



June 2018

From the First Selectman:

In the wake of the worst natural disaster in Brookfield history, it's understandable there is some incorrect information circulating about the town helping homeowners clean up individual properties.

Each property owner is responsible for clearing their own property. Unfortunately, the town is not able to assume that responsibility.

We are asking residents to send us photos and descriptions of damage to include in our FEMA application for assistance. We also ask that you to keep all receipts for expenses incurred to support our request for FEMA to pay for some expenses, and for Brookfield to be declared a disaster area. To be clear, even if the President declares a disaster, we have no assurance that FEMA will cover any expenses for damage or cleanup.

FEMA has given us very limited information, with many caveats. We simply have no idea if we will receive FEMA aid and what it might cover. FEMA informed us there will be a final determination at the end of August.

The town has scheduled a town meeting Wednesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at Brookfield High School to authorize cleanup of the town right-of-way only. We are not voting on a town-wide cleanup.

We will continue to discuss the possibility of a town-wide cleanup after we hear what, if anything, FEMA will provide, but FEMA rules, as we understand them, do not allow the town to go onto private properties to do clean up.

I hope this newsletter clarifies the current situation. We will continue to share information as we learn more.

I continue to be most appreciative of the dedication and hard work of all our volunteers and residents as we work together to recover from this storm. For many of you there is a long road to recovery ahead, yet I am convinced that working together, we will get there. Again and again, I am reminded of why Brookfield is such a wonderful town.

Thank you,
Steve Dunn

VOTE TUESDAY

The referendum on the town budget will be Tuesday, June 12. We urge everyone to come out and vote from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Huckleberry or at Brookfield High School. This referendum is for the operating budgets of the town and the schools. A sample ballot and copy of the budget are available on the town [website](#).

Absentee Ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Strategic Facilities Steering Committee reminds everyone that the Building Condition Study Public Forum will be held Thursday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium.

All Strategic School Facilities Committee Meetings are noticed and held in public session. Please note this is an opportunity for the community to ask questions.

After the forum on Thursday night, a second survey regarding the building project will be accessible.

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June 4, 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On behalf of the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., we want to say thank you for all your support and generosity during the recent storm. May 15th was an extraordinary day in the Town of Brookfield. We experienced a catastrophic macroburst storm with winds in excess of 100 MPH, hail and rain and initiated the largest single-event emergency response in Connecticut's history! Over the days that followed, sixty-eight (68) Brookfield fire and EMS volunteers and seventy-four (74) Connecticut Fire Departments with countless members supported the BVFC and responded to an unprecedented number calls for emergency assistance. Our Brookfield volunteers logged an impressive 2,934 hours in service to our community! Many left their homes to help their community not knowing the full extent of the damage to their own homes; some waiting days to address their own needs. A testament to your volunteers' duty to the Town of Brookfield and her residents.

Fortunately, there was no loss of life in our town but the property damage is incredible and our residents and members continue to clean up and put their lives back together.

As many of you know, we are 100% volunteer – your friends and neighbors giving of their time to assist you in your time of need. But we're tired and we know you are too! After a grueling few weeks of storm cleanup, emergency responses, and assisting our members and neighbors with their disaster needs, we've decided to postpone our Annual Fund Drive Campaign from Sunday June 10 and Monday June 11 to Sunday September 16th and Monday September 17th. We want to see our friends and neighbors but we all need time to rest and recover.

We thank you for all your support – food, drinks, waves, and kind words – during the storm. We hope you and your family stay safe and your recovery continues going smoothly.

And remember, BROOKFIELD STRONG!

Sincerely,

Wayne Gravius
Chief

Paul Corsak
President