



# The Brookfield Citizen

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## A Look Back

May 7, 1909

Superintendent Henry Clark is getting his open cars ready for use.

A. D. Hooker has bought the Levi Davis place, on the common, through the agency of H. M. Bemis.

Liquor licenses were granted to John L. Mulcahy & Co., and James Mahan & Co. No drugs license was granted.

By petition of the people of W. Main St, John Crotty has been appointed special policeman by the selectmen.

Reverend Father Smith has succeeded Reverend Father Gerry as curate of St. Mary's Church, the latter being transferred to Shelburne Falls.

Fred Bowen has bought the cottage on Main Street, near the Nichols place, from the North Brookfield Bank. He will repair and improve it.

C. A. Parker, a baker with 22 years of experience, of Worcester, will do the baking for William A. Walker, who will open a new bakery in the Baker block, on Central Street, next Monday.

One of the most pleasant events of the season was held last Friday evening, when the town hall was opened for the annual re-union.

George S. Walker, secretary of the National Wool Growers Association, was officially introduced to President Taft, the first of the week, by former Representative Grosvenor of Ohio. Mr. Walker made strong statements to President Taft that if the tariff on wool was reduced the wool growers would suffer greatly and hope for favorable consideration of the subject before the tariff bill is finally enacted.

East Brookfield - As spring approaches the automobiles are beginning to go through town in large numbers. The machines are driven through the village at a dangerous rate of speed and something should be done to put a stop to the practice.

May 14, 1909

William J. Walker opened his bakery, last Monday.

Gas has been installed in the Turner block, this week.

Charles A. Rice is getting his auto ready for use the season.

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## Elections / Annual Town Meeting

Annual elections will be held on Monday, May 3 from 7:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall. You must be a registered voter in order to participate. The contested races are:

- ◆ Selectman - Vote for One
  - \* Rudy Heller - Incumbent
  - \* Dave Olson -
- ◆ Town Clerk - Vote for One
  - \* Sheila A. Frangiamore
  - \* Michael P. Seery
- ◆ Constable - Vote for Two
  - \* Kris Murray - Incumbent
  - \* Joseph F.. Murray - Incumbent
  - \* Richard A. Lapierre -
  - \* Nicholas Abair -

There will also be one question on the ballot. **The ballot questions is:** Shall the Town of Brookfield

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## Library News

By: Brenda Metterville



Friends of the Library Silent Auction! All types of items, new and looks new, and for all ages, are accepted. Drop off at the library. Diane with the Friends will pick up items, 508 867 7228 or call the library 508 867 6339. This is a fun event with competitive bidding on items ranging from hand-knit sweaters, toys and fine wine glass sets. This fundraising event supports the library's summer reading program which includes Kid's Yoga, Wingmasters, Ice Cream Party and more.

Kid's Yoga with Ann Ramsey, Thursdays, May 13 and May 20 at 2:00 p.m. Mom's can join the fun, too. Free snack served.

**Wednesdays:** Pre-school story time with Sharon Champoux with Community Partnership for Children. No age limits, enjoy a fun free time.

**Fridays:** Music time with Renee Coro, funded by the Brookfield Community Club. No age limits and free snacks served.

More photographs and postcards (from Sherril Cote's great collection) may be found on our website in our Picasa Web Album and on display in the library.

Thursday May 20, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The Merrick Public Library is offering an American Heart Association Friends and Family CPR Class presented by Matt Simpson. This class is being offered to members of the Brookfield community with little to no medical training who want to learn more about CPR but do not need a course completion card. Students will learn to perform CPR for adults, children and infants and how to help an adult, child or infant who is choking. This class is open to members of the community age 11 and over. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. Please call 508 867 6339 for further information and to register.

### Banister Book Group:

Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Brazilian storyteller Paulo Coelho introduces Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who one night dreams of a distant treasure in the Egyptian pyramids. And so he's off, leaving Spain to literally follow his dream. Along the way he meets

many spiritual messengers, who come in unassuming forms such as a camel driver and a well-read Englishman. In one of the Englishman's books, Santiago first learns about the alchemists--men who believed that if a metal were heated for many years, it would free itself of all its individual properties, and what was left would be the "Soul of the World." Books and sound recordings are available at the library to borrow.

Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. *The Wildwater Walking Club* by Claire Cook. After losing her boyfriend and her job in one fell swoop, Noreen finds it hard to know what the next step is--never mind take it. For the first time in a great many years, Noreen has time to herself. So she puts on a new pair of sneakers and a seriously outdated pair of exercise pants, and walks. It isn't long before she's joined by neighbors Tess and Rosie, two women as lost as she is. As the Wildwater women walk and talk, and talk and walk, they tally their steps, share their secrets, and begin putting their lives back together. And along the way, they learn what women everywhere are finding out -- time flies, and getting fit is actually fun when you're walking with friends. Books and sound recordings are available at the library to borrow.

Items that may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours include: old prescription eye glasses for The Lion's Club, food and non-perishable items for the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry, books, videos and DVDs for the Friends of the Library. The Friends and Food Pantry will accept monetary donations also. Other organizations we collect for include the Brookfield Elementary School (box tops for education, soup labels, cell phones and old ink cartridges). The Rainbow Girls continue to collect can tabs.

The library will be closed, Saturday, May 29 for Memorial Day weekend.

REGULAR HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

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*Complicated Laws**Common Language***The Folding Corner***Philip Peirce*

As I've mentioned before, I'm a relative newcomer to Brookfield. After all, I wasn't born and brought up here, so, to the hardliners, I'm a foreigner. Be that as it may, it wasn't all that long after moving here, perhaps 2 years or so, that a missive in my mailbox requested help in the municipal offices. The then Board of Selectmen needed to fill spaces on boards and committees due to a lack of volunteers. Having been brought up in a school system that heralded "civic duty," I responded, and started my subsequent stint in serving the town.

The town fathers placed me in the Housing Authority. Eventually I became a part of the Advisory Board, later a Selectman, with my last term there cut short by heart surgery. I don't really remember how many years, but it was about 30 years ago that I started. The first 20 or so years were sheer voluntary, to help my community. The last 10 or so as an Assessor, have me still working for the Town, to benefit and help it to prosper, with a paycheck to help me make ends meet.

Not everybody has the time and space to do as I have done. I have been fortunate during my working days, to have been able to do these things, purely by circumstance. But, for the rest of you in this community, there is a call for you to do your "civic duty." The call is a simple one. Help the municipality to continue to grow in a direction that maintains the features of this community you have moved to, or already live in. The one all-important way to do that is to vote at Town elections and at Town Meetings.

Voting at elections is as important at the local level as it is at the national level. At our level, we have the opportunity to evaluate people running for office well before the voting day. We have a candidate's night where you can get answers to questions you might have, you have the words from candidates in contested races shown in this newsletter, and you will probably be able to speak directly to any of them at the Post Office or the Landfill on the weekends. At the Annual Town Meeting, you have an opportunity to have your say in how the town is managed, by voting on the budget for the new Fiscal Year as well as the various articles on the warrant which may or may not involve funding.

This is all democracy at the basic level. You make the decisions. You are not replaced with a representative who speaks and votes for a district; it is your personal vote that counts. This is your community. You have moved here for a reason. You have lived here for a reason. If you didn't like it, you would have moved. I love my community. My interests for the past 30 years have been to make Brookfield a better place to live and grow. I hope that you will feel the same about your community.

Dates and times for the Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting can be found elsewhere in this issue.



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