



November 2016



Come witness the completion of the Still River Greenway. Keep an eye out for further details on the Town's [website](#) for a brief Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which is tentatively planned for Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 am. The ribbon cutting will be at the bridge site, which is a short walk from the Town Hall parking lots heading north on the Greenway.



The concept for this long-awaited project began in the late 1960s when the then-Chairman of the Brookfield Conservation Commission, Mr. Arthur Harris, had a vision to link several linear parcels of land to create additional trails in Brookfield. Fifty-six years later, we have managed to expand on his vision (in both directions) creating a two mile, ten foot wide paved multi-use trail with direct access to what will eventually become a downtown "pedestrian friendly" hub of activity and commerce in the Four Corners area of town.

Long-range regional plans envision a continuous greenway along the Still River area that will span Danbury, Brookfield, and New Milford and eventually tie into the Western New England Greenway initiative.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8, in the Presidential and State and local Election. Polling hours are 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School and Brookfield High School.

BROOKFIELD VILLAGE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The Brookfield Village Residential Limited Partnership is having a Groundbreaking Ceremony for Brookfield Village located at 800 Federal Road and 7 Station Road on Thursday, November 10, at 1:00 pm. This project is the catalyst and center point in the redevelopment of the Four Corners Streetscape Project. There will be 48 one and two bedroom residential units and over 10,000 square feet of commercial space

on the first floors. Construction recently began and will be finished in the fall of

2018.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

The next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting (BOS) will be held on Monday, November 7, at 7:30 pm 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*.

PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLED - MODIFIED URANIUM ORDINANCE

The BOS public hearing that was scheduled on Monday, November 7, at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room 133, regarding a Modified Uranium Ordinance governing the testing of private water wells [Uranium and Arsenic] in the Town of Brookfield, has been cancelled. The reason for cancelling at this time is that the State plans to initiate a study of just how extensive the issue of uranium and radon in our well waters and air is, in Brookfield, and a public hearing at this juncture would be premature. Once we have more factual data, the BOS will determine if another public hearing will be scheduled.

SELECTMEN "MEET AND GREET"

Meet the Selectmen events are held on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Meet and Greet is Saturday, November 26, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am at Layla's Bakery located at 316 Federal Road. Please feel free to stop by with any questions you may have or to let us know what's on your mind.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman
Brookfield, CT

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**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**



DISTRICT 1: HUCKLEBERRY SCHOOL
DISTRICT 2: BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
LAST DAY TO REGISTER: NOVEMBER 1, 2016

[Land Use News](#)

We are happy to announce the recent hiring of Betsy Paynter as Brookfield's Economic & Community Development Manager in the Land Use Department, who began on October 11th. In Betsy's first few weeks, she has prepared the request for proposal to rewrite the Town's Zoning Regulations, working closely with the Land Use Director and the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Betsy looks forward to assisting the Four Corners Business Association and the development efforts within the Town Center and the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce to help strengthen Brookfield's local business base. You can contact Betsy at 203-775-7316 or bpaynter@brookfieldct.gov. Feel free to stop in and say hello.

Economic Development:

Greg Dembowski and Steve Dunn have met with many Four Corners property owners over the past month to explain the streetscape improvements planned at their

Over the past month to explain the streetscape improvements planned at their properties. With the approval of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance a TAP grant for \$950,000 was submitted to WESTCOG on October 14th. We're planning a Four Corners development update for businesses, property owners and the public in early December. If you have questions, contact Betsy Paynter at 203-775-7316 or bpaynter@brookfieldct.gov.

Tax Collector News

Waterline Assessment Bills

Reminder: The last day to make payment on the existing Waterline (instituted in 2010) is November 1, 2016.

New Water Line Assessments - Phase I, II, III Southern Federal Road and Del Mar Drive

Bills will be due November 1, 2016. Payments must be received or U.S. postmarked no later than December 1, 2016 to avoid an interest penalty. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the assessment or interest.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm and Thursday 8:00 am-6:00 pm. Payments can be made with cash and checks only. Unfortunately, Waterline Assessments can not be made through the online system.

Bills were mailed at the end of October. If you have any questions regarding your bill or assessment, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 203-775-7304.

Public Works News

The town has started the installation of the new roof on the town hall. The project consists of removing the old roof to the rafters. Once the rafters are exposed we will evaluate their structural integrity and make repairs as necessary. We will also repair, replace and upgrade the insulation to make the building more energy efficient. After the insulation work is complete, a new baffled ventilation system will be installed, followed by the installation of new sheathing, other roof components, and finally, the new asphalt shingles. The new ventilation system which was absent from the old roof will increase the air flow to keep the attic cooler in the summer and keep the new roof in good condition for many years to come.

Brookfield Senior Center News

Home Fire Preparedness Campaign...reducing fire deaths one step at a time....

The Brookfield Senior Center has partnered with the American Red Cross and the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department to offer you new smoke



Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department to offer you new smoke detectors for your home.

During your home visit by the Red Cross, you will receive:

- Installed smoke alarms if no working smoke alarms are present in your home
- Guidance in the development of a Family Disaster Plan
- Valuable emergency preparedness tips and information

All demonstration and installation services will be performed by Red Cross-trained volunteers and/or licensed/insured professionals. Please sign up at the front desk.



Are You Saving the Most Money on Your Prescription Drugs?

Volunteers at Brookfield Senior Center are available to assist you with your 2017 Medicare Part D choices. You can pick up your 2017 Personal Information Form (PIF) at the Center to complete. Once completed, please return the PIF to the Center and our volunteers will make an appointment to assist you.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Wednesday, November 9, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm and Wednesday, November 23, from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: For caregivers, family members or friends of people affected by Alzheimer's disease or Dementia. This ongoing educational group meets in a safe and caring environment twice a month. Please join us as often as you like!

Brookfield Social Services News

It's that time of the year and we are preparing for the holidays and the cold weather - ough:

Eversource's supplier rate will go up in January, but for now their rate is very competitive at 6.606 cents per kwh. Your November Eversource bill will be easier to read and will have the supplier rate in a box so it will be easy to find. There are many energy programs that one can take advantage of to save money. Go to www.Energizect.com to find out about tests to check on the efficiency of your home's heating system and ways to get rebates to help you weatherize and change out old appliances that may be causing your electric bills to rise. Low-income individuals and families may be eligible for free weatherization services.

CT Energy Assistance Program: If your income is below \$33,880.70 for singles and

\$44,305.54 for couples and your liquid assets are not more than \$12,000 for renters and \$15,000 for homeowners, you may be eligible for the CT Energy Assistance program (CEAP) to help with fuel and energy bills. Also, through this program you may be able to obtain free furnace repairs or replacements. For those of you who

have been on the program in the past, you must reapply again this year. We are currently accepting applications for new applicants and households which heat with deliverable fuels. We will begin taking electric-heated households next month. Please contact Social Services to set up an appointment at 203-775-7312.

The Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) can help seniors remain in their own homes when it becomes difficult to manage to take care of oneself without some assistance. Please call or make an appointment at Social Services (203-775-7312) for more information and/or to apply.

Brookfield Police Department News

Thank you to all those who came out to Tip A Cop! Because of your support, we were able to raise over \$2,000 for Special Olympics Connecticut.



The Police Department wishes you, your family and friends a Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay up to date with the latest Department news and information. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

Library News

Jazz Concert with Ali Ryerson (flutes) and Nicki Parrott (bass and vocals): Sunday, November 20, 3:00 - 4:15 pm. No registration required. Free admission (donations cheerfully accepted) and free refreshments after the concert.

New Library Information Session: Monday, November 21, 7:30 pm. Registration strongly preferred.

Mini Book Sale and Small Business Saturday: Saturday, November 26, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The Friends of The Brookfield Library will hold a mini book sale in the community room. Local small businesses are invited to celebrate Small Business Saturday by setting up a display on one of our six-foot tables. Reserve a spot!

UFOs! With Stephen Spignesi: Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 pm. Please register for this free program, generously funded by The Friends of The Brookfield Library.

Informational Session for YMCA Diabetes Prevention program: Monday, November 7, at 1:00 pm. This is a free information session about the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program, a one-year, community based program. More information: Lisa at 203.775.4444 ext 135.

Book Discussions:

Nonfiction Book Group: *A Spy Among Friends* by Ben MacIntyre. Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 pm.

Brookfield Reads: *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb. Tuesday, November 15, 1:00 pm in Community Room and 7:00 pm in Adult Section of Library.

Book 'Em! Mystery and Thriller Discussion: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins Monday, November 21 at 12:30 pm in Community Room.

Movie Matinees: Free showings, popcorn & soda:

Captain Fantastic: Saturday, November 5, at 2:00 pm.

Star Trek--Beyond: Saturday, November 19, at 2:00 pm.

Parlons Francais! Let's Speak French! Back to Basics with Colin Harrison

[Please check website for full details.](#) 11/2, 11/14, 11/30 - 3:30 pm in Community Room and 11/10-- 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Color Your World: Adult Coloring: Thursday, November 17 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Join us for a stress free, relaxing time to color and enjoy conversation, music, refreshments.

New Service: VHS to DVD Converter: We now offer this service free of charge (\$1 if we provide the DVD). You may schedule a block of up to 2 hours per day. Please note that the copies are made in real time (i.e., if your home video is 1 hour, it will take 1 hour to convert to DVD). Please contact Jennifer at 203-775-6241 to schedule an appointment.

Adult Quilting: November 5 at 10:00 am. Brookfield resident Sara Dalton will guide you in creating squares for a sampler quilt using the library's sewing machines. You may bring your own fabric, or we will provide it for a \$5.00 materials fee. Limit of 6 attendees; please register by November 3.

Learn Machine Embroidery: November 9 at 3:00 pm OR November 22 at 6:00 pm. Thanks to a grant from the Brookfield Education Foundation, the library now has 3 embroidery sewing machines! During this session, you will learn how to use the machine and make an embroidered Thanksgiving tea towel. Limit of 3 attendees, \$5.00 materials fee.

Express Excel: November 16 at 3:00 pm OR 6:30 pm. Learn to create a sample budget and medical expenses workbook using simple Microsoft Excel formulas. Space is limited to 7 attendees. Free; register by November 15.

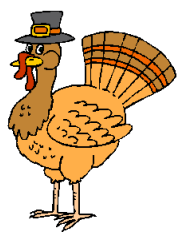
Intro to iPad: November 21 at 3:00 pm OR 6:30 pm. This course is a comprehensive introduction to iOS 10 and will help you master the wealth of features to be found in this release. Registration appreciated for this free demonstration session.

Open Sewing Time: November 28 at 3:00 pm OR 6:00 pm. Open time to use the library's sewing and/or embroidery machines. Bring your own project or use some of our supplies to make your own. There will be no formal instruction, but assistance will be provided for the machines if necessary. Limit of 6 attendees.

Teen Programs for Grades 6-12. Register at <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/teen-events-calendar>.

Kid's Programs. Registration: <http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/kids-events-calendar>

Park & Rec News



Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade - Thursday, November 24th

Join us on our nineteenth annual pilgrimage and enjoy all of the fun with none of the hassle! Leave from Town Hall at 6:30 am, travel by coach bus to witness this NYC tradition, and still be home by approximately 1:30 pm to watch football and eat dinner. Register before all the seats are *gobbled* up! Fee is \$36 per person.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular - Tuesday, December 20th

This is our longest running trip for good reason! We were able to purchase discounted prime orchestra tickets and pass the savings on to you. We'll be leaving from Brookfield Town Hall at 8:00 am for an matinee performance. There will be plenty of time after the show for lunch, shopping and sightseeing. We'll be leaving NYC at 4:00 pm. Fee of \$129 per person includes tickets (Orchestra Rows MM-TT in 500 section) and coach bus transportation/driver's gratuity. Please register early to avoid disappointment.

Health Department News

NATIONAL LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Please join in the fight against Lung Cancer not only during the month of November, but all year long. Lung Cancer remains number one among all causes of cancer deaths. From a public health standpoint, most lung cancers are preventable. All are aware of the devastating health effects of smoking. This is true of any form of tobacco, whether it be through cigarette-smoking, cigar smoking or some form of Vaping. E-cigarettes are just as dangerous to our health as the unfiltered cigarette. There is no doubt. The facts are clear.

More than 16 million Americans are living with a disease caused by smoking. Smoking causes or contributes to cancer, heart disease, stroke, emphysema, diabetes and COPD as well as chronic bronchitis. It removes almost twenty-five years from an average life expectancy. Disturbed skin and aging facial features are

obvious in the average smoker, as well as drastic premature changes in the voice.

16.8% of all adults over the age of 18, or 40 million people in the U.S., still smoke and young people are not aware that E-cigarettes are just as dangerous. 157,676 deaths each year are caused by lung cancer. Let's all join the fight against this dread disease.

The second leading cause of lung cancer may be lurking in our homes and in our private well water. Radon is a naturally occurring breakdown product of Uranium, which is found widely in nature. The Brookfield Health Department recommends checking levels of radon in well water and in your home's air every few years. Free kits for checking the presence of this odorless, colorless harmful gas in the air of your home will once again be available at the Health Department shortly. Sixty-four homes in Brookfield with high levels of radon in water and/or air have already been mitigated or protected from this harmful substance. But we are not alone. Many towns in Connecticut are coping with this problem and only through a full understanding of its ramifications can we put an end to a preventable disease.

Brookfield CARES



BROOKFIELD CARES

Promoting social and emotional wellness in our community.

Speaking up to discuss difficult matters within our homes and within our families is the most effective approach to helping yourself and loved ones. Brookfield Cares and the C.A.R.E.S. Group host weekly hope and support group meetings every Monday night from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Brookfield Senior Center.

Receive information and resources about everything from how to enhance family communication, to information about community health concerns by subscribing to our newsletter: [Click Here](#). We want to hear from you! Brookfield Cares is always open to suggestions from you. Feel free to send us an email at info@brookfield-cares.org or [click here](#) to submit an idea or suggestion.

Anonymously drop off your used and unused prescription medications 24/7 at the drop-box in the lobby of Brookfield Police Department.

Brookfield Museum and Historical Society

23rd Annual Festival of Crafts

Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Whisconier Middle School



The Brookfield Museum and Historical Society will sponsor its 23rd Annual "Festival of Crafts" Craft Fair at Whisconier Middle School on West Whisconier Road. Among New England's largest craft shows, this year's Festival will offer for sale jewelry, artwork, textile products, holiday treasures, toys, gourmet foods and many other uniquely hand crafted items by highly recognized Northeast artisans, perfect for gift or home use. More than sixty juried crafters will be on hand. Admission is \$5 without discount coupon for adults and children over 12 years of age. Click [here](#) for more information and a discount coupon.

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