



OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

March 16th, 2020

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE #3

To: All residents

From: Steve Dunn First Selectman

TOWN HALL CLOSED

Based on the latest advice from our local health, state and federal officials, Town Hall is closed to visitors starting today, Monday, March 16. Hours of operation will also be curtailed and we will be operating on a 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM schedule. Our staff will be rotating shifts in order to try and ensure that we will have staff available for the foreseeable future.

Town employees will be working, but the building will be locked. If you need assistance, please call the department you need directly so they are able to assist you. They will be able to accept documentation directly on a very limited basis, but such transactions must be approved first through a telephone call. I encourage you to use online forms available on the town website. You can email or mail most documents to the town. If you need assistance, call the department directly.

LIBRARY CLOSED

The library will be closed through at least March 29th. Library staff will be coming in, but the building will not be open.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPEN AND EXPANDED

Our EMS services will be adding an additional ambulance shift with EMT's on board to their schedule for the duration of the virus outbreak. This is to ensure that we are able to meet possible demand, and to clean the vehicles thoroughly after every run.

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

Our Senior Center is closed for all activities.

BROOKFIELD OUTREACH PROGRAM-NEW

Seniors or those who are at greater risk can sign up for our outreach program to obtain direct assistance from the town during this event. Details of the program are at the end of this update.

FOOD BANK

The food bank will be open on an as needed basis. Please call Social Services to arrange to pick up food and to understand the process being put in place.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Our schools are closed for all activities through March 31th and no events are being held.

TOWN PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS CLOSED

Facilities at Cadigan and Town Hall are closed immediately and tennis courts and basketball courts are closed.

Playgrounds at Center, Whisconier and Huckleberry Hill schools are closed immediately. They will remain closed through at least March 29th..

Open Spaces will remain open for casual use such as hiking. This includes the Still River Greenway.

We will be providing regular updates, so continue to monitor the town website and FB page for further information.

To get updates via email, please sign up here:

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Subscribe to Brookfield Spotlight Newsletter-

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Telephone numbers of departments:

Assessor (203) 775-7302
Board of Education (203) 775-7700
Fire Marshal (203) 775-7306
First Selectman (203) 775-7301
Building (203) 775-7305
Finance (203) 775-7308
Registrar of Voters (203) 775-7343

Health (203) 775-7315
Human Resources (203) 775-7303
Land Use (203) 775-7316
Library (203) 775-6241
Parks & Recreation (203) 775-7310
Public Works (203) 775-7318

Brookfield Outreach Program

To Brookfield residents,

In response to the current health emergency, Brookfield is forming the “Brookfield Outreach Program” (BOP).

We will assist our older (over 60) or vulnerable residents who contract the coronavirus (COVID-19) or who have other needs during this unprecedented time.

To prepare for possible assistance, we ask that residents call 203-775-7312 or email social@brookfieldct.gov to register for help. If someone does not answer your call, you should leave a message on the answering machine and we will respond as soon as possible.

Brookfield will create a database of essential information: name(s), address, phone numbers and current emergency contact or family member. This will be a voluntary, confidential registry only for use during this health emergency. The town is prepared to assist in a number of ways, including food, supplies and transportation. Our team includes town officials, the Emergency Management Director, Fire and Police Departments chiefs, and our Director of Public Health.

Most residents are aware of the seriousness of this pandemic, with the likelihood of rapid spreading. We all need to practice “social distancing,” especially if you are over 60 or have serious health issues. If you get COVID-19 symptoms, such as dry cough, fever or trouble breathing, you first need to contact your health provider, and self-quarantine to avoid contact with others. You can find reliable sources of information on the Center for Disease Control website: www.cdc.gov or the World Health Organization at: www.who.org

Town offices will remain open for only priority and essential business, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, effective immediately. The Senior Center also is closed, but staff is available to assist you; call 203-775-5308.

This is how a small town like Brookfield takes of our residents in a time of need.

I strongly recommend that part of your preparation includes your registration in our BOP initiative. Again, call 203-775-7312 or email social@Brookfieldct.gov .

We will be providing regular updates, so continue to monitor the town website for further information.