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**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**
In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3 of M.G.L., a Public Hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on **Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Town Hall Banquet Room, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA.** Anyone wishing to comment may do so at this time.

The Select Board, acting as Tree Warden, has posted the following tree be removed:
On 18 Common Street, a Norway Maple tree located between the Merrick Public Library and the Library Annex. Removing the tree would make it possible to install a 16' x 16' parking area to provide ADA-accessible park-

ing for the Wood Room/Meeting Room and Barn program space. Without this improvement, ADA-accessible parking at 18 Common Street would not be feasible.
This notice is also posted on the Town Website; the Brookfield Town Clerk's Office, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA; the Brookfield Post Office on Route 9; and a local newspaper.
Brookfield Select Board selectmen@brookfieldma.us 03/20, 03/27/2026
**Town of North Brookfield
Notice of Public Hearing**
The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April**

15, 2025 at 6:15PM at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St., North Brookfield, MA. Public opinion will be received for 32 Summer St., regarding a change from office use to residential use (Section IV.A.2.i.) per the North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws. The property is also in the Downtown Overlay District. Any person interested in being heard or seeking information should appear at the above stated time and place. A copy of the proposed permit application is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main St., No. Brookfield, MA.
William King, Chair
03/27, 04/03/2026

Massachusetts State Button Show to be held April 11

THREE RIVERS – Massachusetts State Button Society's spring meeting will be hosted by the Metropolitan and Monson Button Clubs on Saturday, April 11 at the AMVETS Post 74, 2159 Main St. in Three Rivers from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
The public is invited to attend the day's activities and to purchase buttons and button related items from 9 a.m.-noon, and from 1:30-3 p.m. There

will be no button sales during the break from noon-1:30 p.m. as lunch, a business meeting, and auction will take place.
Morning visitors will be treated to coffee and refreshments provided by the hosting club; bring your own brown bag lunch, and dessert will be provided.
There is no admission fee, and all are welcome.

Brandon Sears earns degree from University of Maryland

ADELPHI, MD – Brandon Sears of Fiskdale, earned a Master of Science in cybersecurity technology from University of Maryland Global Campus in fall 2025. Sears was one of more than 6,400 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the fall 2025 term.

- obituary -

Robert J. St. George, 96

HAMPDEN/WARREN – Robert J. St. George, 96, died on Tuesday morning, March 17, 2026, in the Vantage Health and Rehabilitation Center in Hampden.

He was just one month shy of his 97th birthday. Robert lived a very long and well fulfilled life, remaining active up until just a few years ago.
He leaves his loving and caring sons, Christopher St. George and his wife Mary of East Longmeadow, and Nicholas St. George of New Jersey, along with one grandson, Aidan St. George. He was predeceased by his brothers, Warren and Walter and sister Mary. Robert is survived by his sister Jane.

He was born in Ware and grew up in Warren, son of the late Charles W. and Mary E. (Bullock) St. George.

Following graduation from Warren High School, Robert was drafted into the United States Army, serving in the Korean War.
After his service, Robert graduated from Clark

University in Worcester with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master's Degree in Education. He then earned a Master Degree in Science from the University of North Carolina.

He was passionate about science and teaching, and was a beloved Biology teacher at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, New York for 27 years, prior to retiring. Newer and older students remember Mr. St. George with admiration. After he retired, Robert moved back to his roots in Warren, where he enjoyed farming. He grew vegetables, and raised goats, chickens and turkeys on his farm.



DEATH NOTICE

St. George, Robert J.
Died March 17, 2026
Services March 26, 2026

Robert held his Catholic faith close, and believed that his long and well fulfilled life was attributed to God.
A Funeral Mass for Robert was held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church, 22 West Main St., in West Brookfield. A calling hour for visitation was held the same day from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Varnum Funeral Home, 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery in Warren later in the spring.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), which is a global Catholic Television, Radio and News Network at ewtn.com.
An online tribute page is available at varnumfuneral-home.com.

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crease to reflect the earnings he makes in East Brookfield.
Other information presented was that the town has \$913,000 dollars in free cash, and is on track with revenue.
Insurance Advisory Committee
The Select Board appointed Bartkus to the Insurance Advisory Committee by unanimous decision.
Rice Corner Road Contracts
Jeff Howland, a representative from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, presented three contracts the Select

Board has to sign to move forward with a culvert replacement. He said the project is fully funded, and the culvert has to be replaced by June 30.
Howland said the project has approval from the Conservation Commission. The board elected to table signing the contracts until March 23.
Snow and ice deficit
The Select Board approved the Highway Department Superintendent Kyle Rutkowski's request to deficit spend \$35,000 in expense and \$30,000 dollars in wages. Bartkus said the Highway Department is now \$106,000 over bud-

get.
Highway liaison discussion
Chaffee said he added this item to the agenda because since the town has hired a full time town administrator in Bob Ayers, the highway liaison position should go to him. Chaffee said Rutkowski and Ayers meet frequently, and he does not hear much communication from the current highway liaison in Beth Coughlin.
Bruce Clarke, a member of the water department said Chaffee goes to the highway department many times a day, and is taking authority from Coughlin. Chaffee said he is not trying to take any power away from Coughlin.

Clarke also questioned how often is standard for a selectman to visit the water department, and Chaffee said it depends on projects happening.
Chaffee said the reason he goes to Rutkowski is to give him information, and help set him up for success in his position.
Select Board member Sarah Campbell said she has also had negative reactions to helping Rutkowski. Campbell said she helped him make a spreadsheet for

the budget, and alleged that Coughlin and Rutkowski said she had no reason to be at the Highway Department.
She said she has not been to the department in weeks to avoid that perception. The board eventually voted to rescind the position of highway liaison.
Town Hall improvement
The board discussed the Town Hall bell tower, which was quoted at \$21,000 to repair last year. Coughlin said it should be addressed because it is a structural repair.

Campbell suggested using the \$25,000 in the town hall improvement fund, and put it toward the bell tower. The board said they need two more quotes first.
Firearm reimbursement
The board voted not to reimburse a firearm, which the animal control officer requested they do, as Campbell cited the animal control officer is not allowed to carry a gun on Brookfield property by law. Chaffee said the quotes were in the range of \$110-\$125.

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nel and the town's website," Cofske said. "We will be holding several public informational forums over the next month."
Cofske said the purpose is to provide residents with factual information over the course of these meetings that will include but is not limited to the following:
• Explanation of Proposition 2 1/2
• Explanation of how the town's financial situation changed over the years
• Explanation of why the town/school can't operate within the existing 2.5% increase provided by Proposition 2 1/2
• Fact driven financial and comparison data
• Estimated annual tax impacts
• What do the two scenarios (override passes or override fails) provide or reduce
• Identify/explain long-term financial plans
• Spending measures implemented
• Revenue sources being explored
• Capital projects coming forward, the expected costs and how they will be funded
• Exemptions/abatements

for seniors, veterans or low-income residents
• Questions and answers
The materials prepared and presented to the residents of West Brookfield are meant to provide unbiased, fact-based information. The sole intent is to provide them with information to necessitate an informed decision that they are comfortable with.
"We expect the presentations to last up to an hour, followed by a question and answer session," Cofske said.
If you were unable to ask questions during the forums, you may email those to BOS@wbrookfield.com. The town will post the questions and answers, along with any updates or additional information. These can be accessed on the Town Administrator's page of the town's website www.wbrookfield.com.
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wbrookfield.com.
Public Information Forums will be held on Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. at West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main St.; Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Center St.; and Monday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main St.
The local Town Election will have the override ballot question to be considered on May 5. Election will be held at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Center St. from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The ballot question will require a majority (over 50%) to vote in its favor to pass.
Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for June 2, and will be held at the West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main St. at 6:30 p.m. The override will require a majority (over 50%) of those present to vote in favor of its passage at Town Meeting.
The override requires the passing of both Town Meeting as well as the General Election. If the override fails, the budget to be presented at Annual Town Meeting will be a reduced budget.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. "Bird of Paradise" constellation

5. Red Sox WS winner Bronson

11. Whirl

12. The State Dept. has a notable one

16. Energy, style and enthusiasm

17. Part of the mind

18. Mountainous country

19. Type of beverage

24. Atomic #109

25. Opposite of falsities

26. Female sheep

27. Rocky peak

28. Sensitive information sharing environment

29. Ethnic group of Thailand

30. Patron saint of Rome Philip

31. Psychedelics

33. Japanese pine

CLUES DOWN

1. Some are "secret"

2. Intestinal openings

3. Distant planet

4. Assembly possessing high legislative powers

5. Genus of typical owls

6. One with distinctively colored hair

7. Red cross

8. An alternative

9. Abominable snowmen

10. About ear

13. The opening letters

14. Feeling of regret

15. Atomic #39

20. Luteinizing hormone

21. Atomic #55

22. Carries a debt

23. Albanian monetary unit

27. Semitic abjad letter

29. Yes

30. Negative

31. Earn a perfect score

32. Connecticut

33. Partner to cheese

34. Snack nuts

35. Quadruped's body part

36. Locate

37. Pitching statistic

38. "_, myself and I"

40. Utah city northwest of Provo

41. Football players in the trenches

42. One who runs the show

44. Wood

45. Performing artists

46. Slang for a cut

47. More breathable

48. Most crafty

50. Provokes into action

51. University of Dayton

52. Sodium

54. Large fish of the mackerel family

55. Not one

57. _ and behold

61. Sports highlight show

62. "The Great Lakes State"

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