



May 2018



### **Town budget**

The annual town meeting to discuss the town budget is scheduled at the Brookfield High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on May 1. Also, Tuesday, May 15, is when we've scheduled the town referendum to vote on the 2018 budget at either Brookfield High School or Huckleberry School, depending on your voting location. These are your tax dollars at work, so we hope everyone comes out to vote!

### **Brookfield Public Schools - What should Brookfield schools look like in 2025?**

With changing town demographics and aging facilities, the administration and school board are examining the cost and benefits to renovation or

building a new school.

You can follow this project by going to the [website](#) for the Strategic Facilities Committee. The committee is interested in your suggestions about priorities, design, and renovation / rebuilding. Please provide input by attending the next public forum on June 7 at the Brookfield High School auditorium, when various school project options will be explored, and by participating in forthcoming surveys.

Several repair and renovation projects were completed during the district's April vacation, including the demolition and removal of the vacant portables at HHES, replacement of the gymnasium windows at CES, and relining of water tanks at HHES and WMS.

Steve Dunn  
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### **Mark your calendar:**

- Tuesday May 1 at 7 p.m. - **Annual Town Meeting** for the 2018-2019 Town of Brookfield Budget at the BHS Auditorium
- Monday, May 7 at 6:45 p.m. - **Special Town Meeting** on the sale of town property located at 18 Junction Road - Room 133 at Town Hall.
- Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. - **Board of Selectmen's Meeting** - Room 133 of Town Hall
- Tuesday, May 15 - **Proposed Town Budget Referendum** vote.
- Sunday, June 3 - **Town Center Block Party**. Details to come.

## Town Center news

Brookfield Village has received its certificate of occupancy for both buildings, which means residents and business owners are moving in! Most of the apartments in both buildings have rented. Businesses planning to open this spring include: Subway; an Italian restaurant; a women's clothing store; and Rich Farm Ice Cream. Several other businesses are interested in the area and we will be announcing additional openings in the near future.



### "Thinking Spring" and cleaning up!

Routine spring clean-up continues along the Still River Greenway. We recognize the Greenway is very popular and plan work (when possible) at least disruptive times. We are aware that a large tree was uprooted during a recent storm, but clearing it will require closing a section of the trail for a short period of time. When scheduled, we will post the date and approximate times of closure on the Parks & Recreation [website](#).

The Brookfield Police and Parks & Recreation Departments have posted 911 Location Signs every 600-700 feet along the Greenway. These signs have a location code in large green letters on a white background. Greenway users should take note of the nearest sign and report that code to the Brookfield 911 Dispatcher in case of emergency. Non-emergency issues such as fallen trees and broken pavement can be reported to Parks & Recreation at 203-775-7310 using the location code.

- Public Works crews have been clearing storm drains and repairing curbs and will begin paving roads in May. You can find the paving schedule [here](#).
- The Residential Refuse Center is open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. For household items, Brookfield residents can use the New Milford Dump. For more information, go to their [website](#) or call 860-355-6044.
- The Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Brochure is now [online](#); sign up now for a summer of fun!
- Brookfield Lion's Club Shred Day is planned for Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Town Hall.

## Library Project Update

After the recent referendum, the Library Board has been reviewing feedback about cost, location and design to understand how to revise the project. We will keep you posted on our information-gathering efforts in the coming months. For a listing of current Library programming, please go to our [website](#).

## Be careful what you click

Cyber security is one of today's hot topics because it's too dangerous to ignore. In January we began training Town Hall employees how to handle suspicious messages and links. You can practice the same steps at home to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of cyber-crime:

- Verify the sender - Did you expect to receive an email from the sender? Even if the address looks familiar, don't open an attachment or link that you aren't expecting.
- Verify the link - Hover over the link with your mouse to show the full url. Does the link match the text? A common phishing tactic is to create a similar but fake link.
- When in doubt, reach out - Contact the sender (person or business) to verify the email, but do not use the email address or phone number in the email. Use only verified/listed information. If not, you should verify information by going to a website yourself.





### Wondering how to honor Mom for Mother's Day?

Join us for the Annual Mother's Day 5K race. Proceeds go to WeCahr and supporting the Brookfield High School Track. For more information or to register, please call Parks & Recreation at 203-775-7310.

### Did you know?

- When you get rid of a car and the plate doesn't transfer to a different car, you are still being taxed on that car. Be sure to contact the Assessor's office whenever you end your lease, sell, total, trade in, junk, donate your car or move out of state. Acceptable forms of proof are listed on the town [website](#).
- If you ever wonder why the flags are at half mast, you can find you answers on the Brookfield Town [website](#).
- You can borrow a "hotspot" for your travel needs at the **Public Library**. The Library also recently added a new "tweens" collection for those who have outgrown the Children's books but are not ready for the content of the Teen collection.
- You can sign up for emergency alerts through the [CT Alerts Program](#) to be updated when there are town or area emergencies.
- The **Brookfield Historical Society** is more than just a museum, offering many fascinating programs every month. Please go to their [website](#) to see what's new for May.

To stay up to date with all Town Boards and Commissions, please go to our [website](#) .

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