



Town Appeal

Welcome to the TownAppeal.com Newsletter

November, 2018

What's Happening in Brookfield

November is an exciting month in Brookfield! Some highlights from our

Calendar of Events include:

Looking for some unique holiday gifts? Check out the **24th Annual Festival of Crafts** at WMS, the **Fall Festival at St. Marguerite** and the ongoing **Brookfield Craft Center Holiday Sale**.

There is also a **Veterans Day Program and Concert** sponsored by the Brookfield Historical Society and **Rake and Bake** to help your neighbors with fall clean-up. Speaking of fall Clean-up, the Congregational Church is sponsoring **Dumpster Day** as a fund raiser to send some Youth Group members on a mission trip. It's Family Stories month at the library so have some fun at the **Family Concert: Under One Sky a Song and Story Celebration**. Come out and support Grace Collins for her Girl Scout Gold Project and help **Break the Stigma** about mental health!

It's official, there's a new eatery called **Frankie's Diner** coming to Brookfield where 'Five Guys' used to be located at 121 Federal Road and **LaPiazza** will be opening in Town Center. Stay tuned for more information!



DOT Proposes Safety Upgrades along Federal Road



On October 29, representatives from the Department of Transportation (DOT) shared with residents in Brookfield and local store owners their plans for safety improvements along Route 202 (Federal Rd.) The project is about 1.4 miles long, from the driveway of BJ's/Kohls to the intersection of Route 133.

The project, which is scheduled to begin in 2021, has four sites along Route 202. Site 1 will construct dedicated left-turn lanes into Chick-Fil-A and the ShopRite Plaza. "Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2017 there were 20 crashes in this intersection, including 7 injuries" reported Jordan Pike, the Project Engineer. Site 2, at the intersection of Beverly Drive and Hardscrabble Rd. will also have dedicated left-turn lanes as well as a new traffic light.

Site 3 will consist of realigning the southern intersection of Old New Milford Rd with Route 202 and installing a new traffic signal. Unfortunately, this will involve relocating J.

Ramen House with assistance from several state programs. Again, this intersection is a safety hazard considering that there were 59 crashes, between 2015 and 2017 with a reported 19 injuries. "This is one of the worse intersections in Connecticut" said Pike.

Site 4 will remove the traffic signal at the northern section of Route 202 and Old New Milford Rd. Access to Old New Milford Rd will be changed to one-way (southbound) from Route 202.

This project also proposes widening the lower portion of Federal Rd to provide 4-foot shoulders to improve safety for bicyclists as well as several 5-foot sidewalks up to La Z Boy Plaza.

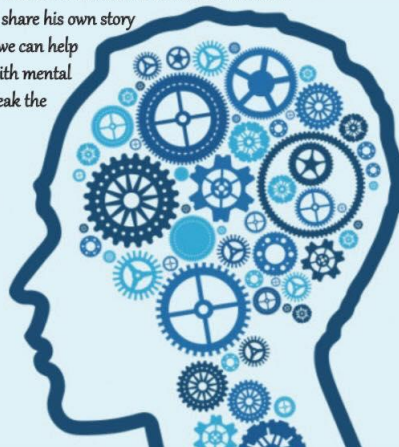
The proposal was met with positive reactions from the audience and a few store owners praised the DOT for initiating much needed safety improvements as well as keeping the lines of communication open for over 10 years while changes were made to the initial proposal.

The estimated cost is estimated to be 6 million which will be funded 80% with federal funds and 20% from the state. Anticipated start is Summer of 2021 and completion by 2022. For further information or to submit comments, please contact Matthew Vail at Matthew.Vail@ct.gov.

BREAK THE STIGMA

November 1st, 2018, 7pm at Brookfield High School

Mental health is a topic that everyone seems to avoid, however, every 1 in 5 people have a diagnosable mental condition in their lifetime. Grace Collins is bringing Andrew, from the organization Minding Your Mind, to speak in the auditorium at BHS for her Girl Scout Gold Award to raise mental health awareness. He will share his own story and teach us how we can help those struggling with mental illnesses. Come break the stigma!





When Nancy Hagmayer bought the Old Mill on Whisconier Road for \$5 in 1952, she had little idea exactly what to do with it. After spending over a year rebuilding, a multiple of possibilities presented themselves; opening a restaurant, a shop, or a book store. The idea that held particular interest was a place to teach craftwork. After much research and plentiful advice, she filed papers of incorporation and in 1954, the Brookfield Craft Center (BCC) was born.

Since that time the Craft Center has expanded to 6 buildings including reception facilities open to the public. The vintage buildings house seven fully-equipped studios, an exhibition gallery, a retail craft gallery, seasonal gift shop, and housing for visiting faculty. BCC is recognized as one of the finest professional schools for creative study in America, dedicated to teaching traditional and contemporary craft skills, and fostering the appreciation of fine craftsmanship. Local and nationally-acclaimed artists help students of all ages explore blacksmithing, forging, ceramics, jewelry-making, woodturning, weaving and fiber arts. Special interest classes include marketing, photography, drawing, painting and sculpture and glasswork.

Future plans include hiring a Director of Education/Artist in Residence to further expand upon the educational offerings. Also on the horizon is the development of a "Center for Modern Craftmanship". Howard Lasser, Executive Director, envisions this technology-driven to include a 3D printer and digital CNC Routers. "We recently were awarded grants totaling \$140,000, with an additional \$100,000 to come over the next two years. These funds will help us to continue expanding our programs and provide facility improvements on the campus." At the Craft Center's **43rd Annual Holiday Sale** held from November 9th until December 31st, 2018, you can find one-of-a-kind hand-crafted gifts created by more than 150 artists including jewelry, wearable fiber, ceramics, toys, glass, wood, paper and steel, and so much more. All purchases benefit the Craft Center's education programs and provide support for independent artists. Let's support Brookfield Craft Center's Mission to "to teach and preserve the skills of fine craftsmanship and enable creativity and personal growth through craft education."

Brookfield Craft Center
286 Whisconier Rd
Route 25
<http://www.brookfieldcraft.org/>

Reserve Museum Passes Online at the Brookfield Library!

You can now reserve our museum passes online! You can choose a non-reserved date up to 30 days in advance. In addition, many of our passes are now available as print on demand. This means that you can print the pass from home for the day you would like to visit the museum and bring the pass with you. No printer? No problem! We will be happy to print it for you at the library. You may also call us to reserve a pass if you don't have access to the internet.

Register for CT Alert

In the aftermath of the May Storm, daily alerts and updates were sent using the CT Alerts system. If you have not signed up for these, you can [sign up](http://www.ctalert.gov/ctalert/site/default.asp) <http://www.ctalert.gov/ctalert/site/default.asp> [here](#). Don't forget to sign up both landlines and cell phones in case of outages.



Did you know that the new school proposal will allow for the creation of an Early Childhood Learning Center, housing the Pre-K through first grade students? Other Key Concepts include:

- Separate entry for PK and K
- Protected exterior courtyards for play, activity and learning
- Shared core spaces: cafeteria, multipurpose media, gym and music

Do you have questions? Email: newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org

Questions and answers sent to this email address will be posted to:

<https://sites.google.com/a/brookfieldps.org/bpssfc/home/faq>

To review the entire new school proposal, click [HERE](#)



The Brookfield Education Foundation
invites you to the

Thanks for Giving Gala

a fundraiser in support of innovation,
creativity, and lifelong learning in our community.

Friday, November 16, 2018
7:00pm - Midnight
Candlewood Inn, Brookfield

Silent and Live Auctions
Sit-down Dinner
Open Bar & DJ Entertainment

\$125 per person. Sales end 11.1.18.

To purchase tickets or make a donation,
visit our website:

www.brookfielddeductionfoundation.org

Did you know that the Brookfield Education Foundation's (BEF) mission is "to marshal and provide resources for lifelong learning by Brookfield residents of all ages" and not solely Brookfield Schools? Projects are selected through an application process and discussed by the 17 board members at their regular monthly meetings. Grants can be minor (under \$500) or major (over \$500). In 2018, BFF funded five grants totaling over \$24,000. These grants address educational endeavors that include starting a business at BHS, growing vegetables with tower gardens at WMS, social emotional learning at WMS, formation of a string ensemble at BHS, and creating awareness for healthy food and fitness for youth in our community. Once again, they are kicking off their annual fund drive which includes the *Thanks for Giving Gala*.

"Brookfield Creates..." Gingerbread Houses!

The Brookfield Arts Commission
is hosting a Gingerbread House Contest.
Here's your chance to create an edible
masterpiece for all of Brookfield to see!



Gingerbread Houses should be
dropped off at Town Hall on
Monday, December 10, from 4-6



Houses and all decorative components must
be made from edible materials. Entry
displays must be no more than 2' by 2' and all
structures should be mounted on a solid base.



For a **required** registration
form and more information,
please email:

brookfielddartscommissionct@gmail.com



Brookfield Senior Center



A place where things are happening!

Veterans Day Salute

Friday, November 9 at noon

Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue! Join your fellow military members for a Veterans' Day Salute to honor you and your spouse! We will be serving lunch followed by one of our favorite entertainers, Ashley Cruz. *Sign up by Tuesday, November 6 so we know how many to prepare for.*



Birds of Prey

Friday, November 16 at 1 p.m.

The Connecticut Audubon Society will be with us to present the fascinating *Birds of Prey Program*. Join us as we encounter raptors and their handlers. We will learn about their natural history and discover the unique physical, behavioral and predatory adaptations of these magnificent birds. Please sign up.

Spice of Life

Tuesday, November 6 at 10:45 a.m.

Join our favorite Registered Dietician, Judy Prager, as she introduces us to chicken with a variety of spices. We learn something about healthy and delicious eating every time Judy is here and there are always samples. *Please sign up in advance so we know how many to prepare for. Seating is limited!*



Senior Center Holiday Boutique

Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us for this year's annual boutique, your chance to get into the holiday spirit and buy some handmade items, holiday decorations and treats!

SUITE Surrender

BY MICHAEL MCKEEVER

STARRING
Deborah Carlson
Suzanne Powers
John Bachelder
Brian DeToma
Monica M. O'Brien
Sam Bass
Ryley Wilkins
Elaine Mondoff
Ashley Brundage

DIRECTED BY Marilyn Olsen
PRODUCED BY Sarah Denn

Nov. 2-17
FRI & SAT @ 8PM • SUN @ 2PM
TICKETS: \$25 / \$20 students

BrookfieldTheatre.org

It's 1942, and two of Hollywood's biggest divas have descended upon the luxurious Palm Beach Royale Hotel -- assistants, luggage, and legendary feud with one another in tow. Everything seems to be in order for their wartime performance...that is, until they are somehow assigned to the same suite. Mistaken identities, overblown egos, double entendres, and a lap dog named Mr. Boodles round out this hilarious riot of a love note to the classic farces of the 30s and 40s.

SUITE SURRENDER by Michael McKeever, directed by Marilyn Olsen opens on Friday night, Nov. 2 with performances Fri. and Sat. nights at 8pm and Sun. at 2pm through Nov. 17. A free preview performance for area senior citizens will be held on Thurs., Nov. 1 at 8PM. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$20 for students, available at the box office or online at www.BrookfieldTheatre.org

<http://www.brookfieldtheatre.org/>

On the



Calendar...

15th Annual Veteran's Day Program and Concert November 4th at 2:00

Musician Billy Michael will perform at a free concert to honor local Brookfield and area veterans. The performance will be held in the community room of the Brookfield Public Library, located at 182 Whisconier Road (Rt.25). The event is part of the Community's 14th annual Veteran's program, "A Musical Salute to Veterans", sponsored by the Brookfield Historical Society and the Brookfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10201. Michael will present a selection of popular and patriotic music.

Brookfield Craft Center Holiday Sale Reception

*The Holiday Sale Opening Reception is
Friday November 9th from 5-8pm.*

Wine and hor d'ouerves, catered by The First Bite Catering, will be served. During the reception all sales at the Gallery Gift Store will be tax free.

The holiday sale will continue through to December 31. Make your gifts exceptional with hand-crafted treasures.

26th Annual Fall Festival at St. Marguerite

Preview on November 2nd from 5-8 and the Festival will start at 9:00 and go until 4:00 on Saturday Nov. 3rd. Featuring craft vendors, food from Vermont, jewelry, essential oils, paintings and so much more.

Annual "Festival of Crafts" Fair 24th November 3rd from 11:00 to 3:00

The Brookfield Museum and Historical Society will sponsor its 24rd Annual "Festival of Crafts" Craft Fair at the Brookfield Middle School on West Whisconier Road. Among New England's largest craft shows, this year's Festival will offer for sale jewelry, artwork, textile products, holiday treasures, toys, gourmet foods and many other uniquely hand-crafted items by highly recognized northeast artisans perfect for gift or home use. More than sixty juried crafters will be on hand. Admission is \$5 without discount coupon for adults and children over 12 years of age.

The Harlem Wizards are Returning to Brookfield

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Brookfield High School, Saturday, November 17th at 6:30 PM! The evening promises to be a fun filled event that is great for kids and adults and will guarantee to put a smile on your face! This event is hosted by The Brookfield High School and Whisconier Middle School PTOs. They have brought The Wizards into town to help benefit the children of WMS and BHS. Our team, the Brookfield Ballers, consists of HHES, WMS and BHS teachers and staff, along with other community members!!

For more information, click [here](#)

The Parent Support Network of Brookfield November 5th 7:00 to 8:30

Parents Helping Parents. The Parent Support Network of Brookfield is a program of The Youth Mental Health Project, sponsored by Brookfield Cares. The Network is a family-driven, parent-led Network that will provide parents who are concerned about their child's mental health and well-being with the opportunity to give and receive valuable peer connection. Trained parent volunteer Facilitators will

run regular, in-person, FREE, CONFIDENTIAL meetings for parents in the community. For more information and location contact brookfieldpsn@ymhproject.org

Tree Lighting at the Brookfield Town Center

Festivities will begin at 5:00 on December 1st at the Craft Center, 286 Whisconier Rd.
Lights on at 5:15! Hot Chocolate and Visit from Santa
Accepting donations for Brookfield Food Pantry (with emphasis on paper products, diapers and cleaning products)
Sponsored by Brookfield Town Center 4 Business

Dumpster Day to Support 2019 Mission Trip

Saturday, November 17th at the Congregational Church of Brookfield
Have things to get rid of but not enough to rent a dumpster?

Clean up before the SNOW and support the 2019 Mission Trip!!

- On Saturday November 17th dumpsters will be in the back parking lot of the Congregational Church of Brookfield (160 Whisconier Road, Brookfield, CT).
- Stop by between 9AM - 2PM and dump your things for a Mission Trip Donation (no hazardous materials please)!
- There will be an energetic group from our SYF to unload your junk.
- \$40 minimum donation per car
- This event is **open to the public** so tell your friends and neighbors!

Small Business Saturday is November 24th!

Small Business Saturday is an American shopping holiday held on the Saturday after US Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year. Any local businesses interested in participating this year should contact Bobbi Jo Beers at bethel@travelingchicboutique.com

Looking for more local events? Check out our Events Calendar at
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