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Volunteer of the Year... The Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) is a partnership of parents, educators and community members, agencies and businesses working together to provide services and support to children and their families. This year, Brittany Manville was recognized as Volunteer of the Year during the organization's annual meeting in October. Manville held a successful variety show to raise funds for C3 programming. Manville is pictured with her kids, Ruby and Forest.

Needleman Wins Re-Election to Senate

by Jack Lakowsky

State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) won the day – and the next two years – with a victory over Republican Brendan Saunders on Tuesday.

Needleman also gained ground among voters following his narrow win in 2018.

According to the secretary of the state's website, Needleman collected 33,260 votes across the 13-town district, while Saunders came away with 28,342.

The district includes the Rivereast towns of East Hampton, Colchester and Portland, as well as Chester, Clinton, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook.

Needleman won in all three Rivereast towns. The race was nearly split in East Hampton, with a .03% advantage to Needleman. Local Independents cast about 300 votes for Needleman, which propelled Needleman to that narrow Belltown victory.

However, East Hampton does not reflect the 33rd as a whole.

Close to 60,000 ballots were cast in the 33rd district race, up nearly 10,000 from about 50,000 in 2018.

This influx has mostly gone to Needleman, significantly increasing his base. Two years ago, Needleman carried the district by a slim 85 votes.

This time, he won by over 4,200 votes, a significant gain by any standard. Needleman earned more than 2,000 Independent votes as well-nearly half of his victory margin.

However, it is worth noting that Saunders greatly outperformed Needleman's 2018 Republican opponent, earning his party 2,700 more votes than it received two years ago.

Early Wednesday morning, Needleman said

he was happily surprised by his decisive win in Colchester, a town he has previously lost twice.

"I'm incredibly excited about Colchester turning blue," said Needleman. He credited the efforts of Colchester's Democratic Town Committee and of Colchester First Selectman Mary Bylone as keys to Colchester's flip.

Needleman said he is "incredibly grateful" for the opportunity to again serve the 33rd in Hartford.

To 33rd voters disappointed by Saunders' defeat, Needleman said he will be a "senator for everyone."

Needleman, who does not collect a salary from his senate seat, said overall, he considers Saunders a decent man and skilled competitor.

"What I've learned at a bigger level since 2018 is that we are elected to do a lot of things, but nothing more so than voter services," said Needleman. He said party affiliations are important in any election, but that victors must work on behalf of all voters.

Needleman said come January, he's "looking forward to digging in" on a range of issues, which of course includes helping the state in its fight against the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but the Democrat said he will especially work to advance the state's pursuit of renewable, and affordable, energy.

Needleman serves as chair of the legislature's Energy and Technology Committee. He garnered statewide headlines for authoring the Take Back our Grid Act, an effort to further regulate Connecticut's utility companies, including Eversource, and to hold them more accountable to ratepayers.

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Green Retains Seat in State House

by Sloan Brewster

After a narrow victory, Robin Green will take on a third term as representative of the 55th House District.

According to the unofficial numbers released by the secretary of the state's office, the incumbent Republican from Marlborough won re-election with 7,466 votes, Democrat John Collins, of Hebron, received 7,099 votes, and Independent candidate Sal Sena, also of Marlborough, collected 648 votes.

The district includes Andover, Bolton, Hebron, and Marlborough.

Of the four towns, Collins only won Hebron, taking 3,010 votes to Green's 2,944. The margin was similar in Marlborough, though Green wound up the victor there, taking 1,800 votes to Collins' 1,725. Meanwhile, in Andover, Green bested Collins by a 1,027-922 tally, while in Bolton Green came away with 1,695 votes while Collins collected 1,442.

Sena fared best in his hometown of Marlborough, receiving 386 votes. He collected 154 in Hebron, 58 in Andover and 50 in Bolton. Green, who is 54 and has lived in Marlborough

for 13 years, said she was exhausted Wednesday morning but excited and glad the election was over.

"John did a great job with his campaign but ... you're really at the mercy of what the people want, you're at the mercy of what the district wants," she said. "Glad we're starting a new day." On Tuesday, Green stood outside the polls in Andover chatting with folks and took a few minutes in the cool afternoon breeze to speak with the Rivereast about how important it is for residents to keep track of the political goings on in the state and nation, saying that remaining abreast of what's happening on the state front is crucial because it's where people can have the most impact.

She also shared her plans for the day, which included stops in Bolton and Marlborough, closing the day at the polls in Hebron and waiting for results at Blackledge Country Club.

With the race behind her, Green said she would continue making sure the district receives the funding it needs for the schools and towns and will work to "hold off on taxes."

A big challenge Green said she and fellow Republicans face is that they are the minority party and don't see bills unless Democrats determine they already have enough positive votes for them to pass, a fact of which she said many people are unaware.

"They don't bring a bill to the floor unless they've got the votes. That's just the way it is," she said. "The speaker of the house decides what bills come to the floor."

Green said Republicans push back "as much as we can."

Green said while she won Andover and Marlborough, she lost Hebron by about 60 votes and that the absentee ballots were where she fell behind.

"I always keep in my mind that [Republicans and Democrats] just have a different philosophy and perspective but we all want the same thing, lower taxes and a nice place to live," she said. "We all want the same thing at the end of day." Collins, a member of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, said it was a good race and that, despite his defeat, "the sun's still shining."

"I thought it was a fair and well-fought race, my thanks to Robin Green and Sal Sena," he said. "It was a great experience for me."

Collins said he has learned to appreciate the community more through the experience.

"This experience has really changed me," he said. "I met so many great people in our community and, you know, I don't think people know how many great people are out there who just want to help the community so it's made me more optimistic about, you know, Connecticut and America. I go away from this more of an optimist."

Collins' not sure what's next for him, but said he has a lot of work to catch up on that he put on hold while running for state office. He added that he hopes more people will get out of the election a desire to get connected with their community and work harder to volunteer.

Sena said he wasn't sure what the future holds but that he also got a lot out of the experience. "It was a good time," he said. "I met a lot of great people. I enjoyed myself immensely."

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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

"It should be easy for a man who's strong, to say he's sorry and admit when he's wrong," Billy Joel – and later Garth Brooks – once sang. And while I'm almost positive Billy and Garth weren't talking about letters to the editor, the sentiment still applies.

Turns out I vastly overestimated how many letters would still be coming into the paper this week. Obviously, I knew people wouldn't still be trying to get readers to vote for, or against, certain candidates, but I thought that, with the expected delay in voting results coming out this year, people might still be talking about the election in general.

As you'll see in the ensuing letters pages I was, uh, a bit mistaken.

And because of this, my word limit for letters to the editor has been relaxed, and is now 300 again. I was planning to return to 300 after the Nov. 13 issue, but it quickly became apparent Monday that I might as well lift it now.

So, if you see letters this week that appear to be more than 200 words, you're eyes aren't playing tricks on you. They are over 200.

Thanks, by the way, to all those who cooperated. I only had a couple tell me how unhappy they were about the new limit; the rest of you cheerfully played ball. I appreciated it, as did all of us at the *Rivereast*. It made a big difference in the amount of real estate we needed to commit to letters this election season – and at the same time, it still allowed everyone to have a voice if they so desired.

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I've read multiple sources in the past week report that Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred is open to a neutral-site World Series. Because of COVID-19, the series was played at a neutral site, the Texas Rangers' home ballpark, and it went smoothly. There were no hiccups except, of course, the whole thing with Justin Turner going back on the field after the COVID-19 positive test – but I really hope COVID-19 doesn't play a part in any subsequent World

Series.

Still, while it's true the series went smoothly enough – and, as I wrote last week, it was a heck of a series – I really hope a neutral site World Series doesn't become a regular thing. Are there benefits? Sure. For one thing, you can select a warm climate every year – which is key when you've got the Boys of Summer playing well into late October. A Mets-Red Sox World Series, for example, would be a very chilly affair.

It's also true the players wouldn't have to spend their off days traveling, which could lead to them being better rested.

But I'm not gonna lie; it was downright weird to watch the World Series this year without the stadium chock full of fans root, root, rooting for the home team. Sure, there were fans, and some were for Los Angeles and some for Tampa Bay, but how many of them made the trek from, respectively, California and Florida? I'm guessing not a lot. So the passion just wasn't there. Even if it had been a full ballpark (which it wasn't, due to COVID-19), the atmosphere wouldn't have been the same.

I've been extremely fortunate to have been to a few World Series games in my life, and let me tell you: there's nothing like it. The way the crowd lives and dies with every pitch, every swing of the bat...it's just fantastic. And there's no doubt in my mind it fires up the players. And, for the opposition, it can rattle them.

Even if you're not at the games in person, the atmosphere is so palpable just through your TV set. I'm hardly a fan of the Washington Nationals, but when you had a whole stadium full of fans last fall dancing to the "Baby Shark" song, it was tough not to get pumped.

There were a number of changes made in the baseball world this year, as all involved just wanted to do whatever it took to be able to complete a season. Unfortunately, Manfred is thinking of continuing some of them for future seasons – such as the insipid "start

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Bridging the Gap... Girl Scout Troop 63000 in Colchester held a bridging ceremony on Sunday. Thirteen girls bridged to Junior Girl Scouts and one to Brownies. Standing on the bridge in the back are Troop co-leaders Tina Zajac, left, and Betsy Hardy, right.

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Halloween Lives!

To the Editor:

In this almost unimaginable time we find ourselves in with the COVID-19 pandemic, most holiday celebrations have been threatened or simply canceled. Halloween, however, lives on!

When driving around Middle Haddam last Saturday evening it seemed like many households were making a greater effort to celebrate this fun holiday than ever before. On Schoolhouse Lane, a new neighbor created an extensive macabre presentation with high-tech moving figures and a box with fog, clanking chains and a disgruntled inhabitant. Long Hill Road was traditionally decorated on mischief night, and hot dogs were served to trick-or-treaters, as they have been for decades by our generous neighbors. I admire those families that acted responsibly by keeping a healthy distance yet providing treats for children to collect outside their homes.

It was heartening to see that the spooky and beloved Halloween tradition prevailed, complete with a harvest moon.

Ronald W. McCutcheon – Middle Haddam

Honoring Veterans

To the Editor:

The St. Patrick Church Guild in East Hampton has placed American flags at the gravesites of veterans buried in our cemetery to honor their memory this Veterans Day. We gratefully their service to protect our freedom.

Ann DeMarchi – East Hampton

Kudos to Brad Towson

To the Editor:

I commend Brad Towson for being an "intervener" in the proposed development of the Ames Hollow. It's refreshing to witness a Portland resident doing their own research, hiring experts and showing how much they care for undisturbed land. This takes courage and fortitude.

We moved to Portland 22 years ago for just these reasons: the abundance of undisturbed land, mature trees, wetlands and wildlife. Sadly, over the years this has changed. It appears that Portland is trying to be a suburb it was never meant to be. Stricter guidelines for wetland permits, saving undisturbed land and trees are what's important to us!

There's plenty of sterile suburbs with McMansions, fertilized lawns and no trees because people consider them a nuisance. I hope that the town of Portland never gets this shortsighted and takes steps to preserve nature, not destroy it.

Katherine Spada Basto – Portland

A Show of Hands

To the Editor:

Questions for all of the white people: how many of you would put up with what we have done to Black people? Taken from your country, put in chains and stuffed in a boat. If you were "lucky" enough to survive the trip, get beaten, raped, lynched.

How many of us would have done what Mammie Till did? An open-casket funeral so the world could see what happened to her son.

Rosewood, Fla., massacre. Tulsa, Okla., massacre. Tuskegee syphilis study. The Little Rock Nine, have the National Guard brought in to block your entry into school and then have the president send in federal troops so you can go to school.

Required to sit at the back of the bus. Have your own drinking fountain because you were considered to be "less than."

Have constitutional amendments passed to be considered an equal, granted citizenship and the right to vote? Have "codes" written that restricted your freedom?

Those few instances and many more known and maybe some unknown instances as well.

So, what are you thinking? Would you put up with any of that? I'm white and I know I wouldn't; I'd be protesting.

**Thank you and God bless,
Eric Manning – Andover**

Ranked Choice Voting

To the Editor:

I'd like to sincerely thank everyone who voted for me in this year's election. I'm glad to have provided voters with another choice at the ballot box on Election Day. Sadly, our electoral system restricts voter choice. I ran Green for registrar of voters because I believe voters have a right to more voices and more choices at every level of government.

Thankfully, policies like Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) can promote a more representative and diverse democracy. RCV allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference, requiring a candidate to earn >50% of the vote to win office. RCV empowers voters to cast their ballot for the candidate they most support, rather than against the candidate they most oppose. RCV means no more "spoilers" or vote-splitting because if your preferred candidate doesn't win, your vote gets reassigned to your next choice. RCV has been used at the municipal level in cities like San Francisco and Cambridge for decades and is currently used for all elections (including federal) in Maine.

I invite everyone to learn more about Ranked Choice Voting and how it could improve our elections at the municipal, state and federal levels by visiting fairvote.org.

Brian Gay – East Hampton

Bulletin Board

I awoke Saturday morning to the sound of the furnace kicking in as we experienced a late October cold snap. For many of you, I presume the happy hum of a well-tuned furnace is a reassuring sound signifying warmth and comfort for you and yours.

For me, it signifies pending poverty. It's the sound of dollars spewing from my chimney and the threat of dismemberment by those who rule the thermostat.

It wasn't always this way. I attribute my "furnace worry" to my early childhood and my first encounter with what passed for "conservation" in those prehistoric times of black and white television and universal confidence in government.

The conservationists in this case were my parents who insisted on keeping the heat at sub-zero (or so it seemed to me) levels throughout our long New England winters. I could see no particular reason for this cruelty other than to torment yours truly, though I supposed it was possible that in a previous life they had operated a travel agency for doomed arctic expeditions.

My whimpering that it was too cold (it was probably about 66 degrees) was met with a cool lack of sympathy and the routine response, "Then put on a sweater." If I'd said my hands were too cold to do my homework they'd probably have told me to put on a pair of mittens. The general family consensus was that I would be heading for Florida as soon as I reached my majority—that is, assuming I didn't perish of the cold first—and if I couldn't stop my whining, either day could not arrive too soon.

So it was that returning from school one day to a frigid (in my view) empty house, it occurred to me that the power of warmth and comfort lay in my own two hands. Locating the hallway thermostat, I bumped the dial up as high as it would go. I knew that heat came from the furnace, but hadn't a clue as to how that device actually worked. For all I knew, it was manned by coal-shoveling elves—and if they had to redouble their efforts to ensure my personal comfort, then so be it.

The place was pleasantly tropical when my parents returned from work hours later, but to say they were appreciative would be a bit of an overstatement. You would think I'd set the place on fire and was blithely toasting marshmallows on the embers.

I learned in short order that we weren't "made of money," that the hospital had inadvertently switched me with another baby at birth, that I must have been dropped on my head at some point in time and various other revelations that were not calculated to enhance my self-esteem. My father launched into a lengthy story about how he had spent his childhood scavenging coal along the railroad tracks in a mill town in some barren land called Rhode Island. (I dismissed this tale as highly improbable at the time, but years later found out it was quite true.)

There was not a word about my cleverness in locating and operating the thermostat in order to ensure my own survival. Not a single word.

The lengthy reprimand concluded with the dire warning that I was never to so much as look at the thermostat ever again. And they meant it.

Today, of course, I'm still here in New England, though if I stay I'm almost certainly destined to become one of those elderly folks who wear sweaters in August. As a homeowner, I have come to understand that heat=\$ and should not be squandered, though I am not above bumping up the thermostat from time to time.

I will confess, however, that I never approach the thing without first casting a cautious look over my shoulder.

Jim Hallas, Publisher

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God Bless You All

To the Editor:
My family and I want to thank all of the wonderful people for their loving responses to the passing of our beloved Maureen. Many thanks and God Bless you all.

Ron Brady and Family – East Hampton

For a Third Party

To the Editor,
The foundation of a healthy democracy is the expression of the individual voice. Now having cast your vote, do you feel as though your voice was heard, or did you just settle for the lesser of two evils while holding your nose? We need more than just another candidate. We need a new, better party. The time has come to envision that path forward, one that isn't for corporate money or the donors who can give the most, but for the people at large.

I ask you again: do you feel satisfied with your recent vote, or do you recognize that both Democrats and Republicans are merely symptoms of the much larger problem of corporate money in politics? If you recognize the problem, work with us on the solution. Reach out to your local People's Party coordinator at phil@peoplesparty.org and get involved at https://peoplesparty.org/volunteer/.

Sincerely,

Alon Cohen – Portland

Member of Movement for People's Party

Thank You to Community!

To the Editor:
This year has brought about many changes, but the support of the community is one thing that hasn't faltered.

Valley View PTO has worked very hard so far this year to provide the staff and students with the materials they need to succeed in their new learning environments, while also keeping the love of learning alive. We have had tremendous support from many local companies such as Fred Ferguson from Carl Guild Realty donating recess equipment to each classroom, as this year they each need their own set. The Portland Veterinary staff made a fabulous video for the first grade as they learn to care for their new stuffed animal reading buddies. Stacy Demonte Photography hosted days filled with fall family photos as a fundraiser, which families were so appreciative to be able to have a snapshot of their families captured. SoG made delicious coffee for a staff pick-me-up during our full

reopen week, and Gotta's helped us to provide over 200 pumpkins to our very own Valley View Pumpkin Patch! (Ironically, in the cafeteria on the first day of snow!)

The joy these acts have resulted in is without a doubt a reminder that kindness goes a long way. Without this outpouring of support, the PTO would not be able to be hosting all of our little events that are bringing so much happiness to both kids and teachers. We can't thank our community enough for making sure our children are happy and healthy!

Valley View School PTO
Amanda Morgan, Co-President
Mary Egazarian, Vice President
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We're Not a Democracy

To the Editor,
The woeful ignorance regarding our founding principles expressed by so many people is disgraceful. It's the major factor accounting for the divisions confronting us. How can people intelligently vote while lacking clear understanding of these principles?

It's disgusting to hear people talking about protecting our democracy. We're not a democracy! Our founders established a representative republic based on a constitution. The fundamental distinctions between democracy and republic are not just semantics.

The word 'democracy' doesn't exist in either the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution. As indicated in The Federalist Papers, our founders reviled democracy, finding it immoral and dangerous. They regarded majority rule as despotic and inevitably leading to mob rule.

They created the Electoral College and the Senate as a means of protecting the rights of minorities (individuals and states) from being ignored and run roughshod over by the majorities found in large states and cities. Our system is designed to protect the rights of individuals vs. the collective in order to serve the best interests of both. Individuals provide innovation and creativity, whereas a dominant collective stifles

both and demands conformity.

Presidents are selected by the states – that's why we're the United States, and not the United State. Individuals within those respective states use democratic processes to choose who their state votes for. Electoral College votes are then weighted by the respective populations of each state in determining how many each state is allowed to cast. This best serves the interests of both individuals and the collective.

The keystone to establishing an informed and productive electorate requires providing a sound education, in which we've fallen pathetically short. The Federalist Papers should be requisite reading for high school students, as well as for all the adults who haven't yet read them.

Sam Prentice – Andover

The Madness Continues

To the Editor:
The madness continues!! The service industry has been decimated by this pandemic and has made the villain by King Lamont. Just last week he said he would rule regionally and not punish areas that were under the 5% infection rate, and then this Monday he reversed himself and imposed new Draconian rules. He continues to suppress 95% of the population to protect 5% – most of whom recover.

Shutting down restaurants and eating and drinking establishments at 9:30 p.m. is cruel and heartless, especially when he recently praised the industry as a whole for doing a good job. This new spike has occurred while restaurants and bars have already been hobbled. They are not the problem. We need our freedom returned to us; people have the right to choose how to live their lives, but instead we are given travel restrictions and curfews. What's next, roadblocks and spot checks??

We have traveled to one communist country, Cuba, some years ago – a beautiful country, lovely people, great food, but they could not speak or travel freely. I remarked to my wife

how lucky we were to live in America – land of the free and home of the brave. It's time to end this dictatorship – unlimited power in the hands of a tyrant. I truly hope that the election results in many new Republicans getting elected to the state legislature and the re-election of Donald Trump. That is the only way this power grab will end.

Resist any way you can. Don't be a rat; they are trying to turn us into a communist country. I thought Dannel Malloy was an awful governor, but King Lamont is 10 times worse. The more power he wields the more he likes it. He needs to be removed from office now before the Gestapo knocks on your front door.

Don Denley – Andover

Save the Environment

To the Editor:
Carbon emissions are slowly sucking the life out of our planet. When fossil fuels are burned, carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere putting life on the planet at risk. As stated by Stephanie Osmaski from Green Matters, "Carbon emissions are dangerous in that they threaten the livelihood of our planet, animals, humans, and ultimately, life as we know it." Carbon emissions pollute the earth's air limiting life. Carbon not only affects our environment's status but also directly affects humans health. According to studies, "People who live in places with high levels of air pollutants have a 20% higher risk of death from lung cancer than people who live in less-polluted areas." Changes need to be made to local legislation to ensure safety and health in America while protecting our own environment.

When asked "Do you think more should be done to protect the environment?" in a recent poll at Bacon Academy, 93.9% of students believed action needed to be taken to protect the environment. Legislative changes have already been made in other states. An article from NPR

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has said that the governor of California has said, "California will phase out the sale of all gasoline-powered vehicles by 2035 in a bid to lead the U.S. in reducing greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging the state's drivers to switch to electric cars."

Connecticut can make changes to increase solar and wind energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Other states have made changes; it's time that Connecticut fights to save the environment.

Sincerely,
Cayden Bertrand
Bacon Academy Student

Library Support

To the Editor:

During a meeting with the Friends of the Portland Library's Executive Board, there was a discussion of ways to continue their support to the library in light of this year's downturn in book sales and income. FPL's board and many members have worked hard to raise and effectively maintain their funds. The citizens of Portland have been generous supporting the library through taxes that fund the salaries and infrastructure and many of the library's collections. The added support of the Friends ensures

a robust library service for all ages, especially appreciated by many who have lower incomes that do not allow for a variety of entertainment experiences and learning activities.

With low expectations for a return to normal fundraising activity in 2021, the Friends group relies on a successful membership campaign in order to sustain their high level of support for library service in the coming year. In next week's *Riverast News Bulletin*, you will find the annual Friends letter that details many of their support activities including library programs, museum passes, and funding of popular media such as DVDs and eBooks. Also you will find a membership form. Please watch for this letter on Nov. 13 and consider supporting the Friends, whether you are continuing your support or considering becoming a new member. Portland is a stronger community with the help of people like you!

Janet Nocek, Director
Portland Library

E-Mail Letters

Letter writers are encouraged to email their letters of 300 words or less to bulletin@glcitizen.com. Letters submitted without a contact phone number will not be published.



The local Drug Take-Back Program was Oct. 24 – and it was a record-setting event, with 281 pounds of medication collected for safe disposal.

AHM Project Graduation Fundraisers

AHM Youth and Family Services is holding fundraisers in support of RHAM Project Graduation, a drug- and alcohol-free celebration held from 9 p.m.-4 a.m. the night of graduation.

Project Graduation is coordinated by AHM and the volunteer efforts of parents of junior and senior students. Proceeds from Project Graduation fundraisers help defer the costs of the evening. For more information, contact AHM Project Graduation Coordinator Jenn Boehler at jenniferb@ahmyouth.org.

Simply Soy Candle Fundraiser – Curbside Pick-up Scheduled: Orders will be ready for curbside pick-up Sunday, Nov. 8, from 1-2 p.m., at AHM Youth and Family Services, 25 Pendleton Drive in Hebron.

Puzzle Break Fundraiser: This virtual fundraiser runs until Jan. 3, 2021. Puzzle Break is donating 10% of total sales to Project Graduation. Find hidden clues, solve puzzles and unravel a mystery before time runs out – all from your own homes. All bookings are private; just your family and friends will play. Go to www.ahmyouth.org and select "Project Graduation" from the menu for all the details and to register. Group size can be as small as three people and as large as 12. Plan on 90 minutes for this adventure, which has different puzzles and games than the in-person "Grimm Escape" at Puzzle Break's location in Long Island, N.Y. Cost is \$25 per person; remember to reference coupon code "PG21" for \$2 off ticket price. Gift certificates are included in this fundraiser.

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AHM Holiday Online Auction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, AHM Youth and Family Services is postponing its annual fall auction and concert. However, in its stead the AHM board is holding a first-ever AHM Holiday Online Auction, as a fundraiser for the year the regional youth service bureau.

The auction runs Nov. 12-Dec. 13 and will feature dining gift cards, a Cape Cod vacation, gifts for children, families, and pets, firewood, paintings, automotive services, and more. New items are being added daily in preparation for

the auction going live at 9 a.m. on Nov. 12.

The AHM board is seeking advertising sponsors for this event as well, which will include a 24/7 scrolling logo banner, featuring businesses directly on the AHM auction site.

To learn more about the AHM Holiday Auction, visit ahmyouth.org/fundraisers-events/holiday-auction. For more information, people can also contact Joel Rosenberg at AHM at Joelr@ahmyouth.org or at 860-228-9488.

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Take-Back Event Sets Record

The Connecticut State Police and AHM Youth and Family Services once again teamed up this year to host a local location for the National Drug Take-Back Program on Oct. 24 – and it was a record-setting event.

The event was hosted at RHAM High School, and was supported by the Coalition for a Healthy Empowered Community (CHEC), made up of police, school officials, students, parents, grandparents, town leaders, members of the local faith community and local businesses, AHM, and a number of its partner agencies.

A new record was set this year, with 281 pounds of medications collected for safe disposal. Residents from Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia all participated.

This event aims to remove prescription pills from the community and to decrease drug misuse and abuse. The safe disposal of medications is also an environmentally-friendly way to rid households of unwanted medications.

Over the past seven years, the Drug Take-Back event at RHAM has helped dispose of more than 2,300 pounds of medications.

AHM thanked RHAM Superintendent of Schools Scott Leslie, his staff and the RHAM Board of Education for once again providing the site for this local event.

A year-round drop-off box is made available regionally to the communities, according to Hebron Resident State Trooper Dan Greenwood, who helped coordinate the Take Back event. The drop-off box is located at the Hebron Public Safety Complex on Route 66 in Hebron. No needles or sharps are accepted, but all other prescription and over-the-counter medications are accepted.

For more information about other drug prevention programs taking place in Andover, Columbia, Hebron and Marlborough, call AHM Prevention Coordinator Brendan Grimm at 860-228-9488.

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extra innings with a runner on second" rule. I would hate, so much, if a neutral-site World Series were also among them.

This was something that needed to be done

to get through the postseason. It worked. Now let's never do it again.

See you next week.

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Obituaries

East Hampton

Peter James Luddy

Peter James Luddy, 66, of Harwich, Mass., died unexpectedly at his home Friday, Oct. 16. An Irish Catholic, faith was an important in his life.

Peter grew up in Waterbury and Wolcott. After serving in the Navy he moved to the Cape in 1989 and started Luddy Paint and Wallpaper business. He was elected Harwich selectman in 1995 and served seven years.

Peter had a big heart; he woke up happy! He loved his family, his job, and Harwich. He was rarely seen without his pink Cape Cod hat, a coffee in his hand or his painting truck. Peter's good nature and ability to make others laugh will be missed.

He is predeceased by parents James and Rosemary Luddy of Wolcott, and survived by children, James Linder of Massachusetts, Justina Linder of Austria, and Katrina Luddy of Massachusetts; and grandchild, Liam of Massachusetts. He is survived by siblings Brian Luddy of Danbury, twin Michael Luddy of Springhill, Fla., and Maureen and James Curtis of East Hampton.

A beachside service was held on Red River Beach in Harwich, Mass., on Nov. 1.

In memoriam, please consider a donation to the Family Pantry, 133 Queen St. Harwich, MA 02645 or the Rosemary Luddy Nursing Scholarship c/o St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 32065 Hartford, CT 06132.



East Hampton

Ruthanne Leue

Ruthanne Leue, 65, of East Hampton, beloved wife of Fritz Leue for 45 years, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 21, in Middletown, surrounded by her family. Born Nov. 7, 1954, in Savannah, Ga., daughter of the late John and Maryanne (Gibney) Elmstedt.

Ruthanne's family moved to Portland at an early age, where she was a 1972 graduate of Portland High School. She went on to attend Middlesex Community College, where she graduated in 1974. She was a program analyst for two major insurance companies before retiring in 2015. She was a life member of the Girl Scouts and a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Portland, where she was very active as a pledge secretary and reader. She enjoyed handicrafts and was a skilled seamstress, crocheter, knitter, painter, and jewelry maker. She shared the fruits of her talents with many.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Rick and David, and grandchildren Erick and Leigha; also many cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., Portland, at 2 p.m.

Portland Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



opened their home to numerous foster children providing love and stability to those in need.

A memorial wake will be held at the Phalen Funeral Home (285 Migeon Ave., Torrington) on Saturday, Nov. 7, from noon-2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to: Alzheimer's and Dementia Association (www.alz.org) or US Department of Veterans Affairs (www.va.gov)

For online condolences, visit www.phalenfuneral.com.

Hebron

John Peter Carlin

John Peter Carlin, "Pete," 72, of Hebron, passed away unexpectedly at his home Saturday, Oct. 31. Born July 1, 1948, in Middletown, he was the son of the late Wilbur and Blenda Carlin. Pete was a 1966 graduate of Cromwell High School.

Peter Carlin was an extraordinary athlete, who excelled in both baseball and basketball at Cromwell High School in Cromwell from 1962 through 1966. Although a genuinely 'nice guy' in all aspects of his life, he was a feared competitor when firing fastballs from the mound for Cromwell's championship baseball team. In his senior year, Peter led the Cromwell Panthers to a Class S state championship. As one part of that championship run, Peter achieved something only a very few others have in their baseball careers.

On June 8, 1966, Peter pitched a "perfect" game, helping to defeat Old Saybrook by a score of 2 to 0. He went on to play baseball after high school for the Hartford Twilight League and the University of Connecticut, but left his greatest mark in the annals of baseball accomplishments while pitching for Cromwell High School in 1966. Across generations, millions of people have played baseball. Only a handful, however, can lay claim to pitching a perfect game.

After high school, Pete enrolled at the University of Connecticut where he continued his baseball career and gained notoriety, but left it all behind once he graduated in the early '70s with a bachelor's degree in English and history. He then spent over 30 years working in the insurance industry as a commercial casualty underwriter. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing tennis with a group from Hebron, and for the last 10 years he worked in various positions for the Channel 3 Kids Camp in Andover. His most recent project with the camp was directing the Holiday Light Fantasia in Goodwin Park, Hartford.

Pete will be forever loved and remembered by his wife, Deborah Carlin of Hebron; his brother, Rolin (Angel) Carlin of Cromwell, and sister, Lillian "Lisa" Harris of Cromwell; his nieces, Destinee (Christopher) Fortunato, and Tracy (Beau) Coultas; grandnephews, Tyler and Nicholas, and, grandnieces Emma; and numerous extended family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the pavilion at the Channel 3 Kids Camp, located at 73 Times Farm Rd. in Andover. Masks and social distancing are required for all who wish to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made in Pete's name to the Channel 3 Kids Camp, at www.Channel3KidsCamp.org.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Mayme Iris McManus

Mayme Iris "Tootie" McManus, 95, of Colchester, died Tuesday, Oct. 20. She was born and educated in International Falls, Minn., the daughter of the late Patrick Murray and Alice (Croasdale) Murray.

A veteran of World War II, Iris served in the U.S. Marine Corps, where she met Sgt. Donald "Mickey" McManus; they married in Norwich upon discharge from the Marine Corps in 1946. After beginning their family in International Falls, Minn. they returned to Norwich where they raised their children. Iris was employed by the Fleming Food Services and worked at the former Notre Dame High School in Norwich and Saint Bernard High School in Uncasville.

In retirement, she and her husband enjoyed rural living in both Voluntown and Canterbury.



Subsequently, Iris was a resident the AHEPA 110 apartments in Norwich, and finally, a resident at Harrington Court in Colchester.

Iris loved animals, especially all of her "feline and canine" grandchildren. She enjoyed arts and crafts, solving math puzzles, and reading. Iris was also a sports fan. She was an avid follower of UConn Huskies women's basketball, the New England Patriots, and the University of Minnesota-Duluth "Bulldogs" hockey.

Iris is survived by her sons, Gary McManus and wife Teresa Drew of Salem and Michael McManus and wife Patricia of Lisbon; daughter, Kelley Gorman of Taftville; grandchildren, Kristen McManus of Vernon and Jon McManus of Gales Ferry; great-grandson, Logan Nelson of Taftville; great-granddaughter, Kaylee Nelson; and sister-in-law Patricia Murray of Coon Rapids, Minn. In addition, she leaves dearly loved, nieces, nephews, godchildren, of her Murray, McManus, Mater, Burr and Fatone extended families, as well as the cherished friends of her "adopted" families of the late Dorothy and Francis Smith of Norwich, and the late Nellie and Nicholas Carchidi of Canterbury.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Jack, William, and Robert Murray; sister Mavis Mater; granddaughter Michelle Nelson, and nephew Thomas Murray.

With heartfelt gratitude, Iris's family thanks her close friend and neighbor Patricia Daly of Norwich, and the caregivers from Connecticut Home Care Solutions.

Finally, we hold a special place in our hearts for the heroes of Genesis Harrington Court in Colchester. Throughout her residence and especially during her last days, Iris was the recipient of such brave, unselfish, and loving acts of kindness from those "heroes" (many of them unnamed and unknown to us) who, in the words of the late John O'Donohue, "...cared for [her], in bleak and unsheltered times when [she] needed to be loved and minded."

In view of the present health risks due to the COVID-19 virus, her funeral services will be postponed until spring 2021 if improved conditions permit.

Leffler Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. For the online memorial, visit www.lefflerfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Michael David Tancredi

Michael David Tancredi, 45, of Colchester, passed away at home Tuesday, Nov. 3. Born in Hartford Sept. 27, 1975, he was a son of Rosanne (Lucca) Tancredi of Colchester and the late Martin Tancredi.

Michael graduated from Bacon Academy and went on to work in construction as a paver.

He loved to fish and was an avid Patriots fan, who had a great sense of humor and a host of friends to share it with.

He will be sadly missed but remembered with love by his mother, Rosanne; son, Giovanni Tancredi; brother, Martin and his wife Laura Tancredi of Florida; a sister, Monica and her husband Gary Alford of West Hartford; Aunt and Uncle, Serena and Ron Guerrette of Bethany; nieces, Izabella, Gabriella, Micaela, and Vanessa Tancredi, Alyssa, and Emma Alford; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Calling hours will be held at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. -2 p.m. Burial will be private in New St. Andrew Cemetery in Colchester.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Michael Tancredi Memorial Fund, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/michael-tancredi-memorial-fund>.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

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Portland

Wayne J. Simmons

Wayne J. Simmons, 76, of Portland, loving father and grandfather, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Middlesex Health. Wayne was born Feb. 12, 1944, in Rockland, Maine, to the late Clinton & Jessie (Incerti) Simmons.

He served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was employed by Wesleyan University as an electrician; following his retirement from Wesleyan University he opened/operated his own business, Simmons Electric.

Wayne is survived by his five children, Douglas Simmons, Sheila (Bob) Archer, Donnie (Cyndi) Hisler, Willam (Cheryl) Zalewski, Pamela (Chuck) Ullrich; and his pride and joy, his grandchildren: Danielle DeToro, Madison Archer, Nicole and Dillon Zalewski and Connor Ullrich. He is also survived by his sisters, Leonilda Simmons, Alice (Patrick) Taylor and a brother Clinton Simmons Jr.; also several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Wayne enjoyed fishing (his fishing buddies), football, baseball and basketball; he was an avid New York Giants fan, Boston Red Sox fan and UConn women's basketball fan. He was a proud supporter and the number one fan of his granddaughter's business, It's a Dog's Life Doggie Daycare. Most of all, he loved and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Calling hours were Sunday, Nov. 1, at Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. Private burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Donations may be made in Wayne's memory to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492.



Hebron

Donald Freedom Boynton

Donald Freedom Boynton, 78, formerly of Hebron, passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 26, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington.

Born in Skowhegan, Maine, son of the late Robert and Doris (Nightingale) Boynton, he is survived by his sons Wade Boynton, Lance Boynton and his wife Heather (Sulkowski); daughter Jessica (Boynton) Rainville and her husband Scott Rainville; grandchildren Evelette and Logan Rainville; his siblings and extended family. Donald was affectionately known as everyone's favorite uncle.

He served in the U.S. Army in the 4th Battalion, 37th Armor Division at Fort Knox, Ky. While with the 37th, he attended and graduated from the United States Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Ala., where he was part of the first aviation maintenance crew to mount SAM missiles to helicopters. Upon graduation he was assigned to the 8th Army, Special Troops, 301st Communication Reconnaissance Battalion stationed in Korea.

Upon his honorable discharge, he moved to Connecticut and worked for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. As the unit lead for the assembly and test division in manufacturing operations, he received many honors and awards in his 43-year tenure with the company. As the assembly floor lead, he was part of the original team that implemented the "Achieving Competitive Excellence" (ACE) program that has now become the industry standard.

He was a devoted father, always willing to hit ground balls and play catch for hours. He consistently volunteered his time, as a baseball, basketball and softball coach. He also took leadership roles in Cub, Boy and Explorer Scouts. Additionally, Donald and his ex-wife Anne-Lee (Martin) Boynton compassionately



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Local COVID-19 Surge Puts Towns on Alert

by Jack Lakowsky

Just a few days prior to Gov. Ned Lamont's conditional statewide rollback of Connecticut's Phase 3 economic reopening, Portland and East Hampton each saw the COVID-19 alert level rise in their towns, as cases continue to spike.

In East Hampton, Town Manager David Cox announced a stark increase in COVID-19 cases, pushing the town up to the "Orange" tier of the state's COVID-19 Response Framework, or more than 10 cases per 100,000 residents.

East Hampton's case ratio rose to about 12/100,000. Between Oct. 23 and Oct. 29, 12 new cases of COVID-19 were diagnosed, bringing the total number diagnosed in recent weeks to 30, nearly a third of all cases diagnosed since March.

Chatham Health District continues to report that new cases have been traced to close contacts at small private gatherings. Cox encouraged residents to limit their social gatherings within protective guidelines, especially as the holiday season approaches.

In total, 96 cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in East Hampton. There have been no additional deaths. East Hampton's COVID-19 death toll remains at 3.

Nationwide, about 230,000 people have died, making the COVID-19 pandemic one of the worst mass casualty events in the nation's history.

Before Lamont's executive order, town leaderships could choose to advance their towns' reopening or not, based on a given municipality's COVID-19 situation. Prior to this order, Cox wasn't "contemplating a rollback when it was voluntary."

"For the most part, our businesses are doing well," Cox told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday.

Cox explained that, in East Hampton and in the overall Chatham district, community spread is largely linked to small social gatherings, in personal settings where people are more likely to let their guard, and their masks, down, not to businesses.

In Lamont's modified Phase "2.1" restaurant capacity limits are again tightened to 50%, or an eight-customer maximum. In phase 3, restaurants would have been allowed a cap of 75% capacity.

Indoor dining must be closed by 9:30 p.m., but takeout and delivery are permitted after that curfew.

Personal services, like hair salons and barber-shops, can continue to operate at 75% capacity, as they would in Phase 3.

Religious services are limited to 50% capacity, or a 100 people maximum. The governor is strongly encouraging virtual attendance. In Phase 3, congregations were limited to 200.

Phase 2.1 takes effect Nov. 6.

Phase 2.1 recommends but does not require a stay-at-home curfew between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and that employers maximize the number of at-home workers.

To continue its fight against COVID-19, East Hampton coordinated with both the Chatham Health District and the Town of Marlborough to offer free testing on Nov. 8, 9, and 13. There is no fee or insurance requirement.

The testing sites and their hours are as follows:

Sunday, Nov. 8, Marlborough Fire Station, 200 West St. in Marlborough, will open for COVID-19 testing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 9, testing will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hope Church in East Hampton, 230 East High St.

On Friday, Nov. 13, testing will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Patrick Church, 47 West High St.

Testing is open to all Connecticut residents, but will be marketed to Belltown and Marlborough.

Cox said each location will have 200 tests available each day. He encouraged residents to get tested even if not showing COVID-19 symptoms.

To find a testing site, visit portal.ct.gov/coronavirus and enter the applicable zip code. Testing locations can also be found by calling 2-1-1 or visiting www.211ct.org.

Although enforcement of restaurant restrictions falls to the Chatham Health District, any enforcement of social gathering restrictions would fall to the local police department.

"We don't want to do that, and we haven't had to do that," said Cox. "At this point it's about people taking personal responsibility and changing your activities."

Cox said the town has sufficient access to protective equipment, including facemasks and gloves. The town also has access to the private PPE market. Chatham Health also has supplies, and the state is sending out protective gear on a request basis.

"Right now, that at least isn't a concern," said Cox.

As far as town services are concerned, the rollback doesn't change much, Cox said. It largely affects the senior center, as the town was just beginning discussions about how to safely resume more activities there.

Cox said the senior center's social services will remain as appointment-only, and that gatherings at the center will likely be prevented for "the next couple of months."

Chatham Health District Director Russell Melmed on Monday told the *Rivereast* that he expects most Connecticut towns to parallel East Hampton and rise to both orange and red transmission rate levels.

"This looks like it's increasing to be a fall/winter surge," said Melmed.

Melmed has seen varying information saying the state will peak within the next few weeks or will continue to rise to a precipice in January.

However, Melmed said towns are in a better position to endure this surge than they were in March.

"In March, we didn't have the resources we do now," said Melmed. "Testing was limited to the sickest people, and we didn't have such robust contact tracing."

Melmed said people's behavior throughout the holidays will determine the length, and severity, of this current COVID-19 surge.

The current spread, Melmed said, is largely attributed to social gatherings.

Melmed recommends limiting holiday gatherings to immediate family members, and to limit the amount of people coming even then. He said to avoid "getting together with extended family" for any end-of-the-year festivities.

Melmed said that in familiar settings and especially after a few adult beverages, people are more likely to let their guard down.

"People you love and trust are just as likely to transmit COVID-19 as a stranger," said

Melmed. "The virus doesn't care about who you love or trust."

As an example of how quickly social gatherings can transmit coronavirus, Melmed explained that, in one area case, the person went to a small wedding of about 22 people.

Melmed said 11 people from that wedding have tested positive.

"That's the type of scenario we're expecting to see over the holiday season," said Melmed. "Ten, 15, 20 people get together, and one person doesn't know they have it, then dozens of cases can result."

Melmed said he expects to see from parties and gatherings a sharp uptick in cases among young adults and 20-somethings.

"Parties are a really big concern," said Melmed.

Portland Painted Yellow

Although a less severe designation than East Hampton's Orange status, Portland's case transmission status has been raised to "Yellow" alert.

According to Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, Portland in the last two weeks has reported 10 new cases of COVID-19, for a ratio of about 8/100,000.

Before Lamont's Phase 2.1 announcement, Bransfield had not planned on rolling back any restrictions.

Citing the Town of Cromwell's "Red" status and East Hampton's Orange, Bransfield said Portland residents need to be diligent and watchful, as the town is "surrounded on all sides."

"You have to presume other people have it and don't know it yet," Bransfield told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday. "Take precautions. Wash your hands and stay healthy, get enough sleep, eat right. Follow the rules and stay strong."

As in East Hampton, the impact of the rollback in Portland will mostly affect restaurants and houses of worship, although it will change the nature of the upcoming discussion she and the board of selectmen will have about reopen-

ing the senior center.

Portland's case spike is also attributed to social gatherings and household parties.

"We do get reports of informal social gatherings that people saw and were worried about," said Bransfield. "I know it's wonderful to visit friends and family, but we have to be aware of social distancing and mask wearing, and about keeping numbers [of visitors] to a minimum. Everyone needs to explore how they will safely celebrate the holidays."

Bransfield used herself as an example, explaining that on Halloween she and her two young granddaughters attended the town's drive-through trick-or-treat event.

"The library and Parks and Rec. did a great job," said Bransfield. "And in general, people are trying hard to follow the rules."

Bransfield said kids received a package of candy, coloring books, and the all-important recognition of their Halloween costumes.

In any case, Bransfield said, funding is crucial to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Bransfield recently applied for the state Department of Emergency Services' (DEM) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

The EMPG supplemental grant will distribute more than \$994,000 to help Connecticut towns and tribal nations bolster their resources to deal with the ongoing pandemic, and with future widespread disease crises.

The EMPG is a two-year grant with no match required by grantees, according to a DEM letter sent to towns.

A town's first year of funding will be used to buy protective equipment, including gloves, masks, and sanitizer, and COVID-19 testing stipends for emergency staff.

The second annual round of grant money will be used for planning stipends, totaled at \$5,000 per town regardless of size. The money will be given to towns that update and send to the state their Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., has made the following announcements. Registration required unless noted. For more information and full program descriptions, visit www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770.

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hours are subject to change.

Curbside: Available after 5 p.m. most evenings Monday through Thursday. Also available Friday from 2-4:45 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call the library for more information.

Online services are always available, and telephone service is available during operating hours and until 5 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Holiday Closing: The library will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

Returns: To avoid unnecessary handling of items, patrons are asked to return books and other items to the outside book drop. To request renewal of an item, patrons may call, go online or, when visiting the library, have the title noted and show your card to the staff.

Youth Programs: Online Storytime: Tuesdays, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m., via Zoom. Registration required for each week; space is limited.

Preschool Science: Tuesdays, Nov. 10, 24 and Dec. 8, 10 a.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-5. Registration required for each week; space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance.

Nutmeg Club: Thursday, Nov. 19, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom, for grades K-4. Read one of this year's Elementary Nutmeg Book Award nominees and then do a related activity. Registration

required; and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up before the program.

Teen Program: Cooking with Food Explorers: Monday, Nov. 16, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn how to make either ricotta gnocchi, pumpkin spice pop-tarts, or apple bars. Vote for the recipe you want to create. Log on to www.portlandlibraryct.org/teens to cast your vote and register. All ingredients will be provided by the library and available for pickup before the program. Registration required; space is limited.

Family Craft Night: Thankful Clothespin Wreaths: Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Work together as a family to create a fall clothespin wreath. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. One wreath per family; supplies may be picked up in advance. Registration required; space is very limited.

Portland Forum: Book Discussion: Thursday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. *Between the World and Me*, a book by Ta-Nehisi Coates written in the form of a Black man's letter to his son, will be discussed. Books available at the library. Find a link to the Zoom event on the library webpage. Registration requested but not required. Portland Forum is a new initiative of Portland Library. In partnership with the Portland Social Justice Coalition, and in support of the Portland Solidarity Proclamation to "stand committed to peace, justice and freedom for our citizens here in Portland and in solidarity with all Americans," Portland Forum will be a series of discussions that focus on representing the faces of diversity.

Mystery Lovers Book Club: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1 p.m., via Zoom. *Little Deaths* by Emma Flint will be discussed. To join this virtual presentation, go to www.portlandlibraryct.org and click on "Join remote meeting access through Zoom"; the ID and password to join the meeting are listed.

Holiday Food Drive Reminder

This is a reminder to all the Portland residents who received a grocery bag last week-end that volunteers will collect those bags Sunday, Nov. 8, starting around 1 p.m.

The Food Bank lost two major food drives this year due to COVID-19, so any donation will be welcome, no matter how small.

For more information, call Shaun Manning at 860-398-0936.



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FPL also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale for \$1 each. See a sample at the

front desk and purchase them from the library staff.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, such as the library's Museum Pass, children's and adult programs, and the library's DVD collection.

Visit www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org for more information or email questions to friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com.

'Brian Bags' for the Homeless

The Portland Knights of Columbus is collecting items to stuff "Brian Bags" – gallon-sized bags stuffed with items important for the homeless and needy.

The Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference recently told the Knights about the organization, which was created in memory of Brian O'Connell, who died homeless. Additional information can be found at www.brianoc.org.

Council 7 Knights of Columbus and the Council 7 Ladies Auxiliary, at St. Mary Church in Portland, will assemble these bags for distribution to the homeless and those in need.

A list of items needed for the bags is available at www.brianoc.org. All are asked to consider purchasing some of these items and place them in a bag labeled "Knights of Columbus." A large box is available in the Gathering Space to donate your contribution. St. Mary Church is open daily.

Monetary donations can be mailed to: Freestone Council, P.O. Box 7, Portland, CT 06480, or placed in the collection box.

Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., will hold Sunday services at 9 a.m. until further notice. The Rev. Darryl Burke is priest-in-charge. Church school has resumed. COVID-19 protocols, including wearing masks and social distancing are being followed.

The church is also continuing its 10:30 a.m. Zoom Sunday services indefinitely. Information for online services and Bible study opportunities are available at trinitychurchportlandct.org.

The church is open for prayer and meditation Fridays from 2-4 p.m. The Knitting and Crocheting group meets Fridays in the church office from 2-4 p.m. Beading workshops remain suspended until further notice. Any group meeting at the church must follow current COVID-19 protocols.

For more information on church activities or to make an appointment, email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com or call 860-342-0458.

Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., offers indoor worship Sundays at 9 a.m.

A mask is required of anyone over the age of 3. The church asks people to use the hand sanitizer at the entrances, prior to entering the church. An RSVP is recommended necessary for seating arrangements, to keep within approved occupancy numbers, and to allow for contact tracing if needed. Family units will be allowed to sit together; families and individual units will be assigned appropriately-distanced seats. RSVP by calling 860-342-2860, by the Thursday prior to any Sunday worship.

For the time being, there is no singing and no Communion.

All are welcome, but people are asked to not attend if they are not feeling well, have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past two weeks,

are running a fever, have lost their sense of taste or smell, or have visited a state that is on the governor's travel restrictions.

A recording of the service will be available for viewing on YouTube later in the day for those unable to attend; search "Zion Lutheran Church Portland CT." Worship bulletins are available at zionlutheranportland.com.

Sunday School, for children age 3 through seventh grade, and confirmation classes for grades 8-10, are held the first and third Sundays of the month, following worship. Parents should call the church at 860-267-2860 to register their children.

Sara Stall-Ryan is church pastor. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, contact the church at 860-342-2860 or zion.lutheran@snet.net, or visit zionlutheranportland.com.



Hometown Garage in Portland is again a site this year where veterans can pick up raffle tickets for a new snow blower.

Snow Blower Giveaway for Veterans Day

For its annual Veterans Day event, the Hartford chapter of NAPA Auto Care's B.D.G. (Business Development Group) is giving away a brand-new Ariens Platinum 24" E.F.I. snow blower on Dec. 2 – and once again, there is a Portland site where local veterans can pick up raffle tickets.

This model comes fully equipped with fuel injection, heated hand warmers, and patented auto-turn technology. In observance of Veterans Day, each participating B.D.G. repair facility will dedicate the entire month of November to a veteran customer raffle. In Portland, the participating facility is Hometown Garage, 116 Marlborough St. (Route 66), which can also be

reached by phone at 860-398-4688.

There is no purchase necessary to participate and the raffle is open to any veteran that presents a service card. The winner will be drawn Dec. 2 and contacted shortly thereafter.

In addition, all veterans showing their service cards are always eligible for up to a 10% discount at Hometown Garage.

PHS Class Reunion

Portland High School Class of 1981 is planning its 40th reunion, and needs updated contact information for all fellow class members. Email David Hill at dph0277@gmail.com.

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Retirement Party

St. Mary Church, located at 45 Freestone Ave., is holding a "Honk, Shout, Cheer and Wave" drive-by retirement party parade for the Rev. Paul Boudreau Sunday, Nov. 8, from 2-4 p.m., in the church parking lot. Attendees should enter from the Freestone Avenue entrance, drive around the back and exit out to Route 66.



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Portland Dental Food Drive

Portland Dental Care, located at 595 Main St., is holding an annual food drive through the end of the year to benefit the local food banks.

President's List

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Church 300th Anniversary Items Available

The First Congregational Church of Portland will celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2021 and in honor of this event two items are for sale.

Available are a new book, *The History of the First Congregational Church of Portland*, and a Woodbury pewter ornament. Founded Oct. 25, 1721, the church history is also the early history of the town that was incorporated in 1841. The ornament was designed by church member and resident artist Kearen Enright.

This recently-published book and ornament will be available for sale Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m.-noon, at the church, 554 Main St. Cost is \$20. Cost of the special edition 300th anniversary ornament is \$12.

Stop by the church between those hours and someone will be waiting for you at their fellowship hall door. You do not even have to get out of the car.

For more information, call Diane Burgess at 860-342-3872.

Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is currently closed to the public until further notice. Staff is still working, however. For more information call 860-342-6760 or email Mary Pont at mpont@portlandct.org or Carol Revicki at crevicki@portlandct.org. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8-11 a.m.

Bocce: Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the new Route 17 Park. Call the center to sign up. Open to both men and women.

Light Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, weather permitting, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the new Route 17 Park located on Gospel Lane.

Watercolor Lessons with Bivenne Staiger: Lessons are held on Tuesdays in six-week sessions. For full details, email bivenne@yahoo.com.

AARP Driver Safety Classes: Have been canceled for the remainder of 2020. The online course is still available and the 25% discount has been extended through March 1, 2021. The course is available at www.aarpdriversafety.org. The promotion code is DRIVINGSKILLS.

Medicare 2021 and COVID-19 Resources for Medicare Members: Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. Mark Lee will cover the following subjects: COVID-19 resources available to seniors, Medicare coverage from insurance carriers and Medicare, changes to

Medicare coverage for 2021, and different types of Medicare coverage in Connecticut. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes, with a Q & A session at the end. Call the Waverly Center to register.

From Harvest to Table: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Learn plant-based recipes designed to spice up holiday and winter meals and support good health at the same time. Register at <https://aarp.cvent.com/Clean2>.

Medical Rides: The center is offering seniors and disabled rides to the doctor on a limited basis. Fee is \$5 per person. Two weeks' notice is requested. Masks are required.

Foot Care at the Center: The fourth Tuesday of each month, in the Nurses' Room on the lower level of the center. Upon entering and leaving the building hand sanitizer must be used and a mask must be worn. Fee is \$35 cash or check. Appointments run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; call the center to schedule one.

Cans-4-A-Cause: Bottles and cans can once again be dropped off at the senior center. Call the center for more information or email Jeff at myjakjeff@gmail.com.

Hair by Alexa: Men's and women's haircuts will return once a month, once the senior center is open again. To schedule an appointment, call the center or call Alexa directly at 845-590-9700.



Pumpkin Patch...The Valley View School PTO has worked hard this year to provide staff and students materials to succeed in their new learning environments, while also keeping the love of learning alive – and the PTO has had much support from the community. Recently, Gotta's helped provide over 200 pumpkins to the PTO's own Valley View Pumpkin Patch! The "pumpkin patch" took place in the cafeteria last Friday, Oct. 30.

2020 Leaf Pickup

Public Works will conduct its annual leaf pickup beginning Monday, Nov. 30. Leaves must be placed in paper bags at the curb so as not to cause a sight line problem. Leaves must be out no later than Nov. 29. Plastic bags will not be picked up.

Residents who do not place their leaves at the curb can bring them to the Transfer Station. Leaves not in paper bags must be emptied by

the resident in an area at the Transfer Station designated by the attendant.

Public Works also asks homeowners to refrain from blowing or raking leaves into the roadway as blocking the storm drain inlets may cause flooding and create safety hazards.

For more information, call Public Works at 860-342-6733.



A Rockin' Halloween... Tony Rome of Portland and his band The Excuses put on a show behind the White Dog Café on Halloween day to benefit the Portland Police Union. Rome, being a dog lover, asked that, if possible, people send a donation for a new police K-9 for Portland Police Sgt. James Kelly. Kelly's previous K-9 partner, Nero, was recently diagnosed with inoperable lymphoma. The Excuses also features Eddie Micenti on electric guitar, Doug Mentlick on bass and Corey Triplets on drums.



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Osten Holds On to State Senate Seat

by Sloan Brewster

By a little more than 4,000 votes, Democrat Cathy Osten has retained her seat in the state Senate.

According to unofficial numbers released Wednesday by the secretary of the state's office, Osten, a three-term incumbent, won the race in the 10-town 19th State Senatorial District with 25,591 votes. That topped Republican Steve Weir of Hebron, who collected 21,557 votes across the district. William Russell, who ran as an Independent, received 871 votes.

Osten, of Sprague, lost to Weir in Hebron, taking 2,936 votes to his 3,130. She also fell to Weir in the 19th District's only other Rivereast town, Marlborough, where she garnered 1,859 votes and Weir won 1,987.

With absentee ballots arriving in droves and COVID-19 keeping campaign volunteers at home, the race didn't have the usual energy and was a test in doing things differently, Osten said.

"For me, the race this time had a different tenor to it," she said. "You didn't have a whole slew of volunteers coming in [to campaign headquarters] and grabbing a slice of pizza. Everyone was doing it remotely, so you didn't have that same connection it would normally have."

Still, she was "fairly confident" she would be successful.

The two largest towns in her district are Le-

dyard and Norwich, which are also where she won by the largest margins, she said.

"I won Ledyard every single year and that's a very conservative town," Osten said.

This year, she took the victory in the town primarily in absentee ballots, she said. In Norwich, though, she won without those, which simply added more to her high numbers.

"I won by 4,000 votes, which is more than my senate colleagues who sit beside me – the 18th and 20th [districts], which were far tighter," she said.

On Wednesday, Osten said she had already spoken with her leadership committee and the governor about some items that she will be working on completing, including reopening the American Job Center in Montville, where many casino workers have been out of work as a result of COVID-19 and the state shutdown.

"We have a lot of workers looking for work," she said. "The casinos haven't brought back all their workers based on numbers of COVID."

She said she is hoping to get the job center back up and running before returning to session.

Osten also said she plans to focus on getting funding for nonprofits that have taken over work previously completed by state employees, including helping folks with mental or behavioral health issues.

"People have not dealt with the fact that they're a significant component of the safety

net," she said. "We need to take care of them as they the care of our most vulnerable."

In a statement, Weir thanked volunteers who helped on his campaign and congratulated Osten.

In a phone call Wednesday, Weir said the campaign was "incredibly rewarding."

"I really enjoyed all my time getting to know all the voters in the district. I made a lot of friends," he said.

While disappointed in the outcome, he said he has respect for the process.

Now that it's over he said he would resume responsibilities at work. A small business owner, Weir owns American Integrity Restoration, a fire damage restoration service in Glastonbury, among other businesses.

He will also recommit time to his family, who he said has been a large part of his campaign, which has taken a "tremendous amount of work."

"We've all sacrificed," he said. "It's time to make sure I'm caring for their needs."

St. Peter's Roast Pork Dinner

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located at 30 Church St. (Route 85), will hold its next monthly community dinner Saturday, Nov. 7, from 4-6 p.m., or until sold out. The dinner will be takeout only.

The menu will include roast pork tenderloin, oven-roasted potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, pork gravy, applesauce, homemade Flour/Girl dinner rolls and dessert choices. The cost is \$14/adults, \$6/children age 11 and under.

Bring the amount in cash, or a check made out to St. Peter's Church. Patrons will not get out of their cars, but will have their dinners placed in the trunk or back seat for them by the servers. There are no reservations or pre-orders; the meal is first-come, first-served.

This month a portion of each dinner sold will go toward supporting the Lebanon Food Bank. For details, call 860-228-3244 or visit StPetersHebron.com.

Hebron Republicans Elect New Leadership

The Hebron Republican Town Committee elected Amanda Veneziano chair and Keith Petit vice chair at its Monday, Oct. 26, meeting.

The mid-term elections took place due to the resignation of Catherine Marx. Marx served as chair for well over a decade and stepped down in September due to her appointment as director of the Small Business Administration's Connecticut District Office.

"I am humbled by the vote of confidence of this great committee," said Veneziano. "I believe in public service and civic involvement at a local level. I am passionate about serving the families in the town of Hebron."

Veneziano joined the RTC three and a half years ago and immediately got involved as a volunteer, candidate and, more recently, as an elected official serving the Hebron Board of Education.

Veneziano served as vice chair to Marx, and therefore the committee held nominations for vice chairman as well. Petit, who also serves on the Hebron Board of Education, received a unanimous endorsement. "I'm honored to have

been selected as vice chair by my peers," he said. "I hope to continue the hard work that the Hebron Republican Town Committee is known for, supporting Republicans seeking election, as well as assisting others in continuing to serve our community so that Hebron remains the beautiful town we all love."

Both Veneziano and Petit thanked Marx for her service.

"Catherine has led our committee with the vision that public service is public trust," Veneziano said. "She worked behind-the-scenes to encourage people to serve and get involved with civic engagement. Catherine understood that we are all stewards of our town. Indeed, our meetings will not be the same without her wit and humor, but thankfully we both have had the opportunity to learn from her and will carry her passion for Hebron that was foremost in everything she did."

The Hebron Republican Town Committee is currently seeking new members and offers regular membership as well as associate membership. Registered Republicans interested in joining can reach out to Veneziano or Petit at HebronRepublicans@gmail.com.

Holiday Closing

Douglas Library, located at 22 Main St., will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day. The library will reopen Thursday Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.

Dean's List

Hebron residents Cara Bastiani, Lisa Buggie and Cody Porter, and Amston resident Suzanne Tupper, all made the spring 2020 Dean's List at Goodwin College in East Hartford.

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Paper-Shredding Event Nov. 14

The Hebron Green Committee will sponsor a free paper shred event for residents of Hebron, Andover and Marlborough (residents only; no businesses) Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m.-noon, in the upper parking lot of RHAM High School.

Due to COVID-19, the following rules apply:

You must wear a mask or appropriate face covering from entry to exit; you must stay in your vehicle at all times; and all papers must be transported to the event in the trunk or back storage areas of your vehicle so Green

Committee members can remove them without reaching into the passenger area.

This event is an opportunity to dispose of your sensitive documents in an environmentally-appropriate way. It's also a better option than shredding your documents at home, since shredded paper shouldn't be put in your recycle bin, the Green Committee said.

There is a five-box limit, and people are asked to not bring non-sensitive recyclable paper for shredding. Too much excess paper could force committee members to turn people away if the truck is filled early.

Senior Center News & Notes

Russell Mercier Senior Center remains closed due to COVID-19 quarantine, but has announced the following. For more information and full program descriptions, call 860-228-1700, visit hebronct.com/town-departments/senior-center or search for Russell Mercier Senior Center on Facebook.

Fire Department's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors: Sunday, Nov. 22, for Hebron and Amston residents 60 years and over. Due to COVID-19, this year, the fire department will deliver meals to residents' homes. Dinners consist of: turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy (packed on the side), green bean casserole, cranberry sauce and pie. The meal will be packed in microwaveable containers and delivered Nov. 22 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration required by calling the senior center by Thursday, Nov. 12, at 3 p.m.; provide your name, address, phone number and, if possible, email address.

Meals Available for Pick-Up: The senior center offers frozen congregate meals from CRT for pick-up. On Mondays you will receive 4 frozen meals, 2 milks, sides, and snacks for a suggested donation of \$12 (\$3 per meal). Seniors must call to sign-up for each week's meals by 3 p.m. the prior Thursday. Meals are for ages 60 and older, from any town, and are to be heated and consumed at home. Meals will be distributed outside and can be curbside pick-up. Pick-up times are 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., but with prior approval an alternate time can be

arranged. Delivery is also available. Each person will need to complete a Form 5, but senior center staff can offer assistance in filling it out. To sign up, call 860-228-1700 ext. 202 or email aroczniak@hebronct.com. Anyone picking up the meals must wear a mask and adhere to COVID-19 guidelines.

Medicare Annual Open Enrollment: Runs through Dec. 7. Medicare drug plans and Medicare Health Plans (also known as Medicare Advantage Plans) can make changes each year to your out-of-pocket costs (monthly premiums, deductibles and drug copays), drugs covered and network providers, and the senior center recommends reviewing your potential options. If interested in evaluating potential options for 2021, call the senior center to schedule an appointment during the open enrollment period.

Energy Assistance Winter Heating Program: The senior center is taking applications for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), which is designed to help offset the winter heating costs for a household's primary heating source. If the household's primary heating costs are included in rent, the household may also apply for assistance. Benefits are available to households with incomes up to 60 percent of the state median income. A liquid assets test is an additional basic eligibility requirement. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, all applications for energy assistance will be completed over the phone; there will be no in-person appointments. Call the center for more details.

Gilead Congregational Church News

Gilead Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming Congregation located at Gilead Street and Meeting House Road, has announced the following. For more information, visit gileadchurchucc.org or call Pastor Denise Esslinger at 860-228-3077.

Sunday Worship: This Sunday, Nov. 8, worship will be in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. The deacons have prepared information and protocols for inside worship; the protocols can be reviewed at www.gileadchurchucc.org, people can contact Esslinger or any of the deacons with questions or suggestions. All attending are asked to sign up, including those serving as ushers, deacons, or in any other way. This is both for spacing purposes as well as for contact-tracing purposes.

Livestreaming of worship services continues, for those not comfortable attending. Connect with the service via the Gilead Church Facebook page at tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC. Following the service, it will be posted to the site, and can be viewed at any time.

Upcoming Events: Christmas Angel Tags: All those who took angel tags are reminded gifts should be returned by Nov. 22 in a gift bag, with tissue paper and with the Christmas angel tag attached; gift-wrapping is prohibited by Department of Children and Families security. Gifts can be placed in front of the sanctuary on Sundays, or may be left on the porch of the Parish House anytime.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom, led by the Rev. Bob Woodward. The group is exploring and discussing the book of Exodus. All are invited. For more information, contact the church office at gcc@gileadchurch.net or 860-228-3077

Fall Work Day: Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to come bring a rake and help spruce up the church grounds. Cleaning inside will also take place.

Puzzle, CD and DVD Swap: Saturday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (rain date Nov. 15, same time). The Fellowship Committee will collect puzzles, CDs and DVDs through Nov. 7; to donate, place items in the designated big bin outside the church doors by the parking lot. Items will then be sanitized, sorted and staged on

tables outside on Nov. 14. Browsers/swappers are requested to wear masks, practice social distancing and use gloves or the supplied hand sanitizer.

Sunday School Programs: The Board of Christian Education will offer two more Sunday School programs this year. One will be Sunday, Nov. 15, and another Sunday, Dec. 6. The Nov. 15 gathering will focus on the themes of gratitude and Thanksgiving and the Dec. 6 gathering will be Advent- and Christmas-orientated. More details as well as a sign-up to come.

Christmas Luminarias: This year, in lieu of Christmas flowers, the church is offering the opportunity to participate in a fundraiser to benefit Hebron Interfaith Human Services. For a donation you will receive a luminaria. Luminaries can be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones. Luminaries will be part of the Christmas Eve worship service and dedications will be recognized in the bulletin for this service as well as in the Dec. 23 e-newsletter. Luminaries purchased can be taken home following the Christmas Eve service. The suggested donation per luminaria is \$10. All donations will go to Hebron Interfaith Human Services to support gifts for the children and families they serve. For more information, contact the Church Office at gcc@gileadchurch.net.

Gilead Church Lending Library: The church is highlighting and reviewing a children's book each week. Books are located in the new Lending Library. There remains a tub near the Lending Library for books when they are "returned." When books are "returned," they will be sanitized and put back into the Lending Library. There will also be sanitizing wipes available by the tubs for you to use.

Facemasks Available: Child-size facemasks are available in a basket Sunday mornings, or contact the church office for one. Some lanyards are also available on which the elastic of the mask can be hooked. The church has adult-sized facemasks as well, also available Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office.

Lord's Bounty II Cookbooks: Women's Fellowship is selling the church's new cookbooks. Call Margaret Gibbs at 860-384-4327 for delivery. Cookbooks are \$10 each.

Hebron Lions Winter Storage

The Hebron Lions are offering winter storage on the Lions Fairgrounds for 2020-21.

Storage is available from November until April for automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, boats, motor homes and travel trailers. Storage is in the exhibit and livestock buildings at the fairgrounds, 347 Gilead St. Move-in starts Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m.-noon, on a first-come, first-served basis, and will continue each Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon through the month of November, as space permits.

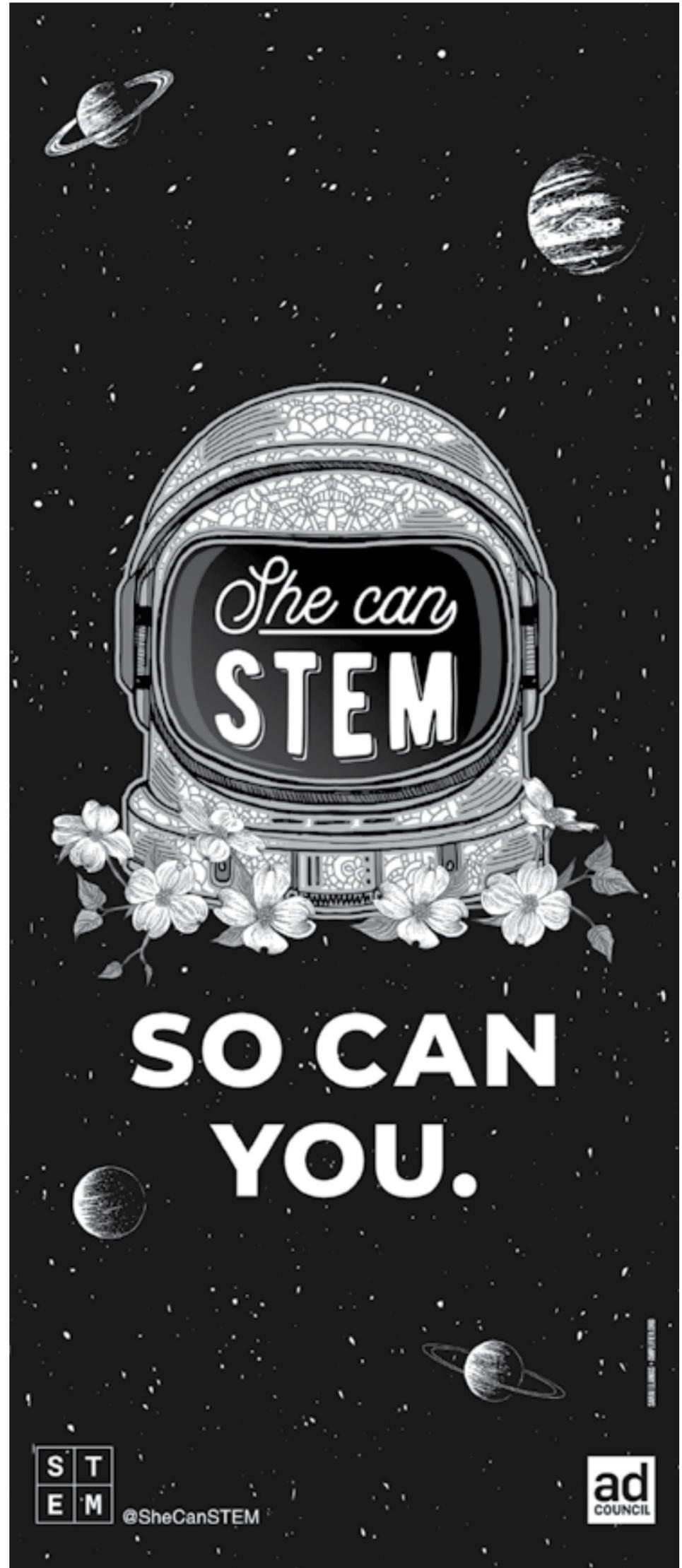
Rate for covered storage in the animal barns is \$17 per linear foot; the Better Living and Arts & Craft Buildings is \$20 per linear foot; motorcycle storage is \$75. There is no need for you to measure your vehicle, as the Lions will measure them. Space is limited for inside and covered

storage; however, there is unlimited outside storage for \$100 per unit for any length.

Sales tax of 6.35% will be charged on all items stored. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and masks must be worn when outside your vehicles. The Lions will use Gate 5 for registration this year and ask people to stay in their vehicle until asked to go to the Gate House, to allow for social distancing.

The Lions will call during April for vehicles to be removed from the fairgrounds. All vehicles must be removed from the fairgrounds by April 30, 2021.

For more information, contact Lion Lee Anderson at lee.anderson@hebronharvestfair.org or 860-942-2527.



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Scouting for Food Success... Scout BSA units in Colchester collected food donations on Oct. 31, to benefit Colchester Food Bank. Pictured are members of Cub Scout Pack 109 and the truckload of donations they collected. From left are Zack Ginard, Cubmaster Aaron Berta, William Morsch, Colton Palmer, Oliver Palmer, Bryce Berta, Den Leader Rebecca Berta, Delaney Berta, Den Leader Jessica Cusano and Rocco Cusano. Cub Scout Pack 109 welcomes boys and girls ages 5-10 and parents. The Pack is sponsored by Westchester Congregational Church. For more information, look for "Cub-Scout-Pack-109-Colchester-CT" on Facebook or email westcongchurch@gmail.com.

St. Andrew Church News

St. Andrew Catholic Church holds Sunday Mass Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The church is located at 128 Norwich Ave. The only entrance is on the parking lot side; doors are propped open. To maintain social distancing, pews are sectioned off; available seating is marked. Seating is limited to 100 people per Mass. There is no admittance once Mass begins; church doors are locked at that time. Parishioners should bring and use their own hand sanitizer. Facemasks that cover both nose and mouth are required of all attending wor-

ship. Children under age of 5 are not required to wear a mask.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice. You may wish to attend weekday Mass in lieu of attending on Sundays in order to allow those who cannot attend during the week the opportunity to attend on the weekend. Sunday Masses at 9:30 a.m. will also continue to be livestreamed.

For more information, call 860-537-2355 or visit www.standrewcolchester.org.

Bradley Field During WWII

All are invited Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m., to a Zoom presentation by Philip Devlin about "Bradley Field During World War II."

Many people in Devlin's family were stationed at Bradley for several years so he grew up hearing stories about Bradley Field. This presentation focuses on the notable people and units associated with Bradley during WWII. This program is sponsored by Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/y4ery15x. A confirmation email will be sent after registration. If you don't receive one, check your spam folder.

For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

Girl Scouts Collecting Non-Food Items

Through Nov. 15, Colchester Girl Scout Troop 63152 is collecting personal care items to donate to Colchester Food Bank and families impacted by COVID-19. Items are collected at 59 Park Ave. There are bins available for donations at the end of the driveway.

Suggested new items include toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo/conditioner, facial tissue, hand sanitizers, hand soap, deodorant, body wash, disinfecting wipes, disposable razors, moisturizing lotion, feminine hygiene products, and any additional non-food items.

For more information, call troop co-leader Terry Phillips at 860-608-0130.

Rotary Collecting for Thanksgiving

Colchester Rotary Club is looking for help to continue providing Thanksgiving baskets to its neighbors in need.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the non-profit organization has not been able to hold the events it usually does to raise funds for the baskets. So, to help, Liberty Bank Foundation will give 25 cents for every dollar donated at Noel's Market and Westchester Market. The foundation is also selling paper "turkey legs" at Liberty Bank to support the Rotary.

Scholarship Applications Due Today

The St. Andrew Ladies Guild is currently sponsoring two scholarships – and the deadline for both is today, Nov. 6.

Young adult members of St. Andrew Church who attend/plan to attend a Catholic high school or university may apply for a \$500 high school or \$1,000 college scholarship, respectively. This will be awarded for the spring semester of 2021.

Notification of award will be Nov. 23. Call the St. Andrew Rectory at 860-537-2355 for details and an application.

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Abundant Life Church News & Notes

Abundant Life Church, located at 85 Skinner Rd., has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, call the church at 860-537-3082 or visit AbundantL.com. Abundant Life Church is a Christ-follower church that believes salvation through Jesus Christ.

Weekly Sunday Service: The church continues open door services on Sundays. Facial masks while roaming and social distancing guidelines are followed, including only allowing less than 50 attendees. Sunday School is now open at the church at 9:30 a.m., with the main service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Call the church if you would like to attend.

The service is also broadcast live on Face-

book, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with a special children's program included. Go to www.facebook.com/groups/abundantLifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information or if unable to connect, call the church at 860-537-3082.

Power of Prayer: Prayer is provided by a group of faithful members at Abundant Life. If you are in need of prayer for healing, financial issues, troubled family members, life-controlling habits, or any other need, call the church to be placed on its prayer list. You may also ask about the various days and times the prayer groups meet and come at that time.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. Registration required for all programs. For full descriptions and to register, visit colchesterct.gov/recreation-department. More info can also be obtained by calling 860-537-7297 or emailing parksandrec@colchesterct.gov.

From Soup to Nuts! COVID Community Cookbook: The Colchester community has sent in many recipes. The cookbook will be available to purchase beginning Dec. 1. Proceeds will be used to pay for the Colchester Fireworks, which have been rescheduled to a later date. You can purchase a cookbook through the Parks and Rec. website.

Virtual Vendor Fair: A Virtual Vendor Fair booklet is available in a PDF format on the Parks and Rec. website. With most of the holiday craft fairs canceled, this is a way for small businesses to connect with the community during the holiday season. The booklet will include all vendor information including ways to order, delivery and payment options, local contacts and more. For more information, call Parks and Rec.

National Enrichment Classes for Kids: Students are accepted from all over the country. Find a virtual class that interests you and meet kids your age with similar interests. Register at bit.ly/6ccolchester.

CYSS News and Notes

Colchester Youth and Social Services has announced the following. For more information and full program descriptions, contact CYSS at 860-537-7255 or youthservices@colchesterct.gov. Register online at www.colchesterct.gov/youth-social-services. Registration is required for every session of each program due to the current COVID-19 guidelines.

The Learning Lounge: Mondays-Fridays, 8:30-11:30 a.m., for grades 6-8. This program provides middle school youth space to complete their distance learning. Socially-distanced work stations and support will be provided. Limited

availability.

Youth Uprise: Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m., at the Youth Center, for grades 9-12. High school students come together and discuss unity, diversity, civic engagement and making a change.

Outdoor Open Youth Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-4 p.m., in the Youth Center parking lot, for grades 6-8. There will be outdoor games, a safe place to hang out, crafts and more. Space is limited; register for each date your child plans to attend. Registered kids can walk down after the school day.

Fire Calls

From Oct. 18-31, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 64 calls: 46 emergency medical calls, 13 fire/fire-related calls, and five motor vehicle crashes. Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, two; service call, three; outside fire, one; appliance fire, one; chimney fire, one; structure fires, four (mutual aid given twice, once each to Columbia and East Haddam).

Crashes: two single-car (one mutual aid to Salem); two multi-car (one mutual aid to Hebron); and one truck vs. pole.

Medical: sick person, nine; cardiac distress, six; difficulty breathing, four; alcoholic disorder, two; lift assist, two; fall injury, three; injured person, four; unconscious, six; back pain, two; mental disorder, two; seizure, three; bleed-

ing emergency, one.

CHFD provided mutual aid four times – once each to Salem, Columbia, East Haddam and Hebron – and did not receive any mutual aid.

CHFD also offers free CO checks, and car seat safety checks and installations by appointment only; call the department at 860-537-2512 to schedule one. Reflective address marker signs are also available to order in blue or green, vertical or horizontal; cost is \$12. Forms are available at the firehouse, 52 Old Hartford Rd., or online; go to colchesterct.gov, click on 'departments' and select 'fire department.'

Note: The Department of Emergency Management conducts tests of the emergency sirens throughout town, on the first Saturday of every month between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. These are just tests.



Funds for Thanksgiving Baskets... Colchester Cares Co-founder Kim Talarczyk (left) presents a donation check to Colchester Rotary Club President Terry Congdon (right), which will help fund Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets.

Schools to Move Younger Grades to In-Person Learning

by Karla Santos

On Monday, the Colchester Board of Education voted unanimously to move pre-k through fifth grade students in to full-time in-person learning starting later this month.

Superintendent of Schools Jeff Burt explained that over the summer, a committee created three learning plans, in-person learning, distance learning and a hybrid model, in which students go to school part-time and learn from home part-time. Up to this point students have been learning through the hybrid model, but starting on Nov. 12, a portion of the district will transition to full-time in-person learning.

Burt said that when the committee discussed plans over the summer, members were focused on maintaining a balance between the safety of students and their educational needs. However, because learning in the COVID-19 era is still new, they didn't know if some things were going to work out as planned.

Burt said educators now have enough experience with students that they feel they can safely bring in the youngest learners.

"We have a lot of evidence at this point that brings us to the conclusion that we want to bring a portion of our students back in full-time," he said.

Burt said school administrators have learned not only from what has happened in the district but throughout the schools in the state.

Among Colchester students, there have been six positive cases of COVID-19 but not through

student-to-student transmission, the superintendent said. Rather, the illness was spread via exposure within families.

While the virus itself hasn't affected the health of many students, the hybrid model is affecting their learning experience, Burt said.

"We are seeing more and more evidence that having our younger learners in the hybrid model is having a significant impact on their learning but is also having a significant impact on families," Burt said.

Burt added that he has spoken with a number of parents who have said it is difficult for them to continue to work or to continue to provide an educational setting for their students as they are either working from home or have several children in their household that are taking up their time. In addition, some parents have a lack of expertise when it comes to helping their children in the absence of a teacher.

Younger learners, even with an iPad or a Chromebook, find it difficult to manage online learning by themselves, Burt said.

"It really takes an adult to interact with them," he said. "And that's not necessarily always possible or is not really done to the greatest extent that we would like to see."

According to Burt, recent data from the district's fall assessments show that there is a learning loss in youngest grades. The trend is a concern among educators and won't improve if the district remains in the hybrid model, he said.

Successful contact tracing has also proven it's time to get students back in their classrooms full time, Burt said. He, school principals and nurses have taken care of contact tracing throughout the schools when positive cases have been found and have isolated individuals when necessary.

At the beginning of the school year, there were positive COVID-19 cases among the staff at Colchester Elementary School. Burt said after those cases were discovered, the school administration decided to have as many virtual meetings as possible.

Burt said students all wear masks, frequently wash their hands and cohort.

He said the district will add desk shields for students returning to classrooms full-time.

Judy O'Meara, principal of Colchester Elementary School, said at her school lunch will

remain in classrooms. She when staff evaluated the cafeteria, they realized it would only fit two classes at a time, so decided it would be safer to continue to hold lunch in classrooms. O'Meara said the school's cafeteria will be used for music classes, which were being held mainly outdoors. Since the weather is getting cooler, the cafeteria is a better space for that and children will be spread out.

Elise Butson, principal of Jack Jacter Intermediate School, said the cafeteria at her school fits four classes, allowing students "more of a traditional lunch" while still social distancing. She said the school's band room is also a large room, so students can have music classes there.

Burt said buses may not be impacted by the change as many students are driven to school by their parents.

President's List

Residents Rosmary Cartier, Stephanie Platzer and Cecilia Romeiro made the spring 2020 President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford, for scoring a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Ahavath Achim News

Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave., has announces the following classes and services:

Friday night Shabbat service, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom; Saturday, Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m., on Zoom; Tuesday, Kabbalah class, 5:30 p.m. on Zoom; Tuesday, Talmud class, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

There are daily prayer classes on Facebook Live, by Rabbi Ken Alter.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are 8 a.m.-noon Tuesday-Friday.

Cragin Virtual Book Club

Cragin Memorial Library's Virtual Book Club will be held Monday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m., via Zoom. Sy Montgomery's *The Soul of an Octopus* will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk.

To register for this event go to tinyurl.com/y3nd64up. For more information, call 860-537-5752.

Police News

10/30: State Police said Charles Anadore, 69, of 43 Kramer Rd., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, making an improper turn and failure to obey a stop sign.

10/31: State Police said Keith Rittman, 42, of 87 Young St., East Hampton, was arrested and charged with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct.

Colchester Federated Church News

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren Lorincz.

The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. If you need to visit the office, call ahead and schedule an appointment. The office can be reached at 860-537-5189 or cfc06415@gmail.com.

The church remains closed to the public until further notice. In-person worship services

are limited to 40 people total. Reservations required; contact the church office by Friday at 9 a.m. to reserve a spot. Worship services are also broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Worship videos can be found at www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information can also be found on the church's Facebook page.

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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY New England Properties



Colchester Garden Club members Ryan and Melissa Deacon with their sons Eric and Cole used extra materials from the Colchester Garden Club Children's Garden renovation to install a new paver path to the garden brochure box at the Butterfly Pollinator Garden at Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands.

Children's Garden Gets Renovation

When the Colchester StoryWalk was installed in 2017 by an Eagle Scout, the Colchester Garden Club also created a small garden nearby for children to enjoy nature at Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands. The club later determined the circle design did not provide sufficient access to the garden for visitors or maintenance – so a project was undertaken to add paver paths. And that project has now been completed.

In late spring, a significant portion of the hardscape project was completed by Colchester Garden Club member, and the town's first selectman, Mary Bylone, who also acquired a Connecticut Master Gardener grant for the club for the purchase of garden plants. With the decision to widen the paths for better footing, the project was delayed through the summer due to the inability to obtain more materials because of plant shutdowns and back-ordered materials due to the COVID 19 pandemic and many people doing home improvement projects.

When the hardscape materials became available again in September, the Colchester Garden Club set off to complete the hardscape portion of the project with the assistance of Colchester Boy Scout Troop 13. Under the leadership of BSA leader Brian Marburger and volunteer Jim Paggioli, the Scouts completed the hardscape paver paths in a single day. The boys dug out soil on either side of the partially completed paths, shoveled and tamped down gravel mix, added sand, placed and leveled pavers, installed plastic paver edging, shoveled soil, added compost, raked the garden areas evenly followed by apply mulch, and swept polymeric sand to hold

the pavers in place.

The Scouts and the adult volunteers worked as a team finishing the hardscaped paths that will now allow children and other visitors into the garden to observe butterflies and other pollinators, as well as the plants, more closely.

The majority of the planting is planned for spring 2021. The vision is also to create a Parents' Guide brochure with information to help them develop early learning for young children using the garden experience.

The Colchester Garden Club said it is grateful for the many financial and materials donations received in connection with this project, including donations from: The Paula Lemire Memorial Fund, Baldi Sand and Gravel, Lowe's of Waterford, Connecticut Master Gardener Association, and Coast of Maine. The club sent a special thank you to Baldi Sand and Gravel for donating top soil, with a second donation and delivery of processed gravel during the hardscape installation when it was determined more material was needed to properly set the pavers. The club said it is also appreciative of the many hours its members have contributed to this project thus far with design, planning, preparation, original paver work, covering garden with cardboard and tarps until additional materials could be secured, and their removal to prepare the area for the Scouts' contribution.

For more information on the Colchester Garden Club, or to become a member, email colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com or call 860-267-4471.

Wreaths Across America

This year's Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place at Westchester Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 19 – and donations are sought.

At the ceremony, the 55 service members buried at the cemetery will be honored with the placement of live balsam veterans' wreaths. The ceremony will begin at noon sharp, and masks are required. The cemetery is located off Route 16.

Donations are welcome. Each individual \$15 donation sponsors a wreath that will be placed

on the headstone. To sponsor a wreath and stay informed about event details, visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CTWCCC. You can also send your contribution to Wreaths Across America, c/o Linda Pasternak, 636 Westchester Rd., Colchester, CT 06415.

All interested in volunteering should register so they can be kept up to date on details for the day as it gets closer. Register to volunteer at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CTWCCC.

Free Breakfast, Lunch for Students

Due to a USDA grant, all students and children under the age of 18 can get free breakfast and lunch until Dec. 31. Once this free meal grant ends, students will go back to the appropriate free, reduced-price, or full-pay status.

If you have not been notified that your child qualifies for free or reduced-price meals for the 2020-21 school year, submit an application if interested. Applications are available to all Colchester Public School students in grades pre-K through 12 and can be found on the Colchester Public Schools website, www.colchesterct.org.

Note: milk is included in every meal; however if a student wants to buy just a milk, the cost is 65 cents.

For those interested in grab-and-go meals, which are also free, pick-up is at William J. Johnston Middle School from 12:30-1 p.m. on in-school learning days and from 10-10:30 a.m. on distance learning days.

For more information, contact Nutrition Coordinator Leanne Ranheim at 860-537-9421 ext. 381 or lr@colchesterct.org.

Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following programs and events. Most programs are on Zoom; to learn more about join them, or for full descriptions of any program, call the center at 860-537-3911 or email csc@colchesterct.gov. The center is online at www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center. More information about senior trips can also be found online.

Monday, Nov. 9: Tentative reopening date. 8:30 a.m., Commission on Aging meeting; 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 a.m., Virtual Meditation.

Tuesday, Nov. 10: 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi on Zoom; 11 a.m., Adult Coloring; 1:30 p.m., conference call bingo; 2:30 p.m., Senior Center staff meeting; 7 p.m., Senior Center Building Committee Meeting on Zoom.

Wednesday, Nov. 11: Senior Center closed for Veterans Day.

Thursday, Nov. 12: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 10:30 a.m., Shopping Trip to Waterford; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom.

Friday, Nov. 13: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Open Enrollment Event for Medicare, by appointment; 9:30 a.m., Make Your Own Holiday Cards with Barbara Gozzo; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom.

Upcoming Programs: Meet New Program Coordinator: Monday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom. Ruth Reinwald will share about herself, her previous professional experience and the plans she has for new programs at our senior center. Share your ideas with her as well.

Edwards Twins Show: 2 Brothers – 100 Stars: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Twin brothers Anthony and Eddie Edwards are the country's premier celebrity illusionists in this one hour, 15-minute show developed for Friendship Tours. "Performances" include: Sonny & Cher, Billy Joel, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Lionel Ritchie, Barbra Streisand and more. Registration in advance is required.

Book Club Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. All are invited to discuss a mutually-agreed-upon monthly book selection, held on reserve at Cragin Memorial Library. Come join the discussion, having read the book and ready to share your thoughts. The club will select new books for the coming months and meet Reinwald at this month's meeting.

In the Know: Tuesday, Nov. 24, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn about current happenings at the senior Center and answers your questions. Stay in the know about the senior center. Program held via Zoom.

Community Conversations with the First Selectman Wednesday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m., via Zoom. First Selectman Mary Bylone will discuss all things Colchester and answer questions from the audience as well.

Walking Group: Wednesdays, 10 a.m., weather permitting. Social distancing and masks required.

Weekly Zoom Programs: Exercise with Anne: Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.; **Senior Yoga:** Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.; **Sittercize:** Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.; **Tai Chi:** Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.

Thanksgiving To-Go for Seniors

Colchester Senior Center members are invited to take home a free traditional Thanksgiving meal Thursday, Nov. 19, at noon.

Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation is sponsoring the meal in a takeout style. This is for Colchester Senior Center members only.

Space is limited; reserve your meal by Nov. 12 by calling 860-537-3911. Wear a mask and stay distanced when you pick up the meal from the senior center dining room.

'Stars, Socks & Stripes'

Sam Blumberger is collecting new socks – packages or single pairs – for "Stars, Socks & Stripes," his sock drive for U.S.A. veterans. He collects and donates to the American Legion.

Collection boxes will be at Bacon Academy, Cragin Memorial Library and Town Hall, for the next month.

Dean's List

Ian Lilly of Colchester made the spring 2020 Dean's List at Goodwin College in East Hartford.

Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

The Colchester Lions Club is seeking local entries for the annual Peace Poster Contest. The contest is open to children who will be 11, 12 or 13 by Nov. 15.

Submissions must be unframed, original artwork on poster board, no smaller than 13"x20" and no larger than 20"x24", using the media of choice. Entries can also be created in a digital art form and printed as per the regulations.

Contest entries can be submitted until Monday, Nov. 9. Monetary prizes are awarded at local, district and international levels. The grand prize is awarded on an international level, in the amount of \$5,000.

For a complete listing of rules or further information, contact Colchester Lions Peace Poster co-chairs Alyson Darvas at jewelrygirl68@gmail.com or Shannon Mack at smack0502@gmail.com.

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Smith Tops Shilosky for State House Seat

by Karla Santos

After winning a special election in January to replace the late Linda Orange in the state General Assembly, Colchester Democrat Brian Smith won re-election Tuesday to a full term in Hartford, topping Republican Linda Shilosky, also of Colchester, by a 7,276-6,366 tally.

The 48th Assembly District covers most of Colchester as well as parts of Lebanon, Mansfield and Windham. For more than 20 years, the seat was held by Orange, a popular Democrat who passed away from cancer last November. Smith took over the seat in January.

After learning he won his re-election bid, Smith told the Rivereast he feels “pretty good” about the results.

“I was really pleased and I think a little honored to see that the voters decided to return me to the house,” Smith said. “I’m really grateful for the trust that they are putting in me.”

Smith said he is looking forward to going back to Hartford and working for the people in the district to hopefully fulfill the trust they’ve put in him.

Smith’s first term started at the beginning of the year but with the pandemic, it wasn’t a normal session. He said that while he hopes the upcoming session is more standard, one thing this year has taught him is that “we can’t predict what the future might hold.”

“Hopefully as we move through the year things will gradually start coming back into normal,” Smith said, adding that in the meantime, he is looking forward to working on many challenges the house faces, including those that are a direct result of the pandemic and others

that representatives had been working on previously.

“I can promise that I’m going to do my utmost to represent the voters and citizens throughout the 48th District to the best of my ability,” Smith said.

Shilosky said she was “a little surprised” because when walk-in votes were being counted, she was “ahead by a lot.”

“When they opened the absentees and counted those, [that] was when the difference came,” she said. “I’m good though.”

Shilosky said she is thankful for those who went out to vote and added that she “can’t say right now” if she will be running in a future election.

“I thank everyone that came out and cast a vote; I think it was the largest [total] that we’ve ever had,” Shilosky noted.



Donation to Honor Guard... Colchester Rotary Club President Terry Congdon recently presented the club’s donation to the Colchester Veterans Honor Guard, an organization of military veterans with the mission to serve deceased veterans of all services. The Guard honors veterans at their funerals as well as other representing military veterans at community events. The Lions and Rotary clubs traditionally present their annual donations to the Guard at the annual Veterans Day dinner, but the dinner will not be held this year due to the pandemic. The Colchester Veterans Honor Guard welcomes new members of all ages and branches of service. If interested, contact Al Letendre at 860-917-8391. The Rotary and Lions clubs are also seeking new members; for the Rotary, call Congdon at 860-367-7578. For the Lions, call Nicole Reardon at 860-537-5784.

Polish Dinner Nov. 6

St. Joseph’s Polish Club, located at 395 S. Main St., will host a drive-through Polish dinner Friday, Nov. 6, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Dinner will include galumpkis, pierogies, kapusta, kielbasa and rye bread with butter. Tickets are on sale now at the club, and are \$15/person; tickets must be purchased in advance.

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Cassano Handily Wins Another Term

by Sloan Brewster

State Sen. Steve Cassano can add a victory in 2020 to the long list of wins he has behind him. And this time, it wasn't even close.

According to unofficial results posted on the secretary of the state's website Wednesday morning, Cassano, 78, a Democrat and resident of Manchester, took more than 56% of votes for the Fourth Senatorial District seat – representing Andover, Glastonbury, Manchester and Bolton – that he has controlled for the previous five terms.

Cassano beat three opponents: Manchester Republican Matthew Corey, 56; Harold Harris, 74, an Independent and resident of Glastonbury, and Kelly Green, 36, a Bolton resident who formed her own party, the Reclaim Party.

Cassano, according to the secretary of the state's website, brought in 30,140 votes – or 10,000 more than Corey, who collected 20,006 votes or just below 39%. Harris and Green each won over about 1.5% of the electorate – 763 votes for Harris and 769 for Green.

With more than 10,000 votes between him and Corey, Cassano said the 2020 election “tells me it's been a good 10 years.”

“The first time I ran, I won by 70 votes,” he said.

However, as in past elections, Cassano lost Andover. He collected 880 votes there to Corey's 1,014. Corey also won in Bolton, taking 1,580 votes to Cassano's 1,415. But, also as in past elections, Glastonbury and Manches-

ter saved the day for the veteran Democrat. In Glastonbury, Cassano bested Corey by an 11,385-8,887 tally, while in Manchester, Cassano won 15,311 votes to Corey's 8,525.

Cassano said this year's campaign was wrought with “deceit” and “nastiness” and that, unlike any of the previous campaigns, there were numerous ads with blatant lies. He said he was constantly receiving phone calls from irate constituents accusing him of saying things he had never said and that comments listed as quotes on ads were anything but.

“You don't win votes in Manchester and Glastonbury by just blatantly making up lies,” he said. “It was just a nasty attempt to win.”

The end result, however, was that the ads “worked to my advantage,” Cassano said.

The senator said he has worked hard for the small towns in his district and helps small businesses get funding.

With the campaign behind him, Cassano said the big issues to work on are the pandemic and economy. Relative to the COVID-19 pandemic, he said there needs to be a vaccine. Once that is available, the next question will be if people will be able to refuse it or required to take it, he said.

Recovering the economy is part and parcel with the pandemic, he added.

“We've built up a surplus, we had a rainy day fund. All of that is gone because of COVID,”

Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following news items have been announced for Andover seniors.

Insurance for 2021: The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is underway and runs through Dec. 7. Your insurance policy for 2021 will renew unless you make changes. This year, brokers cannot come to the center due to COVID-19, but you may call Mark Hand at his office at 860-942-7076 for additional assistance. He will work with you to offer a policy that fits your needs.

Medicals: If you have appointments and would like senior transportation to take you, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122 to reserve a ride. All seniors welcome and any ADA individual or veterans who need rides are welcome. Masks must be worn in the van and if you have a caregiver that person may come with you. Temperatures will be taken by

the driver.

Shopping: The bus will pick you up at your home and take you shopping to Manchester on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken by driver before clients can access the bus. Call Palazzi for a ride.

Foodshare/Food Pantry: Municipal Agent Roberta Dougherty calls seniors on Fridays to see if they would like Foodshare or the food pantry delivered. All deliveries will be made by senior transportation drivers. Food will be placed outside the senior's door.

No Other Activities: No other senior activities will start until further notice. That includes: movies, exercise programs, drumming classes, and Young at Heart meetings. No trips will be available until there is approval from Town Administrator Eric Anderson and the Board of Selectmen.

he said. “The economy is the highest priority. It has to be paired with COVID recovery,”

As “fun” and “routine” challenges continue in the senate, one thing senators will look at is the police accountability bill, which was passed in June and needs tweaking, Cassano said.

The bill was passed quickly in reaction to things happening on the national front, Cassano said. It will be looked at again and clarified in the next session.

The bill was a state response to the killing of George Floyd, who died after a Minneapolis police officer placed a knee on his neck for more than eight minutes, and the nationwide call for reforms to prevent such things from happening again.

“There are some things in there that were important,” Cassano said. “Protection of the citizens is critical and at the same time the police need to be protected.”

Cassano said he hopes things will be back to normal soon and that senators will be able to get back to their process, including working

on committee to get things accomplished. He called the committee process “a great learning experience.”

“It's bipartisan,” he said. “We sit there and we talk these things, we work these things out.”

Prior to entering becoming senator, Cassano taught sociology for 28 years at Manchester Community College, was mayor of Manchester for 14 years and deputy mayor for 12 years.

Corey said it was “an uphill battle” to campaign against the senator and former mayor. He said early numbers coming in on Election Night showed he was ahead in Andover, Glastonbury and Bolton.

“You win three out of four towns and the guy wins Manchester,” he said. “What does the Fourth District win? They won a guy who's going to vote on party lines.”

Now that the election is over, Corey, the owner of two small businesses – a pub/restaurant and a high-rise cleaning company – said he would return to work and go back to his life. He said he's unsure if he'll seek office in the future.

Library Friends Quilt Raffle Fall Fundraiser

The Andover Friends of the Library announce a homemade quilt raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Donated by an Andover community quilter, the measurements are 60” x 78.” Drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, at noon.

Tickets may be purchased at the library, 355 Route 6 – where the quilt is on display. Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, noon-7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required. Curbside payment/pick-up are also available. Call 860-742-7428 to arrange.

Tickets are also available at the town clerk's office at Town Hall, 17 School Rd. Ring the doorbell during business hours: Monday, 8:15

a.m.-7 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m.

Also for tickets, email the Library Friends at andoverfol@gmail.com or call the library at 860-742-7428 to reserve your tickets and coordinate mailing payment.

If raffle tickets are reserved by email or phone, payment can be made in person at the library, via cash or check payable to Andover Friends of the Library, or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 117, Andover, CT 06232. Indicate “Quilt Raffle” on the envelope. You will then be contacted with your ticket numbers.

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Due to COVID-19, the following rules apply: You must wear a mask or appropriate face covering from entry to exit; you must stay in your vehicle at all times; and all papers must be transported to the event in the trunk or back storage areas of your vehicle so Green Committee members can remove them without reaching

into the passenger area.

This event is an opportunity to dispose of your sensitive documents in an environmentally-appropriate way. It's also a better option than shredding your documents at home, since shredded paper shouldn't be put in your recycle bin, the Green Committee said.

There is a five-box limit, and people are asked to not bring non-sensitive recyclable paper for shredding. Too much excess paper could force committee members to turn people away if the truck is filled early.

Norton Children's Fund Seeks Donations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, donations are down for the Norton Children's Fund – so much so that Norton Commission members are concerned about their ability to help with holiday gift-giving and the annual spring scholarship to an Andover high school student.

The scholarship is given each year in honor of Chester D. Norton, an Andover farmer who died in 1891. At the time of his death, he specified \$3,000 be left for the poor children of Andover. The Norton Children's Fund Commis-

sion was established to administer the funds of Norton's will. Only interest income can be used – therefore, donations are the main source of funding.

To donate to the Norton Children's Fund, send a check to: Norton Children's Fund, Andover Town Hall, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232. For more information on the commission, email Commission Chairman Dianne Grenier at deardianne@comcast.net

White-Tailed Deer Presentation

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, Andover Public Library will present Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Master Wildlife Conservationist Paul Colburn for a program on white-tailed deer in Connecticut.

Colburn will focus on the history of white-tailed deer in the state and provide an overview of white-tailed deer habitat, diet, behavior, and reproduction. There will also be practical recommendations for optimum coexistence with white-tailed deer population. White-tailed deer artifacts will be shared with the audience (virtually, of course). A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

To log in, visit Zoom.com and then click on "Join a Meeting." Meeting ID is 851 1929 4053, and passcode is 319554. For more information, call the library at 860-742-7428.

Preschool Openings

There are still a few openings at Andover Elementary School's Early Learning Center for the 2020-21 school year. Andover's preschool program is full-day. Before and after-school care is available.

Children who will be age 3 on or before Dec. 31 are eligible to attend. AESELC is currently looking for families who meet School Readiness Criteria and who qualify for reduced tuition payments. Call for more information.

Contact the school office at 860-742-7339 to obtain a registration packet, or download one from andoverelementaryct.org.

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Farmers Market Nov. 7

The final Andover Farmers Market of the year will be Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6.

There will be local farmers with produce, jams, jellies, honey, bread, pastries, cookies, dog food, plants, etc. The church will sell chips and drinks to benefit the food pantry. This final market of the year will have several more vendors to help people start their holiday shopping.

There are separate entrances and exits, and masks and social distancing are required. Wysteria Hand Crafts will sell cloth masks.

Virtual Storytime Sessions

Andover Public Library presents two weekly virtual Storytime Sessions for preschool-age children, with children's programming director Cathy Campen, on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be stories, show and tell, and more.

To attend, visit Zoom.com and click on "Join a Meeting." For the 10:30 a.m. session, enter Meeting ID 859 2763 5687 and Passcode: 508203. For the 5 p.m. session, enter Meeting ID 884 3275 4280 and Passcode 649772.

For more information, call 860-742-7428.



In the town gazebo on Election Day, the Bipartisan Balloteers performed for voters. Pictured here, Board of Selectmen member Paula King sings in front, while Jason Murray turns the pages of a songbook, Board of Education Chairwoman Shannon Loudon plays keyboard and Andover Elementary School Principal John Briody is on percussion.

Tunes Accompany Voting in Andover Tuesday

by Sloan Brewster

Election Day in Andover proved a bipartisan showing of fun and excitement.

As voters parked their cars and took to the polls inside Andover Elementary School (AES), Republicans and Democrats gathered in their corners but they did not all stay separate.

At about noon, Shannon Loudon, a local Democrat and chair of the Board of Education, arrived and began to set up musical equipment in the gazebo, where she was planning to perform some tunes, soon after musicians from both parties joined her.

A bipartisan extravaganza, Loudon took to the keyboard and sang vocals, while AES Principal John Briody was on percussion, Republican Board of Selectmen member Paula King did vocals and fellow selectman Jeff Murray, also a Republican, was on bass.

As Loudon and Briody set up the instruments and looked up songs in a playbook, they decided on a name for the band, dubbing it the Bipartisan Balloteers, at the urging of Briody. Loudon laughed heartily and said Briody would forever be in charge of naming things.

Asking for requests, Loudon rifled through her playbook for tunes and started playing Jackie Shannon's "What the World Needs Now," with Murray's 7-year-old son Jason patiently standing beside her and turning the pages.

Nearby, state Rep. Robin Green (R-55) stood outside the polls chatting with residents and taking a few minutes in the cool afternoon breeze to speak with the *Rivereast* about how important it is for folks to keep track of the political goings on in the state and nation, saying that remaining abreast of what's happening on the state front is crucial because that's where people can have the most impact. She also shared her plans for the day, which included stops in Bolton, Marlborough and Hebron, before waiting for results at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Murray said he had arrived at 5:30 a.m. to find a line of voters already forming and said it had remained steady throughout the morning with higher numbers of voters than expected.

"I've never seen this," he said. "This has outpaced 2016."

Democrats also said the lines had been long all day.

School board member Dave Foran said there seemed to be an increase in young voters shortly before 18-year-old RHAM student Emma McBride, donning a set of pajamas designed with pizzas, stopped by to say she had just voted for the first time.

McBride said it was important to cast her ballot because she felt much was at stake and wanted her voice to be heard.

First Congregational Church News

The First Congregational Church, UCC, of Andover, 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

The church is experimenting with worship services in the sanctuary. Masks and social distancing are required. The service will also be online later in the day, on the church's Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Andover, CT).

For more information, call the church office at 860-742-7696 or Pastor the Rev. Rose Nilson at 860-336-6114. Nilson's hours are by appointment. The church website is andoverctchurch.org.

The church has a weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. both via Zoom and in person at the church (observing CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and masks). If interested in attending via Zoom, call the church and leave a message and Nilson will send you the meeting link.

The Food Pantry is Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. CDC guidelines will be observed and masks are required. The Food-share van comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m. and will next be there Nov. 11.

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Belltown Students Back to Hybrid Learning

by Jack Lakowsky

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith on Monday announced that district students will return to a hybrid learning model, a choice made after a surge in COVID-19 cases in town and across the state.

On Oct. 29, East Hampton's COVID-19 case ratio, based on the state's framework, was raised to "Orange" level, the second severest tier, with about 12 cases per 100,000 residents.

On Tuesday, Chatham Health District Director Russell Melmed said the state is seeing a fall/winter surge of coronavirus.

From the beginning of the year, Smith and his administration have stressed that they will proceed with extreme caution.

This will be the last week for a month that Belltown students attend school in-person four days per week, and distance learn one day per week.

This model will follow the one used earlier in the school year, with about 50% of students grouped into schools at a time for two days per week, while they learn at home for the other three.

This return to hybrid will be a little different than the start of the year, Smith told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday. He said this hybrid scenario has a set deadline.

East Hampton's elementary schools, Center and Memorial, will switch back to full in-person learning starting Dec. 7, with the ever-present caveat that this will depend on local and state COVID-19 transmission rates. Smith said it's easier to cohort young students into groups.

As of now, Smith has not declared a return date for high school and middle school students.

Last week, the *Rivereast* reported that more than 50 students from these two schools had to quarantine after one teacher from each building tested positive for COVID-19.

Fortunately, as of yet, no new cases have been reported among these quarantined students, Smith said.

Smith said the state Department of Education recommended that schools begin mitigation measures when their district is raised to an orange alert. Smith emphasized that he was not "forced" to make this decision, but that he chose what he believes to be the best path for the district's students and staff.

"We're getting more calls from families and teachers saying they'd been exposed to the virus and were quarantining," said Smith.

Finding substitutes for quarantined teachers has led some districts to revert back to hybrid

— not for an overall case spike, but because schools couldn't staff classrooms properly. Smith said although "finding substitutes in this environment is difficult", this has not been a problem for East Hampton.

Smith said he was alarmed to see East Hampton's steep spike in case numbers. According to Chatham Health District information, nearly 30 of the 96 cases diagnosed in East Hampton since March were found in October, meaning almost of third of Belltown's COVID-19 cases were diagnosed in the last month.

Smith said, so far, all COVID-positive people who entered a school building contracted the virus in the community, not in schools themselves.

"We're seeing the effect of community transmission in our schools," said Smith.

Smith expects this temporary transition back to hybrid to be far more streamlined than the first go-around.

"People are more familiar with the process," said Smith. "I still fully expect to bring everyone back on Dec. 7, as long as transmission rates are low."

Smith said the East Hampton Board of Education will continue to meet physically, although masks and proper distancing have been required since the start of the school year.

Smith said schools have been able to fulfill any requests for protective gear like masks, gloves, and sanitizer. He said generous donations of masks like that from the local Rossi Family Foundation have put Belltown schools "in good shape".

Classrooms being too small to accommodate proper social distancing of students is still a chief concern among administrators, students, and staff, Smith said.

This worry was echoed by school board Democrat Amanda Amtmanis, who voted against the schools' return to a four-day week of in-person learning.

"This is uncharted territory for everybody," Amtmanis told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday. "I really appreciate that [Smith] has been so on top of this. It's something to be continually revisited, and it's frustrating for parents and kids. But this is just where we are."

Amtmanis praised the creativity and effectiveness of district staff who helped retrofit schools, citing the installation of touchless sinks and plastic shields between desks, but went on to say that the lack of possible distancing in classrooms is worrying.

"I understand that sudden change is frustrating, but the fact is the [case] numbers change suddenly," said Amtmanis. "As a teacher myself, there is just no precedent for this challenge. East Hampton will make it work, but it's really, really hard."

Fellow school board member Amy Ordonez, also a Democrat, told the *Rivereast* that as a mother of young children in a household with two parents employed full time, she "understands the difficulty of juggling everything, the financial strain this puts on people."

"Right now, there's just no one-size-fits-all answer," said Ordonez. "The hybrid is difficult for everyone, but right now it seems to be a necessary evil. Hopefully, if everyone does what they need to do, this won't be for long."

Ordonez also voted against fully reopening schools. She said conversations are often rightfully focused on the needs of students, but that the needs and feelings of teachers and staff should be weighed as heavily.

Ordonez said schools should follow guidance from both the state and Chatham Health.

"But it's not just about metrics with me," said Ordonez. "It's about making sure our staff and teachers have the equipment and resources necessary to make our schools safe."

'East Hampton Eats' Campaign

The East Hampton Economic Development Commission is continuing its "East Hampton Eats" campaign and gift card giveaway contest encouraging people to support local food and drink establishments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Customers can enter to win a \$150 gift card prize package or one of four \$100 gift card prize packages to local participating food and drink establishments.

From now through Monday, Nov. 30, customers can fill out a brief card-sized entry

form when picking up their take-out order or at their table at nearly a dozen participating establishments. The establishments are: The Black Walnut Artisan Bread Co., Chatham Creamery, Dexter's Tunes Tales & Ales, The Dublin, ECO Coffee House, Loco Perro, Pizzeria DaVinci of Cobalt, Po's Rice and Spice, Rossini's Italian Restaurant, Sweet Jean's Café, and The Tavern on 66.

There will be four \$100 prize drawings on Dec. 4. Questions can be emailed to edc@easthamptonct.gov.

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Gay Again Falls Short in Bid for Registrar's Seat

by Karla Santos

East Hampton resident Brian Gay again fell short in his bid to become a third-party registrar of voters.

In order to win election, Gay, who represents the Green Party, needed to bring in more votes than either the Republican or Democratic candidate for registrar. Gay received 309 votes – and unfortunately for him, it was nowhere close to what the other two received.

According to the unofficial results from the secretary of the state's office, as of Wednesday afternoon Lori Wilcox, the Republican registrar of voters, received 3,958 votes, while Democrat Theresa Latimer collected 3,409. Both Wilcox and Latimer were incumbents.

Gay said he ran for the seat because he wanted more representation for minor parties and unaffiliated voters. He also ran in 2018 and received just under 300 votes – also not nearly enough for a desk in the registrars' office.

"I am very thankful for all the votes that I received," Gay said. "I'm disappointed that I didn't do better."

He noted that he was "happy" to see that he received more votes than he did the last time he ran.

"It was 30 more votes, but that's still 30 more people," he said.

Gay explained that currently, the State of Connecticut mandates that each town have a Republican and a Democratic registrar, but

there is no guaranteed representation for unaffiliated voters or for minor parties.

He said he ran to represent unaffiliated voters and minor parties because they need representation at all levels of government.

He said that not having that representation "excludes and isolates a lot of voters."

Gay said registrars of voters "are sort of representatives of the secretary of state's office at the local town level." He noted that registrars are involved in overseeing elections and ensuring people are registered to vote – and said unaffiliated voters and minor parties deserve to have some representation at that level to "see what's going on in that process."

He said he is looking forward to staying involved in community activism and if there's an opportunity to run again in the future, he "wouldn't rule it out."

When Wilcox was asked how she felt about the possibility of having a third registrar of voters, she said the office doesn't have the space, the current registrars of voters came up through the ranks and they learn things every day.

"For somebody to walk in blind, it puts us in the position of having to train a brand new person," Wilcox said. "When we do that with our own deputies and assistants, it's not an easy job. There are a lot of details, a lot of state regulations that we have to follow. For somebody to think they can walk in off the street, they just don't realize what's going on here."

Wilcox added she works "very well" with Latimer.

Wilcox said she's been working in the registrar's office for eight years, first as a deputy registrar and later becoming registrar of voters.



Swan Honored... Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Connecticut State Surgeon Lou Carillo, left, presents East Hampton Fire Department Deputy Chief Martin Swan with the VFW National Firefighters Award and the VFW Post 5095 Public Servant Plaque.

Helping Hands Re-Opening

Helping Hands, a mission of Cornerstone Bible Church in East Hampton, will re-open Saturday Nov. 7. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, it will look a bit different than in the past.

The same items will be available (clothing, household items etc.) However, anyone wishing to 'shop' must register ahead of time via phone or email; no walk-ins will be allowed. There will be four half-hour time slots, with a maximum of 15 individuals for each time slot. The time slots will be: 9-9:30 a.m., 9:45-10:15 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m., and 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Individuals will be allowed two shopping bags each, which they must bring from home. Masks must be worn at all times; no exceptions. No children under 10 will be allowed. In order

to maintain safe social distancing, individuals are asked to remain in their cars until 5 minutes before their time slot begins.

People can register via email at jholm225@sbcglobal.net or, if they do not have email, they call Judy at 860-918-0784. Confirmation of time slot will be sent either via e-mail or phone. Each person must register individually. As long as slots remain, people can choose the slot they want. However, due to the popularity of the first slot, individuals will only be allowed to select that slot once a month.

Registration for time slots opens tomorrow. No registrations will be allowed the day of Helping Hands. Donations to Helping Hands will only be accepted on the Saturday it is open. Note: There are no public restrooms.

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Calling All Plungers

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the 11th annual East Hampton Turkey Plunge will be held at Sears Park at 9 a.m. People of all ages are invited to come take the plunge.

Thanks to the East Hampton Rotary Club, there will be online registration and fundraising. The registration link can be found at tiny.cc/turkeyplunge. Also new this year, plungers can register, dip on their own, and send in their plunge video. As for the Nov. 14 Plunge, organizers said they are working toward the best approach depending on how many registrations they receive and current state COVID-19

requirements. Up-to-date information regarding the plunge will be posted on the above-mentioned website, or search for East Hampton Turkey Plunge on Facebook.

The Turkey Plunge is a tradition in East Hampton where folks of all ages come together take a “dip” into the chilly November waters of Lake Pocotopaug – all in support of the East Hampton Food Bank.

For more information, visit tiny.cc/turkeyplunge, email turkeyplunge@gmail.com, or call/text the Turkey Plunge Hotline at 860-617-6477.

Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., continues to be closed, although staff is available via phone (860-267-4426) and email (seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov) through normal business hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For the latest information, visit www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center.

Soft Opening: The senior center will be open beginning this month by appointment only. If you would like to make an appointment, and get more details, call the center.

Overly Stressed? Struggling? East Hampton Social Services, in collaboration with the senior center, is offering group therapy sessions via Zoom Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. To sign up, contact the senior center at 860-267-4426 or via MyActiveCenter.com. Individual therapy is also available by appointment through East Hampton Social Services at 860-267-9982.

Virtual Lunch Bunch: Every other Monday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour, via Zoom. Next date is Nov. 16. If interested, contact the senior center for an invitation.

Medicare Open Enrollment: It's time to check your Medicare insurance to see what's changed. The CHOICES team will help guide

you during Open Enrollment. Contact the senior center for more information.

Volunteer Shopping: The center has a program where a volunteer will shop for you. If interested or for more information, including how to arrange payment, call 860-267-4426 or email [jewling@easthampton.gov](mailto:jewing@easthampton.gov).

Interested in Crafting? The senior center is looking to prepare craft kits to be picked up at the center. The kit will have everything you would need to make a particular art item. The crafting would be done via Zoom. Let the senior center know if you'd be interested.

Bingo via Zoom: Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Call the center for an invitation.

Yoga via Zoom: Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. Call the center for an invitation.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call the center for more info or email [jewling@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jewing@easthamptonct.gov) or ethomas@easthamptonct.gov.

Pen Pals: The center will match you with a pal who you can write to, back and forth. It may be a senior center friend or someone from the community. The center will supply all you need to participate. Call the center to sign up or for more information.

Virtual Open House

The Middletown Agriculture Science & Technology Program will hold a Virtual Open House Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., for middle school students and their families.

The program, offered through Middletown High School, is open to high school students in East Hampton and Portland.

The program offers an individualized, hands-on learning experience with all the attributes of a comprehensive high school education. The Ag Science curriculum offers instruction in Animal Science, Plant Science, Natural Resources and Agricultural Engineering & Mechanics, in conjunction with a comprehensive academic program at Middletown High School. The program is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year.

For more information about the Virtual Open House, email nescim@mpsct.org and/or register via the form at tinyurl.com/y4jcmw69.

For more information on the program itself, call 860-704-4594 or visit tinyurl.com/y9js5zxc.

Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd. (mailing address: P.O. Box 81), Middle Haddam, has announced regular Sunday services will not be held until further notice. Morning Prayer will be conducted each Sunday at 10 a.m., with church school at 11 a.m. Both events are available on Zoom.

The Rev. Ann Perrott is Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard handles Children's Ministry, and Martha Alimi is the music director.

For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call the church at 860-267-0287 or visit www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com.

Residents Sought to Serve

The town continues to look for volunteers to serve on various boards, commissions and agencies.

The listing below shows the groups that currently have vacancies: Arts & Culture Commission, Brownfields Redevelopment Agency, Clean Energy Task Force, Conservation-Lake Commission, Design Review Board, Ethics Commission, Housing Authority, Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency, Library Advisory Board, and Middle Haddam Historic District Commission.

Applications are available in the town manager's office at 1 Community Drive or at www.easthamptonct.gov.



Feeding Our Seniors... The members of the East Hampton Democratic Town Committee serve lunch to town seniors a couple of times each year. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee has been unable to provide lunch, as the senior center has been closed. So, the Democrats decided to do a drive-by lunch recently. Eighty seniors picked up baked chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin squares.

Congregational Church News

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., holds indoor services Sundays at 10 a.m. Masks must be worn and social distancing practiced. People may also access the livestream service and past services via the church website, www.cc-eh.org.

Church School classes for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade are held during worship, following the pastor's Children's Message.

Teen Youth Group is held the fourth Friday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m., for students

in grades 6-12. The November meeting will be one week earlier on Nov. 20, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

All ministries, church and community programs that take place in the church building or require gathering in person are beginning to resume following all CDC safety guidelines.

For more information, visit the church website or call 860-267-4959 during office hours, Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. In case of pastoral emergencies, the Rev. Jim Latimer can be reached at 610-568-2480.

Drive-Thru Food Drive

East Hampton Congregational Church and Cub Scout Pack 57 are sponsoring a Drive-Thru Food Drive to benefit the East Hampton Food and Fuel Bank on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the church parking lot, 59 Main St.

Items needed include: canned veggies, turkey and chicken gravy, Stove-Top stuffing, box dessert bread mixes, canned pie fillings, pickles, olives, creamed soups, chicken/turkey broth, instant rice, instant potatoes, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, coffee, and other non-perishable food.

Participants can drive into the church parking lot and items will be removed from their trunk, or they may place food in donation containers. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Lions Would Like Your Vote!

Every year, Lions International sponsors a Peace Poster Contest with more than 600,000 children from around the world sharing his or her vision of world peace. This year the theme is Peace Thru Service.

With the assistance of East Hampton Middle School art teacher Carl Pastor, 42 children entered the contest. The Lions chose eight semi-finalists, and their posters will be on display at Stop and Shop, 11 E. High St., this Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The Lions ask residents of East Hampton to stop by and vote for their favorite poster. The winning poster will go on to the Lions' district competition.

Social distancing and COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

For more information, call Lion Mary at 860-977-5760.

Pot Roast Dinner

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, located at 59 Main St., will have a take-out pot roast dinner Saturday, Nov. 14. There will be drive-through pick-up from 5-7 p.m. in the parking lot.

The dinner will include slow-cooked pot roast, gravy, baked potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, roll and butter, and cake for dessert.

Cost is \$15 each, payable by cash or check made out to CCEH. To reserve dinners and a pick-up time, call the church office at 860-267-4959 or Teri at 860-267-6150.

Rotary Grants Available

East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary has a grant process for organizations to request funding. Email pjoslyn@sbcglobal.net for a grant form or more information.

Police News

10/19: Brett Michnowitz, 25, of Middletown was arrested and charged with speeding, possession of a controlled substance, possession of lsd with intent to sell, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia, East Hampton Police said.

Also, from Oct. 12-25, officers responded to 15 medical calls, 3 alarms, 10 Motor Vehicle Accidents and made 18 traffic stops.

President's List

The following East Hampton residents made the spring 2020 President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford, for scoring a perfect 4.0 GPA:

Janelle Benson, Matthew Bergeron, Jennifer Harris, Ginneane Kirk, Meygan Mandeville and Chelsea Pike.

EHMS Basketball, Cheerleading Info

East Hampton Middle School student/athletes who are interested in trying out for boys' basketball, girls' basketball or cheerleading teams can register online through FamilyID.com.

Deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 9. Athletes must have a physical within a 13-month period in order to try out.

For more information, call EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

New Wi-Fi Hotspots at Library

East Hampton Public Library, located at 105 Main St., now has five Wi-Fi hotspots available for checkout. Hotspots are chargeable devices that allow any Wi-Fi enabled device to connect to the Internet with unlimited data.

Hotspots are available for checkout to valid East Hampton Public Library cardholders over age 17 with fines of less than \$10. Like the museum passes, you can call ahead to reserve the hotspot for a day in advance.

For more information, call the library at 860-267-6621.

Library Friends Auction

The Friends of East Hampton Public Library will hold an online auction Nov. 28-Dec. 2. Proceeds raised will be used to benefit the library.

Donations of auction items are being accepted through Nov. 20. Email FriendsofEHPL@gmail.com for more information or to arrange pickup of your donation. Donations may also be brought into the library, which is located at 105 Main St.

Scholarship Raffle

East Hampton Lions Club is running a 2020 Scholarship Raffle, to benefit the club's scholarship program, through Nov. 28.

Each year the Lions present four scholarships to graduating seniors.

Prizes will be: Grand Prize of \$2,020; two first prizes of \$220; two second prizes of \$120; and two third prizes of \$50. Preliminary winning tickets will be re-entered for the Grand Prize drawing.

A total of 750 tickets will be sold, at \$10 per ticket. A raffle drawing will be at the Lions' picnic pavilion, 62 North Main St., on Nov. 28 at 2:20 p.m. Winner need not be present to win.

For ticket information, call Lion Tom Denman at 860-519-4951.

Haines Wins Re-Election Bid

By Jack Lakowsky

Republican Irene Haines will again represent the 34th State House District in Hartford, winning a decisive victory over Democratic challenger Judd Melón.

Haines defeated Melón by a solid 56/44 margin, garnering nearly 8,000 votes as opposed to around 6,000 for Melón.

Haines carried all three towns in the district. Colchester was tightest, with about 60 votes handing Haines the victory there.

The 34th house district includes East Haddam, East Hampton and part of Colchester.

Haines' victory is certainly decisive, widening her victory margin from her 2018 win and gaining more votes overall, but a deep dive into the 34th's voting numbers reveals a more complex race.

Interestingly, Melón actually topped the incumbent's 2018 vote count (albeit by fewer than 100 votes) and also earned more votes than the Democrat Haines defeated in that race. But these incremental gains were not enough to unseat Haines, who earned nearly 2,000 more votes than she did in 2018.

This year, Haines won Colchester and East Hampton, both of which voted for state senate Democrat and victorious incumbent Norm Needleman, not his Republican challenger, Brendan Saunders.

Although he lost this race, Melón on Wednesday morning told the *Rivereast* he's content with how the race turned out, explaining that his outperforming of Haines' successful 2018 bid is a bellwether of elections to come.

"I'm a first-time candidate who moved to the area barely a year ago, and around 6,000 people voted blue in a red-leaning district," said Melón. "This is still a conservative area, but I think that's slowly changing. We just didn't pull high enough [numbers] this time."

Melón described turnout in the 34th as "insanely high."

Melón took the loss in stride, saying he plans to shift focus to working behind-the-scenes on campaigns, explaining this will suit him better than being the face of a campaign.

"There's lots of activism to be done," said Melón.

Melón attributed the apparent contradiction of his loss to Needleman's victory to a trend of people not voting down ballot.

"People know Norm, and he's done really well in the senate," said Melón. "In small towns, people appreciate familiarity, and my opponent outperformed herself."

Melón said, in hindsight, he wished he'd known earlier about how severe the pandemic was going to become.

"I would have started campaigning much earlier," said Melón. "I would have done way more door knocking."

Haines campaigned in this way, and it clearly worked to her advantage, said Melón.

However, Melón said he does not regret his cautious approach, saying when it comes to balancing his "political fortunes against someone else's health," he believes the latter is far more important.

Haines on Wednesday revealed a highlight about her win: in East Haddam, she earned more votes than incumbent President Donald Trump.

Haines said she is ecstatic over such high voter turnout, no matter what candidate individual voters chose.

"I spoke to so many people who voted for the first time this year," said Haines. "And I say, 'kudos!' The divisive climate we find ourselves in brought everyone out, and what that shows you is you have a responsibility to participate in democracy. And to people engaged in our democracy: stay there."

Haines said, other than helping the state in its battles against the COVID-19 pandemic and a sizable budget deficit, she is also going to research a wide range of the state's nonprofit entities, including those that help people find housing, jobs, and food.

"I think we can streamline our state agencies," said Haines. "Nonprofits do it better, and on leaner budgets."

Haines said she also wants to take a look

at the state Department of Labor. She said the agency needs to be more robust, as it continues to be overwhelmed with unemployment claims resulting from the pandemic.

Lastly, Haines said she will prioritize reaching out to voters who wanted to see the 34th

flip blue.

"My first question to those didn't vote for me is, 'Why haven't I spoken for you?'" said Haines. "I want to know what I need to work on. That is my goal. What can I do better? There's no limit to better."

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has made the following announcements. For more information, call 860-267-6621 or visit easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or [facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary).

Library Hours: The library is now open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All patrons age 2 and up are required to wear masks that cover their nose and mouth in the library and observe social distancing. If unable or unwilling to wear a mask, call the library to schedule a curbside delivery.

Virtual Afterschool Programs – Footprints, Fribrarys and Fundays: The library offers afterschool programming for children in grades 2-8 during the school year. All programs are at 4 p.m. via Zoom. The schedule is: Footprints, for grades 2-3, on Friday, Nov. 13; Fribrary, for grades 4-5, on Fridays, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20; Fundays, for grades 6-8, on Mondays, Nov. 9 and Nov. 23.

Take-and-Makes: Each month, the library debuts three take-and-make activity kits: one for teens, one for school-age children and one for the littlest learners. Reserve kits on the website and pick up in person or curbside. Registration begins the first of the month, and pickup begins the second Tuesday of the month.

Weekly Writers Meetup: Wednesdays

through Nov. 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Meet up with fellow writers weekly as they work toward their 50,000-word NaNoWriMo goal.

Why Eating Locally Matters Now More Than Ever: Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Jess Stone, owner of Cold Spring Farm in East Haddam, will explain why eating locally matters from her perspective as a farmer, local business owner, market organizer and more. Stone is president of the East Haddam Business Association. Register online for the Zoom link.

Book Club: Via Zoom Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m., or Thursday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. *Evie Drake Starts Over* will be discussed. Copies available for check-out at the circulation desk. Register online for the Zoom link.

Waiving Fines and Fees: The library will waive all fines and fees for the foreseeable future.

E-Books and E-Audiobooks: The library currently offers two different eBook and eAudio platforms. Visit the eLibrary tab on the website for more info.

E-Book Library Cards: Don't have a library card and you're an East Hampton resident? Sign up on the website for an eBook library card to access all of the library's online resources.

Dean's List

Versana Roche-Diaz of Middle Haddam made the spring 2020 Dean's List at the University of Dallas. Roche-Diaz is majoring in biology.

Dean's List

Residents Stephanie Kauffman and Hannah Johnson made the spring 2020 Dean's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

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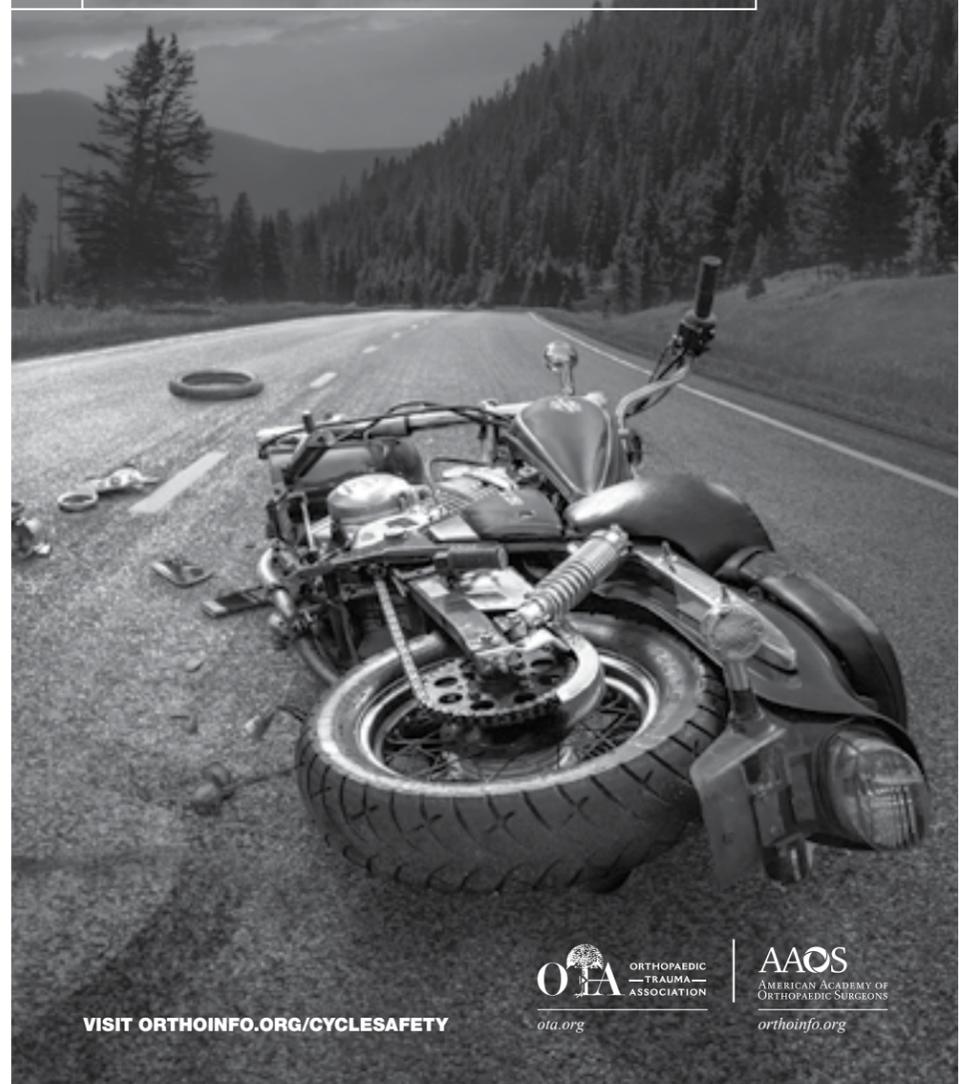
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COVID-19 Cases on the Rise

by Karla Santos

With COVID-19 cases on the rise, the town of Marlborough will host a free testing site this Sunday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the fire department, 200 West St.

This testing effort is being done in conjunction with the town of East Hampton and Chatham Health. There will also be testing sites in East Hampton Monday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Hope Church, 230 East High St., and Friday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, 47 West High St.

First Selectman Greg Lowrey said those interested in getting a test should print and complete the registration form which is available at chc1.com or at marlboroughct.net

The testing efforts in town are due to a recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases locally.

Russell Melmed, director of health at Chatham Health District, said that as of Monday, Marlborough has had 115 confirmed cases of COVID-19 overall. He said the town's two-week average case rate is 11.2 per 100,000.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health has a town-level COVID response framework in which towns are categorized as yellow, orange or red, depending on the number of positive COVID-19 cases.

Yellow is for towns with five to nine cases per 100,000 population by town per day. Orange is for 10 to 14 cases per 100,000 population by town per day. Red is for 15 or more cases per 100,000 population by town per day. The number of cases in Marlborough put the town in the orange category.

"When towns are in the orange alert level, as Marlborough, East Hampton, and Colchester are, we recommend that residents, even if they are not sick, get tested for COVID-19," Melmed said.

He noted that Colchester has hosted a number of testing sites recently, and many residents have taken advantage of the convenience.

Melmed said that Chatham Health worked with Lowrey, East Hampton Town Manager, David Cox, and Community Health Center, Inc. to plan the free pop-up COVID-19 testing sites in both communities.

"No doctor's order is required, and testing is free of charge for anyone wanting to be tested," Melmed said. "They will have the capacity to test 200 people at each site."

Dan White, principal at Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School, said the COVID-19 increase in the community has not impacted

school.

"We continue to stress the importance of mask wearing, keeping social distance and washing hands frequently and/or the use of hand sanitizer," he said.

In addition, he said the school has completed the installation of touchless faucets in all hallway bathrooms. Staff also plans on installing touchless soap dispensers.

The administration of the school adjusted the custodial schedule to allow for more frequent bathroom cleaning during the school day and a daily schedule of sanitizing frequent touch points, White said.

In Marlborough, elementary school students are in a full-time in-person learning model. They go to school five days a week except for the Pre-K program, which is four days.

White said Board of Education meetings have been held in-person – with socially distanced seating for members of the public. The meetings have been moved to the cafeteria, providing more space for the Board of Education setup.

The Board of Education plans to continue

with the same schedule for the school and to continue to hold in-person board meetings, White said. He added that school administrators receive guidance from weekly webinars with the Department of Public Health, the state Department of Education and frequent calls with Chatham Health.

Melmed said that he has not specifically recommended that municipalities discontinue in-person meetings. Still, he added, "anyone conducting meetings should consider ways to reduce the concentration of in-person attendees," Melmed said.

Melmed said Chatham Health has specifically recommended that senior centers discontinue or scale back any in-person group activities, and that schools reassess mitigation strategies to be sure they are maximizing their effects.

While Marlborough Town Hall was open to the public for election-related matters on Monday and Tuesday, the building continues to have restricted interior access, Lowrey said. Those in need of services are asked to call before heading to the building.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. The Rev. Thomas J. Sas is pastor, John McKaig is deacon and the pastoral assistant is Holly Bangham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001 or. For more information, visit www.stjfisher.org, or look for the church on Facebook (Saint John Fisher Roman Catholic Church) or Twitter (@StJohnFisher_CT).

Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Wearing of masks required. A maximum of 44 parishioners is able to attend each Mass; pre-registration required (on the church website via a live link available Thursday mornings). Contact the parish office with questions.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am. Appropriate spatial distancing and use of masks are required and disinfectants will be provided.

Online Mass: Each weekend's Mass is also available on the parish website, starting at 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Face-to-face office visits are limited due to COVID-19 regulations. Call before heading over or connect via the phone.

Youth Faith Formation Programs: There are currently virtual classes and continued outreach; grades 1-8 should contact Faith Formation Coordinator Theresa Brysgel at 860-830-2194 or tbrysgel@stjfisher.org, and Confirmation Grades 9-10 should contact Confirmation Director Jen O'Neill at oneill.jen@comcast.net.

Youth Group and Youth Leadership "Teen

Emmas": High school students continue virtual meetings and connections. Contact O'Neill or information.

Adult Faith Formation: Contact O'Neill for information on program offerings and virtual opportunities.

RCIA and Adult Confirmation Programs: For more information, contact RCIA Coordinator James Castellani at jcast@stjfisher.org or 860-295-9904.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Sundays, 4-4:45 p.m. Appropriate spatial distancing and use of masks are required and disinfectants will be provided.

Knights of Columbus: All practicing Catholic men are invited to contact Michael Schadtler at 860-295-9701 for information about joining this international charitable and service fraternity.

Community Outreach and Service: Bring food or household donations directly to Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings; sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent DePaul in Middletown; and the Community Garden to benefit the Marlborough Food Bank is underway. Other service opportunities are scheduled monthly; see the church website for more details.

Someone in Need: If you or someone you know is in need, whether it be someone to talk to, someone to pray with, or anything else that you think the church could help with, reach out to Sas at 860-295-0067 or McKaig at 860-918-4084. You can also email McKaig at dcn.john@cox.net.

Parks and Rec Programs

Parks & Recreation has announced the following. For full descriptions or to register, visit marlboroughct.recdesk.com and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203.

Youth Programs: Horseback Riding Lessons: For ages 5 and up. Lessons are private and are an hour; days and times are flexible. Fee: four lessons for \$175/residents, \$180/non-residents.

Kids Sewing – Monthly Sewing Project 101: Friday, Nov. 13: Pillowcase; Friday, Dec. 11: Fleece Ear Band. Classes are held virtually and are from 4:30-6 p.m. Fee \$63/resident, \$68/non-residents.

Kids Sewing – T-Shirt Memory Quilt: Saturdays, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 10-11:30 a.m. Fee: \$43/residents, \$48/non-residents. All classes held virtually.

American Red Cross Babysitting Course: Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in the Town Hall conference room, for ages 11-15. All participants will receive a Red Cross babysit-

ting certificate. Fee: \$125/residents, \$130/non-residents.

Driveway Reflective Number Signs: Cost is \$35 each. Order forms are online and at Town Hall.

Adult Programs: Zumba: Thursdays through Dec. 10, 7-8 p.m., at the Blish Park Pavilion. Fee is \$10 per week to drop in.

Barre/Pilates – Mondays: Through Nov. 30, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Class instruction is virtual. Fee is \$15 per week to drop in.

Barre/Pilates – Wednesdays: Through Nov. 25, 6-6:45 p.m. Class instruction is virtual. Fee is \$15 per week to drop in.

Yoga – Mondays: Through Nov. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class instruction is virtual. Fee is \$15 per week to drop in.

Yoga – Tuesdays: Through Dec. 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class instruction is virtual. Fee is \$15 per week to drop in.

Cardio Dance: Tuesdays through Nov. 24, 5-5:45 p.m. Class instruction is virtual. Fee is \$10 per week to drop in.

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Fire ripped through a South Main Street home Monday morning, causing significant damage, though no injuries were reported.

House Fire on South Main

On Nov. 2, the Marlborough Fire Department responded to the report of a house fire that left the property at 25 South Main St. with "significant fire damage," Fire Chief Kevin Asklar said.

Marlborough firefighters received the call around 8 a.m., and mutual aid assistance was given from the Colchester, East Hampton and Hebron fire departments.

"We appreciate the mutual aid assistance from our neighboring towns," Asklar said.

Asklar said there were no injuries associated with the fire. He said the one person who lived at the home was there when the fire started.

Asklar said the fire burned through the rear roof of the house. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, he said.

Congregational Church Update

Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases, until further notice all worship services at Marlborough Congregational Church will be livestreamed Sundays at 10 a.m. through the church website, mcc.marlconchurch.org.

Various musicians from the church and community perform each week at the worship service. A Coffee Hour using Zoom follows every Sunday after worship.

The Sunday service will also be recorded and

available for viewing on the website later that same day. All previous worship services can be viewed through the webpage.

Even though church offices are closed, phone messages are checked at the Rev. Bob Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432 and at the church office at 860-295-9050.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is planning to reopen in April, but is selling on eBay. New items are listed each week at bit.ly/MCCebay.

MVFD Women's Auxiliary to Benefit from Bag Program

The Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary has been selected as a beneficiary of the Big Y Community Bag Program for the month of November.

The Women's Auxiliary will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Marlborough Big Y during November, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

The MVFD Women's Auxiliary is a non-profit dedicated to supporting members of the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Company. The Women's Auxiliary also provides monetary or material donations to support organizations, fire victims and members of our community who are in need.

For more information on the Big Y Community Bag Program, visit bigy.bags4mycause.com.

Lions Collect Medical Equipment

The Marlborough Lions are holding a durable medical equipment collection Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m.-noon at the Marlborough Elementary School community room parking lot at 25 School Drive.

The Marlborough Lions, in conjunction with the worldwide human relief organization Orphan Grain Train, will be seeking the following items in new or good used condition:

Rehabilitation equipment, blood pressure cuffs, commodes, walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, crutches, otoscopes, sleep apnea machines, canes, lifting devices, stethoscopes,

hospital beds and other durable medical items.

Donated items will be shipped to impoverished areas in the United States and overseas to those in need by Orphan Grain Train.

If you have an item that is too large to transport, or that you are unable to bring to the collection site, contact Jim Northup at 860-295-9895 or jamesnorthup85@gmail.com to make special arrangements. Call Lion Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 for more information, or if you need to arrange to donate items in advance of the Nov. 7 date.



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Cost is \$25 for a 22-inch wreath, and \$30 for a 28-inch wreath. Wreaths are decorated by a local Scout with berries, pine cones and a red velvet bow.

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The committee invites any person or group to come to Marlboro Cemetery on Nov. 7 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Route 66 entrance to help get the cemetery ready for the fall season. Student community volunteer hours are available; bring the form from your guidance counselor.

The revised Rules and Regulations are on marlboroughct.net; go to “boards” and then click on “Cemetery Committee.”

President’s List

Nicole Rudder of Marlborough made the spring 2020 President’s List at Goodwin University in East Hartford, for scoring a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Holiday Closings

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Needleman Wins cont. from Front Page

In October, the bill passed the state senate unanimously.

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“Energy is incredibly complicated,” said Needleman. “But we need to build our energy future and work toward climate change mitigation.”

Specifically, Needleman is looking to help Connecticut increase its use of renewable wind energy.

“As we move towards renewability, we can’t burden poor people or businesses,” said Needle-

man. “There’s a lot of work to do.”

Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield on Wednesday told the Rivereast she “is looking forward to continuing to work with Norm.”

Recently, Portland was awarded a \$250,000 grant to explore new water sources for residents. Bransfield attributed this win for Portland to Needleman’s “knowing the needs of people in Portland.”

Portland’s goals of providing renewable and cheaper energy for its residents, manifesting in projects like the installation of solar panels on Brownstone Intermediate School and of a solar array in the town’s capped landfill, align with Needleman’s, Bransfield said.

Saunders consoled disappointed voters in a Facebook post.

“I cannot begin to express the profound appreciation I have for everyone that supported my campaign with your prayers, finances, time, and votes,” Saunders wrote. “I am proud of the campaign I ran. I am a man of faith and I consider it an honor that the only area of my life that my opponent could attack is my faith. And so I will continue to live by faith, loving God and my neighbor, and seeking to serve as he directs.”

The defeated Saunders did not reply to requests for direct comment on this story.

Carpino Wins Uncontested Race

A desire for some predictability in these turbulent times seems to have won out in Portland, as Republican Christie Carpino ran unopposed and received a sixth term serving the 32nd House District in Hartford.

The district covers Portland and Cromwell. Carpino has represented the two towns since 2011.

“It’s an honor to represent Portland in Hartford for another two years,” said Carpino in a message to the Rivereast. “My focus will continue to be on what matters most—health, safety, and an affordable state for everyone to enjoy.”

Carpino trounced her Democrat challengers in both 2016 and 2018, earning 65% and 57% of district votes, respectively.

Although she faced no challenger, Carpino garnered almost 11,000 votes – just 500 votes fewer than were cast in 2018, when Carpino earned about 6,600 votes.

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Portland

Harold Richard Larson

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of beloved husband, father, grandpa, brother and friend Harold Richard Larson (Hal), 85, of Portland. Hal passed away peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 21, at his home while surrounded by his family.



Born Nov. 4, 1934, Hal was the youngest son of Charles William Larson and Elsie Nelson Larson. Hal grew up on his family's dairy farm in Portland with his three brothers, Charles, Robert and William.

Hal married his high school sweetheart, Susan Porteous Larson, and raised three children, Dayna, Peter and Tim. He earned his bachelor's degree from UConn, master's degree from the University of Hartford, and a seven-year degree from Wesleyan University.

Our dad was an amazing artist and school teacher. He was the head of the art department at Bennet Junior High School in Manchester, where he worked for 34 years. He was also a talented set designer and director. During his life, he was credited with designing and directing over 43 productions with the proceeds going to either the school(s) or his church – The First Congregational church in Portland.

Dad loved to sing and was well-known for his gregarious and fun-loving spirit. He enjoyed gardening, singing his favorite showtunes, history, a good laugh and spending time with friends. He liked meeting new people and with his friendly nature, would strike up a conversation everywhere he went. Dad always looked forward to the "Larson" gatherings with our extended family.

He will forever be remembered for his amazing talent, warm hugs, great sense of humor, loyalty to his family and friends, as well as his kind and generous heart.

Hal was predeceased by his wife Susan and is survived by his three loving children and their partners: Dayna Larson-Hurst and husband Cliff, son Peter Larson and grandson Elijah, son Timothy Larson and fiancée Mary Ballard and granddaughter Sarah Larson Silva and husband Carlos and their son Thorin, granddaughter Kirsten Larson and her fiancé Christopher

Burdick; and an extended family of nieces and nephews.

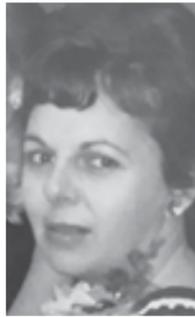
By everyone he touched, Hal will be forever missed.

Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, is in charge of arrangements.

Portland

Mary Ann Malmberg

Mary Ann Malmberg, 85, of Portland and Derby Line, Vt., passed away at home Wednesday, Oct. 21, after a brief illness. She was born July 25, 1935, in Barre, Vt., the daughter of John and Alelia (Miller) Calcagni.



After attending and graduating from Sheehan High School, Mary graduated from Hartford School of Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse caring for patients at Middlesex Hospital, Middlesex Convalescent Home and Chestelm Convalescent Home over the course of her long and dedicated nursing career.

Mary was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Herbert Malmberg; her son, Robert Malmberg; and both of her brothers, John (Jack) Calcagni and Douglas Calcagni.

She is survived by her daughter, Lee Ann Paladino and her husband Michael, and her son, Richard Malmberg and his wife Cindy (Lancraft) Malmberg. She leaves behind six grandchildren, Erica, Debbie, Michael, Matthew, Brent and Britany; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

During her retirement, Mary and Herb lived in Derby Line, Vt., on Lake Memphremagog, enjoying lake activities, golf and family visits. Mary loved to cook and entertain her family and friends. She will be missed by the many lives that she has touched.

Her family would like to thank Vitas Hospice care for their kindness and care giving during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to a charity of your choice.

Doolittle Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements. The services will be private, but those that would like to share memories or express condolences online, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

East Hampton

Stephen Robert Johnson

Stephen Robert Johnson, 68, of East Hampton, died Sunday, Nov. 1, of complications from cerebral palsy. He was born Nov. 12, 1951, in Beverly, Mass., to the late Karl and Bernice Johnson. He attended schools in Swampscott, Mass.



Stephen was born with cerebral palsy and lived at home with his parents for 33 years. He then moved to Connecticut and lived independently in a supported-living apartment and then in the Cedar Ridge Group Home for the developmentally-challenged run by Mosaic. Stephen loved to work and was a faithful employee at Greenwald Industries. He received his day program services from MARC.

Stephen will be remembered for his warm smile, his care for others and his love of family. He touched the lives of so many – those he grew up with in Swampscott, those he worked with at MARC and Greenwald, his many caregivers at Mosaic, and the members of First Lutheran Church in Lynn, Mass., and Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell.

He is survived by his sister, Nancy Wogman and her husband, the Rev. Lawrence Wogman of West Ossipee, N.H.; his niece, Kristen Baron and her husband Jonathan Baron of Trumbull; his nephews, Peter Wogman and his wife Stephanie of New Haven and Andrew Wogman and his wife Rachelle of Allentown, Pa.; his great-nieces, Rachel and Kylah Baron, Kaylee Wogman and great-nephews, Isaiah and Elijah Wogman. He is further survived by many cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service and

celebration of Stephen's life will take place at the convenience of the family at a later date. The officiant will be the Rev. Lawrence Wogman, his brother-in-law and former pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell. Burial will take place at the Swampscott Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church, 50 Court St., Cromwell, CT 06416 or to Mosaic, 100 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416 or to MARC, 25 Industrial Park Rd., Middletown, CT 06457.

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3TB 10/9, 10/23, 11/6

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**TOWN OF ANDOVER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF ACTION**

ZBA-20-02 Application of Gary & Elizabeth Partridge, 151 Lakeside Drive (Assessor's Map32/Block47/Lot12. Approved relief from Section 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations; specifically a reduction in the cumulative sideyard setback requirements from 50' feet to 0' and the left sideyard setback to 5.

Please direct any questions to the Building Office at (860)0742-4036 or via email at zoning@andoverct.org.

J9m Hallisey
Zoning Agent

1TB 11/6

**LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ACTION**

The Marlborough Zoning Commission at its meeting of October 21, 2020, took the following action:

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED; APPLICATION APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:

Application #Z -06-20 - Special Permit - 17 East Hampton Rd LLC (Applicant/Owner) 4-8 East Hampton Road & 13 North Main Street, Convenience Store/Gas Station & Restaurant Buildings.

KEVIN ASKLAR, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR
Dated at Marlborough, CT this 30th day of October.

1TB 11/6

**TOWN OF ANDOVER
Legal Notice of Action
Inland Wetlands
and Watercourses Commission**

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Andover at their regular meeting held on November 2nd, 2020 received the following applications:

- IWWC 20-30: Patricia Klayman, 25 Cider Mill Road (Andover, CT), application to construct a bridge across Staddle Brook and install a French drain within the URA. Site visit scheduled for November 14th at 9:00am.
- IWWC 20-32: Jeff Miner (Agent) on behalf of Richard Risley (Owner), 85 Lakeside Drive (Andover, CT), application to construct a new lake wall along Andover Lake. Site visit scheduled for November 14th at 9:30am.
- IWWC 20-33: Jeff Miner, 97 Lakeside Drive (Andover, CT), application to reconstruct a seawall and remove a dock along Andover Lake, and to construct a patio in the Andover Lake Upland Review Area. Site visit scheduled for November 14th at 9:45am.

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Andover at their regular meeting held on November 2nd, 2020 took the following action:

The commission voted to remove the Cease and Desist Order issued on October 29, 2020 to Darryl Larson and Chris Casadei for the property known as Andover Sportsman's Club, 122 Route 6, Andover CT, for a Timber Harvest and crossing of a wetland within the 100-foot Upland Review Area of a wetland prior to jurisdictional ruling review by Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. As of November 2nd, 2020, The Cease and Desist Order issued October 29, 2020 is considered resolved and is no longer in effect.

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**TOWN OF PORTLAND
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:

PZC Application #20-03: 34 Gospel Lane. Request to construct a 110 foot by 130 foot salt process and storage building and 2.1 acre salt storage area, with site grading required for the storage area. Application and property of MJS Realty Ventures, LLC. Assessor's Map 31, Lot 25 and 26. Zone IP.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for review on the Town of Portland Website: www.portlandct.org

Dated at Portland, CT. this 4th day of November 2020
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman

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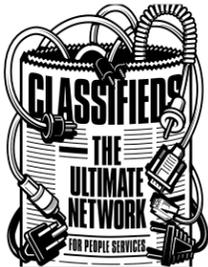
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TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7 pm on November 9, 2020 via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:

• Application ZBA-20-015: Kevin Herrick, 49 Bay Rd., to reduce the side setback 15' to 12' to construct a 4' wide deck. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 33

Matthew Walton, Chairman

EMPLOYMENT

Town of Marlborough - Employment Opportunity Position: Highway and Fleet Foreman

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