



# The Brookfield Citizen

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## Dear Members of the Brookfield Community

In 2010, we will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the settlement of the Quaboag Plantation. The plantation was settled in 1660, made of the current-day towns of Brookfield, East Brookfield, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Warren, and West Brookfield.

As part of the celebration, a six-town parade will be held at noon on Sunday, September 19, 2010, with the theme of "March of History." We are looking for your help. The Brookfield unit will be marching first, and we would like to have as many residents, businesses, and groups participate as possible. We are looking for marchers, bands, and floats. As a parade of this size takes considerable planning, we are asking you to consider now whether you would like to participate. In particular, we encourage you to think about creating a float—for your family, your neighborhood, your business, your workplace, your town department, your group, or your association.

We would like to have as many floats as we can, but to avoid duplication both within the Brookfield division and with the other divisions, we must sign up with the six-town parade committee for themes for our floats. This will be done on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you think you would like to make a float for the parade, please contact us and let us know what your theme will be, so that we may claim it for Brookfield.

Possible themes include: historical people/creatures from Brookfield (the infamous Spooners, tea-house owner Louise Galloway, writer Mary Jane Holmes, Borden mascot Elsie the Cow) items Brookfield produced throughout its history (boots, bricks, bells) geographical areas of town (lakes, the river, brooks, fields) other items that represent Brookfield—past and present—to you (a p p l e s , t r a i n s , s t e a m b o a t s)

There is no limit to the number of floats we can have. Floats may not exceed 14 feet in height and 8 feet in width. The parade route will be 1.3 miles long, flat with no hills. More information will be available as the parade gets closer. Please start thinking now about how you would like to participate, and please contact us with your float

theme so we can reserve it. If you would like help or ideas for a float theme, please contact us for assistance.

We look forward to a grand celebration! If you would like to help in other ways for the 2010 celebration or would like to join the Brookfield committee, please contact us.

Sincerely,  
The Brookfield Committee of the 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary  
e-mail: [brookfieldquaboag2010@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldquaboag2010@gmail.com)  
phone: (508) 867-7036

## Winners of the 2008 Brookfield Pumpkinfest, Held On the Common October 18:

Youth carved:	1st place, Anthony Jones; 2nd place, Taylor Boucher; 3rd place, Logan Jones
Youth painted:	1st place, Dragon family; 2nd place, Alexis Mitchell; 3rd place, Jess Shannon
Adult carved:	1st place, Rebecca Fay; 2nd place, Angela Bullock; 3rd place, Robert Bullock
Adult painted:	1st place, Alicia Audette
Grand champion:	Rebecca Fay

Thank you to the more than forty participants, and a special thank you to Overlook Farm in Brookfield for donating pumpkins.

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## Socks For Siberia, Inc. Christmas Giving 2008

With the help of the 2009 Confirmation Class of St. Mary and Sacred Heart churches, **Socks For Siberia, Inc.** will be selling handmade Russian crafts and gifts. The proceeds of this sale will go to pay for shipping Christmas gifts to the more than 260 children in the orphanages supported by **Socks For Siberia, Inc.** These beautiful gift items include hand painted jewelry, religious icons of many saints and children's toys. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$30.00.

Please consider purchasing a unique gift that also provides the gift of Christmas to a Russian orphan.

### Gifts will be available for sale:

**Saturday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** after 4:30 mass at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield

**Sunday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** after 9:00 mass at St. Mary Church, Brookfield

**Sunday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** after 11:30 mass at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield

Also at White Christmas in West Brookfield at Sacred Heart Church

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**For more information or to purchase at additional times, contact us at:**

[www.socksforsiberia.org](http://www.socksforsiberia.org)

122 Long Hill Rd

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## Brookfield Elementary Invites Seniors

The Brookfield Elementary School cordially invites our community Senior Citizens to attend a Turkey Luncheon, Thursday, November 20 at 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The student presentation, *Shhhh! We are Writing the Constitution* is included with the luncheon fee of \$3.00. Please call the school at 508 867 8774 to place your reservation. Parking is behind the school off Lincoln Street Extension, with the entrance to the cafeteria at the back door of the school.

## Notice of Public Hearing

Mike Seery

The Brookfield Board of Health will hold a public hearing Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street on the first floor in the Banquet Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to review and adopt regulations governing the installation and operation of Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers, under the authority of MGL Chapter 111, sections 31, 31C & 310 CMR 11.02.

Michael P. Seery-Chairman  
Board of Health  
508-867-2930

## Gardening in New England

Edna Schron

Hello Gardeners!!



Autumn in the New England garden is a busy time! Putting the garden to bed, planting bulbs, harvesting the last herbs, vegetables and flowers are some of the tasks to do. Autumn is autumn with shorter days, dimmer light, drier soil and light. The first frost changes the garden overnight. Not all the plants die in the first frost: there are a few, including some annuals, that will continue to grow and even flower after a light frost, to 30 degrees. A few flowering plants can even withstand temps into the mid 20s, though this is generally considered a hard or killing frost.

From the gardens point of view, autumn is much more the end of summer. it is also an important period of preparation, both for the cold months ahead and for the spring that follows. In an established garden where plants are wintering over, the autumn jobs are to clear away old growth and mulch the bed for winter. For a new garden, or for one that is empty of plants through winter, this is the time to prepare the soil.

Putting the garden to bed should start with clearing out all garden debris and composting it Turn over the soil and do a soil test to find out if lime needs to be added. Lime now and add organic matter in the form of composted manure or seed with winter rye that you can turn under in the spring thereby adding nutrients to the soil. You can turn in leaves into the soil to improve the tilth of the soil. Maple leaves break down in a season so they can be used. Oak leaves break down much slower so should not be used. Now is also a good time to put in some raised beds in the vegetable garden for the spring or improve the ones you already have. Raised beds are great as they heat up a little earlier in the spring. Can you believe all the great bulbs that are available? There are so many available in every color and hue...tulips, daffodils, crocus, muscari are the typical choices and there are new and gorgeous colors in each category. Try some new bulbs like alliums, miniature narcissus, fritillaria, and camassia. You can continue planting bulbs until the ground freezes solid. It's a smart gardener though who gets their bulbs in as early as possible, as New England winters can begin early. Other bulbs that do well when planted in the fall are all hybrid lilies like Asiatics, trumpets and Oriental. The harvest can continue if any tomatoes have not been hit by frost, put them in paper bags and they will ripen. They will always taste better than those you can buy in the market. Broccoli can last until December. You'll be picking offshoots but they are delicious. There is much to do before winter sets in and the gardener moves indoors!

Happy Gardening!



Place your November Serve order between **October 28th and November 6th** by one of the following methods:

1. Order at the Brookfield Congregational Church hall on 10/28 between 1:00 and 2:00 PM
2. Order at Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park Recreation Hall at 10:00 A.M. on the 1st Saturday of each month
3. Call Art at 508-867-4294 or Linda at 508-867-9553
4. On-line at [www.serve-newengland.org](http://www.serve-newengland.org) 24 hours a day.

**Accepted methods of payment** are: Cash, Bank Check, Money Order and Food Stamps.

Pick-up day is November 22 at the church from 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Volunteers always needed.  
Brookfield's Community First  
Chapter Number 2591

## NOTICE

### WINTER PARKING BAN FOR ALL PUBLIC WAYS IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

The Selectmen voted on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 to reinstate the winter parking ban for all public ways in the Town from November 15, 2008 to April 15, 2009 during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. As in the past, once the Winter Parking Ban is in effect, there will be no parking on the streets, whether or not snow is predicted and anyone in violation of parking on the street will receive a citation of \$15.00 for the first offense.

## From Your Fire Department

*Peter Martell*

With the cold weather creeping in, the Brookfield Fire Department is wrapping up a productive season of fire prevention and education programs. The family fun day was a good opportunity to provide educational materials, finish up this years bicycle helmet distribution, and hold a mini-muster for the kids. Lieutenant Rick Phillips took a group of firefighters into the elementary school for fire prevention week. That same night, some of the kids brought their folks to the station to let the adults look around and ask some questions of their own. We welcomed the kids from the library reading group for station tours. And during Apple Country fair, we brought up the new engine, answered countless questions, and gave out fire and safety materials for adults and kids.

Now that fall is here, I want to go over some seasonal reminders. State regulations do not allow the burning of leaves. That's out of our hands. The transfer station will take leaves, but not brush or limbs. The brush and limbs will have to wait until the open burning season starts on January 15. When piling up leaves, try to avoid the driveway. Some people have parked cars on leaves, either by mistake or to keep them from blowing away. Unfortunately, dry leaves combined with a cars hot exhaust can have serious consequences.

Next month we hope to go over some heating system safety items, but for now I want to urge that people get their chimney cleaned before the stove doesn't get a day off. If you do it yourself, be careful.



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