



OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

March 18, 2020

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE #6

To: All residents

From: Steve Dunn, First Selectman

THIRD BROOKFIELD RESIDENT IDENTIFIED AS HAVING COVID-19

Our Director of Public Health informed us that a third Brookfield resident has contracted the virus. The resident, a male between 18-25, is isolated and recovering at home under self-quarantine. All close contacts of this patient will be notified by the epidemiology section of the State Department of Public Health.

REMINDER THAT PARKS ARE CLOSED

We have received reports that people continue to use the playgrounds at Town Hall and the basketball and tennis courts at Cadigan Park. These facilities are closed; we ask that no one use them. We can fight this virus by social distancing and gathering in groups of 10 or less. The best guidance we have from health experts is that there are many people carrying the virus who are asymptomatic, which means they have not felt any effects. Many of these people have not been tested, because of the lack of test kits. Please be safe and self-isolate as much as you can to keep others safe.

SHOPRITE HOURS FOR SENIORS

ShopRite has agreed to our request for Senior only (60 and older) hours from 6 to 7 a.m. daily.

SUPPORTING BROOKFIELD RESIDENTS

"**Brookfield Recovers**" is a special fund we established this week to assist residents affected by the Covid-19 emergency. Brookfield is an extremely generous town, so it's not surprising that we've been overwhelmed with inquiries from residents asking "how can we help?" This is how you can help yo9ur neighbors. Our Department of Social Services will administer all donations, with 100% of all contributions directly benefiting residents in need.

Funds will be used to purchase items to resupply our food pantry and to assist clients with basic needs to help them stay in their homes. Your gift will have a measurable and immediate benefit for friends and neighbors. Please consider a donation to **Brookfield Recovers**.

All donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law

Brookfield's Tax ID: 06-6001966

You may send a donation via check, payable to:
Town of Brookfield
(note **Brookfield Recovers** on the memo line)
Brookfield Social Services
100 Pocono Road
Brookfield CT 06804

BROOKFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the food pantry has modified how it distributes food.

Pre-made bags of food will be distributed for registered food pantry recipients from 9:30 - 11 a.m. on Tuesdays outside of the Senior Center. Recipients who are sick should stay at home and contact the Social Services office to make alternative arrangements.

BROOKFIELD SENIOR LUNCHESES

We are pleased to let you know that we will begin to provide pre-packaged lunches for seniors beginning Tuesday, March 24 between noon - 12:15 PM. Please call the Senior Center (203-775-5308) to request a meal three days in advance. Meals will be provided for a suggested donation of \$3. The donation box will be available at the pick-up. If you are not registered for the congregate meal program at the center, you can complete the registration form required by CW <spell out CW> at the time you pick up your meal.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

We continue our policy of asking all boards to only conduct meetings that are necessary to conduct town business.

When there are required meetings, we have purchased a product that will allow boards to live stream from two of our conference rooms (rooms 133 and 209) at Town Hall. This application allows residents to sign on via computer or phone to watch, listen or participate in the meeting by making public comments. We will start using this service as soon as possible, with details to come shortly. The meeting agendas will include the sign-in information for residents to join.

CLOSING OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES

Our Director of Public Health has issued an order closing all nail salons and massage parlors for the duration of this health emergency.