

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

May 2019

Forming Ad-Hoc Center School Use Committee – Looking for Members

On April 1, the Board of Selectmen discussed forming an Ad-Hoc Building Committee to determine the best use of Center Elementary School -- and possibly the Brookfield Library -- when the New School Project is underway and it will no longer be used as a school. If interested in being appointed to this new committee, please contact the First Selectman's office at firstselectman@brookfieldct.gov.

0% Interest Free Loan Program

The Town is offering 0% interest payment-deferred loans to assist qualified Brookfield homeowners for roof and siding replacements. Please call Lisa Low & Associates at 203-888-5624 for further information.

Reminder: Route 133 traffic over Lake Lillinonah affected

The State DOT has begun work on the bridge, replacing the deck, repairing steel, improving drainage, paving and painting. There are five scheduled bridge closure periods between May and October, but it will be open the weekend of the Bridgewater Fair.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman



Important Alerts

Town Clerk

Licensing begins June 1 for dogs six months of age or over. Deadline is July 1. Visit the [Town Clerk's website](#).

Public Works

The DPW has started street sweeping and spring cleanup and is preparing for the paving season. The road paving list will be updated and posted on the town website in the coming weeks.

Assessors

Attention Commercial Building Owners:
You should have received an income and



Mark Your Calendar

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m.
In Meeting Room 133 in Town Hall. You can view the agenda and attachments to the meeting packet on the [town's website](#).

Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m.
At the Brookfield High School Auditorium to discuss the FY 2019-2020 Town and School Operating Budget and Capital Projects. There will be a budget presentation, and in the Call of the Annual Town Meeting, a vote will be taken for a Referendum date of May 21. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Town Clerk's office and the [town](#)

expense form in the mail for the 2018 grand list. If you have not, please print one from our website or visit our office for a form. Income and expense forms are due in our office no later than June 1 or there will be a 10% penalty.

If you are age 65 or older as of December 31, 2018, you may be eligible for a state or town tax benefit. Please remember that when applying, we will need a copy of your tax return and proof of all your income including social security. Applications are due by May 15.

All applications for additional veterans, disability, and blind are due by October 1.

Tax Collector

Change of Address Real Estate and Personal Property

If your mailing address has changed, please complete [this form](#) below.

Car Bills

Please notify the DMV if you have moved, because your billing is based on the information you have provided to them. The Town Tax Code found on your registration is the town that will bill you.



The Farmers Market will return on Fridays from 3 - 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Stop by the horses at 100 Pocono Road starting June 21 to get your fresh vegetables and other great products. There will be new vendors, returning vendors, and live music.



The Town Beach opens for the season on Saturday, May 25.

[website.](#)

Mother's Day We Care 5K

Sunday, May 12, at 9 a.m.

Brookfield High School

For further information, click [here](#).

Macroburst Thank you Picnic

All Residents are Invited

Sunday, May 19, from 12 - 3:00 p.m.

Town Hall Band Stand, 100 Pocono Road
Please bring picnics, chairs, and blankets.
Food will be provided for Town Emergency Responders and families. For further information visit the [town website](#).

Coffee with the Community

Saturday, May 25, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Dunkin Donuts, 270 Federal Road. We encourage you to stop by with any questions or concerns. This event is scheduled on the last Saturday of each month.

Lions Club Shred Day

Saturday, May 25, from 9 - 1:00 p.m. at Brookfield Town Hall. For further information visit [Lions Club website](#).

Join the Memorial Day Parade and Salute to our Veterans

Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

Organized by the Brookfield Lions Club.
Shuttle Bus from Center School runs from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. No parking at Brookfield High School. For more information contact Cathy Nielsen at cathynielsen@earthlink.net.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Brookfield Conservation Commission and Brookfield Open Space Legacy Educational Walk Along the Greenway

Saturday, June 1, 10 - 2 p.m.

To celebrate this year's Connecticut Trails Weekend, join the Brookfield Conservation Commission and Brookfield Open Space Legacy for an educational walk along the Still River Greenway. Visit exhibits from local nature and conservation groups, including wildlife protection, tick and mosquito prevention, beekeeping, and watershed protection. Learn more about what your local commissions and organizations do and how

Details available [here](#) or by calling Parks & Recreation at 203-775-7310.

you can help to keep our environment beautiful. Enter the Greenway at any point and collect info from each exhibit to receive a prize when finished.



May at the Brookfield Library

This month we say goodbye to renowned Children's Librarian Mary Proudfoot. "Miss Mary" is retiring after 30-plus years of service, so please stop by and wish her well. You will find her in the Children's Department through May 10. Patrons also have the opportunity to contribute to a note that the staff will be presenting to her. Stop by and meet our new Children/Teen Services team.

Also at the library this month: a program about bobcats, an improv comedy workshop, and Mother's Day activities for children and teens. For a listing of all May activities, check out our [website](#). Stay tuned in the upcoming weeks for details regarding the popular "One Town One Read" selection.



Schools

Outstanding School Administrator Award

Dr. Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent of Brookfield Public Schools, was recently awarded the UCONN Neag School of Education Outstanding School Administrator Award. Dr. Ruby's award highlight video can be viewed [here](#).

Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority

2019 Billboard Contest Winners can be viewed by [here](#).

Congratulations to this year's Grand Prize Winners, Brookfield High School students Shruti Kelkar and Maahi Dhote - view their photos [here](#). There were over 2,000 entries this year, with 45 regional winners. There were first, second and third place winners in every grade K-12 from all 11 HRRA municipalities. The Regional Grand Prize winner and the participating teacher/organization each receives \$500, and their poster is mounted for one month on two billboards in or near the winner's hometown during May.

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