.
- Check your skin regularly for changes.
- Learn the ABC's of Melanoma:
Asymmetry
Irregular Border
Variation in Color
Larger Diameter
Evolving or changing

For more information, visit <http://www.skincancer.org/>.

Brookfield Police Department News



We continue to host car seat fitting clinics on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon by appointment. Please call 203-740-4192 or email carseats@brookfieldct.gov to schedule your appointment. Our next car seat fitting date is on May 3, and Brookfield residency is not required. You can learn more about the program and access the form to complete and bring to your appointment by [clicking here](#).

Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) to receive news and information from the Department.

Brookfield CARES



BROOKFIELD CARES

Promoting social and emotional wellness in our community.

The hope and support group has moved to a new location - 103 Mill Plain Road, Danbury. Meetings are still hosted every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

C.A.R.E.S. Hope & Support Group

Meetings every Monday

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

New Location:

C.A.R.E.S. Office

103 Mill Plain Rd

Danbury, CT 06811

Staff can be reached day or night by calling: 855-406-0246

Receive information and resources about everything from how to enhance family communication to community health concerns by subscribing to our [newsletter](#).

We want to hear from you! Brookfield Cares is always open to suggestions, so email us at info@brookfield-cares.org or [submit](#) an idea or suggestion.

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

Veterans News



Letter from Italy, 1944, is a true story, set to music, for soldiers in all wars who cope with PTSD. Set against the heroic background of the elite 10th Mountain Division's epic WWII battles, Grammy-nominated Sarah Meneely-Kyder's lush, varied voice brings to life the true story of a soldier and his family bravely facing PTSD. A co-production of the GMChorale and Hartford Chorale, with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, the concert features Jack Anthony Pott as the young medic, father and physician - a role he created in the highly praised 2013 premiere. Joseph D'Eugenio, GMChorale Artistic Director, will lead the two chorales, soloists, and the Hartford Symphony in

this riveting production.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mortensa Hall, The Bushnell

Please visit this website for full details and tickets: <http://www.hartfordchorale.org/letter-from-italy-1944/>.

Brookfield Historical Society



BROOKFIELD MUSEUM

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING

By

Ret. Marine Lt. Col
MICHAEL ZACCHEA

On Monday evening, May 1, 2017, at 7:30 PM, the Brookfield Historical Society will sponsor a book signing and multimedia presentation by retired Brookfield Marine Lt. Col. Michael Zacchea. He recently published the book *The Ragged Edge: A US Marine's Account of Leading the Iraqi Army Fifth Battalion*. He will discuss the work as well as provide insight into the current conditions and challenges that face the US Military in the war against ISIS and International terrorism in the Middle East. The program will take place at the Brookfield Museum located at 165 Whisconier Road (Intersection of Routes 25 and 133) in Brookfield Center.

Zacchea is the Director and founder of UConn's Entrepreneur Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities. While on active duty he arrived in Iraq in mid-March, 2004 and was part of a combined multinational transition team serving as a senior advisor to an Iraqi battalion. He was among the first American military advisors to organize, train and lead former Iraqi's, soldiers, once loyal to Saddam Hussein, into combat against foreign insurgents and al-Qaida forces. He was seriously wounded in the second battle to overtake the rebel stronghold of Fallujah in November-December 2004 and subsequently received a Purple Heart and 2 Bronze Star for Valor as well as being the only American soldier ever to receive from the President of Iraq, the Order of the Lion of Babylon valor award.

Following the presentation complimentary refreshments will be available. Admission is free and for more information on this and other public programs of the Brookfield Museum and Historical Society, log onto www.brookfieldcthistory.org.



**BROOKFIELD MUSEUM
WORLD WAR I EXHIBIT
THE YANKS ARE
COMING
Opens
Saturday May 13
Noon to 4 P. M.**

The Brookfield Museum and Historical Society will host its Summer Exhibit *The Yanks Are Coming* to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of America's participation in World War I. The Exhibit opens on Saturday, May 13, 2107 and will continue each Saturday from Noon to 4 P.M. until further notice. It will also be open Sunday May 28th in conjunction with the Brookfield Memorial Day Parade. The Museum is located at the intersection of Rts. 25 and 133 in Brookfield Center. Complimentary refreshments will be served on opening day. The exhibit will include a huge display of original WWI artifacts to include Uniforms, field gear, posters, photographs, medals, insignias, weaponry, helmets, and more. In addition a special section will feature Brookfield on the Warfront and the Homefront during the war. Images of WWI veterans whose descendants live in Brookfield can be seen. Graphics will explain the conflict, its causes and long term effects, the American Expeditionary Force and new advancements in weaponry. The exhibit provides a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to gain a greater insight into this important chapter in our American History. For more information log onto www.brookfieldcthistory.org