



OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

Friday, June 5th, 2020

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE #28

To: All residents
From: Steve Dunn, First Selectman

NO ADDITIONAL BROOKFIELD RESIDENTS LOST TO COVID-19 VIRUS

There have been no additional cases reported in Brookfield in the past seven days. This is very good news. We remain at the same number of confirmed cases, 154, and we remain with seven deaths in town. New infections have plateaued, hospital admissions are down, demonstrating the effectiveness of the measures we all have been taking.

To be accurate, we will only report cases confirmed by our Director of Public Health.

OPENING OUR BUSINESS

Restaurants have been open for dining outdoors at 50% capacity. Hair salons and Barber shops are also open with restrictions. Other businesses will be allowed to open in phases starting on June 20th. Details are available on the town website and on the State Website [State of Connecticut's Coronavirus Information](#)

OPENING TOWN HALL

We will be carefully returning Town Hall to normal operations over the month of June. To bring staff back and keep residents safe, we are reconfiguring our offices and installing sneeze shields in all offices that the public visits. The demand for this equipment is great, so there may be a delay in getting Town Hall up and running. You must make an appointment with the department you are visiting. We encourage everyone to use our online services if possible to conduct business with the town. When you visit Town Hall, you must wear a mask at all times, have your temperature checked and answer the CDC health questions. If you have any concerns about your health, please do not come to Town Hall.



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OPENING PARKS

We will be opening the Greenway this coming Wednesday, with restrictions. Walking only, masks must be worn. To start there will be no running allowed along with a ban on bicycles, scooters and skateboards. This is to ensure the safety of our residents and to allow the maximum number of people on the Greenway. The Board of Selectmen has met to review the plan to reopen our parks and facilities gradually over the coming weeks, balancing our desire to enjoy them with the need to keep everyone safe. We will follow the guidance of our Director of Public Health, the State, and our Emergency Management team. Details on each facility are listed at the end of this memo and are available on the town website also.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM CHANGES

The U.S. Congress just passed a bipartisan bill called the **Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act** that makes several important changes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

The new law eases some of the program's restrictions, giving small businesses more time to use their loans and letting borrowers spend more of their loans on non-payroll expenses.

Key changes to the PPP include:

- **Extends the period to use PPP funds from 8 weeks to 24 weeks**
- **Reduces the minimum payroll spend to 60% (from 75%)**
- **Borrowers can now use the 24-week period to fully restore their workforce levels and wages** (December 31 instead of June 30)
- **Businesses now have five years to repay** the loan, instead of two

TOWN BUDGET UPDATE

The Board of Finance met on Wednesday, May 27, for a final review and adoption of the budget for next year. They did adopt a new budget and mill rate. The Governor's Executive Order 71, paragraph 13, ordered the board to adopt a budget and set a mill rate by June 4. A virtual board special meeting/public hearing was held on May 12 to receive public comment on the proposed Town and School Budget. The proposed FY 2020 - 2021 Town Budget can be viewed on the town [website](#).



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COVID-19 INFORMATION

These are important links to keep up to date on the Coronavirus:

[State of Connecticut's Coronavirus Information](#)

[Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

[Small Business Owners who need assistance in paying workers whose hours have been cut](#)

GET YOUR DOG LICENSE

It is that time of year again and now you can get your dog license on line. Just go to the town website and go to the Town Clerk page. We have already had over 50 dogs registered and we are still going to have our most popular dog contest-details also on the town web site.



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SITE	ADDRESS	Basketball	Boating	Fishing	Turf Fields	Hiking Trails	Baseball Field	Pavillion/Gazebo	Picnic Tables/Benches	Playgrounds	Restrooms	Soccer	Softball Field	Swimming	Tennis	Track	Volleyball	Walking Path	
Burr Farm Open Space OPEN	23 Dinglebrook Road					X													
Cadigan Park	500 Candlewood Lake Road	X			X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X				X
Tennis Courts will open on Friday, June 5. Please follow USTA guidelines for safe play; information posted at courts. Pickleball single play only. Walking path open.																			
Center School	8 Obtuse Hill Road										X								
Grays Bridge Field	7 Old Grays Bridge Road						X												
Gurski Open Space OPEN	67 Obtuse Hill Road					X													
Eriksen Farm Open Space OPEN	8 Nabby Road					X													
Happy Landings Open Space OPEN	55 Whisconier Road					X													



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Still River Greenway	65 Silvermine Road					X												X
SRG will open on Wednesday, June 10. Please be K.I.N.D. : K eeb bikes, scooters and skateboards home; I ncrease your distance from others to 6' or more; N o running; D on't forget to wear your mask. In a world where you can be anything, be K.I.N.D.																		
Brookfield High School	45 Long Meadow Hill Road	X			X	X	X					X	X		X	X		
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Whalen Pond	3 Broadview Road			*														
OPEN Fishing license required for anyone 16 years of age and older.																		
Huckleberry Hill School	100 Candlewood Lake Road	X				X	X		X	X		X						
Lillinah Woods 54 Obtuse Rocks Road * X X																		
OPEN Fishing license required for anyone 16 years of age and older.																		
Brookfield Nature Center	35 Obtuse Hill Road					X												
OPEN																		
Municipal Center	100 Pocono Road					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Property is open for walking.																		



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Old Bridge Sanctuary	57 Old Bridge Road					X												
OPEN																		
Town Park Beach	460 Candlewood Lake Road	X	*						X	X	X			*				X
Boat ramp open; purchase of pass required. Call Parks & Recreation at (203) 775-7310 for more information. Beach expected to open in late June; details available soon.																		
Whisconier Middle School	15 West Whisconier Road	X					X		X	X		X	X					
Williams Park	185 Whisconier Road					X			X						*			
OPEN Purchase of tennis pass required for use of courts. Call Parks & Recreation at (203) 775-7310 for information.																		