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TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 9, and Section 11 Back Lot Permit, of the West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, the Planning Board will open a public hearing on **Monday, December 15th, 2025 at 6:00 pm** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 2 East Main Street, for the following application:

Darcie Confar seeks Special Permit approval to create a Back-

lot, approximately 20.805 acres, at 62 Birch Hill Road, West Brookfield.

Interested parties may review the plan at the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield. A copy is posted on the display board outside of the Town Hall and on the Town website at www.wbrookfield.com, under the Events Calendar.

The Board invites all interested parties to attend the public hearing.

Timothy Morrell
Planning Board Chair
11/28, 12/05/2025

Weir River Jazz presents free holiday concerts

HARDWICK – Weir River Jazz will present “Tunes for the Tinsel,” a big band concert in the sanctuary of the Stone Church Cultural Center on Route 32 in Gilbertville on Sunday, Dec.7 at 2 p.m.

All are welcome to join them to hear the great sounds of a traditional Big Band with their version of popular

seasonal melodies. Or if you prefer a different setting, join the band on Saturday Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. for “Trimnings for the Tree,” presented at Workshop13 in Ware.

Both programs are open to the public and there is no charge for admission. Reservations are suggested for Workshop13 as seats go quickly there.

- public safety -

East Brookfield Police Log

During the week of Nov. 10-16, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 155 building/property checks, 79 directed area patrols, seven radar assignments, 11 traffic controls, eight emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, three investigations, one property damage, two motor vehicle accidents, two safety hazards, one animal call and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, Nov. 10
3:36 p.m. Property Damage, East Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
5:59 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Rice Road, Arrest(s) Made
11:46 p.m. Medical Emergency, Drake Street, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, Nov. 11
11:18 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Howe Street, Patient Refusal
12:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, South Pond Road, Citation Issued
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
11:22 p.m. Medical Emergency, Lashaway Drive, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 12
12:59 p.m. Investigation, Rice Road, Services Rendered
2:58 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Dunn Brook Road, Spoken To
9:02 p.m. Directed/Area Patrol, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, Nov. 13
9:46 a.m. Safety Hazard, Terry Lane, Services Rendered

Friday, Nov. 14
12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, East Main Street, Report Taken
5:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Written Warning
9:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, West Sturbridge Road, Spoken To
10:17 p.m. Medical Emergency, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital
10:27 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, West Main Street, Negative Contact

Saturday, Nov. 15
10:16 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Maple Street, Spoken To
3:25 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Sunday, Nov. 16
8:43 a.m. Investigation, East Main Street, Officer Handled
9:43 a.m. Investigation, Connie Mack Drive, Services

Rendered
10:20 a.m. Safety Hazard, East Main Street, Officer Handled
1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Written Warning
4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Written Warning
5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
5:55 p.m. Directed/Area Patrol, East Main Street, Citation Issued
6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Written Warning
8:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Written Warning

GALLERY SHOW FROM PAGE 1

Abigail Rorer of Petersham, who recently held a very successful solo show at the gallery back in October, will have her wood engravings, silverpoints and more. She is also the publisher of limited edition fine print books.

West Brookfield’s own talented wood turner, Frank White, will have his bowls and more to display at the show – any one of his pieces will bring beauty to your holiday table setting.

Brookfield artist Vanessa Varjian is the youngest art-

ist in the show, but her years of experience as a painter are evident in her outdoor scenes, which have an impressionistic feel and perfectly capture the way the natural light hits her subject.

Susan Pecora of Thorndike, who used to have her own painting show on PBS, will have numerous paintings featuring easily identifiable local landscapes. Pecora is a renowned artist and her work is featured in galleries all over.

In addition to being the gallery owner, Fay is also one of its artists. For this

year’s Holiday Group Show she will showcase her beetle and bee pieces while incorporating 22-karat gold leaf.

Joanne Talbot Quinn of Princeton is a retired art teacher, has been focusing her paintbrush on capturing the vibrant beauty of the nasturtium flower, in addition to the soft beauty of her landscape scenes.

West Brookfield native Cathie Palo and Lowell resident Cassandra Goldwater will return after holding their third annual Jewelry Show at the gallery in November. Their stunning jew-

elry ranges from metal bangles, to pendants adorned with natural stones collected from the beach. Each piece is handcrafted and unique.

West Brookfield artist Jennifer Geldard will also return to the gallery to showcase her jewelry made with glass beads and her whimsical paintings. Geldard used to own a bead shop in Concord many years ago, before opening Glass Girls Studio and Gallery in the space that is now West Brookfield Art & Frame.

Cheryl O’Donnell of New Hampshire will also

be featured in the Holiday Group Show. Known for decorative painting, O’Donnell is also noted for her fine art portraits and landscapes.

Carole Bentley of North Brookfield will also be featured in the show, with her paintings of landscapes, seascapes, flowers and birds.

Holden plein air painter Gerard Blouin is said to paint outdoors in almost any weather. An environmentalist and outdoorsman, his passions are reflected in the scenes he captures on canvas.

Multimedia artist and

bookbinder Karen Thompson Bullock from West Brookfield will have gorgeous ornaments and wonderful boxes on display.

Lisa Cohen of Gilbertville, who is also an active participant at Workshop13, has restocked her ceramic offerings at the gallery. When she is not at the kiln, Cohen is writing science fiction and fantasy novels and being active in her community.

Artist John Collins of Ware, will feature his paintings in the show. Collins is also a talented sculptor, having recently focused on his artistic talents after retiring from his career as an architect.

Elisabeth Hyder of North Brookfield makes her own paste paper and creates all kinds of works of art with it.

Cruger Johnson Phillips is the only abstract artist featured in the show, and she will have her small, original paintings, which have inspirational and positive messages written on the back.

White Christmas and book signing

Local author Jonathan Cook will have a “meet the author” event and book signing at the gallery during White Christmas in West Brookfield on Sunday, Dec. 7 starting at 11 a.m.

Cook worked for 40 years in the restaurant industry including a stint at Salem Cross Inn. He was a journalist for 10 years at various small papers throughout New England.

“The Vampires of York, Maine: A Modern Crime Story” follows the misadventures of Jerry O’Shaughnessy, journalist turned bar owner, as he gets involved in a missing girl case. In the process, he uncovers human trafficking, a neo-Nazi gang and supernatural elements in coastal Maine.

Packed with history and local lore of the Seacoast, this story has deep ties to the Worcester mafia.

About the gallery

The Holiday Group Show will be on display at West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery, 10 East Main St., for the month of December. For more information, call the gallery at 508-753-8604, email yafacceber@hotmail.com, visit westbrookfieldartandframe.com or stop by the gallery during open hours, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



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