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Village of Brookfield Acquires Former Theater Building on Grand Boulevard

On Sept. 5, the Village of Brookfield acquired the former Brookfield Theater building at 3723 Grand Blvd. with an eye toward redeveloping this notable downtown commercial property, to complement the vibrant Grand Boulevard Business District and promote economic development.

Built in 1915 as the Brookfield Theater, the building was renamed The Strand and continued to show motion pictures and host other community events until it closed in 1952. The following year, the building was taken over by an affiliate of the Chicago Air Filter Company.

Later, the front part of the building was converted into offices, while a large part of it was used for storage.

The Village intends to seek proposals for redevelopment of the property that will bring energy to our downtown and be a sales tax generating property. The Village Board will also host public meetings/workshops to gain input and feedback from the public concerning the development options for the property.

There will be more news about this redevelopment initiative in the future. Stay tuned!



From left, Assistant Village Manager Stevie Ferrari, Village Trustee Kit Ketchmark, Electrical Inspector Roger Nothnagel, Community Development Director Libby Popovic, Code Inspector Jordan Isenberg and Building Division Manager Michelle Niemeyer got a look inside of the old Brookfield Theater building on Sept. 5.

Blast from the Past



June 14, 1958

The two decades following World War II saw Brookfield's population boom, roughly doubling to more than 20,000 residents. A lot of those new residents were the children of the Baby Boom, and the 1950s saw Brookfield focused on providing young people with recreation outlets.

Talked about for years, a Brookfield swimming pool finally became a reality in 1958. The pool was not a Village-run operation. Rather, the Brookfield Kiwanis Club formed the Swimming Pool Association in 1956, sold bonds in \$100 increments to Village residents, bought the land, hired an architect and got it built.

The pool was located at the southwest corner of Arthur and Gerritsen avenues, and the Swimming Pool Association pulled out all the stops for opening day on June 14, 1958. Tickets to the "Grand Opening and Water Show" cost \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for kids.

Film stars Linda Darnell and Sidney Blackmer added some Hollywood glamour to the ceremonies, which included a flag ceremony, a rendition of the National Anthem, an invocation by the pastor of St. Barbara Parish and music by the S.E. Gross School band.

The highlight was Darnell clambering aboard a fan-powered rowboat, which motored to the center of the pool, where she cut a red ribbon stretched across the water.

But, pools are expensive to operate, and in the 1970s the Swimming Pool Association began selling off land to balance the books. By the mid-1980s, the writing was on the wall. The Brookfield swimming pool closed its doors for good at the end of summer 1985, and the land was sold for residential development.



Hollywood film star Linda Darnell, assisted by Swimming Pool Association President John Tuschall, cuts the ribbon during the opening ceremonies for the Brookfield swimming pool on June 14, 1958.

Report issues through SeeClickFix

See a pothole in the street? Need your alley graded or know of a parkway tree in need of trimming? You can directly communicate issues and concerns to our Public Works staff through SeeClickFix, a work order request app.

If you see anything that needs fixing, addressing, removal, etc., please put in a request through SeeClickFix and you'll receive confirmation of the request and updates on its resolution. Click the QR code or visit brookfieldil.gov.



Be Sure to Complete the Community Center Feasibility Study Survey!

Parks & Rec needs your input to help guide future planning

The Village of Brookfield Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a needs assessment for indoor recreation and community space. The goal of this indoor recreation and community space survey is to develop a detailed plan based on community needs, interests, and the importance of additional indoor recreation space.

Another goal of this survey is to determine the types of indoor recreation space features/amenities needed and preferred by residents of the Village. Once completed, the assessment will guide the Village in meeting the indoor recreation needs and preferences of the community.

By completing this survey, you will provide key input to help shape future recreation facility and program planning within the Village of Brookfield.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Please consider the views of your whole household in answering these questions. We appreciate your response by Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Your answers are anonymous and will be grouped with all other respondents. A summary of the results will be available on the Village of Brookfield Parks and Recreation web page when the project is completed later this year. In appreciation for completing this survey, you can enter our drawing for twenty \$25 and ten \$50 Enjoy Brookfield gift cards, valid at any store or restaurant within Brookfield.

If you have questions about the survey or technical issues in completing it, please contact Dr. Laura Payne, University

of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at 217-244-7038 or lpayne@illinois.edu. For questions about the Community Center Feasibility Study project, contact Luke Gundersen, Director of Parks and Recreation at 708-485-1474.

The survey is in both English and Spanish. QR codes for both can be found below.



ENGLISH



SPANISH



Brookfield seeks OSLAD grant to fund Creekside Park/Woods improvements

Earlier this month the Brookfield Village Board of Trustees gave staff the green light to submit an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help fund the first phase of a plan to redevelop Creekside Park and tie that to a woodland trail path in Kiwanis Park south of the BNSF Railroad tracks.

The \$600,000 grant would go towards creating walking trails in what will be called Creekside Woods (formerly South Kiwanis Park), which will be dotted with contemplation spaces and nature play areas. The planning for Creekside Woods has been in the works for more than a year with the Brookfield Conservation Commission receiving assistance from the National Park Service through a technical assistance grant.

The Conservation Commission held multiple public meetings to keep residents apprised of the planning effort and seek input on amenities to be included as part of the

initiative. The OSLAD grant application for Phase I seeks funding for needed improvements to Creekside Park, on the west bank of Salt Creek, but also for the construction of abutments for a bridge that would connect Creekside Woods with Creekside Park in the future.

Construction of a bridge would be included as part of Phase II of the project. The total cost of the improvements is estimated at about \$2.6 million, each phase split about equally. Construction of both Phase I and Phase II are contingent on the Village receiving OSLAD or other grant funding.

For a more detailed look at the Village's plans for Creekside Park and Creekside Woods, click the QR code or visit brookfieldil.gov and select "Parks and Recreation" from the "Departments" drop-down menu. You'll find a link to "Park Improvement Projects" on the Parks and Recreation web page.



Three Fire Command Staff Sworn In as Battalion Chiefs

At the Aug. 26 Board of Trustees meeting, the Fire Department swore in Brian Baldwin, Matthew Dubik and Robert Shamasko to their new amended rank of Battalion Chief.

The Fire Department changed the rank of Fire Captain to Battalion Chief to increase the professionalism of the fire department and the services they provide. Most of the roles and responsibilities these men had as Fire Captain met the description of Battalion Chief, making this change a natural progression, similar to when the Fire Department changed the rank of Engineer to Lieutenant several years ago.

Their new titles will allow for better educational/training opportunities, additional professional officer development, greater input for managing policies, procedures and directives, as well as having a greater span of control at larger Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) emergency incidents.

Congratulations to Battalion Chiefs Baldwin, Dubik, and Shamasko!



Fire Chief Jim Adams (second from right) stands alongside the Fire Department's three Battalion Chiefs, (from left) Matthew Dubik, Robert Shamasko and Brian Baldwin.

Firefighter/Paramedic Maxwell Salus Sworn In

The Brookfield Fire Department congratulates Firefighter/Paramedic Maxwell Salus (badge #110) after successfully completing his one-year probationary period with the Village.

Shortly after Firefighter Salus was hired on July 24, 2023, he attended the Northern Illinois Public Safety Academy (NIPSTA) in Glenview where he intensively trained to be a firefighter. During his first year, he also earned Illinois State Fire Marshal certifications for Fire Apparatus Engineer, Hazmat Operations, and Fire Service Vehicle Operator.

Max became interested in the fire service because his father is a veteran with the Chicago Fire Department and currently holds the rank of Battalion Chief. In 2022, Max graduated from the City College of Chicago with an associate degree and then went on to earn his National Registry Paramedic license from Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Max is a great addition to the fire department family and looks forward to many years of service to the Village.



Brookfield Police Department Welcomes Three New Recruits



The Brookfield Police Department has hired three recruits, each of whom is now being trained at police academies in the Chicago suburbs.

For the next year, the trio will be considered probationary officers. Once they graduate from the police academy and complete their field training in Brookfield, they'll be sworn in as fully fledged police officers for our Village.

Devin Ingram

Devin Ingram began his professional career with the Brookfield Police Department on July 29, 2024, where he received a comprehensive orientation. He began the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy at Triton College on Aug. 26.

Devin majored in finance at Lewis University and has a background in financial operations, fraud investigations and accounting. Devin is an avid runner, competing in half marathons in his off time. Devin is very enthusiastic about his new role as a police officer and looks forward to being a key asset to our community.

Jeremiah Alvarez

Jeremiah Alvarez began his career with the Brookfield Police Department on Aug. 26, 2024, at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage.

He is a Sergeant in the Army National Guard and has the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 91B, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic. Jeremiah is a fitness enthusiast and enjoys working out. He has a background in sales and has his own online business. He hopes to bring that customer service to the Brookfield residents and looks forward to protecting and serving our community.

John Sullivan

John Sullivan began his career with the Brookfield Police Department on Aug. 26, 2024, at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage.

John earned his associate's degree in general studies from the City Colleges of Chicago, and he has a professional background as an operator at a steel factory. John additionally has assisted with managing an organization which supported individuals with special needs.

John enjoys long-distance running and boxing, and he aspires to be a role model for the community.



The Brookfield Historical Society
and
The Brookfield Chamber of Commerce
Present

MONSTERS ON MAINSTREET



Trick-or-treating in the Grand Boulevard and Broadway Avenue business districts

SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 2024

- Look for Monsters on Mainstreet signs in the windows of participating businesses from noon to 3 p.m.
- Costume contest at the Historic Grossdale Station, 8820 1/2 Brookfield Ave. at 3 p.m. Lots of prizes! Mom and dad welcome in costume or dressed as "mom" and "dad."
- Free pumpkins, taffy apples and apple cider starting at 2:30 p.m. at Grossdale Station for the first 500 child trick-or-treaters.



For more information call Kit Ketchmark at 708-485-5296

Brookfield Fine Arts Festival

Saturday, September 28, 9am–4pm
Kiwanis Park, 8820 Brookfield Ave

- Local Artists
- SideWalk Chalk Contest
- Painted Barrel Silent Auction
- Live Music
- Food Trucks
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Community Development Department Revitalized to Provide Top-Tier Service

Our newly revitalized Community Development Department is designed to provide top-tier services with a focus on professionalism, efficiency, and practicality. We understand the importance of delivering results that not only meet but exceed expectations.

Our team consists of seasoned professionals with a wealth of experience in urban planning, law, real estate and community engagement, allowing us to handle various projects of all scales with precision and expertise. By streamlining our processes and leveraging cutting-edge technology, we ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget, while maintaining the highest standards of quality.

Whether it's guiding developments through zoning processes or engaging with stakeholders, we approach every task with a problem-solving mindset. We understand that it takes a team to get projects across the finish line. Our commitment to practical solutions ensures that we deliver results that are not only effective but sustainable.



Community Development Director

Libby Popovic plays a pivotal role in shaping the vision and direction of the department. This role includes planning, coordinating and executing the meaningful development of projects Brookfield while ensuring that the growth

is both sustainable and beneficial to the community. Libby provides expertise in policy, law, economic development and navigating complex challenges while fostering collaboration between stakeholders, businesses and residents.



Our **Building Division Manager, Michelle Niemeyer**, has decades of experience overseeing day-to-day building operations, ensuring that all projects align with local and state regulations as well as employing best practices. This role is critical in maintaining safety standards and fostering smooth development processes.

Michelle plays a critical role in ensuring that the permit process and building inspections run smoothly while managing **Administrative Assistant Jennifer Novak** and providing guidance on

technical and procedural matters to residents and developers.



Also playing an important role is **Building and Code Enforcement Inspector**

Jordan Isenberg. In this role his primary responsibility is to ensure that all construction, code enforcement and property maintenance projects comply with applicable codes and ordinances.

He further oversees the adjudication hearings and docket management of files, working closely with the village prosecutor and hearing officer to ensure compliance with local building codes, zoning regulations and ordinances.



In addition, we have a dedicated onsite **Plan Review and Building Inspector, Mike Kaston**, from B & F Engineering.

Mike helps to ensure that all building projects within Brookfield meet the requisite standards. His role involves reviewing plans, assisting with the

issuance of permits and ensuring that structures meet quality and safety standards.

The Planning Division Manager is responsible for developing and implementing strategies for land use, urban development and community. We are currently interviewing to fill that vacancy.



Electrical Inspector Roger Nothnagel

has decades of experience and evaluates electrical systems to ensure they meet safety standards and code requirements.

Our new Economic Development Coordinator will soon be starting. This

person will work closely with the Community Development Director and assist our team to drive growth initiatives by attracting new businesses and supporting existing ones, helping to boost Brookfield's local economy in a meaningful and substantive manner.

By expanding our Community Development Team with specialists, we can better address the needs of both developers and residents. Our team is dedicated to being practical, professional and proficient. We are committed to ensuring that our projects are effectively managed with the highest standards of expertise and knowledge. We look forward to working with all!

PIP Grants for Commercial Façade Improvements

If you won a business or commercial property whose façade could use an update, you can get financial assistance from the Village in the form of a Property Improvement Program (PIP) grant.

PIP grants are available for improving commercial within the Village's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. The grant is a 50/50 reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified projects.

Brookfield Bank is also supporting the program with a 0% interest loan for approved projects, allowing businesses and property owners an opportunity to maximize the improvements and support financial resources needed for projects of all sizes.

Most recently, Jen and Will Tse used a PIP grant to help them transform the façade of their business, Treasures Depot at 9207 Broadway Ave, taking it from non-descript to noteworthy!

In addition to façade improvements to signage, windows, entry doors and building materials, PIP grants can also be used to reimburse expenses related to murals on the walls of commercial properties!

To learn more about the PIP program, scan the QR code or email to ecodev@brookfieldil.gov.



Before



After



Autumn advisory from Department of Public Works

Bagging leaves strongly encouraged



Starting Nov. 4, our Village's Public Works Department will focus its street-sweeping efforts on removing leaves to maintain clear drains. The crew will begin the removal process on the south side of the Village and alternate between the north and south sides until Nov. 30.

We strongly urge residents to bag leaves in yard waste bags or clearly marked cans for collection by Groot, coinciding with refuse pickup. Your cooperation in keeping the Village clean and functional is greatly appreciated.

Groot will continue to take bagged leaves or those placed in containers marked "Yard Waste" after Nov. 30 only IF a purchased solid waste sticker is attached. Solid waste stickers are available for purchase at the Village Hall, Tischler Finer Foods and Jewel-Osco in LaGrange Park.

Residents are advised this schedule is only a guideline.

Clear inlets of debris

Blocked inlets can lead to street flooding during periods of heavy rainfall. This issue worsens during autumn when storms are frequent and when trees shed their leaves. It's crucial to keep storm drain inlets clear of leaves and debris to prevent hazardous driving conditions.

Remember, Village ordinances **prohibit raking leaves, grass, and debris into the street**, as this can obstruct water flow. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Groot pickups during holidays

Remember, Groot is the Village's provider for refuse, recycling and yard waste collection, and they play an essential role in keeping our community. It's important to note that there are adjustments to the pickup schedule around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If the holiday falls before or on your regular collection day, your pickup will be postponed by one day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week, held each year during the week of Oct. 9. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country.

During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

This year's campaign, Oct. 6-12, strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. When it comes to smoke alarms, the Fire Department highly encourages everyone to: **INSTALL, TEST and REPLACE.**

Key smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines



Install

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.



Test

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

Chicago Water Management initiates new water treatment process

Effort to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

The City of Chicago Department of Water Management (Chicago DWM) is changing its treatment process in an effort to reduce lead in potable water. The finished water from Chicago DWM is treated with a blended phosphate chemical (60% polyphosphate/40% orthophosphate) for corrosion control.

At the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago DWM plans to switch from the current blended phosphate to orthophosphate starting in the fall of 2024 through the summer of 2025. With the new corrosion inhibitor, lead levels are anticipated to be lowered further.

Has the change been studied?

Chicago DWM has been communicating with the Illinois EPA since 2018 to optimize its corrosion control. Results have shown a reduction in lead, and Chicago DWM was allowed to proceed with construction in 2023.

How will the new water quality parameters compare to existing drinking water quality?

The drinking water's pH at the entry points will continue to be 7.2 to 7.9. Other important background chemistry, such as alkalinity and hardness, will remain at similar levels. The changes will increase the orthophosphate in the finished water while gradually removing the current polyphosphate.

Why is polyphosphate being removed?

Polyphosphate is being removed because recent studies have shown it may negatively impact lead corrosion control. Polyphosphate was initially added with orthophosphate to mask the discoloration of the water from metals such as iron or manganese.

How may this change of process impact you?

This transition to orthophosphate will further lower the lead concentrations with optimized corrosion control. While polyphosphate is removed from finished water, temporary water discoloration could occur in parts of the system where iron-based pipes are present.

How fast will this change occur?

Chicago DWM is taking a phased approach to removing the polyphosphate at a slow pace to minimize the chances of localized water quality issues.

Who should I contact if I experience water quality issues or have concerns?

Please call Public Works at 708-485-2540, and you will be directed to Vincent Smith, the Public Works Director, or Andy Zontos, the Village Water Operator.



Substantial Progress Made on

When it comes to public infrastructure improvements, it has been a very busy year in the Village of Brookfield.

By the time this construction season ends, we will have replaced 1.23 miles of water main and about 700 lead water service lines.

The Village will have also installed a new storm sewer along Burlington Avenue from Elm Avenue to Salt Creek, will have reconstructed or resurfaced the entire length of Burlington Avenue and DuBois Boulevard all the way to Ogden Avenue and will have created a new pickup/drop-off area and brick paver plaza in front of the Congress Park Metra Station's south entrance.

In addition, to the improvements south of the Congress Park Metra Station, the Village is also improving pedestrian and bike connectivity north of the train station to Southview Avenue/Morton Avenue intersection.

We're also making sidewalk improvements in the north end of town and in Hollywood, repaving about a half-mile of residential side streets and building a new public parking lot at 31st Street and Park Avenue.

Below is a status report on each of those projects:

2024 Water Main Improvements Project

The project is currently approximately 50% complete. It should be 80% to 90% complete by the end of 2024 and is anticipated to be completed by spring of 2025.

The following streets are being improved as part of this project:

- Brookfield Avenue (Salt Creek-Hollywood): construction substantially complete
- Henrietta Avenue (Kemman-Harrison): construction substantially complete
- 31st Street (Maple-Sunnyside): construction in progress
- Eberly Avenue (Sahler-Gerritsen): construction pending
- Monroe Avenue (Grand-Maple): construction pending
- Morton Avenue (Southview-Fairview): construction pending
- Arthur Avenue (Gerritsen-Congress Park): construction pending

2024 Lead Water Service Replacement Project

This project, which will replace approximately 700 lead water service lines, is located throughout town at various locations and is approximately 30% complete. The project should be 80% to 90% complete by the end of 2024 and anticipated to be completed by spring of 2025.

2024 Street Improvements Project

The project is currently approximately 80% complete and should be completed by November.

The following streets are being improved as part of this project:

- Morton Avenue (Garfield-31st): construction substantially complete
- Madison Avenue (Washington-Monroe): construction substantially complete
- Fairview Avenue (Maple-Sunnyside): construction in progress



Public Infrastructure Projects

Burlington Avenue/Dubois Boulevard Improvements Project

The project is currently approximately 90% complete and should be completed by November of 2024.

The following locations are being improved as part of this project:

- DuBois Boulevard (Ogden-Burlington): construction substantially complete
- Burlington Avenue (Dubois-Grove): construction substantially complete
- Congress Park Metra Station Plaza: construction in progress



2024 Sidewalk Improvements Project

This project is located throughout town at various locations. The project is currently approximately 50% complete and should be completed by October.

9100 31st Street Parking Lot Project

A parking lot is being constructed at the northwest corner of the 31st Street and Park Avenue intersection. This project will begin late September/early October and should be completed by December.

Congress Park Metra Station-North Side Improvements

Improvements will be made to the north entrance to the Congress Park Metra Station from the tunnel north to Southview Avenue. This project will begin late September/early October and should be completed by December.



\$26.5 Million in Grant/Loan Funding Powers Brookfield Capital Projects

Brookfield in the past couple of years has undertaken a host of capital improvement projects, from water main and sewer improvements to lead water service line replacement, street reconstruction/resurfacing and parking lot construction to making major improvements to public parks, buying front-line emergency response vehicles and installing a village-wide security camera network.

It would be impossible for Brookfield to take on such large-scale expenditures if not for our track record in obtaining critical grant and low/zero-interest loan funding from a variety of federal, state and county agencies.

In 2023 and 2024 alone, the Village has been awarded or has received a total of about \$26.5 million in grant and low/zero-interest loan funding to help fund large capital expenditures.

To the right is a rundown of the funding Brookfield has been awarded or has received in 2023 and 2024.

VILLAGE OF BROOKFIELD SCHEDULE OF GRANTS RECEIVED 2023/2024

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	
Pass Through Funding Directly to the State	
Grand Ave/Brookfield Ave/Golfview*	\$4,062,640
Burlington Ave Construction*	\$3,850,000
Ogden Ave Corridor Project*	\$500,000
Other Direct Funding to the Village	
Illinois Environmental Low/Zero Interest Loans:	
• Loan L1-6300 - Watermain Replacement	\$4,989,581
• Loan L1-6302 - Lead Service Line Replacement	\$8,528,336
Water Reclamation District - Burlington Ave	\$1,075,745
Water Reclamation District - Water Tower Parking Lot	\$181,600
Invest in Cook County - Congress Park North Side Improvements	\$208,845
Cook County CDBG - 2025 Road Program (Blanchan Ave)	\$200,000
State of Illinois - DCEO - 8 Corners Fountain	\$250,000
RECREATION PROJECTS	
OSLAD - Candy Cane Park	\$366,333
OSLAD - Ehlert Park Inclusiveness	\$600,000
State of Illinois DCEO - Ehlert Park Tennis Courts	\$200,000
PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS	
State of Illinois DCEO Police Grant	\$100,000
State of Illinois DCEO Fire Department Grant	\$100,000
FEMA Fire Truck Grant	\$761,904
FEMA Safer Grant	\$34,771
FEMA Computer Equipment Grant	\$28,055
Lets Win Program - Proviso Township	\$22,467
OTHER	
IRMA Grants (Combined Totals)	\$17,058
ARPA/COVID FUNDS	
ARPA Funding (Amount Spent In 2023)	\$488,095

* Project managed through the State of Illinois. The Village will be billed for its share of the project cost. The amounts shown are the Federal and State participation amounts.

Music on Grand wraps for the season Sept. 27-29

There may be a nip of autumn in the air, but summer's not over just yet.

Brookfield's hugely popular Music on Grand festival, which takes place one weekend a month June through September, will put a cap on the 2024 season Sept. 27-29.

The south half of the 3700 block of Grand Boulevard will be closed to traffic Friday through Sunday to allow for expanded outdoor dining and drinking. On Saturday, Sept. 28, the music starts at 4:30 p.m. with High and Lonesome, followed at 6:30 p.m. by the Dooley Brothers. The headliners, Hello Weekend, hit the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Come on out for food, fun and live entertainment!



Brookfield's 2024 Holiday Celebration: Saturday, Dec. 7

Is it too early to begin thinking of the holidays? We don't think so, and we're already planning for Brookfield's Annual Holiday Celebration, co-hosted with Brookfield's Chamber of Commerce.

This year, the event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2 to 6 p.m.

This year's activities will include wood carving, trolley rides throughout town, family activities in the business district, petting zoo, Sponsor artwork display, children's activities, and Holiday Market at the Village Hall parking lot and more.

The event will be capped off by a tree-lighting ceremony at the Historic Grossdale Station, 8820½ Brookfield Ave.

Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with Santa too!

The event takes place throughout town and at Village Hall. Check our website at brookfieldil.gov for additional details and a map closer to the event date.






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The Brookfield community has proven repeatedly that you understand the importance of supporting local businesses. The Support Local Business Brookfield Gift Cards are a great way to support our business community as well as encourage visitors to consciously patronize our local businesses whenever possible.

The Brookfield Gift Card operates like any other prepaid credit card and is good at any Brookfield business including, the gas station, favorite restaurant, grocery store, coffee shop, retail store or any service located physically in Brookfield. Additionally, the gift card can be used to pay for Village water bill and Parks and Recreation programs as well as programs and events sponsored by other organizations that accept credit card payments.

Cards can be purchased at Fill My Jar, Daisy's Treats, at Village Hall and through the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce. Cards can also be ordered online at enjoybrookfield.com/giftcard.

These gift cards are a great way to share with friends and family how great our local businesses are and to show our businesses how important they are to our community.

