

BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



Message from your First Selectman

NOVEMBER 2018

Standard and Poor's issues "AAA" Rating on Town

Standard and Poor's has reviewed the town's finances and operations and reaffirmed our "AAA" rating, the highest achievable rating. S&P cited "strong management, strong budgetary performance, very strong liquidity" and a "very strong debt and contingent liability profile" in issuing its opinion. An "AAA" rating ensures that the town will be able to issue debt at the lowest possible cost, saving residents money.

Tree Concerns

The town has set aside \$50,000 in the budget to identify and remove or trim every dangerous tree in town. This project includes storm clean-up and normal annual maintenance. After a complete review of every town street, we are in the process of removing or trimming every dangerous tree, which are marked with an 'x'. The priority is to first remove those trees marked most dangerous, with the rest taken care of as part of work ongoing through the year.

However, the town can only work on trees in the town right-of-way. If a tree is on private property, it is the responsibility of the property owner. If you are not sure if a tree is on private property, please notify the town of the tree in question and we will make the determination. With very limited specific exceptions, the town does not have the legal right to go onto private property.

I encourage anyone who sees a tree they consider dangerous to notify the town, and Public Works will immediately assess the tree. You can inform Public Works by visiting the department, calling 203-775-7318, using the CONTACT US link on the town website, or by sending me a message directly at sdunn@brookfieldct.gov.

When notifying the town, please give as much specific information as possible about the exact location of the tree(s) that is a concern.

Disaster Aid Loans

SBA's Administrative declaration for Homeowners and Businesses was issued as a result of the May 15, 2018 severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds. Go [here](#) for more information.

Steve Dunn
First Selectman
Brookfield, CT

November Election

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 6

DISTRICT 1: HUCKLEBERRY SCHOOL
DISTRICT 2: BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



Applications for Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office and from the town's [website](#). [Sample ballot](#)



Mark Your Calendar

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Monday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m.

in Meeting Room 133 at Town Hall. You can view the agenda and attachments to the meeting packet on the town's website.



Important Alerts

Assessor's Office Urgent Update

re home inspections! Click [here](#) for more information.

Brookfield CARES

has formed an important new group to support parents who have children up to 24 years old who struggle with their mental health. The Brookfield Parent Support Network (BPS), created by The Youth Mental Health Project, is a revolutionary and replicable model for parent-driven, family-focused networks to support parents and improve the mental health of our youth. BPS will be meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on the following dates: Monday, November 5, and Wednesday, December 5. For more information and to RSVP, please email brookfieldpsn@ymhproject.org.



Town Center News

Residential Brush Yard

In addition to the normal Saturday hours, the Residential Brush Yard will be open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through closing day December 9. The yard will re-open on January 5 and 12, 2019 for Christmas tree drop-off only. The yard is located behind the firehouse on Pocono Road.

Town Center Streetscape Project Updates

Streetscape Phase 2 is in final design review at the state Department of Transportation. All affected property owners have agreed to a right-of-way acquisition plan, and the DOT has accepted the utility relocation plan. We remain on schedule for construction in the summer of 2019. The Board of Selectmen approved a LoTCIP grant application for Streetscape Phase 3 that was submitted to Western CT Council of Governments last week. The DOT held a Public Information meeting on October 29 - this project is state and federally funded and will make significant roadway improvements on Federal Road from the Shop Rite Plaza to State Route 133.

Visit the Brookfield Library

[website](#) for a list of programs for November. Highlights include: a family concert, Small Business Saturday and a mini-book sale (a great way of supporting local businesses!), book clubs, movies, an earring workshop, and many more free programs!



Schools



Police Department



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



Click [here](#) to view the New School Project Presentation to the BOF & BOS on 10/16/18
Have any questions about the New School Project or the presentation from 10/16/18?
Email newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org
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