



Welcome June and the start of summer. This month TownAppeal welcomes The Hunt to Brookfield! Included in this newsletter are updates about Streetscape Phases 4 and 5, as well as the latest news from The YMCA, The Brookfield Library, The Brookfield Farmer's Market and more.

Do you have a spouse, relatives, or friends that don't use Facebook? Do they have a hard time keeping up with what's going on in town? How do they find business recommendations?

TownAppeal is the perfect website for them! We list all local events in and around town. We also offer a blog and monthly newsletter featuring businesses new and old, as well as articles on what's happening in our town. Best of all, they can view business recommendations from their neighbors on our comprehensive business directory and recommend their favorites.

Please Share with A Friend! Thanks - Tara and Monica



Do you have a question or suggestion? Let us know! You can send us an email by clicking [here](#).

In this edition of our newsletter, we will give you the highlights of some of the many events happening locally and neighboring towns. For a complete listing, please visit <https://townappeal.com/brookfield/town-events/>

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TownAppeal would like to Welcome The Hunt to Brookfield!

"From GAP to Gucci" - that is the way that Gina Lacey describes her new consignment business, The Hunt. "My vision is a friendly and casual store that carries high-quality women's clothing, shoes and accessories, as well as a vast selection of handpicked vintage housewares, including farmhouse, boho and other unique home accessories.

You may remember Gina from "Callie's Closet", a kids' resale clothing store that was located in New Milford. Gina sold Callie's Closet about 10 years ago when, as a single mom, she decided that she needed a schedule that was more conducive to raising two young children. But she never lost the dream of opening a second-hand store.

As her children got older, Gina realized that it was time to start following that dream again and she started looking for a good location. "When I found a vacancy on Whisconier Rd right in the heart of Brookfield Center, I knew it would be perfect. The surroundings are quaint and charming, plus I see a lot of foot traffic from the Greenway. It is also central enough for residents in the surrounding towns to visit." While brainstorming for a name for her new shop, her kids came up with The Hunt, as in the "Thrill of the Hunt". "Since we will always have new inventory there is that "thrill" that people experience when they find the perfect item."

Gina gave her notice in February from her job in "Corporate America" as she started to prepare the shop for business. Despite the Covid outbreak, Gina officially opened her store at the end of May, 2020. At the moment, her store hours are limited but will soon be open from 10 - 6 Monday - Friday and 10 - 4 on weekends. The shop is also available for private shopping events - contact Gina for details.

Gina also plans to begin accepting consignment items once it is safe enough to do so. Keep up-to-date with goings on at www.thehuntct.com.

Please visit The Hunt at 281 Whisconier Rd., a minute walk from the Brookfield Craft Center.



Congratulations to the BHS Class of 2020! Here's a [link](#) from the BHS website that allows you to click on the map region or scroll through all the slides to view Seniors future plans.

BROOKFIELD NEWS

Town Info Line (203) 775 - 3700

Town Offices will be opening on June 1st on a limited basis. Please call the Town Info Line for more information. The library staff is manning this line so feel free to call with any questions about town services and our staff will guide you in the right direction.

Brookfield Food Pantry and Brookfield Social Services can assist those with nutritional needs who do not have the financial resources. Please call 203-775-7312 to discuss.

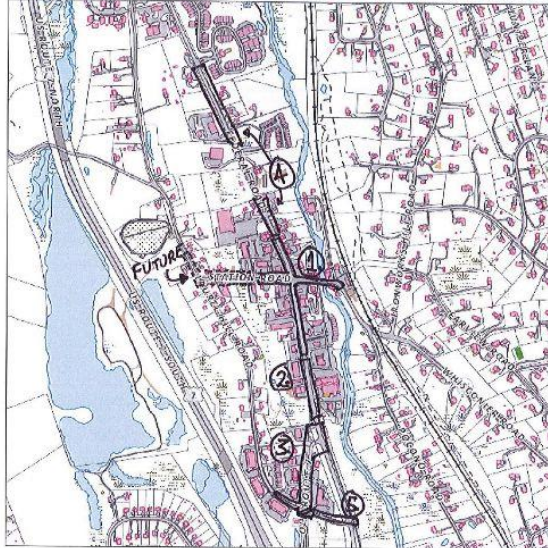
The supermarket chain **Food Emporium** is anticipating to begin construction of their new grocery store next Spring. At present, they are filing for building permits. The store will be located at 731 Federal Rd. at the end of the Greenway in the Four Corners area.

Town of Brookfield
Geographic Information System (GIS)

STREETSCAPE PHASES



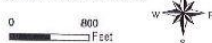
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Approximate Scale: 1 inch = 600 feet



Upon the recommendation of Greg Dembowski, Community Development Manager, at the May Board of Selectmen meeting, the BOS and Board of Finance approved Streetscape Phases 4 and 5 and the LoTCIP grant applications were submitted to WESTCOG on May 14. Phase 4 will connect the Town Center to the Newbury Village and Phase 5 will provide a new crosswalk to the proposed Food Emporium grocery store. Please click [here](#) for info on the upcoming Streetscape phases that will see sidewalks extended and routed north up through the Four Corners and then south down between the area near the Greenway and Urgent Care.

Phase Two of the Brookfield Village project, which includes the construction of two multi-use buildings and patio plazas at 802 and 806 Federal Rd are slated to begin construction on June 1st.

This event is for residents of the HRRR Region which includes Brookfield. For further information, click [here](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
 For Residents of the HRRR Region
 Newtown Public Works, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
 Saturday, June 6, 2020 9am - 2pm



PROTOCOL for event:

- YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.
- Place only items you want removal at the back of your vehicle.
- Keep your windows rolled up.
- Be ready to place your driver's license against the window for proof of residency.
- Workers will remove the contents and will be in full safety gear.

What to Bring	What NOT to Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paints • Stains and Varnishes • Paint Thinners & Strippers • Wood Preservatives • Sealers, Resins & Adhesives • Polishes for Furniture, Floor & Metal • Cleaners for Rug & Upholstery • Cleaners for Drains, Toilet Bowl & Drain • Swimming Pool Chemicals • Herbicides, Insecticides, Fungicides (including Lawn Care Products) • Tire Inflater • Molt Balls • Spot Removers • Dry Cleaning Solvents • Lighter Fluids • Septic Tank Degreasers • Engine Degreasers • Waste Fluids (Antifreeze, Gasoline) • Carburetor Cleaners, Brake Fluids • Transmission Fluids, Car Waxes • Full or Partially Full Aerosol Cans • Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue • Phobic Chemicals, Chemistry Sets • Hobby Supplies • Rechargeable (Ni-Cd) Batteries • Camera Batteries • Mercury Thermometers, Thermometers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronics, Computers, VCR's • Fluorescent Bulbs • Motor Oil, Antifreeze • Auto Batteries & Tires • Propane Tanks • Empty Aerosol Cans • Household Batteries • Smoke Detectors • Ammunition • Fireworks • Explosives • Pharmaceuticals • Medical Wastes • PCB Capsules • Refrigerator Materials • Unknown Gases • Combustible Substances • Pathological Material

**Note: not all local recycling centers will accept material. For more information on disposal options, visit www.nj.gov

Event is facilitated by the Newtown Resource Recovery Authority
www.hrrra.org email info@hrrra.org 353.775.6535

* Not printing all items
 * Load or unloading gas containers your self to keep
 * No mixed or unknown oil or other liquid waste
 * Separation of oil and gas is not available to your vehicle at all times.

For DIRECTIONS to the event go to: www.hrrra.org



Farmers Market

The Farmers Market will open on June 19. It will be held at the Municipal Center at 100 Pocono Road, but move to an open space area behind the Senior Center with convenient parking. The Farmers Market Committee designed a single flow one-way in and another out. Shoppers will need to wear masks and the vendors will all be social distanced.

VIRTUAL YMCA WORKOUT RESOURCES

The Regional YMCA facility will be reopening June 22nd!

We're so excited to be preparing for your return! Per state regulations, we will be implementing safety social distancing protocols, stay tuned for more information. Until our doors are open, enjoy these virtual health resources.

The YMCA has lots of great resources online and they are open to everyone! **You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate in these wonderful programs.**

Until we re-open don't miss our VIRTUAL ZOOM Group Exercise classes! Enjoy live instruction from your favorite YMCA Instructors. Available at no cost to members and non-members during the Stay at Home Order. #virtualworkout #zoomworkout #groupexercise

View the schedule here: <https://buff.ly/2TnOMIm>
 Register: <https://buff.ly/2LHKDdJ>

Join Wellness Director, Lisa O'Connor for virtual discussions on Mondays at 10:30AM. Weekly topics will guide the open discussion and active participation is encouraged and welcomed. Join us June 1st to discuss "Developing healthier eating habits at home."

Please register for the classes in order to receive meeting login information.
 June 1 How to develop healthier eating habits
 June 8 Blood pressure self-monitoring
 June 15 Share new hobbies, life hacks and anything else you have discovered in recent months. Come to share or come to listen.

REGISTER TODAY



How do you take advantage of a sunny day? Why not join our Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest? Everyone who enters by June 15th has a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Bello Pizza in Brookfield!

It's easy! Just follow these simple steps:

1. Find a sunny day ☀️
2. Draw something amazing
3. Take a picture
4. (Parents) Post it to the Regional YMCA's FB with [#regionallymcdraws](https://www.facebook.com/regionallymcdraws)



The Brookfield Library

The Brookfield Library staff has been very busy updating their website with great staff videos, digital content, and all the up-to-date local information. Contact-less curbside pick-up is now available. Just follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Call the library at 203-775-6241 OR put your books/materials on hold using our [website](#).
2. We will contact you to arrange a pick up day/time.
3. Drive by and get your books/materials without ever coming inside.

We also have home delivery for folks who are homebound and cannot drive or otherwise get to the library. Our expert Home Delivery Specialist, Lynn Harrison, will select books/materials for you or you can tell us exactly what you want and we will drop library materials off to you at your home. Call the library for more information on this service. The Library is staffed from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We are excited to give you a glimpse at our One Town, One Read Yellow Brick Road Scavenger Hunt! Join our Yellow Brick Road scavenger hunt and find characters from The Wizard of Oz all over Brookfield! Use our map and clues to find the characters at local businesses and organizations. Snap a picture (maintaining safe social distancing practices) and when you've found all seven, complete the form to be entered to win a prize! Find everything you need here on the website, or follow our social media for clues from guest readers each week. [#OTOR2020](#) [#brookfieldct](#)

THE BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PRESENTS

2020 ONE TOWN, ONE READ

ANNOUNCING THIS YEAR'S SELECTION:

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

BY L. FRANK BAUM

One Town, One Read (OTOR) is a town-wide reading program with the goal of building community spirit through a shared reading experience.

Summer Reading Kick-off is June 22 with the theme "Imagine Your Story". In addition, there will be a live Brazilian Jazz concert on the library Facebook page on that day. Visit the Library's website for information on these activities and so much more by clicking [here](#).

Have you ever wanted to get into podcasts or wonder what they are? Now is the time! Check out our [podcast tutorial videos](#) to learn about how to get started. Make sure to follow our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) social media pages to see recommended podcasts as well as our public [Spotify](#) playlist to get you started. If you have any questions or recommendations about podcasts, feel free to contact Ruthie Quattro (rquattro@brookfieldlibrary.org).



Brookfield Theatre is offering "Virtual Thursdays" - a series of virtual theatre experiences livestreamed every Thursday at 7:30pm on our web site <https://brookfieldtheatre.org>. The series includes pre-recorded and live staged readings, and Studio B open stage via Zoom. Studio B is open to anyone who would like to participate.

NEXT WEEK: Thurs. June 4—Studio B **Drag Time**

Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, and other performers welcome! This is an open stage, judgement-free event—all are welcome regardless of

experience. Send a video clip to BrookfieldTheatreCT@gmail.com by May 31 to be included.

COMING UP:

Thurs., 6/11—Livestream staged reading of "Straight Men Can't Dance" by Craig David Rosen—watch for more details!

- **Thurs. 6/18—Livestream Studio B—Party Night**—Show us your favorite song or dance—Pre-recorded or live—your choice. Sign up by 6/14
- **Thurs. 6/25—Livestream staged reading of "Hester"** by Morgana Kate Watson
- **Thurs. 7/2—Larry Stewart Day—Happy Birthday Larry!**
- **Thurs. 7/9—Livestream Studio B—Miscast**—ever want to do the song or monologue for a character that you would likely never be cast as? Now's your chance! Sign up or send a recorded clip by 7/5
- **Thurs. 7/16—Party Night!**
- **Thurs. 7/23—"A Midsummer Night's Dream"** directed by Jane Farnol
- **Thurs. 7/30—Livestream staged reading of "Connections"** by Jared Reynolds

More ideas and projects are in the works including a possible "Curbside Cabaret"! Please watch for emails or Facebook announcements as these projects get developed.

Please consider donating to Brookfield Theatre to help continue our mission of making the arts accessible to everyone in our region.

While our studios and our retail shop are currently closed, we are not resting. Our team is continually active in support of our mission, teaching traditional and contemporary craft skills. We are adjusting to the new dynamic and seeking alternative ways to move forward. In this respect, our team is working with teachers to develop curriculum that we can offer online to our students. Right now, we are offering over a dozen online classes and we continue to reach out for new ideas.

[You can click here to see a list of online classes currently available.](#)



2020
BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM
JULY 6-10 | JULY 20-24
AUGUST 3-7 | AUGUST 17-21
MORNING SESSION 9 AM - 12 PM
AFTERNOON SESSION 1 PM - 4 PM
BROOKFIELD CRAFTING
203-775-4326

We are here for you during this stressful time! Our team at The Youth Mental Health Project has worked tirelessly to do all we can to continue supporting parents who are concerned about their children's mental health.

Due to the demand, we have moved to a virtual platform and have added weekly national virtual parent support meetings that are open to parents and caregivers throughout the country. If you are interested in attending one of the other meetings you can check out the dates on The Youth Mental Health Project Calendar. Click [here](#).

Virtual Meetings THE Parent Support NETWORK™

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS in Connecticut

Join us for free, confidential, and informal monthly meetings

For parents concerned about their kids who struggle with anxiety, depression and/or emotional dysregulation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS DATED TO: JUNE 2020

Wednesday, June 24th
Meeting, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Zoom Link: [Link]

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Please feel free to share meeting information

For more info: info@parentshelpingparents.org
Zoom ID: [ID]

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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Advice for Living Kerri Colombo

June 2020

The In-between time

So? Have you done it? Have you Marie Kondod your home and let go of everything that doesn't spark joy? Have you gotten your long-awaited piles of paperwork filed and all the lists of organizing projects checked off? No? Me either. But, those weren't necessarily my pandemic goals, or yours.

The truth is, we're all living through this pandemic with our own experiences, stresses and worries. Some of us are home more with family and aren't employed, or are working less and earning less income. Some of us are busier than ever, juggling full time work at home AND trying to help our children with distance learning at the end of the day. Some are working through the adjustments of spending a LOT of time with others in a relatively small space. Some of us are isolating alone at home and we're lonely. It's tiring for everyone.

Whether you are experiencing the stress of the juggle, or the stress of not knowing when you will earn income, or the stress of not knowing how your electric bill will be paid or how food will get on the table, or the stress of missing human touch, or the stress of needing more space, or other stresses I haven't even mentioned; we are in this in-between time together. As our day to day routines begin to shift and we reflect on how our time has been spent, we must actively practice compassion for ourselves. We also must practice compassion for our neighbors. We are each in our own struggle. Compassion must prevail.

Sometimes stress is alleviated by taking some action to control what you can. We continue to avoid unnecessary shopping trips and wear masks regularly now to help control the spread of the virus and protect ourselves and our neighbors. To get through stressful moments, I use deep breathing a lot. Yes, you can even do this with a mask on.

I also notice and create shifts in my organizational systems as they are warranted. When a routine changes, sometimes it takes a while to realize that a system for accomplishing a task needs to change too. So, as we continue to experience this in between time – not pre-COVID-19, nor post-COVID-19 – we are experiencing shifts in our routines. Is a system of organization not working anymore in your home? Is something working better? I've noticed that balancing our credit card statement is so much easier because fewer receipts have piled up to cross-reference! We may permanently change our habits to fewer but larger shopping trips for this reason alone.

I've also realized that my beloved pencil and paper calendar hasn't been as effective as it once was... after having missed a few Zoom meetings related to volunteer work that I do. With my new routines, I've been so focused on family and home that I wasn't even taking a peek at my paper calendar. So I've entered that time of setting reminders on my phone's calendar in addition to writing in my paper calendar. I wonder if my paper calendar is on the way out, but I still recognize it's benefits and value it. It's hard to change habits. Isn't it? But, boy, my phone reminders are keeping me on track now. Sometimes, changing a system of organization requires a transition time. And, that's okay.

Organizational systems are fluid. In optimal circumstances, they support the lifestyle that you strive to live today and tomorrow. As circumstances change, our organizational systems must tweak, change and adjust with our lives.

Even my organizing business has changed. Virtual Organizing is different than in person organizing. Not better or worse, just different. So, my systems for offering that service has changed the way I approach helping my clients. It's exciting to be able to connect and help from a distance and learn to use new-to-me technology. It's also unnerving that it's questionable when we can work together in person again. I'm choosing to focus on the positive and the new opportunities the world has thrust upon us.

Not that it's all roses. The thorns poke at me - nerves, worry, and fear all enter my psyche. But so too does hope, excitement and anticipation for what is to come. And, there's always deep breathing.



Our latest Home Organizational System update: Adding hooks for our face masks by the door to the garage. I acquired the hooks for our dog leashes, and determined it better used for our masks. Remember, organization is fluid and it is fun to try new systems & test how they work.

Do you have a question about how to simplify your life? Are you unsure how to start downsizing for a move, or organizing part of your home? Email your question to: AskKerri@gmail.com. Perhaps you will see your question answered here in this column!

Kerri Colombo, Motivator, Speaker, Simplifier, Organizer

Kerri Colombo is passionate about motivating people to simplify life by reducing clutter and creating streamlined organization systems that support your lifestyle & free up time to do what you love. Kerri works with private organizing clients, is a speaker and educator. She became the Expert Organizer on the national TV series, TLC's Hoarding: Buried Alive and has appeared on Better Connecticut and FOX Connecticut News. She is also the recommended Organizer by Hartford Hospital's esteemed Institute of Living: Anxiety Disorders Center. For more information, to schedule a private organizing appointment or public speaking engagement, please visit www.CornerstoneOrganizing.org.



On the Calendar

June is Dog Licensing Month

Due to the virus, you may renew/register your dog(s) online or by mail. In-person registration will require an appointment. Email pictures of your favorite, furry friend to townclerk@brookfieldct.gov to be entered into Brookfield's 2020 Top Dog Contest.

Virtual Trivia Night sponsored by The Brookfield Library

Saturday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Join in on a fun night of trivia! Play on a team or as an individual. [Please register once per team.](#) Teams can be up to 6 people as long as you can communicate with each other through texting/messaging, etc. Participants will need access to Zoom and Google Docs, and will be sent a link to the event after registering.

Looking for more details about the above events or more local events? Check out our Events Calendar at <https://townappeal.com/brookfield/town-events/>

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