

# BROOKFIELD SPOTLIGHT



## Message from your First Selectman

SEPTEMBER 2018

The town received welcome news when President Trump declared the State of Connecticut a disaster relief area, which mean that our FEMA application will move forward. FEMA approval allows us to return appropriated storm repair funds to the General Fund, even as we continue to restore our facilities and parks. *For additional information, you can read the official [FEMA page](#).*

FEMA has notified Governor Malloy that this declaration is only for public assistance, not to reimburse claims by individual homeowners. The state is appealing the decision.

### Still River Greenway

We expect to complete work clearing dangerous trees on the Southern end of the Greenway within the next two weeks. Please avoid that section until we finish.

### High School Field Lights

The new lights for the football field will be operational in the next few days, allowing the Bobcats to host their home opener as scheduled. The new lights are certified to provide the correct lighting for every sport, so our lacrosse, soccer and other teams will be able to play night games. The old system did not provide enough light to play safely. This new lighting system has four 85-foot metal poles with LED lighting, and is guaranteed for 25 years for both parts and labor. It also features what I call a resident walk mode, in which people can walk down to the track and hit a button to turn on the lights at a 10% level for one hour, allowing them to safely walk the track year-round.

### Finance Department

We are pleased to announce that Marcia Marien has joined us as our Controller. Marcia, a Certified Public Accountant, has more than 35 years of auditing experience and headed the municipal audit practice at her firm. She has a number of certifications in accounting and has worked with towns her entire career. Please join us in wishing her well as she begins this new position.

### Redaction of Sensitive information Online

The town has fully redacted all sensitive information from all records we have on-line, and will continue to redact any new records that are published. While the original records cannot be changed, this redaction effort will help greatly in assuring that sensitive information is not published.

Steve Dunn  
First Selectman  
Brookfield, CT



Mark Your Calendar



Town Center News

## Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

On the Blighted Buildings and Properties Ordinance to receive public comment and opinion on proposed changes to Section 83-5 "Other Remedies".

Tuesday, September 4 at 7:15 p.m. in  
Meeting Room 133 at Town Hall

## Board of Selectmen Meeting

You may view the agenda and attachments to the meeting packet on the town's [website](#).

Tuesday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. in  
Meeting Room 133 at Town Hall

## Selectmen "Meet and Greet"

at Panera Bread at 143 Federal Road. This event is scheduled on the last Saturday of each month. Please feel free to stop by with any questions, or to let us know what's on your mind.

Saturday, September 29 from 9 – 10:30 a.m.

## Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

In New Milford at the John Pettibone School on Pickett District Road. All Brookfield residents are welcome. There is no charge for dropping off waste. Additional information is available at the Town Hall Department of Public Works Office.

Saturday, September 22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## The Brookfield Library

"One Town One Read" program has had Brookfield buzzing about *My Dear Hamilton!*

Join us in September as we wrap up this special program.

The Library has scheduled afternoon tea with the authors of *My Dear Hamilton!* on Friday, September 7, from 3-5 p.m. and on Saturday, September 8, from 3-5 p.m. For more information or to register, please see our [website](#).

## Department of Public Works

DPW is clearing catch basins and completing street sweeping which was delayed due to the May storm clean-up. Road paving will continue through October.

*Reminder:* please do not drag debris from the May storm to town right of ways. This portion of the town wide cleanup has been completed.

## Brookfield Town Park Beach

remains open through Labor Day weekend.

Hours are posted on our [website](#).

## Farmfest 2018 Is Almost Here!

Brookfield Conservation Commission is happy to announce Farmfest 2018 is happening this year on October 13. This event is free for all ages and open to the public. There will be hay rides, games, blacksmith demonstrations, ice cream, plant sales, pumpkin painting, and more. Keep an eye on our [website](#) for the times and other information.



## Important Alerts

### From the Tax Assessor's Office

If you have started a business, or have closed a business and haven't been to the Assessor's Office, please call or visit us for information.

## Brookfield Health Department

Check the Brookfield Health Department [website](#) for weekly updates to water quality at Town beaches.



## Did you know?

The fun never ends with **Brookfield Parks & Recreation!** Beginning mid-September, check out our [website](#) for our fall and winter class listings.

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

[Brookfield CT Farmer's Market Facebook page](#) will highlight vendors and update the status.



## Back to School

The Brookfield Police Department and Brookfield Public Schools remind residents that traffic safety around schools is a collaborative effort. Drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to obey the rules of the road around local schools to ensure safety.

Traffic around our schools, especially during arrival and dismissal times, is always very congested. With cell phones, conversations with friends, and a myriad of other distractions, it is easy for our children to pay less attention to traffic than they should. Drivers can also become distracted and often do not pay adequate attention to foot traffic around schools.

Please remind your children to be aware of traffic, obey the rules of the road, and emphasize safety and common sense. Remember, it is both illegal and potentially life threatening to pass a school bus when it is stopped with its emergency lights flashing.

Drivers need to slow down, be patient and take extra precaution around all schools. There is no margin for error regarding the safety of our children. Their well-being must be our highest priority for us all.

Stay updated on all our current school events by reading the [Back to School edition of Brookfield Broadcast](#) or by following the [Brookfield Public Schools Facebook page](#).

## Stay in the know!



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