



September 2017



Affordable Housing

We have been granted a four-year moratorium on affordable housing, but there are still four applications that were submitted before the moratorium took effect. We are going to fight these proposed projects because they are too dense for our residential neighborhoods and have significant shortcomings in providing safety and health.

I urge you to attend the Inland Wetland, Planning and Zoning board meetings to understand what these out-of-town developers want to build. Your support in opposing

these projects is needed if we are to be successful in blocking or scaling them back.

State Budget Cuts

We do not have a budget from the State, and Gov. Malloy has proposed cutting most of the grants we receive. We do not know the final State budget, so it is prudent to plan for the worst outcome. Therefore, I have ordered a hiring freeze, put a hold on all Capital projects we pay for with cash, and am working with each department to determine what expenses we can delay. The Board of Selectmen has asked the Board of Education to review its budget and report how it can help in these uncertain times. I have been working directly with John Barile, Superintendent of Schools.

Streetscape in Downtown

We have started to put down the sidewalks, which look great. The project is still on schedule and under budget. Please see the town [website](#) for pictures of our progress. Phase II design is underway, and we should have preliminary design drawings in the next six weeks.

Ad Hoc Committees

We have recruited a number of volunteers to fill both the Facilities Committee and the Senior Tax Abatement Committee. The Facilities Committee has met once; we will be convening the first meeting of the Senior Tax Abatement Committee shortly. The Facilities Committee is reviewing all town properties to help our infrastructure planning. We're considering renovating our school buildings, expanding our police station and building a library. We need a comprehensive plan that ensures we don't lose playing fields while we proceed with new building projects. The Senior Tax

Abatement Committee will be doing an in-depth study of the tax incentives we offer our senior residents to determine if they are fair and if they are in line with other area towns.

Board of Selectmen Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting scheduled on Monday, September 11 is CANCELLED and has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m.** at Brookfield Town Hall, Meeting Room 133. You may view the attachments to the meeting packet at www.brookfieldct.gov using the Board Meetings link. The meeting is live streamed and posted the following day on the home page in the Board Meetings link.

Special Town Meeting

Prior to the next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting on October 2, a Special Town Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 133, to discuss and act upon a resolution approving and authorizing the purchase by the Water Pollution Control Authority of an industrial condominium for office and storage use known as Unit 1, Building A, 53 Commerce Road in Brookfield.

Selectmen "Meet and Greet"

Meet the Selectmen events are held on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Meet and Greet is Saturday, September 30, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Hi-Way Market Deli at 616 Federal Road. Please feel free to stop by with any questions, or to let us know what's on your mind.

For more news, announcements and activities, please sign up for Brookfield Matters on the Town's [website](http://www.brookfieldct.gov).

Steve Dunn
First Selectman
Brookfield, CT

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Economic Development

The Brookfield Farmers Market

The Brookfield Farmers Market is open every Friday from 3-6 p.m. through the middle of October at the Town Hall Campus, 100 Pocono Road.

The market, which continues to grow every year with additional vendors and food trucks, is a certified market for the state of Connecticut. It focuses on supporting our local farmers and businesses. The signature farms - Kimberly Farm, Mitchel Farm and Nature View Farm - offer fresh, locally grown produce, dairy items, eggs and meats. The market includes Pepe's Crème of the Crop with local clams, Twins BBQ Food truck, Aristan Specialties, Wag My Way Natural Dog Treat and Soul Market CT.

The community is invited to experience and support our local businesses while enjoying healthy, locally grown and homemade food and artisan crafts.

Brookfield CT Farmer's Market Facebook page will highlight vendors and update the status. Come Like our [page](#) to stay up to date.



Brookfield Town Center Streetscape Construction

Construction of streetscape Phase 1 in the Brookfield Town Center has been moving right along. Five new utility poles were set on Federal Road south of the intersection. Eversource is on schedule to move wires onto the new poles by the end of August. Concrete sidewalks, driveway aprons and granite curbing are being installed daily, and pedestrian lighting and sidewalk light pole bases are being set. Tree trimming at the inside corner on Whisconier Road between the Craft Center buildings has been completed to improve the vehicle line of sight.

As always, if you have questions about the construction within the Town Center, feel free to call Greg Dembowski at 203-740-3865.



Tax Assessor

Attention all Business Owners:

If you are new to town and haven't registered your business, please stop by our office. If you recently closed your business in town, you will need a letter of dissolution from the state, an affidavit of business closing/moving/sold (page one of the personal property form), and a copy of your release of trade name certificate from the Town Clerk. If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's office at 203-775-7302.

Attention all Veterans:

There are two income-driven tax credit programs available. The state income limits are \$35,200 for single, \$42,900 for married. The town income limits are \$52,700 for

single and \$58,900 for married. If you think you meet the income criteria and have not applied recently, please stop in our office with your full tax return and all 1099's. Applications are available on the town [website](#) under the assessor tab or at our office. Applicants must apply by October 1, 2017.

If you are currently serving in any of the military branches, there is an active duty exemption for one of your motor vehicles, and a basic veterans exemption on your home or additional vehicle. The form is on the [website](#) under assessor and available in our office. Please return the form with a copy of your LES statement for October 1, 2016 for any vehicle on the 2016 grand list or a LES statement for October 1, 2017 for the future 2017 grand list along with a copy of your ID.

If you are new to Brookfield or recently discharged from any branch of the service, please file your original DD-214 paper with the Town Clerk to be eligible for a veteran exemption. The filing deadline is September 30, 2017 for the 2017 grand list. You only have to file the DD-214 paper once in the town you are living in.

If you have any questions or you want to check eligibility, please call 203-775-7302.

Public Works

Our regional and annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 23 at the Pettibone School, 2 Picket District Road in New Milford. Collection will start at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. It is a free for Brookfield residents.

Town Clerk

The Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Absentee Ballots will become available Friday, October 6.

Reminder to all College students: Fill out an application for an absentee ballot as soon as you know your college address. You can download the form on our [website](#).

Brookfield Police Department

Save the Date for **Tip A Cop** on Wednesday, October 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. at 189 Sports Café. Brookfield Police officers and staff will be serving you and collecting donations for Special Olympics Connecticut. Your donation will support athletes in your community.

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COP**



The Brookfield Police Department continues to host car seat fittings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 8 a.m to noon by appointment. Please call 203-740-4192 or email carseats@brookfieldct.gov to schedule your appointment. Our next car seat fitting date is on September 6, Brookfield residency is not required. You can learn more about the program and access the form to complete and bring to your appointment by clicking [here](#).

Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) to receive news and information from the Department.



Health Department

September is National Preparedness Month Disasters don't plan - BUT YOU CAN!

As we watch the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey and anticipate winter, September is a good time to plan for an emergency in town. Emergency Planning Guides are available on the Brookfield Health Department display in the lobby of Town Hall. These measures can ease the burden on individuals and businesses:

- First and Foremost - Make a family emergency communication plan and include your pets.
- Identify an out-of-town emergency contact to coordinate information with family/friends.
- Identify a common location outside the home where family members can meet if a disaster strikes the home.
- Check on neighbors.
- Keep an emergency kit wherever you spend time: home, car, work etc.
- Download the FEMA App and set up local alerts.
- Listen to local officials by radio, TV, or social media and take action.
- Practice your preparedness plans with a drill or exercise.
- Take a first aid class so you can help until first responders arrive.
- Sign up yourself and your family for emergency notifications on [CTAlert.gov](#).
- Log on to [FEMA.gov](#) for more helpful information on Planning for an Emergency

Brookfield Library

We are almost at 1,000 responses to our library survey. Please go to the library's [website](#) to complete the survey. We want to hear from you.

Reminder: The Library is closed on Sunday, September 3 and Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

LEARN HOW TO USE EXCEL. In this 6-part series, learn the basics and more of this very useful tool. Come to the library and learn how to get started using it for free. Please [sign up](#) in advance.

My Cousin Rachel: Saturday, September 9 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room. Based on the 1951 novel by Daphne Du Maurier; directed by Roger Michell; and starring Rachel Weisz, Sam Claflin, Iain Glenn, and Holliday Grainger. A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious, beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms. Rated PG-13, 106 minutes. Free showing, popcorn & soda.

Meagan Leavey: Saturday, September 16 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room. Directed by Gabriela Cowperthwaite and starring Kate Mara. Based on the true story of a young Marine Corporal whose unique discipline and bond with her military combat dog saved many lives during their deployment in Iraq. When she is assigned to clean up the K9 unit after a disciplinary hearing, Leavey identifies with a particularly aggressive dog, Rex, and is given the chance to train him. Over the course of their service, Megan and Rex completed more than 100 missions until an IED explosion injures them, putting their fate in jeopardy. Rated PG-13, 117 minutes. Free showing, popcorn & soda.

Adult Events Calendar: <https://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/adult-events-calendar/>.

Teen Events: <https://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/teen-events-calendar/>.

Events for kids: <https://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/kids-events-calendar/>.

Story times: <https://www.brookfieldlibrary.org/event-calendars/kids-events-calendar/storytimes-calendar/>

Brookfield Parks & Recreation

Two new trips to choose from this September!

- Wednesday, September 20 we are going to the Big E on Connecticut Day.
- Saturday, September 23 join us on the River Rose Paddleboat Cruise out of Newburgh, NY.

More information on both trips is available on our [website](#) or by calling Parks & Rec at 203-775-7310.

Weekly classes for the fall season of Parent & Me Total Sports (ages 2-3) and Total Sports Squirts (ages 3-5) begin on Sunday, September 24. Detailed information is available [here](#).

Our Fall 2017 Program Guide will be mailed to all Brookfield residents at the end of September for classes beginning in October.

Did you know that Brookfield Parks and Recreation is on Facebook? "Like us" to receive timely updates on events and cancellations by clicking [here](#).

Historical Society

Brookfield Museum Hosts Presentation on Revolutionary War Battle of Long Island

On Monday evening September 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM the Brookfield Historical Society will host a multi-media presentation in the Brookfield Museum located at 165 Whisconier Road (Intersection of Routes 25 and 133) in Brookfield Center. The speaker, Joseph Cerreto, will feature a program on the Revolutionary War Battle of Long Island. It was fought on August 27, 1776 and was the first major battle to take place after the United States declared its independence on July 4, 1776. It was a victory for the British Army and the beginning of a successful campaign that gave them control of the strategically important city of New York. In terms of troop deployment and fighting, it was the largest battle of the entire war.

Cerreto, is a reenactor in the 2nd NY Regiment, a recreated Revolutionary War Continental Line unit, and part of the Brigade of the American Revolution. The 2nd was an actual combat regiment, formed in 1775. Elements of the regiment took part in most of the major combat actions in the Revolutionary War. He will appear in his period Regimental Uniform complete with musket and field equipment.

Admission is free and following the program complimentary refreshments will be available.

