

September 2016



MEADOWBROOK PROJECT COST TO TOWN LOWERED BY \$163,500

When the actual cost of the project came in higher than our original estimate, I requested our Public Works department go to FEMA and ask them to consider adding to the grant they had awarded the town. They came back and awarded the town an additional \$163,500, bringing the total grant awarded to \$1,457,400. The town share of the total cost is \$485,800. The town originally approved the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000 to do

this project so the final cost to the town will be \$1,514,200, less than the originally approved amount by the taxpayers.

#### PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT MOVING TO OLD TOWN HALL

WESTCOG, our main tenant at the Old Town Hall, has made a decision to move to new offices. The town has had a critical shortage of office space for employees at Town Hall as we have grown over the past 30 years since the present Town Hall was built. Since that time, no new office space has been available for town operations. With WestCog moving, we have been able to reconfigure the old Town Hall space to accommodate our other tenant, HRRA, and also be able to relocate our Parks and Rec Department to the Old Town Hall. After careful review, this move will allow residents to more easily obtain passes and interact with Parks and Rec. This move will allow the town to grow and better serve residents with very little expense. The move should take place in the next 60 days and we will keep everyone up to date on the actual move.

#### SELECTMEN "MEET AND GREET"

Meet the Selectmen are held on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Meet and Greet is Saturday, September 24 from 9:00am to 10:30am at Panera Bread located at 143 Federal Road. We plan to choose different locations in town for the Meet and Greet each month. Please feel free to stop by with any questions you may have or to let us know what's on your mind.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting (BOS) will be held on Monday, September 12 at 7:30pm in Meeting Room 133 at Town Hall. You may view the attachments to the meeting packet on the Town's <u>website</u> using the Video on Demand link. The meeting will be live streamed on the Town's <u>website</u> and posted

the following day on the home page in Video on Demand. We continue to work on improving access by indexing the video to agenda items so that viewers can easily go directly to the section of the meeting they are interested in seeing. The Board of Selectmen meetings can now be viewed on TV Channel 194 in addition to the Video on Demand, and are scheduled to be on Channel 194 every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING - FIRE MARSHAL FEES ORDINANCE Prior to the Board of Selectmen Meeting on 9/12, the Selectmen scheduled a Public Hearing at 6:30pm-7:00pm in Meeting Room 133 at Town Hall, to receive public comment and opinion on a proposed Fire Marshal Fees Ordinance. The Public Hearing notice and proposed Ordinance are filed at the Town Clerk's Office and may be viewed on the Town's <a href="website">website</a> under News and Announcements and/or in the legal notices.

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - ROLLINGWOOD SEWER PROJECT

Prior to the Board of Selectmen Meeting on 9/12, the Selectmen scheduled a Special Town Meeting at 7:00pm - 7:30pm in Meeting Room 133, regarding a request from the Water Pollution Control Authority to discontinue the Rollingwood Condominium pump station and connect via gravity to Grays Bridge Road and related improvements, for an appropriation, not to exceed \$650,000, to fund the Project and to provide financing through temporary or permanent borrowings. The WPCA will levy benefit assessments in connection with the project. The Notice of Special Town Meeting and Bond Resolution are filed at the Town Clerk's Office and may be viewed on the Town's website under News and Announcement and/or in the legal notices.

#### THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD HAS EARNED A BRIGHT IDEA GRANT!

To help you reduce the amount of energy used in your home, Eversource is using the grant to offer Brookfield residents up to six LED light bulbs free of charge. You may exchange up to six incandescent or compact fluorescent light bulbs in any working order, for an equal number of long-lasting, energy-saving LED light bulbs, at no cost, while supplies last. You must bring your light bulbs and proof of Brookfield residence to the Light Bulb Swap in order to receive the 6 LED bulbs on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Brookfield Town Hall parking lot at 100 Pocono Road. At that time, you may speak to their site experts to learn how you can save money and make your home more comfortable all year round. If you have any questions, please call 877-WISE-USE (877-947-3873) or visit <a href="EnergizeCT.com">EnergizeCT.com</a>. We also thank the Brookfield Energy Ad-Hoc Committee for their assistance in securing this grant for Brookfield.

Steve Dunn First Selectman Brookfield, CT

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### **Public Works News**

Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled on September 17, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the John Pettibone School. The school is located at 2 Pickett District Road in New Milford. For additional information call 860-355-6035.

# **Brookfield Police Department News**

The Brookfield Police Department will be hosting the following events in October. We look forward to seeing you!





Our Tip A Cop event will be held again this year on Thursday, October 6 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm at 189 Sports Café (189 Federal Road). This event will benefit Special Olympics Connecticut. Please look out for more details in the coming weeks.



The Brookfield Police Department will host its first-ever Coffee with a Cop on Saturday, October 8. Stop by Brookfield Deli & Catering (782 Federal Road) between 8:00am and 10:30am that day to enjoy a cup of coffee with our officers. A cup of coffee can be a common bond to build relationships with officers sworn to protect you and your community, and can give our officers greater insight into the needs

and concerns of their community.

Anonymously drop off your unused prescription and non-prescription medications 24/7 at the Police Department's drop-box, located in the lobby of the Police Station at

63 Silvermine Road.

The Department continuously updates its social media pages with accident, road closure and community information. Like us on <u>Facebook</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.

# **Library News**

Do you read magazines on your tablet, phone, or computer? You can download any of 49 different options free with Zinio from the library. Titles range from Beer Connoisseur to Discover to Allrecipes to Smithsonian, with 43 others on a variety of topics. All you need is a library card from The Brookfield Library, an Internet connection, and a device. Get started <a href="https://example.com/here-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-needed-computer-n

**Adult programs.** Register <u>here</u>

Color Your World-Adult Coloring: Thursday, September 8, 2:00 - 4:00pm.

Changes in Social Security for Retirement Planning: Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 - 8:30pm.

**DeClutter! Presented by Deirdre Dolan Nesline**: Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Your Sensational Shift: Applauding, Anticipating and Appreciating What's to Come! A Three Part Series for Women 50+. Presented by Loretta Donovan, Independent Consultant. Registration is required for this series-please register by Tuesday, September 20. \$15.00 fee for materials covers all sessions.

Part One: Applauding: Life Before and After 50: Thursday, September 29, 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Part Two: Anticipating: Draft a Path to Your Chosen Future: Thursday, October 6, 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Part Three: Appreciating: Design Your Sensational Shift: Thursday, October 13, 7:00 - 8:30pm.

**Monthly Concert**: *Revolutionary Brass Quintet*, Sunday, September 25, 3:00pm-4:15pm.

**Meet Our 3D Printer!** Wednesday, September 21, 3:00pm. Open to ages 12 and up. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. If you've been to the library recently, you may have noticed our new 3D printer, which was purchased with a grant from the Brookfield Education Foundation. This informational session will introduce you to the printer and give you the certification necessary to schedule time to use it. Registration appreciated.

### **Book Discussions**

 Book 'Em! Mystery Discussion: Cop Town by Karin Slaughter, Monday, September 19, 12:30 - 1:30pm.  Brookfield Reads!: When the Moon is Low by Nadia Hashimi, Tuesday, September 20, 1:00pm and 7:00pm.

**Movie Matinees:** Free showings, popcorn & soda.

- Me Before You: Saturday, September 10 at 2:00pm.
- Love & Friendship: Saturday, September 17 at 2:00pm.

**Teen Programs for Grades 6-12.** Register at

http://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/teen-events-calendar.

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

### Land Use News

A one hour presentation on the Four Corners Streetscape Project was made on August 4 to approximately 70 business and property owners, land use commissioners and interested residents. The presentation is available on the town <u>website</u> or the public is welcome to contact <u>Greg Dembowski</u>, Project Manager, at 203-740-3865 with any questions. On August 9, Montagno Construction started demolition of the buildings on 800 Federal and 7 Station Roads, making way for construction of Phase 1 (buildings 1 and 4) of the Brookfield Village Project.

### Park & Rec News

The Fall Program Guide will be mailed out to all Brookfield Residents by the end of September, with programs beginning in October. Registration is currently open for the programs listed below.

#### Train for a 5K

Are you interested in running a 5K road race (3.1 miles)? Are you a walker who would like to try running? Are you a runner interested in improving your times? Do you want to get your fitness back? Come join Cassie Dunn in a group setting, for a series of training runs at the Brookfield High School track. We will train together on Saturdays at the high school track and then each participant will be given an individualized workout schedule to follow during the week. Each week you will be given new workouts as you progress. Come dressed (in layers) to run and bring a water bottle. This program will prepare you for the Halloween 5K on Sunday, October 30, 2016. (Race registration is included in the fee.) All fitness levels are welcome! Come try a great sport, get fit and make some new friends! Cassie Dunn, former BHS cross-country and track coach, is a certified Road Runners Club of America Coach; NASM certified personal trainer, functional training specialist, Pilates and Spinning instructor.

Day: Saturday Date: 9/24-10/29

Time: 8:00 - 9:00am Place: Brookfield High School Track

Fee: \$70.00

#### **New ~ Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze**

This spooky and magical event takes place at Van Cortlandt Manor, deep in Sleepy Hollow country, in nearby Tarrytown NY. See more than 4,000 individually hand carved, illuminated jack o' lanterns in this elaborate walk-through experience. Meander through a historic 18th century riverside landscape and discover a breathtaking display. Prior to our early evening visit to the Blaze we will have time in the delightful village of Tarrytown to enjoy the shops and have a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants (at your own cost). Please note that there is considerable walking down a cobblestone path at the Blaze. Leave from Brookfield Town Hall at 2:30pm and travel with a tour director by coach bus. Return to Brookfield at approximately 9:30pm.

Day: Saturday Date: 10/22 Time: 2:30pm departure Fee: \$82.00

# Health Department News

#### September is National Preparedness Month

Preparedness is not just your government's responsibility. Emergencies come in all shapes and sizes, and it is everyone's responsibility to be prepared. The Fall is a good time to think about protecting ourselves, our loved ones and our pets in an emergency. The Federal government has developed the National Incident Management System (NIMS), in order to respond to emergencies, both great and small. So too should individuals and families prepare for emergencies, which may be local, regional, or national and may include natural disasters, such as floods and coldweather events. Emergencies also include widespread illness, such as the threat of Ebola-like diseases, smallpox or influenza. Thirdly, disasters may be caused by people - such as terrorist threats, chemical or nuclear spills.

Be prepared within the home, if a disaster strikes. Make an Emergency Kit, to include the following items, and complete the last few steps of this list to ensure you have all necessary information during an emergency:

### Items for Emergency Kit:

- Water
- Food
- Personal items for warmth
- Personal hygiene items
- Copies of important documents
- Basic medical supplies
- General supplies, such as flashlights and spare batteries & tools to shut off utilities
- Pet supplies

### Steps:

• Notify the Health Department of any person(s) living in your home that have

- special needs, such as oxygen, ambulatory restrictions, or refrigeration needs for injectable medications
- Gather a list of important phone numbers, such as your doctor, pharmacist, police and fire departments.

For a full list, visit www.ready.gov.

If you have the time and inclination, please volunteer to assist your community during a disaster. It's not just for nurses, doctors, emergency responders or pharmacists. Your help in many other tasks may be needed. If you are interested, call your local health department and volunteer to be listed on the Health Alert Network (or HAN) in your town. Remember, all emergencies begin locally. Preparedness is everyone's business.

Questions about this information should be directed to Brookfield health Department at 203-775-7315.

### **Brookfield Conservation Commission**



The Conservation Commission will host FarmFest on Saturday, October 15 from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Gurski Homestead at 26 Obtuse Hill Road in Brookfield. Featuring: antique trucks and machinery, exhibits, kids' games, fire trucks, blacksmithing, hayrides and more.

Interested in volunteering to help us put this event on? <u>Click here</u> to submit your name and contact information so we can reach you.

# Brookfield CARES



Brookfield Cares wants to hear from you! We are in the process of planning our 2017 year, and are looking for suggestions, comments and feedback about programs you would like to see in our community. You can either email us

directly: info@brookfield-cares.org or you can click here to submit your suggestions.

Hope and Support Group Meetings are hosted every Monday night at the Senior Center from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. These meetings are confidential, and are designed to give you valuable resources and information to find counseling and other services. Now funded by <u>C.A.R.E.S.</u>

Please <u>subscribe to our newsletter</u> to get facts about resources, and tips about everything from how to enhance family communication to how to help loved ones affected by substance use, depression, and other mental health concerns. You can also connect with us on <u>Facebook</u> for up-to-date information on local events and trainings.

Brookfield Cares is a community based, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and education by focusing on the impact of substance abuse, depression, suicide, and other public health concerns. You can read our 2016 Report to learn more about the programs we have been offering; please also take a moment to visit our website: <a href="https://www.brookfield-cares.org">www.brookfield-cares.org</a>.

# **Brookfield Farmers Market**



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