



The Banister Bulletin



"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks.
Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!" – Charmaine J. Forde



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HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday & Monday
Closed

FREE SERVICES

- Wi-Fi
- Computers
- Printing
- Copying
- Scanning
- Faxing
- Notary Public
- Home Delivery (for those Housebound)

Please be aware that the public computers and photocopier are shut down 15 minutes before closing time.

RESOURCES

Library Website:
merrickpubliclibrary.org

Library Catalog:
brookfield.cwmars.org

Library Facebook:
@Brookfield Merrick Public Library

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will be CLOSED on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

The library will also be CLOSED on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for Thanksgiving.

LUMINARIES

It's that time of year again - time for folding luminary bags! The Friends of Brookfield are looking for volunteers to help with folding bags for the annual luminary display on Christmas Eve. If you're interested in helping, please stop by the library during open hours to pick up some bags. Thank you!

MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie

Wednesday, November 12th & 19th at 11:30 a.m.

Join Julie for songs kids know and love. Stretch, move, sing, and dance – all while developing early literacy skills through music and rhythm! This program is free and no registration is required. Recommended for children ages 0 – 5.

CHESS CLUB Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All ages and skill levels welcome. This drop-in program is free to attend and no registration is required. New players are always welcome and encouraged, even if you can only attend once or twice.

BANISTER BOOK GROUP

This book discussion group meets at the Library Annex at 18 Common St., on the last Wednesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Copies of the current book are available for checkout at the library. New members always welcome!

December 3rd: *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn

A thrilling and unforgettable narrative about the intertwined lives of two wronged women, spanning from the chaos of the San Francisco earthquake to the glittering palaces of Versailles.

LOCAL HISTORY: THE NEFARIOUS HIRAM P. GERALD

The Brookfield Times - January 3, 1896 (continued)

"It seems strange when we think of the able and sagacious business men who have wrought their own financial ruin, by similar means to those practiced by Gerald, that there are always yet others ready to enter the lists. Warrants have been issued for the defaulting treasurer's arrest but as near as can be learned little or no efforts are being made to ascertain his whereabouts. The bulk of the depositors of the ruined bank are people of Brookfield and the adjoining towns. What the extent of Gerald's hypothecations are, cannot at this time be determined, but there is strong probability that it will not fall below \$10,000 and may reach a much larger sum."

Next month, we'll take a break from the story of Mr. Gerald's corruption and pivot to another piece of our local history - Brookfield Day, 1923. Stay tuned! For more on the Gerald story, please visit the library.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

MONDAYS

- Fit 4 U from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TUESDAYS

- Chair Yoga from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Coffee Hour from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

- Walking Group at 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAYS

- Fit 4 U from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Learn to Crochet at 10:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Email seniors@brookfieldma.us | **Phone** 508-867-2930 ext. 23 (Patty King)

OTHER PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

2nd Tuesday of the Month
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Foot Clinic

3rd & 4th Tuesday of the Month
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$10 fee)

CURRENTLY FULL

Not Accepting New Clients

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bus Trip to Smith College for Chrysanthemum Show

Thursday, November 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Bemis Holiday Centerpiece Class

Tuesday, November 18th at 10:00 a.m.

BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY CLUB

The Brookfield Community Club is now accepting grant applications for 2026!

Grant Guidelines

The Brookfield Community Club (BCC) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization in the Town of Brookfield established to promote the purposes as set forth in Article 2 of its by-laws: "The objective shall be to benefit the school and community and to foster community spirit through service and fellowship." The BCC raises funds primarily by sponsoring the Apple Country Fair which is held every October. It relies on the generous time and effort given by many volunteers and welcomes any assistance which may be offered.

Application

Applications will be accepted through November 10th. To apply, visit www.applecountryfair.com/grants.html.

Awarding of Funds

The Brookfield Community Club will notify grant recipients via email. The funds are to be used only for the purposes set forth in the application. Funds will be distributed upon submission of receipts to the Brookfield Community Club Treasurer. Payments will be made by the BCC to the name listed on the Grant Payment Submission Form. All funds must be expended by December 1, 2026. Please note that any funds not expended by December 1, 2026 will be forfeited.

Exclusions

The Brookfield Community Club executive board will not consider any grants for wages or salaries or for private businesses. However, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply.