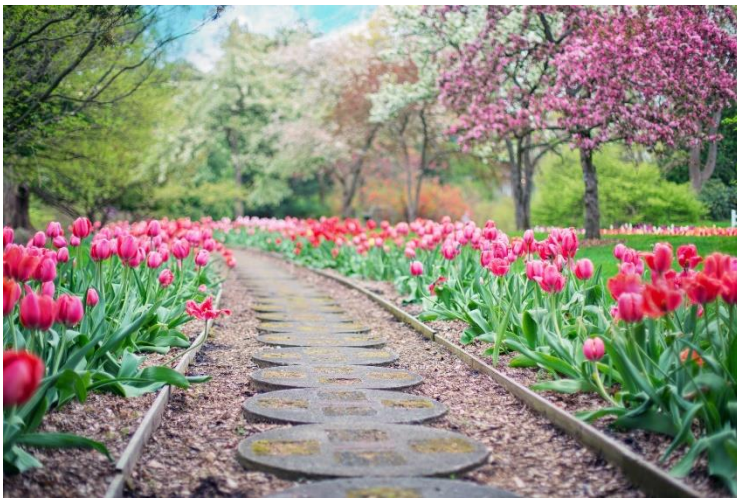




# Town Appeal

April, 2019

Hello Spring!



Some highlights from our **Calendar of Events** include:

- Help support the Odyssey of the Mind teams going to the World Final in Michigan. **A Trivia Night fundraiser** will be held at Pancho's and Gringo's.
- Starting April 26th "**Perfect Arrangement**" will be at the Brookfield Theatre.
- The 11th Annual **Brookfield Film Festival** will be held April 5 - 7, 2019
- The **Boy Scouts** are selling mulch again this year and will even help spread it!
- Learn about **Mindfulness Meditation** on Monday nights at the Brookfield Library.
- TownAppeal would like to welcome **Trixie's Salon and Color Bar!**

This month's newsletter features **Barry Joseph Fine Furniture**. We'll also update you about a new business coming into town, the extension of the **Stillwater Greenway Trail** and some **summer programs** at the Brookfield Craft Center.

***Thank you to everyone who shared a copy of this newsletter with friends and family. We appreciate you helping us to grow our audience!***

*Tara and Monica*





Barry Whalen, owner of Barry Joseph Furniture, is passionate about building furniture. After graduating Brookfield High School, he attended college where he played baseball and majored in Education. Barry then moved to Colorado and became a Social Studies teacher. He soon realized that while he enjoyed teaching his interests lay elsewhere.

He returned to Brookfield and started working for a furniture maker in Cornwall as an apprentice. From there, he continued honing his craft, training for 12 years with some of the best craftsmen in the area and enrolling in courses at the Brookfield Craft Center. Eventually he opened his own shop - Barry Joseph Fine Furniture.

Barry primarily deals with interior designers who hire him to make unique, one-of-a-kind pieces for their clients. His work resides in some of the most exclusive homes and apartments from New York City to Dubai. He hopes to expand his business by working with commercial clients, including bars and restaurants as they often require high quality, custom-made furniture pieces. He also wants to work more with end users. "I enjoy the entire process of furniture making which includes working directly with clients to make their vision a reality."

Increasingly, Barry's homeowner clients are younger than one might expect. "Millennials are tired of furniture that falls apart. They are looking for furniture that they can pass down several generations. They appreciate quality".

In addition to Barry Joseph Fine Furniture, he also founded Whalen Sticks in 2007. He began crafting wood baseball bats years ago. "It started when I was playing in a local baseball league and I brought a bat that I made in the shop. I started getting requests from fellow players for themselves and for gifts". He explained that there is a real art to making a wood bat. "You need the perfect grain and no defects in the wood. The wood needs to be dried for the perfect amount of time." Barry also makes softball and little league bats. Whalen Sticks are custom made-to-order s made from ash or maple in both youth and adult sizes.



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Kudos to Marcia Marien, Town Controller, and the Town Finance Dept.

The Town Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, or CAFR, has been formally filed with the State of CT for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. This is the culmination of the annual audit of our books, internal controls and procedures, and offers a whole bunch of interesting info about our great Town. We are the ONLY municipality in the State of Connecticut that prepared our own financial statements in house - This is a huge distinction, as the usual practice is to always outsource and have the audit firm assemble them.

Do you know of any businesses that are helping our community and should be nominated for Kudos Korner? Let us know at [admin@townappeal.com](mailto:admin@townappeal.com).

## Odyssey of The Mind

# Trivia Night



Please support 7 Brookfield teams that have earned a spot to compete at the World Competition at Michigan State University in May.

\*\*For all ages: teen teams invited. \*\*

When: Tuesday, April 23  
Where: Pancho's and Gringo's in Brookfield  
Time: 7-9 pm (arrive at 6:45)

Also, take a chance at the 50/50 raffle!

Complementary appetizers and happy hour prices will be offered. Additional food available for purchase.

Register (pre-pay) a 4-person team \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

or

At the Door \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Bring check or money order to the door (please no credit cards)  
or\*\*\*\*\*Use PayPal to pay [brookfieldOM2018@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldOM2018@gmail.com) and register ahead of time.

### **Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind Participants**

The Brookfield Odyssey of the Mind teams performed amazingly at the CT State OM Competition at SCSU yesterday. Brookfield has a total of SEVEN teams going to the World Finals in Michigan in May -- one Huckleberry team, two Whisconier teams, and four High School teams. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL TEAMS AND COACHES!



### Coming Soon!

For several months, there has been a lot of activity both inside and outside of Brookfield Market. The new owners have completely gutted the old building, replaced the electrical wiring and brought everything up to code. When finished, you can expect to find both hot and cold dishes, a selection of groceries as well as an organic section. **The New Brookfield Market and Deli** is expected to open in May.

## And the Winner Is...

Congratulations to Honeymoon Nails and Spa! The most recommended nail salon on [TownAppeal.com/brookfield!](http://TownAppeal.com/brookfield!)

Did you know there are 15 parks and open spaces in Brookfield? Have a favorite walking trail? Share it with your neighbors so they can check it out! Please recommend your favorite spot(s) on TownAppeal by clicking [here](#)

We will announce the most recommended Park/Open Space on 5/1 on TownAppeal and our social media accounts!



## The Brookfield Library

Create • Captivate • Connect

**One Second, One Thought, One Breath *continues*: Mindfulness Meditation With Prabha Makayee of Brookfield Meditation Center**

**Monday Evenings, April 1 – June 24, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room\***

***April 1 session only to be held at the Brookfield Meditation Center, 67 Federal Road, Building A, Suite 205***

**If you've ever wanted to learn how to meditate, then join Prabha Makayee as she guides you through the steps of meditation. Learn simple means to self-regulation and empowerment, and take back self-control and responsibility for your all around well-being. See what you can accomplish by taking responsibility over what kinds of thoughts you think. With just one second, one breath and one thought of changing your perspective, you can realign your well-being to a more peaceful, happy mindset. Feel free to join any Monday session and attend as many or as few as desired! This class is also open to older children, age 9+ who attend with an adult.**



## Boy Scout Troop 5 Annual Mulch Fundraiser



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cedar Mulch Colors: (circle the color)

Natural      Red      Black      Brown

Price: 1-12 Bags: \$7.00 per bag

13-24 Bags: \$6.75 per bag

25+ Bags: \$6.50 per bag

NOTE: Each bag of mulch contains 3 cubic feet of mulch!

Total Number of Bags: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like us to spread the mulch for \$2.00 per bag or any generous donation?

Spreading of the Mulch: Yes or No

Price of Mulch: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for Spreading: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of check: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to BSA Troop 5

Deadline for Orders will be Sunday April 23, 2019

Delivery Date of Mulch will be Saturday, May 4, 2019

Spreading of Mulch will be on Sunday May 5, 2019

You can mail your orders to:

Boy Scouts Troop 5, PO Box 62, Brookfield, CT 06804

or email the form to [mulch@brookfieldtroop5.org](mailto:mulch@brookfieldtroop5.org)

Name of Scout who sold mulch: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy Scout Troop 5 is selling mulch again this year. Please consider supporting the boys as they earn funds for summer camp by purchasing a few bags and they will deliver it to your home. For an additional small donation, they will even spread the mulch for you. Their order form can be found by clicking [HERE](#) . The deadline is Sunday April 23rd.



Looking to sign your kid up for summer activities?! Look no further! The Brookfield Craft Center's Summer Youth Art Program runs 7/8-7/12, 7/22-7/26, 8/5-8/9, & 8/19-8/23. Morning sessions are from 9-12pm and afternoon sessions are from 1-4pm. We offer a wide variety of courses taught by professional artists in Ceramics, Blacksmithing, Jewelry, Glass, Woodturning, Fiber, Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, 3D printing, and Photography. Follow this [link](#) to download a pdf of the course catalog or to register for courses.



# On the Calendar

**The BAC presents the work of Brookfield artist Dan McKee in Town Hall until April 30th.**

**Artist Reception will be held on April 11, 2019**

An Artist Reception will be held Thursday, 4/11/19 from 6-7:30PM. Come meet Dan and see his fabulous sports art. Dan has worked as a freelance artist for several magazines and newspapers: Tennis Magazine, Golf Digest, Road & Track, to name a few. Some of his Sports Art was featured in Legends of Sports. To see more of Dan's work, please visit [dandidit.com](http://dandidit.com).

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**Residential Brush Yard**

**Will be opening on Saturdays starting April 6, 2019 from 8:30 to 4:00pm**

The residential brush yard will open for the season on Saturday, April 6, and will be open every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through December 7, excluding the following holiday weekends; April 20, May 25, July 6, August 31 and November 30. Permits are available at the site at the time you are dumping, or at the Department of Public Works office at Town Hall. Please have a valid ID showing you are a Brookfield resident. The yard is located on Pocono Road behind the Fire House.

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**Special Town Meeting**

**Still River Greenway Grant and FY 2019 – 2020 Capital Projects**

**April 4, 7:00**

On April 4, 2019 there will be a Special Town Meeting at 6:30 to consider and vote upon the appropriation of funds to extend the Still River Greenway Trail. \$207,355 will come from a grant under the state's Community Connectivity Program. It will allow the town to extend the trail by 2,500 feet, connecting the greenway to an existing 25-car parking lot at the firehouse on Pocono Road. The path will go around the soccer field near Town Hall, past the gazebo, next to the soccer field by the police station and connect to the greenway. Construction is expected to begin in the fall.

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**Floral 101 & Floral Design**

**April 24, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30**

Love flowers and design? Ever wanted to create your own arrangement? Come join us for a 2 hour course exploring various types of flowers, learning about which flowers are in season when, and the push for locally grown, community supported organic flowers. The second half of the class will speak to principles of floral design and the overall creative expression that floral arrangement can bring. As part of this interactive course, participants will get to design their own one of a kind arrangement to take home! A \$15 materials fee is not included in the registration fee and is payable the night of the workshop. For more information, click [here](#).

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**Natural Treatments for Celiac Disease**

**April 30, 2019 at 6:30**

Celiac disease is an increasingly common diagnosed condition of the gastrointestinal tract. Typical treatment includes avoidance of gliadin containing food products, however there are additional measures that can be taken to improve the health of the damaged intestinal lining. For more information, click [here](#).

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**Bird-Scape Your Yard**

**April 27, 2019 at 2:00**

Did you know birds don't only eat seeds from feeders and insects! You can welcome many different species of birds with native flowers, fruits, berries and seed plants.

Margaret will talk about the many different plants, shrubs, trees and water features that can make your yard a backyard bird and butterfly sanctuary!

Registration is required – [wbu.danbury@gmail.com](mailto:wbu.danbury@gmail.com) or (203) 775-4888. For more information, click [here](#).

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**Parent Support Group of Brookfield**

**April 3, 2019 from 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](mailto:brookfieldpsn@ymhproject.org)

### **Spring Egg-Estravaganza at the YMCA**

**April 5 from 6:30 to 8:00**

Celebrate spring! Games, crafts, snack, story, and an egg hunt are all part of this fun-packed event. Be sure to register early. This popular event will fill quickly! Bring a basket for the egg hunt. Each child participating must register and a parent must attend.

**For more information,** click [here](#)

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

<https://townappeal.com/brookfield/town-events/>

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Town Appeal also features deals from local businesses, a calendar of events, and helpful links.

Our monthly newsletter features a Spotlight on several town businesses, deals from our local businesses, and upcoming events in town.

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