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Bordonaro's Bids Farewell... After nearly 40 years, Bordonaro's Pharmacy in Portland is closing its doors. Owner Joe Bordonaro is shown here in 2015, receiving his Businessperson of the Year Award from the town. He is flanked by First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, left, and Development Planner Mary Dickerson, right. See related story on page 7.

Portland Residents Decry Middletown Energy Project

by Jack Lakowsky

Portland residents and officials are protesting a project that proposes installing new energy turbines at the NRG Energy Plant in Middletown, a facility that straddles the Connecticut River and is directly across from Portland.

Portland locals have made their stances known at several meetings of the Portland Board of Selectmen, in a Middletown Common Council meeting, through social media posts and in interviews with the Rivereast.

Also joining the crowd were professors and students from Wesleyan University.

Multiple labor unions have spoken in favor of the project. NRG has named the effort the "Middletown Repowering Project."

It should be noted this story is not about the Kleen Energy Plant in Middletown, which is about a mile away from the River Road NRG facility.

Along with residents, Middletown's The Jonah Center for Earth and Art, headed by Portland's John Hall, has taken the lead in opposition to the new turbine project.

Central to Jonah's argument is that although the new turbines will on paper be more efficient than the plant's current machines, the company proposes to increase its work capacity, thereby making the plant more pollutive.

In a January interview with the Rivereast, Hall said local topography compounds air quality problems. Portland will due to wind patterns receive most of the increased output of particulates and greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide. Because the town sits in a river valley, air pollutants collect in this topographical "bowl."

Hall and the Jonah Center are calling on the council, as well as Middletown Mayor Ben Florsheim, to rescind the city's tax abatement (which the center said is synonymous with "incentive") with the NRG plant, a holdover agreement from the city's previous council and mayoral administration.

Hall also said NRG should instead of increasing its fossil fuel capacity work to store energy from renewable sources like wind and solar. NRG officials said they were open to this.

At a Feb. 11 meeting of the Middletown Common Council, the city's governing body, NRG officials did not deny the project, if approved, would lead to higher pollution in the region, saying the new turbines will have less output per megawatt hour but because they would be running the machines more, their overall output would increase.

The plant's current turbines, built in the See Energy Project, page 26

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic a Success

by Sloan Brewster

A COVID-19 vaccination clinic was held at RHAM High School last week, drawing about 200 people.

Town Manager Andrew Tierney said Monday the town had done a good job registering elderly residents for the clinic, and 202 people had shown up to get their first dose of the vaccination.

Sharron Garrard, senior services director, said the clinic served residents of Hebron and Marlborough and initially was only open to folks 75 and older. The number of people registering for the vaccine had slowed just when Gov. Ned Lamont cleared the way for the next age group - folks 65 and older - so the town extended registration to those in that category, she said.

As soon as word that the vaccine was open to the younger crowd spread on the town's website and the senior center's Facebook page, appointments began to fill.

"The day we opened it up we were completely full," Garrard said. "We got flooded right away."

A wait list of people who wanted a last minute call in case anyone couldn't come out the day of the clinic also filled and on vaccination day, a few people from the list were able to get the shot, Garrard said.

Chatham Health District, which covers the

towns of Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough, Portland and East Haddam, sponsored the event.

Russell Melmed, director of health at Chatham, was complimentary of the clinic, according to Tierney.

"Russ said it was the smoothest run clinic to date thus far," Tierney said.

Melmed, in a phone call Wednesday, said the flow of people was excellent, allowing more than 200 people to get their vaccination in four hours.

Melmed said he was looking forward to running more clinics at RHAM, including for educators - who, Lamont announced Monday, would be eligible for their first doses in March.

"I think it was very smooth, the space that the school provided us, the infrastructure, the setup," Melmed said, adding that RHAM was "a great partner," Melmed said.

Melmed also lauded volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps, who help run the clinics for the health district, including distributing vaccines, working as emergency medical technicians, and sanitizing spaces between clients, calling them "the engine that make it go."

Margaret Ludwig, a 96-year old Hebron resident who received a vaccination at the clinic, had even stronger accolades for the clinic.

"It went perfect; it was so well-organized,"

she said. "I guess I was through in 15 minutes, no waiting, no line."

Ludwig said when she heard about the vaccine, she was initially hesitant about whether she should get it but decided that at her age, the best approach was to go for it and now that she's had it, she said she's relieved.

Ludwig said she had no side effects save feeling tired after being vaccinated and having a sore arm.

Melmed said the health district has received reports of side effects, including injection site pain, a sore arm for a couple days or a headache for a day.

The district has also seen some mild flu-like symptoms, chills, body aches and low-grade fever, which, Melmed said, are more common after the second dose and typically go away after 24 to 48 hours.

"When we tell people that this will happen, they are not concerned," he said. "They know they're not sick; your body is creating an immune response."

The district has not had reports of any more severe or adverse reactions, such as anaphylaxis, he said.

Ludwig said this past year of COVID-19 has been "just awful." She doesn't drive so she has been unable to go anywhere and finds herself sitting at home the vast majority of the time.

Prior to the pandemic, she was active at the senior center, taking part in many different activities and exercise classes, which she misses.

"Sometimes it's very boring at home," Ludwig said.

When the shutdowns were first put in place, she took to cleaning, even digging through closets to pass the time. She spends more time knitting now, making such items as hats for people in need and prayer shawls for the Church of the Holy Family.

Garrard said since the senior center is closed due to COVID-19, staff members don't see as many people as in the past, yet those they do see that have gotten the shot and those they have spoken with during outreach efforts, who already received it, like Ludwig, have said they are relieved.

Marsha and Chuck Eaton, of Hebron, who are both 76, also received the vaccine, though not at last week's clinic.

Martha Eaton, in a phone call Tuesday, said they went to Rentschler Field for the vaccination and have gotten both doses.

They received their second dose Feb. 11

At RHAM, the Moderna vaccine was distributed, while at Rentschler Field, the Eatons received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Eaton said "we were kind of holding our See Vaccination Clinic, page 23

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*From the Editor's Desk***Observations & Ruminations**

By Mike Thompson

Gov. Ned Lamont made headlines Monday when he, rather unexpectedly, announced he's switching things up when it comes to determining who's next in line for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Lamont is giving special treatment to teachers and others who work in schools – but that's about it. For the rest of us, it'll be an age-based schedule: starting March 1, vaccines expand to people age 55-64; March 22, to ages 45-54; April 12, to ages 35-44; and May 3, to ages 16-34.

According to the *CT Mirror*, the announcement came just as the state was supposed to open up the next round of vaccines to not just school workers but also grocery store employees, transportation workers, and folks 16 and older with underlying health conditions like heart disease and diabetes.

Lamont's office said shifting to an age-based timeline that's been in place since the vaccines first came out provides "clarity and predictability." This may very well be true – but it also bucks CDC guidance. Moreover, it leaves an awful lot of people – from cancer patients to grocery store workers – suddenly weeks or even months away from being eligible, when they thought they were just around the corner.

"It's heartbreaking; absolutely heartbreaking," Jason Lavaina of Torrington told *CT News Junkie* following Lamont's announcement. Lavaina is a grocery store worker but also has Type 1 diabetes, and said the simple act of going to work is "a scary thing."

I have friends and family who suffer from the types of medical conditions that, prior to Monday, meant they were in line to get the vaccine in a relatively short period of time. They're extremely frustrated, and I completely understand their anger. This has been such a terrible pandemic, and has lasted far longer, and been far deadlier, than I think anyone first imagined. This was a light at the end of the tunnel – a light that was growing ever closer and now all of a sudden has been pushed back to, in some cases, May.

At the same time, I can see Lamont's reasoning. Trying to prove who has what medical condition – and if said condition was serious enough to warrant prioritization – could be a logistical nightmare. As Lamont's spokesman, Max Reiss, told the *Mirror*, "We're

trying to get as many people vaccinated as quickly and equitably as possible, and we feel this approach does that. ... We feel that doing it this way, it's very clear for everyone to understand, and it also provides predictability, so people have an idea of when they're getting vaccinated."

I mean, the fact of the matter is Connecticut's approach has worked so far. We've been among the best-performing states in the country when it comes to getting the vaccines rolled out and into people's arms. And there's no denying other states have run into problems when it comes to prioritizing vaccinations. Some states, as Lamont said Monday, "tried to finely slice the salami and it got very complicated to administer."

Sticking to an age-based schedule definitely makes it simpler to administer; I just really, really hope it's the right way to administer it, too.

\* \* \*

Rush Limbaugh died last week. I certainly was not a fan, at all, but I've been told it's not polite to speak ill of the dead. So instead, I figured I'd just share some of the thoughts he bestowed upon us over the decades. Here is Rush Limbaugh, in his own words:

"The NFL all too often looks like a game between the Bloods and the Crips without any weapons."

"Have you ever noticed how all composite pictures of wanted criminals resemble Jesse Jackson?"

"I think it's time to get rid of this whole National Basketball Association. Call it the TBA, the Thug Basketball Association, and stop calling them teams. Call 'em gangs."

"Feminism was established so as to allow unattractive women access to the mainstream of society."

"When a gay person turns his back on you, it is anything but an insult; it's an invitation."

"The NAACP should have riot rehearsal. They should get a liquor store and practice robberies."

"Women should not be allowed on juries where the accused is a stud."

"Women still live longer than men because their lives are easier."

Regarding people on government assistance: "If people cannot even feed and clothe

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**Spreading Kindness...** Girl Scout Troop 63000 from Colchester celebrated Kindness Week by spreading kindness throughout the community. The troop made "thank you" posters along with boxes filled with snacks and delivered them all through town. Deliveries were made to the police station and fire department, the library, Harrington Court and Apple Rehab, M&J Bus, Town Hall, Colchester Senior Center, Colchester Elementary School and Jack Jackter Intermediate School.

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**Food Drive Thanks**

To the Editor:

About two months ago, Boy Scouts from Troops 72, 109 and 13 participated in a town food drive to benefit the Colchester Food Bank. For me, a former scoutmaster of Troop 72, it was heart-warming to see volunteers from all three troops work together to this end. What made the endeavor more meaningful was all of the food was deposited in the senior center because the town hall was being used for voting. Then it had to be transferred to the town hall. I, for one, would like to thank all of the volunteers: scouts and leaders. Volunteers from the Colchester Rifle Squad also participated. It is reassuring that we have so many good-hearted people in our small town of Colchester.

If anyone is interested in donating food they may drop the food off at the town hall. It has been estimated the collection of food was in the tons.

David Pear – Colchester

**Anti-Racism, Cont.**

To the Editor:

As with any lasting change, we can all slowly and gently practice becoming who we want to be. Racism can feel like a big and unsolvable problem, but we don't have to make a grand gesture to start. It is just as important to make many consistent changes over time and allow that work to rub off on someone else in your circle. This is not a one-time contribution or easy fix. We must give ourselves permission to stumble humbly. Being anti-racist requires continuous active work. Having good intentions or not having ill intentions is not enough, though it is a starting point. Couple that good intention with curiosity for an even better starting point.

Here are some ways we can all take real action in our everyday lives to dismantle systemic racism:

-Don't avoid the word or topic of racism. Making it taboo gives it more power.

-Acknowledge a problem before working to make improvements. If we don't acknowledge the sink is leaky, it'll never get fixed.

-Don't say color doesn't matter or that you don't see color, because it does matter for people of color. That is a statement meant to be helpful that is actually harmful to others.

-Change your social media feed by seeking out friends, businesses, and groups that advocate for social justice. Follow and interact with those pages and your social media feed will become more diverse.

-Make the effort to curtail a knee-jerk reaction of defensiveness. Replace it with listening to understand.

-Shop from minority-owned and minority-run businesses. Start here <https://www.shopblackct.com/>

-Seek out the opinions of people who aren't already in your circle.

-Believe people if they tell you you've hurt them; resist the urge to clarify your intentions.

More on this topic next week. Thoughts? [pamcyrlong@gmail.com](mailto:pamcyrlong@gmail.com)

Pamela Cyr-Long – Marlborough

**Put America Last**

To the Editor:

Joe Biden has decided to allow 11 million undocumented illegals into our country through the southern border. Caravans of people that we know nothing about. He has stripped I.C.E. and law enforcement of their authority. They could be "super spreaders" of COVID-19, murderers, rapists, but his administration is in favor of this.

Millions of real American citizens are out of work, small businesses are barely hanging on or permanently closed, and Joe couldn't care less. He is allowing the far left to run him like the puppet he is.

Biden has supported defunding the police, which will lead to more Antifa and BLM riots and looting in major urban cities. Joe has shut down the Keystone Pipeline, eliminating 11,000 high-paying jobs in Wisconsin. Silver Spoon John Kerry – our new Green New Deal spokesman – says glibly they can get jobs making solar panels, while he flies in his private jet emitting tons of pollutants into the atmosphere.

The schools are teaching young students that racism is the root of American existence.

Gas prices have spiked 35 cents per gallon, as Biden is the anti-energy president.

He told us he would "shut down" the corona virus (liar). Now it's July before we have sufficient vaccines and Christmas before we can maybe take our masks off,

Biden told us he'd open schools in his first 100 days (liar). Now it's once a week. Children are being tortured by lack of learning social skills stuck behind a computer for hours and days.

Don Denley – Andover

**Chicken Dinner Thanks**

To the Editor:

A big thank you goes out to those that purchased a chicken dinner Saturday, Feb. 13, at the VFW Post 5095 in East Hampton.

Your support is so welcomed and appreciated at this time. We have not been able to have our normal fundraisers this past year and this one will help the VFW Post 5095 continue to help our veterans and families.

Special thanks to the Gustine family for their donation in Nelson's name, and Mr. Richard Smith of Glastonbury, for his donation towards 15 dinners that were distributed to 15 deserving people.

There were numerous donations made as people picked up and paid for their dinners. We cannot thank you all enough.

Now, without the help of a few special people this would not have happened: Commander Roger Anderson and his wife Patience; Auxiliary President Kelly Ezold; Harry and Barbara Simmons; Billy Banning; Lou Carillo.

My personal gratitude for your help behind the scenes in the kitchen, taking tickets and delivering meals.

Thank you!!!!

Sincerely,  
Tammy Scherp  
Auxiliary Member to Post 5095  
East Hampton

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**Bulletin Board**

"I've had it!" my wife announced Saturday morning as I went to pour myself a cup of coffee.

There are numerous statements in a relationship where you can just kind of respond with a noncommittal grunt and move on. Unfortunately, "I've had it!" isn't one of them.

"What's wrong?" I said after a quick mental review of possible personal transgressions and coming up empty (which is encouraging, but not necessarily an indication that you're in the clear).

"I'm tired of being shut in all the time. I'm tired of the snow. I'm tired of Covid. I'm tired of reading mystery novels. I'm tired of TV. I'm tired of February."

"Oh."

"I'm bored out of my mind."

"Would you like the daily crossword puzzle? I'll let you have the crossword puzzle if you want."

"No. I don't want the crossword puzzle."

"Maybe you could bake some cookies," I suggested brightly (being, as usual, completely tone deaf).

"Cookies? Really? Cookies?"

"What's wrong with cookies?"

@(\$% (\*\* cookies. I can't believe you think I should bake cookies."

"Hey, elves bake cookies. They seem quite happy, always marching around, breaking into song and being industrious. Just sayin'..."

"@(\$% \*\* elves."

"Geez, what were you, raised by paratroopers?"

"I'm having a bad day."

"I know."

"I feel like I'm stuck in a leper colony."

Since there are only two of us in the house these days, I guess that makes me the leper or, at best, half the colony.

"As head leper, I'd like to say I'm sorry," I ventured.

"What makes you head leper?"

"If you want to be head leper, it's okay with me. I just..."

"It's not your fault."

"I know. Here, have a potato chip. You'll feel better... What's so funny?"

"You're an idiot. Who eats potato chips for breakfast?"

"I'm just one happy little @(\$% \*\* leper. How about we go for a ride down to the shore and freeze to death on the beach?"

"I'll get my coat. Thank you."

"No worries. Hey, maybe we could stop at a bakery."

"How about a liquor store?"

Jim Hallas, Publisher

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### Be Better

To the Editor: I am new to the area, having lived in Colchester for just over two years now. The *Rivereast News Bulletin* has allowed me to connect with the community at large, informing me of upcoming events, and even helped me find my church. For all these things, I am grateful for the good that this bulletin is capable of but I am struck by the letters that are submitted, published, and read by thousands of households.

There is so much unabashed hate and name-calling. In our most recent publication on Feb. 19, "crazy progressives" screams one headline and the letter is filled with hate and anger. In another letter, a separate person is referred to as "perpetually petulant."

What strikes me as a reader is that for many of the letters that discuss political issues, a worrying trend appears in the folds of our *Bulletin*. We do not discuss the merits of people's beliefs. We do not talk about the complex local problems or concerns that our communities are grappling with.

Instead, what is published is a diatribe of name-calling, insults, and, honestly, nothing of substance. Nowhere in many of these letters are there discussions of any issues. While there are people that write letters refuting what a previous person wrote, these are made up of new insults instead of factual reality.

Letters of this kind should never be published. They lack substance, they sow division, and they create discord. I expect better from this *Bulletin* and with the current unrest in the nation, we need to start doing better. That starts with each one of us at a local level. I am calling for the editor to stop these types of letters and to curate letters that focus on discussions, facts, and good intentions.

Jon Turban – Colchester

### Thanks for Civility

To the Editor: Rhetoric is the art of persuasive argument. It needs neither bombast nor hyperbole, only facts. Personal attacks should always be shunned. The principle of parsimony states that the argument that needs the fewest assumptions is the most likely to be true; the more assumptions, the more likely that the argument is untrue.

So is it with Trump's Big Lie that the election was stolen. The belief that poll workers, election supervisors, state officials, and the courts colluded to deny his claims requires a suspension of belief. Yet the Big Lie persists, leading up to the assault on democracy on Jan. 6.

Hopefully our letter writers can omit all adjectives, adverbs and ad hominem attacks and stick to true facts in their comments. More light, less heat, please.

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

### Shared Aspirations

To the Editor, My son and I are very close and regard each other as our best friend. We talk about everything, almost every night. We are aligned in many aspects, but we also have our differences which serve to energize our conversations.

He's much less politically-oriented than I. He regards our supposed divisions of Republican-Democrat, conservative-progressive, etc. as counter-productive and unnecessary distractions. His stance is that when we get beyond these self-imposed differences, we can/will find that we all share many more interests in common, than those things that are dividing us.

Who among us doesn't want to see prosperity and happiness for themselves, friends, and all their families? Who doesn't want to see those same blessings enjoyed by those who are less fortunate than us? Who doesn't care about the environment and want to reduce/eliminate pollution so we can all have clean air and water? Who doesn't crave and desire the freedom to make important decisions for themselves to bring all of these things into being?

I think we all share these same aspirations. The stumbling point of departure derives from our differing points of view regarding how to best bring these things into actuality. I doubt the likelihood of us all coming together in agreement of what the most effective means of doing so are. But we should never forget nor neglect that, regardless, we still share the same goals.

I've never seen our nation as divided as it now appears to be. But we can't let our differences over one man or our chosen party continue to tear us apart. Both are temporal distractions soon to pass. The important things to cherish and cling to are our shared aspirations and necessity of retaining our birthright of freedom that enables their attainment.

Sam Prentice – Andover

### You are Republicans

To the Editor: Interesting that a few local Republicans expressed concern for the violence that their party has encouraged and supported as part of the Republican platform. Over the last five or more years the Republican Party has supported violence, hatred and racism as a basis of their political agenda. (Refer to Trump tweets, speeches, MAGA rallies and continual support by the leadership of the party.) If you have supported the party, give and get money or vote for Republicans at the state, local or federal level, you are part of the support of violence. This is part of the present party agenda. Look at the support that the party leadership and right wing media has continued after the attack on the capital.

Simple observation shows what the party stands for: They are against: health care, Social Security, clean air, clean water, open elections, science and education. And against government officials following the laws and rules of their office. They are against individuals serving in the military, labeling them losers and disrespecting their service.

They have supported: pollution, destruction of the environment and national parks, higher deficit spending (in tax breaks for the rich, but not for middle class relief), voter suppression,

support of dictators like Putin, Saudi Arabia, etc.

Republicans' leadership supports racism and continual suppressive policies that affect the middle class and poor in general and hit minorities even harder. While increasing push policies that favor rich millionaires donors and corruption at all levels of government.

The party supported conspiracy theories, lies and disinformation which encouraged the attack on the capital. The violence and the attack on our government was and still is supported by the Republican Party, their leadership, media and donations. A few expressing concern does not change what the party stands for.

Dean Maurice – East Hampton

### Take a Deep Breath . . .

To the Editor: There is a difference between climate, weather, and the overall heating of the planet: climate change. There are varying climates around the globe with their associated weather patterns. Example: New England is a temperate climate with four seasons and weather patterns that are familiar to us. The North and South Poles are quite different, and so is the Gobi Desert. Because the overall temperature of the planet is rising consecutively each year, these "normal" weather patterns have gone askew, resulting in longer and more severe droughts in some

places, while others are experiencing stronger, more frequent storms and floods. It is obvious to anyone whose head is above ground that ice caps and glaciers are melting. Has the earth gone through episodes of heat and ice over the eons? Yes. But not within a mere 100 years – correlating with the start of the industrial revolution. Currently we humans, through our many endeavors, are pumping 37 billion tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere every year, including CO2. Along with the gases are cancer and asthma-causing industrial pollutants toxic to all life on earth.

True, life as we know it could not exist without CO2, just like human beings could not exist without food. However, there is a limit to what we can eat before the food makes us ill or eventually kills us – especially if we're consuming junk food, then the sustenance itself is a pollutant. The same holds true for the glut of CO2 mixed with toxic chemicals – an element essential to life becomes junk food: a dangerous pollutant. Meanwhile, forests that are essential for storing and recycling CO2 are being destroyed at an alarming rate.

No matter what political ideology you cling to, or religion you may practice, you need to draw breath in order to survive. True?

Thank you, Maureen Heidtmann – East Hampton See Letters, page 4

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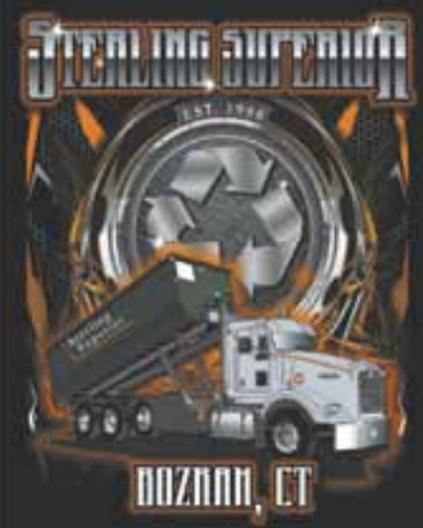
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**The F-Word**

To the Editor:  
Fascism. Trump's government didn't announce they have become fascists; they announced anti-fascists are enemies of the state.

Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough

**Hold It Accountable**

To the Editor:  
The last few weeks readers have become acquainted with the latest member of the *Rivereast* anti-fact alliance and his noticeably sophomoric "Hate Meter." This familiar clique of Republicans troll the dark corners of the internet to mingle QAnon conspiracies and racism with antigovernment extremism. The outcome is an alternate reality that somehow manages to excuse the bludgeoning of a police officer, while inciting an insurrection against their own government.

This same group labeled Obama a Muslim; they are also the same people who consider Trump a Christian. These are the same people who think kids should wear bulletproof backpacks to school with armed guards and active shooter drills, because they believe that's the price of freedom. This is the type of intellect that peddles climate denialism and refers to wearing a mask as government tyranny – despite the fact the U.S. Department of Defense defines climate change as the nation's greatest threat and every leading epidemiologist in the world recommends mask-wearing. These are the very same people who traffic in absurd fears of socialism – despite the fact the U.S. stipulates dozens of socialist benefits and democratic socialist nations are, in fact, free market economies that trade globally.

America has always tolerated a wide range of uninformed viewpoints and we should continue to allow fringe thought to be expressed. However, there is a big difference between free speech and speech that promotes racial intolerance, conspiracy and insurrection designed to weaken our society. We should not let it write textbooks, influence legislation, dominate the front pages, give testimony, or pollute conventional discourse. Public scrutiny should bear witness to this type of extremism and hold it accountable.

Joe Stevens – Hebron

**Hate Meter**

To the Editor:  
"Lying idiocy, clowns, cretins, dumbest life forms." These are the comments Sam Prentice called other writers to the *Bulletin*. He missed "...mark of a thousand fleas." That's about all that was in his long letter. His targets, Smith and Stevens, have previously responded in kind. Prentice wins the Hate Meter this week, or should it be loses. He gets a very high 8. Ed Smith trying to be tops on the Meter did make an attempt but only gets 2. He makes assumptions and innuendo about things he knows nothing about. The Hate Meter did get under his skin last week. He took issue with his comrade Stevens getting a higher mark on the Meter than himself. He spouts that his language is intimidating, a euphemism for hateful language.

Smith also tries to show how smart he is by referencing Plato's Cave allegory. Well he has me there. I thought Plato was the guy who invented the compound used by children in arts and crafts.

William Oliver – Hebron

**Blight Article**

To the Editor:  
The article about the blighted property that was recently addressed had not only information but some of what was stated was not true.

It was stated there were trees, furniture, toys; there were also motor vehicles that belonged to family members, not the property owner, and a large camp trailer that is still there, sinking into the ground. This blight was in plain sight for many years. During the four years town officials were "working" on the problem the blight was increasing, not getting better. Any intelligent person that read that article could see there were serious problems at that property; 21 people, two large dumpsters plus additional dump trailers and heavy equipment for two days should tell everyone this was not normal blight.

Communities that understand quality of life, pride and respect for others do not allow blight or potential blight to exist. I served on the Board of Assessment Appeals for many years; property owners would come before us asking to reduce their assessments due to blight in their neighborhood. I attempted to get a blight ordinance in place many years ago, with no success.

I am not sure why the statement about a neighbor that made brutal, abusive complaints to Town Hall staff was included in the article; that never happened.

There are many things I could add to this letter but I won't, out of respect for the property owner.

David Anderson – Colchester

**Repugnant Statement**

To the Editor:  
In what should be the final chapter in Andover's town employee sexual harassment scandal, the *Rivereast* reported that a settlement had been agreed upon between Jay Linddy's alleged victim and the town in the amount of \$200,000.

The lawsuit alleged Jay in his role as a town employee created such a hostile working environment, that the plaintiff suffered emotional and physical harm (exacerbation of serious medical conditions from the stress).

In commenting to the *Rivereast* on the settlement, the town's first selectman, Jeff Maguire re-traumatized and further abused the victim with his words.

Referencing the amount of the settlement he stated, "For the record, it's an exorbitant amount." Wow. First Selectman Maguire, you sure showed your true colors as a proud member of the "good ol' boys" club, didn't you? How dare you opine on what a victim's trauma is "worth" in dollars? How dare you purport to say this "for the record"? Your words undid any closure and healing afforded to Jay's victim by the settling of this lawsuit.

For the record, First Selectman Jeff Maguire, you should, if you can possibly wrap your head around how vile and inappropriate your statement was, issue a public apology to Jay's victim and every citizen of the town of Andover.

As a registered Democrat I am calling on the Democratic Town Committee to publicly censure Mr. Maguire for his harmful words. I am embarrassed to be aligned with the same political party as Mr. Maguire.

There is no amount of money that will erase the damage done to the victim in this matter. To read that our town's first selectman would deem any amount agreed upon to compensate the victim as "exorbitant" is repugnant.

Bernadette Kasacek – Andover

**Apartment Proposal**

To the Editor:  
As a follow-up to last week's letter regarding the 93-apartment proposal near the town center in Marlborough, I would like to say that all questions/comments one may have may be directed to the Marlborough Zoning Board via letter, email, text, phone call (860-295-6200) or Zoom meeting, to be held Thursday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

Some questions to be asked: 1) Will there be an extra expense to town (taxpayer) for extra school expenses, police services, etc.? 2) Will our fire equipment be able to handle the height and size of the building? 3) Does the cost of extra services (education, police, fire, etc.) outweigh the tax benefit of the 93-apartment complex? 4) Will water usage and sewer usage be affected? 5) How will traffic patterns/congestion in the center of town be addressed? 6) How will surrounding property values be affected? 7) How will the development affect the rural character of the town?

Al Corbeil, a concerned Marlborough citizen

**Why I Voted 'No'**

Dear East Hampton Taxpayers:  
On Monday, Feb. 22, I voted 'no' against the 2021-22 BOE budget. The increase is approximately 3%, which equates to about \$1,000,000. Most of the increase is for contractual agreements and not necessarily for new spending.

As a contact negotiation committee member, my intent is to slow or eliminate the increases of such contracts where possible.

I do not feel it's in our town's best interest to increase the budget during a pandemic with the uncertainties of the economy. Tax collection so far has been successful, but that doesn't mean families aren't feeling the financial burden.

One of the reasons why I voted no is that the fund balance is expected to be 11.5% at the close of fiscal year 2021. This is not necessarily bad, but I would prefer to see this number at 13% or higher.

The other reason why I voted 'no' is because I do not agree with the repurposing of the old BOE building to house the IT department and Transitional Learning Program. The expense is minimal per year, but it can open the door for future BOE members to repurpose the building even further, adding other expenses.

My kids had a great overall experience as students in the East Hampton public school system. I treasure all of the school volunteering experiences I had over 12 years. If I had to do it all over again, I would send my kids through the same school system without question, albeit with a more fiscally conservative mindset.

Jim Radavich  
East Hampton Board of Education member

**Sign the Petition**

To the Editor:  
The Middle Haddam Historic District was established in 1977 to preserve and protect the integrity of the village, by preventing commercial intrusion and ensuring that its historic character was not compromised. In 1984 parts of the district were listed on the National Register of Historic Places for their historic and architectural significance, representing the "golden era" of shipbuilding and seafaring in the United States (1730s – 1880s). The area is remarkably well-preserved with few commercial ventures, and limited modern infill development. As a result, the narrative told by the cultural landscape is strong and clear, keeping history alive for future generations.

Now, an aggressive developer is proposing a zone change from residential to commercial at the easternmost boundary of the district, at one of the main arteries into the historic area (the former Hebron-Middle Haddam Turnpike), now Long Hill Road. Once the parcel is zoned commercial its use cannot be controlled, and this precedent-setting action will likely result in adjacent lots becoming commercial, thereby further threatening the district's integrity.

Please join us in opposing this change of zoning from R-2 to C in Middle Haddam by visiting the "Save the Middle Haddam Historic District 2021" Facebook page and signing the online petition prior to March 3rd, when East Hampton's Planning & Zoning Commission will consider the matter. A paper version of the petition is available at the Middle Haddam Post Office.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,  
Margaret McCutcheon Faber  
Middle Haddam

**Marlborough Apartments**

To the Editor:  
"According to the *Rivereast* article published on Feb. 19, 2021, Marlborough Town Planner Peter Hughes announced that he received an application for a three-building complex, consisting of approximately 90 apartments." The complex, proposed by Bill Jonbalaj, would be constructed on South Main Street towards the very center of town.

The town should ensure that the land parcel can support the number of units to include water and sewer services. A prudent review process will also consider impact to open spaces and additional traffic congestion. Depending upon the type of units proposed, Marlborough residents should also account for the impact to the local and regional school systems and the potential for tax increases.

How much annual property tax revenue will the property generate? Multiply the number of anticipated new students by the amount needed

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themselves, should they be allowed to vote? Should they be voting?"

On women who protest against sexual harassment: "They're out there protesting what they actually wish would happen to them sometimes."

On transgender people: "These people have a very serious problem, and they need treatment. They need help, not encouragement."

And, lastly, on the federal free lunch pro-

gram for schoolchildren: "If you feed them, if you feed the children, three square meals a day during the school year, how can you expect them to feed themselves in the summer? Wanton little waifs and serfs dependent on the state. Pure and simple."

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See you next week.

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to account for them in the school budget. Subtract annual education costs from the proposed property's annual tax base and you understand whether this is a fiscal plus or minus to the town budget.

Will the developer require tax credits of any sort from the town and if so for how long? Will the town need to hire new teachers or build new classrooms? Will the town need to hire additional police in order to keep the proposed property safe?

The proposed property will presumably stand for decades and cannot be "undone" by a vote. Because of this, careful review of the various impacts that this could and would have on Marlborough residents is of the utmost importance.

**Forrest Kocher – Marlborough**

**Global Warming Debate**

To the Editor:

Good news! My *Rivereast* "neighbor" has admitted that a man-made global warming debate exists. His belief is not the only one? Will he agree with the following facts? CO2 as a gas, solid or liquid have many industrial and medical uses. CO2 is an essential gas, not a pollutant, required for vegetation growth and replenishment of oxygen. (Photosynthesis) CO2 is a weak greenhouse gas but water is the primary greenhouse gas in earth's atmosphere. CO2 comes from many sources: volcanos, geysers, carbonated rock, animals/people with lungs, groundwater, sea water, decaying organic materials, fermentation, wildfires, organic compounds and oxidation processes. The sources of CO2 need to be quantified.

CO2 concentration in the atmosphere changes with the season; lower during the growing season. The science of cloud formation is unknown and must be defined if used in prediction models. Nuclear power generation does not create CO2. CO2 concentration in air has increased about 100 ppm since the late 15th century and a correlation, if any, with earth temperature needs to be determined. Black surfaces (pavement, roofing) raise earth surface temperature too. Fossil fuels will never be eliminated because of energy density and cost. Fossil fuel pipelines don't generate CO2.

Politicians must not be involved. There is a difference between "is" and "ought." Climate change "ought" is opinion. Scientists can determine climate change "is." I know about defining "is" as I spent 40 years at a company developing and producing clean, electrical energy electrochemically. Let's stop the hype that climate change cause hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and snow and ice storms in Texas.

Finally, it is arrogant to think that humans can control the earth's temperature. Can humans make the earth spin too? God is still in control.

Respectfully,

**Victor Congdon – Portland**

**CO2**

To the Editor:

First, I greatly appreciate the editor *finally* doing something about the vicious personal attacks among some of the writers. One of the main things I did not like about President Trump was his personal attacks in Twitter on his opponents. I guess our letter writers wanted to emulate him.

To me, a "conspiracy theory" is just a viewpoint that one does not agree with, whether that viewpoint is based on proven facts or just hear-

say.

I need to be more careful on how I select my words as some people feel that by pointing out that a poor choice of a word, even though the content is clear, makes them feel more superior intellectually. I hoped that worked for them.

I stick by my comment that CO2 is not a pollutant. It is a gas made up of three elements, one carbon and two oxygen. Let's take the opposite viewpoint – CO2 is a pollutant; therefore, we must eliminate it. How will plants grow and thrive? Think about that!

Where is the "overwhelming evidence for CO2 being a primary driver of climate change"? If you mean the "97% of scientist agree that..." then refer to my video regarding that. Having been a math teacher, I know how easy it is to use statistics to come to any conclusion one wants.

CO2 levels are a bit low if one goes back further than a few hundred years. Looking at a minuscule part of millions of years of history is similar to saying the earth is flat. One needs to be a bit more open to history. See my website [garygile.com] for some articles and videos on climate.

I have provided references to some of where I gathered my information which is more than people who just spew their opinion without much substance.

**Gary Gile – Andover**

**The Ballad of Flyin' Ted**

To the Editor:

(To *The Beverly Hillbillies* theme "The Ballad of Jed Clampett," with apologies to the late, great Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt)

Come and listen to a story 'bout a man named Ted

Poor country lawyer, barely kept his family fed

Said he loved Texas, but the weather changed his tune

So he hopped on a plane, and he flew to Cancun

Mexico that is...

South of that border wall, y'all

Well the next thing you know, old Ted is in a fix

Seemed like the whole dang grid was on the fritz

Freezin' folks were angry and optics were so bad

Weren't nobody buyin' that he's "just a good dad"

Or senator...

Or human being in general

Well we wish we that we could say goodbye to Ted and all his sins

But we got a sinkin' feellin' he'll be poppin' up again

He's got a heapin' hankerin' for the presidency

So expect another crazy QAnon conspiracy

Theory that is...

Jewish space lasers cause blackouts!

Antifa Yetis plot to invade Lone Star State!

I didn't wanna go, Hillary kidnapped me!

Y'all keep them tin foil hats on now, Ya hear?

**Christopher Congdon – Colchester**

**High on Taxes**

To the Editor:

In the latest budget proposed by Governor Lamont, which was described as "lean," I struggled to find any hint at limiting spending. In fact, in next year's budget (beginning July 1, 2021), spending will increase by 2%, and 3.5% in the next fiscal year. This new budget relies on an almost \$1 billion federal bailout to hide the poor fiscal management by our state government. The governor's budget also includes a vague proposal to impose a new tax on tractor-trailer trucks based on mileage. Tractor-trailer tolls didn't work last year, and it's in dispute if it's even legal. How

will the mileage of these trucks be tracked without electronic gantries? The Democrats are proposing a statewide property tax on residential and commercial properties valued at more than \$430,000 and they are also proposing to legalize marijuana in the state mainly so they can tax it.

The main source of our financial woes is the unfunded pension system for our state employees – a broken pension system. Politicians have kicked that can down the road for decades to the tune of more than \$130 billion, and no elected official has the courage to address it. Added taxation is not the answer. I propose that we audit every state level department, program and initiative for performance. If an initiative did not achieve the intended result, why should we keep funding it? With the Democratic majority rule in Hartford, "review," "audit," "performance" or "cut" don't appear to be words in their vocabulary.

I often wonder why, with our business climate so hostile, would any business want to come to Connecticut. Where will our graduates find jobs without a growing economy? With rising taxes and costs, how will our senior citizens afford to stay here?

**Steve Weir – Hebron**

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# After Almost 40 Years, Bordonaro's Pharmacy Closes its Doors

by Jack Lakowsky

His customers. Those are the folks Joe Bordonaro kept emphasizing during a recent interview with the *Rivereast*, after he announced he'd be closing Bordonaro's Pharmacy, which he's operated in town since 1982.

"I'm going to miss my patients and miss all the people I worked with," Bordonaro said.

Although Bordonaro loves his work, his customers and his staff, he decided the time has come to move into a new phase of life. His first grandchild is on the way to the world, and this milestone compelled Bordonaro to spend more time with family.

"You see it all the time in the store," he said. "When someone gets sick, they regret not spending more time with family."

The business' assets and prescriptions were sold to Walgreens. Bordonaro was comfortable doing business with the large company, as it has had a location in Portland for some time and is familiar to the community.

As for Bordonaro's Main Street location, Bordonaro will retain ownership of the space and said he will look to fill it at a later date.

Bordonaro's last day of business was Wednesday.

Along with expressing deep gratitude to his

customers, Bordonaro also expressed apologies to longtime clients who may be jarred by the sudden news.

"I wish there had been more time to say goodbye," he said.

Bordonaro said Portland is an excellent place to run a business.

"The town and its people are so supportive of town institutions and businesses," he said. "It's a great place."

Although he said running a business in Connecticut is tough, Bordonaro said, for all entrepreneurs, "there's no question the opportunity is still there."

"Find a niche," Bordonaro said. "Be different and be special."

Bordonaro shared a way he found to be different: upon realizing the area is home to a high percentage of seniors, Bordonaro introduced, long before the COVID-19 pandemic, free prescription delivery for older customers.

"[That service] was never abused," Bordonaro said. "I thought about what my grandparents would want."

The advent of chain pharmacies, and their interweaving with insurance companies, has made running an independent store more and more difficult.

"Pharmacists are almost insurance agents now, and that's tough," said Bordonaro. "It wasn't like that when I started."

Bordonaro was named Portland's 2015 Businessperson of the Year, and also won the 2013 Community Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year Award by the University of Saint Joseph in Hartford.

Bordonaro's Pharmacy was also known to state Rep. Christie Carpino (R-32), who in an email to the *Rivereast* wished Bordonaro well and said his dedication to Portland will be missed by many.

Jim Hallas, owner and publisher of the *Rivereast News Bulletin* and a resident of Portland, said Bordonaro was always a friendly, helpful neighbor.

"Joe and his people knew their customers personally and cared about them," Hallas said. "They are definitely going to be very much missed."

Mary Dickerson, development planner for Portland, said Bordonaro's has long been an institution in town.

In a phone call with the *Rivereast*, Dickerson pondered future uses of the space.

Zoned B-3, the space is versatile, Dickerson said, and could house anything from health care offices to financial firms. However, in an effort to make a more vibrant downtown, she said she would prefer to see a restaurant or retailer use the space.

"It's great to have offices," said Dickerson. "But people there come and go at a set time. Downtown should be a place of visible commerce, with a lot of foot traffic. [Offices] don't lend themselves to what we think of as a town center."

Bordonaro thanked his wife, his kids, and especially thanked his loyal customers, people he said he will miss dearly, and to whom he is forever grateful.



**Baby Shower for Life...** The Church of Saint Mary Freestone Council 7 Knights of Columbus recently held its annual "Baby Shower" to collect items for the Portland Food Bank and Birthright of Greater Meriden, an organization that supports women with unplanned pregnancies.

## First Congregational Church News

First Congregational Church of Portland is a member of the United Church of Christ denomination, and is an Open and Affirming congregation. It is located at 554 Main St.

Weekly worship services are recorded in the church sanctuary and available on the church's YouTube channel (First Church of Portland, CT). Virtual church school is offered weekly by Ann Labby, Director of Christian Education.

Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing lists (both electronic and postal service) of this congregation should email [first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net), or leave a message at 860-342-3244. For more information, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit [www.firstchurch-portlandct.org](http://www.firstchurch-portlandct.org).

## Kindergarten Registration

Valley View School in Portland has announced its kindergarten registration process for the 2021-22 school year.

Parents/guardians of children who will be 5 on or before Jan. 1, 2022, should contact Valley View at [pgross@portlandct.us](mailto:pgross@portlandct.us) to indicate if they will be registering the child for kindergarten. Provide your child's full name, phone number and address.

Further information regarding kindergarten registration will then be provided.

## Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 51 Freestone Ave.

To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

## Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., is not currently holding inside Sunday services or Church School at this time. Weather permitting, drive-in church parking lot services are being held at 9 a.m. Sundays.

The church is also continuing its 10:30 a.m. Zoom Sunday services indefinitely. Additional information on church services or Bible study opportunities is at [trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://trinitychurchportlandct.org).

The church is open for prayer and meditation Fridays from 2-4 p.m. Any group meeting at the church must follow current COVID-19 protocols, including wearing masks and socially distancing.

For more information on church activities or to make an appointment with the Rev. Darryl Burke, email [trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com) or call 860-342-0458.

## St. Mary Church News

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church is located at 45 Freestone Ave. The Rev. John Antonelle is pastor, Dana Garry is deacon and Jeanne Samolik is director of music. The church office can be reached at 860-342-2328. For more information, visit [www.stmaryportlandct.org](http://www.stmaryportlandct.org).

**Weekend Masses:** 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Wearing of masks is required. Social distancing and all COVID-19 regulations are followed.

**Online Mass:** Each weekend, the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed. Visit the the parish website for more information.

**Weekday Mass:** Monday and Tuesday at 8 a.m., and Friday at 12:10 p.m.

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Faith Formation Program:** Classes are held virtually at this time. For more information, call Faith Formation Director Susan Ferriolo at 860-342-2308.

**Holy Hour Benediction:** First Friday of

every month following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

**Mass in Honor of Blessed Mother:** First Saturday of every month at 9 a.m.

**Baptisms:** First and third Sunday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

**Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturday at 4-4:45 p.m. If this time is not convenient, contact Antonelle.

**Blessings of Marriages:** During Masses on the first weekend of every month.

**St. Mary Ladies Guild:** Meetings held every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of winter months. For more information, contact President Marilyn McGrath at 860-342-1137.

**Knights of Columbus:** All practicing Catholic men are invited to contact Mark Creighton at 860-308-0603 to join.

**Community Outreach:** Food may be brought to the church office for the Portland Food Bank.

## Project Grad Fundraiser

Inner Circle Family Martial Arts of Portland owner Michael Pelton will donate 50% of the proceeds of virtual fitness classes to Portland High School Project Graduation.

Classes accommodate cardio, body weight exercises, stretching and more. Classes run every Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m., through April 1. As an added bonus, participants will have access to one free in-person class during weekdays.

Cost is \$40 per month. Inner Circle can be reached at 860-342-2381.

Project Graduation is an all-night drug- and alcohol-free party held for PHS seniors the night of their graduation.

## Portland Exchange Offering Scholarship

Again this year the Portland Exchange Club will offer the \$1,000 John W. Goodrich Scholarship to any Portland resident senior going on to a higher education institution after graduation.

The club is looking for the student with the most outstanding record of community service and good academic achievement, as well as participation in extracurricular activities.

Applications are at the Portland High School counseling center and online at [www.PortlandExchange.org/JohnW.GoodrichScholarship](http://www.PortlandExchange.org/JohnW.GoodrichScholarship). Deadline for applications is April 17.

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# Board Members Aim to Help Small Businesses

by Karla Santos

The pandemic has brought many downfalls to the small business community and Selectman Taras Rudko and Board of Finance member Andreas Bisbikos have taken it upon themselves to tour local small businesses to hear about their struggles so they can advocate for them during budget season.

“We wanted to make sure that we had a very, very clear idea of what the small businesses were going through in town prior to going into a budget cycle,” Rudko said.

Bisbikos said Rudko and he created a list of more than 120 local small businesses with the goal of touring them through March and April. As of last week, they had been to about 10 businesses, he said.

The tours will continue until budget sessions start taking place.

Bisbikos said town residents recently completed a budget survey and “although the survey is valuable in gathering the perspectives of our citizens, it was deficient in capturing the needs and concerns of our small businesses.”

He said he and Rudko thought it was their obligation as elected officials to hear the needs and concerns of local small businesses, particularly during a pandemic.

“Small businesses are the heartbeat of our community,” Bisbikos said. “We felt that the tour was a good way to reach out to them, hear their concerns and needs and also provide them some extra exposure on social media.”

Rudko said the majority of business owners with whom they have spoken have told them these are challenging times, particularly because they have to deal with COVID-19 restrictions and requirements.

Some businesses have also struggled with their ability to get products, Rudko said.

“Also, there has been an increase in cost in doing business for them, not just because of everything they need to do in the shop but also for the materials that they’re purchasing,” Rudko added.

But there are other challenges, such as increased rents that are worrying some business owners.

Rudko said a handful of business indicated they are concerned about the next three months and with keeping their doors open if things continue going the way they are now.

“Small business is the demographic that is going to promote and foster growth of the town,” Rudko said. “So if we are not in tune with what their needs are, what their struggles are, there’s no way you are going to possibly have a growth plan.”

Bisbikos, who grew up in a family that owns a business, said he understands the challenges small businesses face.

He said he and Rudko have been learning the stories and experiences of businesses and that some have been around for a while and others have not.

“Getting to know the owners and understanding just how committed they are to this community and how they’ve given back, it just provides an overall joy,” Bisbikos said.

Bisbikos said most business owners told them the community has been supportive, however they have noticed the absence of elected officials in their stores and said Rudko and Bisbikos have been the only ones that interacted with them since the pandemic began.

However, First Selectman Mary Bylone, along with town hall staff, has been working with a variety of businesses since the beginning of the pandemic. Bylone said she has also worked with the Colchester Business Association to see what the town can do for businesses, especially through these uncertain times.

Bylone said she personally has visited with business owners and guided them with information that could help them stay open. Part of that has been helping them navigate through state enforced COVID-19 restrictions and informing them of what can or can’t be done through the different reopening stages.

According to Bylone, she also worked with some businesses to help them get loans.

In addition, the town has done marketing such as signs saying “Colchester is open for business” with the idea of attracting more businesses and visitors to the town.

“I’m doing all kinds of things,” Bylone said.



Taras Rudko, left, and Andreas Bisbikos, right, standing at Colchester Florist. This is one of the businesses they have recently toured in an effort of see firsthand how businesses are struggling and how they can help as budget season approaches.

“I’m not out taking pictures in front of a sign. I’m not doing politics. I’m doing things that are really making a difference for the people in the town.”

She said other Town Hall staff and the Chatham Health District have been partnering with businesses to help them be “successful.”

Furthermore, over the summer, the town established the Long Term Recovery Committee to identify how the overall community has been impacted by the pandemic.

Bylone said the committee focused a lot on businesses because they were highly impacted by the pandemic. But the group also looked at

other areas and one of the findings was the increased need for mental health resources.

Based on all of their findings, the committee will bring recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Bylone said some of those recommendations might have a budget need.

## Ahavath Achim News

Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave., has announced the following schedule:

Friday night Zoom service, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday morning Zoom service, 10 a.m.; 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.

## Hummingbirds: Jeweled Acrobats in the Garden

All are invited to join Cragin Memorial Library for a virtual program about hummingbirds via Zoom on Thursday, March 18, at 6 p.m.

Sally Brockett, a local gardener, birder and member of the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, will present tips on attracting hummingbirds to your yard. She will also share her experiences with hummingbirds and backyard birding. Brockett has photos of a variety of hummingbirds, some seen in the U.S. and others from Central America.

The event is sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. To sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/12au7mz8](http://tinyurl.com/12au7mz8). The library does not record virtual programs.

This program is free. For more information, call 860-537-5752.

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# Portion of Relief Funds Ticketed for Chatham Health

By Karla Santos

Last week the Colchester Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a motion to allocate 20%, or \$25,350, of the town's coronavirus relief funds to help Chatham Health District with some of the expenses it has incurred throughout the pandemic.

This came as a request from Chatham Health Director Russell Melmed, who explained the regional health district has been spending a lot of money in a variety of ways throughout the pandemic, but has not received much in reimbursement.

According to Melmed, the request is to help cover unfunded expenses incurred to date, along with future unfunded expenditures for vaccine clinic operations over the next several months.

Melmed made the same request to all of the towns covered by Chatham Health—Colchester, East Hampton, East Haddam, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland.

Melmed gave a presentation to the Board of Selectmen last Thursday. The funding request was on the previous board meeting agenda but no action was taken as at least one of the board members was interested in learning more about why Melmed requested the funds.

As part of his presentation, Melmed explained that to date Chatham Health has incurred \$228,923 in coronavirus expenditures—some of which is scheduled to be reimbursed by state grants.

He said Chatham Health previously received \$31,000 from a coronavirus relief fund that was allocated for health districts, but added, "We burned through that in overtime costs alone in the first two months [of the pandemic]—March and April."

Melmed explained Chatham Health also received about \$100,000 in an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant from the State of Connecticut. He said the grant funds were not to offset any expenditures but to enhance capacity. Part of that money was used to hire a part-time COVID-19 response coordinator to do data reports, contact tracing and work at the vaccine clinics.

According to Melmed, the district was left with about \$91,700 of costs incurred to date that have not been reimbursed.

Also, he added, the district is now running vaccine clinics, which bring additional expenses.

One of the reasons Chatham Health is running vaccine clinics is that Melmed heard that municipalities were in need of a program to help residents that struggle making a vaccine appointment through the state system, he said.

That's why Chatham Health and the local senior centers partnered to run vaccine clinics outside of the state system.

"It's very convenient, we've had a good response," Melmed said. "Our seniors really like the fact that they don't have to go through the

harsh of waiting for two hours on a phone call that may never get answered to schedule an appointment that they may not be able to make."

Chatham Health has been running vaccine clinics for six weeks now.

"Those are labor intensive," Melmed noted and added that the district is lucky to have partnered with senior centers to get that work done.

He said this is just the beginning as he'd like to continue with that work.

Melmed said he is looking to see if Chatham Health can get reimbursed for some of the costs associated with the vaccinations through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA.) However, he noted he doesn't know of a regional health district that has had success getting FEMA reimbursement.

He said the district might have to spend about \$94,000 over the next six months to run vaccination clinics. That number includes mileage and food for the volunteers that run the vaccine clinics, compensation for a volunteer manager, an emergency preparedness coordinator and overtime.

Melmed noted that two of the Chatham Health towns have already sent a check with the funds and most of the other towns have approved to do the same thing.

Chatham Health is now in negotiations with the Colchester Federated Church to run vaccine clinics there once or twice a week.

"They have graciously given us their space to do that so we are really happy that they have stepped forward to do that for us," Melmed said, adding that they are also looking for other permanent sites in the district.

He explained that having a space where they could run vaccine clinics regularly - without having to set it up with chairs, tables and other needed items every time they go - would make the clinics more efficient.

Selectman Rosemary Coyle said she sometimes gets to work with Melmed and noted that the work that he and Chatham Health are doing is "incredible."

"We as citizens of the town and all the towns in the health district are truly lucky to have his leadership and to have his staff that's just willing to do whatever it takes to get this done," Coyle said.

In other news, during the meeting, First Selectman Mary Bylone announced she wants to start the search for a permanent fire chief. Sean Shoemaker has been the interim fire chief since September, when longtime chief Walter Cox stepped down after 16 years.

Bylone said she will invite to future Board of Selectmen meetings representatives from firms that assist towns in hiring fire chiefs. The goal is for the board to become more informed of what the process is like and start to see which firms would be more appropriate to work with.

## Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For more information, call 860-537-7297, email parksandrec@colchesterct.gov or visit [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department). The Parks and Rec. office is located at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave. To visit in person, call to make an appointment. Registration is required for all programs.

**Cupcake Champion:** Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This is a friendly competition for Colchester residents to see who makes the best cupcakes. Residents can participate in teams of two. All baking and decorating will be done at your home, on Zoom. You cannot leave your home or camera once the contest begins. Final cupcakes need to be delivered to the judges at the Town Hall immediately after the contest ends at 1 p.m. The event is free to participate in; you just provide the supplies to make and decorate your cupcakes. The winners will be determined based on seven criteria (cake flavor, cake density, frosting flavor, frosting consistency, Decoration: neatness, creativity, relevancy to theme (theme will be revealed on the day of the event). The winner will be invited to participate in the next event to defend their championship. The top three winners will be awarded a Cup-

cake Plaque. Registration deadline is April 16.

**Spring Clean-Up:** Since Parks and Rec. is unsure of what the COVID-19 protocols will be in April, it has made changes to allow everyone to participate. First, choose a location that you love in Colchester. Then choose a time over the weekend of April 24-25 to clean up that area. All participants will be mailed a package of sunflower seeds. Registration is available online at [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department).

**Gentle Yoga:** Mondays, April 5-26, 4:45-5:45 p.m., for ages 45 and up. Explore yoga postures, breathing techniques and meditation. All levels of fitness or yoga experience are welcome. Fee: \$35/residents, \$40/non-residents. Link will be mailed to you after you register.

**Summer Day Camp:** June 28-Aug. 20, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., at the RecPlex, for kids entering grades K-7 in the fall. Hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; extended care is available from 3-5 p.m. for an extra fee. In case of inclement weather, Parks and Rec. will use a school for the day. More information including registration, the camp calendar and daily activities, is at [www.colchesterct.gov/day-camps](http://www.colchesterct.gov/day-camps). Call 860-537-7297 for more information.

## Colchester Food Box Distribution Continues on Fridays

It's not too late to pick up your 30-pound box of fresh produce, dairy and meat products. Abundant Life Church will continue distributing these boxes to the community through the end of March, on Fridays from 2-4 p.m., at the church, 85 Skinner Rd.

When arriving Fridays for delivery, remain in your car and a volunteer will load your box into your trunk. For more information contact Abundant Life Pastor Charles Brown at [c.brown26@mac.com](mailto:c.brown26@mac.com) or 860-303-0416. For the past three weeks, volunteers have unloaded and loaded 19 tons of food and distributed it to the surround-

ing towns of East Windsor, Manchester, East Hampton, Lebanon, Norwich and several others. Local residents have also benefited from the drive-thru opportunity to obtain a box and provide their neighbors with a second box.

This is part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program from the USDA under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute agricultural products to those in need. The program will expire in April.

Abundant Life thanked D H Marvin & Son Inc. for its assistance in unloading the tractor-trailer truck and the East Hampton Lions Club.

## Manchester OBGYN Associates Welcomes Dr. Lydia Lormand



Lydia Lormand, DO, FACOG, is a board-certified physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. She completed her ObGyn residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, after earning her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and her

Bachelor of Science degree from Binghamton University. As a resident, she received the Practicing the Art of Medicine Award, which is given to the chief resident who displays a strong ability to integrate the foundation of evidence-based medicine with clinical intuition, empathy, and compassion.

As a women's healthcare provider, Dr. Lormand's mission is to provide comprehensive healthcare to women through puberty, the reproductive years and menopause, and to make women feel comfortable and try to take away the fear and anxiety that can associated with ObGyn care. In her spare time, Dr. Lormand enjoys reading murder mysteries, traveling, scuba diving, playing volleyball and spinning.

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### 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](mailto:csc@colchesterct.gov). The center is online at [www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center](http://www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center). More information about senior trips can also be found online.

**Monday, March 1:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign with Ruth on Zoom.

**Tuesday, March 2:** 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi on Zoom; 11 a.m., Adult Coloring; 1:30 p.m., conference call bingo.

**Wednesday, March 3:** 10 a.m., Making Memories on Zoom; 1:30 p.m., *Wheel of Fortune* on Zoom; no AARP Webinar Wednesday today.

**Thursday, March 4:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom.

**Friday, March 5:** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., AARP Tax Aide; 10:30 a.m., Crafters' Show and Share Hour; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom.

**Saturday, March 6:** 2 p.m., *Pericles, Prince of Tyre* live Zoom performance by the Connecticut Repertory Theatre.

**Upcoming Programs: Community Con-**

**versation with the First Selectman:** Wednesday, March 24, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom. First Selectman Mary Bylone will provide COVID-19 updates, announce town-wide events, and more. She will take questions from the audience.

**International Cooking Demo on Zoom: Korea:** Friday, March 26, 1:30 p.m. Follow along at home or simply watch a demonstration on how to prepare Korean barbecue chicken and spicy vegetable slaw. After the program, you are welcome to stop by the senior center to get a sample of the dish; pre-registration is required. Call or email the senior center to be provided a recipe and shopping list.

**Colchester Senior of the Month:** Each month, the senior center will give one or two of its members the spotlight to tell more about themselves. If interested in being the Senior of the Month, call Ruth at the senior center.

**Learn to Sign with Ruth:** Mondays, 11 a.m.-noon. This course teaches the basics of how to communicate with sign language. No prior experience necessary.

**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.



**Rotary Donates Masks...** The Rossi Family Foundation recently provided 2,000 adult and 2,000 children's masks to Colchester Rotary for distribution to the community. Adult masks were presented to Officer Mike Brown of the Colchester Police Department; Firefighter/EMT Kyle Mosisig of the Colchester Hayward Fire Department; and Kim Hagan, director of Castle Day Care. Children's masks were also presented to Hagan, as well as Christine Foley of Colchester Kids; Michelle Donahue, director of Colchester Cooperative Nursery School; and Patti Roy, assistant director of Curley's Kids Care. Masks were also presented to Town Hall for distribution by Colchester Youth and Social Services to those in need in the community. There are a few remaining boxes of masks in both adult and children's sizes. Call Rotary President Terry Congdon at 860-367-7858 if in need of masks. From left are Terry Congdon, president of Colchester Rotary, and Jenny Pace, vice president, at the warehouse of The Rossi Family Foundation.

### Scholarship Available

The St. Joseph's Polish Society is offering a scholarship for Bacon Academy graduates.

For an application, students can visit their guidance counselor or stop into the St. Joseph's Polish club, 395 S. Main St., or download one at [www.stjoespolishclub.com](http://www.stjoespolishclub.com).

All applications must be turned in by March 31.

### Republicans Seek Candidates

In preparation for the Nov. 2 municipal election, the Colchester Republican Town Committee is seeking candidates for town-elected offices.

For more information, call RTC Chairman Art Shilosky at 860-537-1093 or Betty Wagner at 860-537-5327.

### Fish Fry Fridays

The Colchester Fish and Game Club is holding its annual Fish Fry dinners every Friday during Lent, through and including Good Friday, April 2.

Meal choices include traditional fish and chips, baked fish with baked potato, the club's breaded clam strip dinner, as well as chicken nuggets for the kids. All meals include coleslaw, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for kids.

Meals will be served from 6-8 p.m. Take-out is encouraged. There will be a limited amount of seating at the club, with social distancing. The club is located on Old Town Road.

Call 860-537-2593 to order or for more information.

### 'Astronomy for Everyone'

Cragin Memorial Library invites all to "Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe" on Thursday, March 4, at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

Kevin Manning will lead people on a virtual journey throughout the cosmos, describing celestial objects and how they were formed. Manning is an astronomer, author, and former consultant to NASA.

The free program is sponsored by the Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. To sign up, go to [tinyurl.com/likfr9f6](http://tinyurl.com/likfr9f6). The library does not record virtual programs.

For more information, call 860-537-5752.

### Drive-Thru Corned Beef Dinner

This year, the annual St. Joseph Polish Club corned beef dinner will be a drive-thru dinner, on Sunday, March 14. Servings will be from 1-4 p.m. Pick up dinners at the club, 395 S. Main St., or come in and socially distance in the club hall.

Dinner will include corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and rye bread with butter. Tickets are \$15 each and are on sale only at the club, during normal business hours. Call 860-537-2550 for more information. The dinner typically sells out fast, the club said.

### Lions Announce Scholarships Available

The Colchester Lions Club invites all Colchester residents in their senior year of high school to apply for one of several scholarships the club awards.

All students are eligible, no matter which public, private, charter or magnet school they attend. Home-schooled students are also eligible. The Lions consider applications from students planning to attend any accredited college, university or trade school.

Applications will be available in March through the Bacon Academy guidance office, and are also at [colchesterlions.org](http://colchesterlions.org).

Bacon Academy students should submit their application to the Bacon Academy guidance office. Other students should mail their application to Colchester Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 423, Colchester, CT 06415.

Applications must be received by Wednesday, March 17.

For more information, email Sue Currie at [lionsuecurrie@aol.com](mailto:lionsuecurrie@aol.com).

### Scholarship Available

Carl Guild and Associates has announced its community scholarship program for local high school seniors entering college in the fall. There are five \$1,000 scholarships given, one each in East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, East Haddam and the RHAM school district.

There are no restrictions or qualifications; all local seniors can apply. For applications, visit [www.carlguild.com/scholarship](http://www.carlguild.com/scholarship) or ask your school's guidance counselor. Deadline is April 1.

### Dean's List

The following residents made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.:

Connor Henley, who is in the computer engineering program; Chris Gatesman, who is in the computational mathematics program; Sam Lund, who is in the environmental sustainability, health and safety program; Andrew Gatesman, who is in the mechanical engineering program; Aidan Lynch, who is in the chemistry program; and Michael Elrod, who is in the mechanical engineering program.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year is now open at the Colchester Public Schools website, [www.colchesterct.org](http://www.colchesterct.org).

Children who turn 5 by Jan. 1, 2022, are eligible to register for the full-day program. Registration must be completed online. Select the "For Families" tab and on the drop down menu click on the tab for "Registration and Residency." Follow the necessary steps outlined on the website.

You will need to make an appointment with the Colchester Public Schools Board of Education office once all of the online enrollment forms are completed. To do this, call 860-537-7267. Registration hours are by appointment only on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A list of needed documents can be found on the website.

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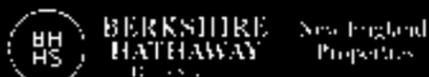
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# Even in Tough Times, Scholarship Offerings Continue

by Karla Santos

The COVID-19 pandemic has dealt financial blows to many businesses and organizations in Colchester, but some still find a way to give back.

Carl Guild & Associates, which is a real estate agency, the Colchester Business Association (CBA) and the Colchester Lions Club, for example, are offering scholarships to local students.

Carl Guild started his scholarship program three years ago as a way to give back to the communities his business serves.

Since 2018, Guild has been awarding five \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors from the towns of Colchester, Portland, East Hampton, East Haddam and the RHAM district, which covers Hebron, Andover and Marlborough.

He said with this initiative the response from the community has been great.

"Every year we get amazing qualifications," Guild said.

A scholarship committee reviews applications and selects the winners each year.

Guild said one of the requirements is that students have a record of volunteerism in non-school sponsored activities and participate in extra-curricular activities.

"Our real estate brokerage is very community focused because we are helping people buy and sell houses in the community so we are very much intertwined with the towns that we serve," Guild said. "So as part of that, we want the kids to be intertwined with the towns that we serve."

He said he also requires applicants' transcripts and a letter of recommendation.

For Guild, the scholarship program is all about "community spirit and giving back," he said.

Applications are due on April 1 and can be filled out online at [www.carlguild.com/scholarship/](http://www.carlguild.com/scholarship/). Applications are also available through the schools' guidance counselors.

"We look forward to continuing the tradition and maybe even expanding in the future," Guild said.

Isabella Crowell, a former Bacon Academy student, was one of the 2020 winners of Guild's scholarship program.

She said receiving the award was exciting. "It was actually very exciting when I received it because that was around the time when the pandemic started," she said.

Crowell is currently a student at the University of New Hampshire, studying business administration. She said she was fortunate, as she also received other scholarships, both locally and from the university. She said she used the money to help pay for books and dorm supplies and toward tuition.

The Colchester Business Association (CBA) also offers an award each year. Ginger Pensa, CBA's scholarship committee chair, said the scholarship has been awarded to Bacon Academy students for more than 14 years.

The association normally receives between 12 and 20 applicants and typically gives one \$1,000 scholarship or two \$500 scholarships, Pensa said.

She said the scholarship funds are raised through raffles at monthly dinner meetings.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must be seeking an education in business.

"We don't require it, but we hope that they will come back and service the community and be a business within the community, because we are a business association," Pensa said.

The application also requires students submit an essay, which is the scholarship committee reviews before selecting a winner.

The scholarship program honors Loren Marvin and Donald Standish. Mavin, a founding member of CBA, was active in the local business community and Standish was a community volunteer and supporter of the local business community.

Students can pick up the CBA scholarship application at the school's guidance office. The deadline to apply is March 17.

The Colchester Lions Club is also offering scholarships this year.

Greg Barden, spokesman for the Lions Club, said the club has been giving away scholarships for more than 50 years.

This year the club is planning to give away \$4,000 in scholarships to high school seniors, but has not decided how it will divide the award. In previous years, the Lions have given up to

\$12,000, Barden said. Because of the hardships caused by the pandemic, this time around, they had to offer a lower amount.

Barden said the club runs a variety of fundraising events each year but because of the pandemic restrictions has not been able to hold as many events, which has impacted the organization's finances.

He said the scholarships are an "important" part of what the Lions do for the community

and he is happy they are able to award them through the pandemic.

The Lions Club scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic achievement and community service.

Students must apply to this scholarship by March 17.

To apply for the Lions Club scholarship or for more information, visit [www.colchesterlions.org/scholarship.html](http://www.colchesterlions.org/scholarship.html).

## Children's Programs at Cragin Library

The following programs are offered for children at Cragin Memorial Library. While the library is currently open, it is not hosting any in-person programming. Most of these programs will be conducted online. For more information, call the children's department at 860-537-7201.

The library has a list of available craft bags at the Children's Circulation Desk; supplies are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. The library is located at 8 Linwood Ave.

**Baby Activity Videos:** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. There will be book suggestions, baby bounces and more. Often, activity bags will be available at the children's circulation desk to accompany the videos.

**Sharing Stories:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. There will be stories, songs and more. A craft will be showcased, and bags will be available for pick-up.

**Exploring the Alphabet:** Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Each week, explore a new letter of the alphabet, sing songs, practice writing and share books. A craft bag will accompany each video, bags can be picked up on Monday the same week as the video. The final video is March 19.

**Polar Bear Art Take & Make Craft:** Saturday, Feb. 27, all day for all ages. Celebrate National Polar Bear Day with this art craft. Pick up the bag and create a piece of art.

**March Programs: Pie Take & Make Craft**

**Bag:** Wednesday, March 10. Celebrate "Pi Day" with this paper craft.

**Foodie Fun: Rainbow Bark:** Saturday, March 13, 10:30 a.m., for kids and teens. Pick up your Take & Make Bag, watch the video on Cragin's social media channels, and enjoy.

**St. Patrick's Day Take & Make Craft Bag:** Wednesday, March 17, for all ages.

**Puppy Take & Make Craft Bag:** Tuesday, March 23, for all ages. Celebrate National Puppy Day with this craft.

## Ukrainian Catholic Church News

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, located at 178 Linwood Ave.

The church offers Eastern Rite Divine services. Church doors are open for Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.; the Sunday service is bilingual.

For more information, call the church at 860-537-2069.

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### Board of Education Budget Meetings

On Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m., Superintendent of Schools Jeff Burt will present his proposed 2021-22 schools budget to the Board of Education.

The school board will then hold budget workshops at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, March 16, 23 and (if needed) 30. A budget public hearing to present the Board of Education budget will be held Tuesdays, April 6 and May 4, at 6:30 p.m. All meetings and public hearings will be on Zoom; log-in info will be at [www.colchesterct.org](http://www.colchesterct.org).

The budget referendum will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

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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](http://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 fewer than 50 attendees. Sunday School is 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 Facebook, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with a special children's program included. Go to [www.facebook.com/groups/abundantLifeCT](http://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.

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### Dean's List

Hanna Behlke of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, N.Y.

Behlke is a freshman majoring in equine business management, with a minor in marketing. She is the daughter of Christopher and Kathleen Behlke and a 2020 graduate of Lyman Memorial High School.

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Colchester residents Gabrielle Blanchard, Torrie Fitzpatrick, Meagan Gallacher, Jeremy Luizzi, Alexandra Peake and Alexis Petrowsky all made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

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Jakob Behlke of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Behlke is a sophomore majoring in computer science, with a minor in gaming design. He is the son of Christopher and Kathleen Behlke and a 2019 graduate of Bacon Academy High School.

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Sarah Blanchette of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Florida.

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Morgan Clark of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Boston University's College of Communication.

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Lindsay Amor of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.

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Colchester residents Sean Baldyga and Cole Gustavsen each made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass.

Baldyga is a member of the Class of 2024, and Gustavsen is a member of the Class of 2023.

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Chelsea Kranc of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Simmons University in Boston.

Kranc is majoring in social work and is a member of the class of 2023.

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Colchester residents Emily Denker and Antonia Jascowski made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Connecticut College in New London.

Denker, a member of the Class of 2022 studying German studies and biological sciences, made Honors, and Jascowski, a member of the Class of 2021 studying psychology, made High Honors.

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Colchester residents Madison Bis and Hannah Corsa made the fall 2020 Dean's List at American International College in Springfield, Mass.

Emma Arbuckle of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. She is majoring in writing and minoring in Spanish.

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Olivia McGuinness of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Becker College in Worcester, Mass.

McGuinness is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

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Colchester resident Hailynn B. Kane made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

Kane is a sophomore who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

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Colchester residents Torrie Fitzpatrick and Alexandra Peake made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

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Rachel Wells of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

### President's List

Colchester residents Nicholas Tartsinis and Chloe Wood made the fall 2020 President's List at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Tartsinis is working toward a BA in law and society, and Wood is working toward a BSBA in accounting.

### CBSL Spring Registration

The Colchester Baseball and Softball League has opened spring registration for the 2021 season.

To register or for more information, visit [www.cbsl.org](http://www.cbsl.org). By using your account registration from last year, parent and player information will not need to be re-entered.

The registration deadline for most age groups is March 8.

Those with questions or concerns about the registration process, COVID-19 precautions, or the league in general, can attend the general league meetings, which take place the second Tuesday of each month, or contact CBSL via the website. Also, those interested in volunteering for a team this spring can contact any board member.



**Sold Out Again...** The Colchester Historical Society is temporarily sold out of *Images of America: Colchester*, the Arcadia Publishing book by Gary Walter. Book sales at the Colchester History Museum have been suspended until a reorder of books arrives. An announcement will be made when book sales resume.

### School Nutrition Program Update

Through the end of the school year, all students and children under the age of 18 can get free breakfast and lunch.

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 10-10:30 a.m. on distance learning days.

Grab-and-go meals will not be available on days when students do not come to school because of inclement weather.

Any questions can be directed to Leanne Raneheim, nutrition coordinator, at 860-537-9421 ext. 381 or [Iranheim@colchesterct.org](mailto:Iranheim@colchesterct.org).

### Resident Participates in Theatre Festival

Colchester resident Jackie Verian was among the Eastern Connecticut State University's theatre students and faculty who recently attended a virtual version of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

At the festival, the students and faculty presented their work, attended workshops, watched productions, listened to keynote speakers and attended an award ceremony.

A senior who majors in theatre, Verian earned a merit award for her involvement in choreography for the play *The Brothers Size*, which was created by Academy Award-winning writer Tarell McCraney and directed by ECSU theatre professor DeRon Williams.

### Dean's List

Colchester residents Megan Ashe, Natalie Carroll, Rissa Currie, Gabrielle Gamache and Ethan Kirkpatrick all made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Maine.

### Homeschooling Resources Available

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, the Colchester Board of Education has approved a new temporary policy to support all school-aged children who reside in Colchester – regardless of whether they are attending the town's public schools.

A limited number of educational resources are now available to homeschooled students in grades K-12. Any interested family should make a written request for access to the resources directed to [tldirector@colchesterct.org](mailto:tldirector@colchesterct.org), and will need to agree to abide by all district terms of use of resources. Home Schooling Policy 6000.IT is available on the district website, [www.colchesterct.org](http://www.colchesterct.org).

Access to, and associated data and profiles of, digital resources will end on June 30 if a student does not re-enroll in Colchester Public Schools. If interested in re-enrolling, visit the website for an updated registration process. The school board asks people re-enrolling to do so by July 1.

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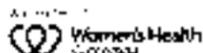


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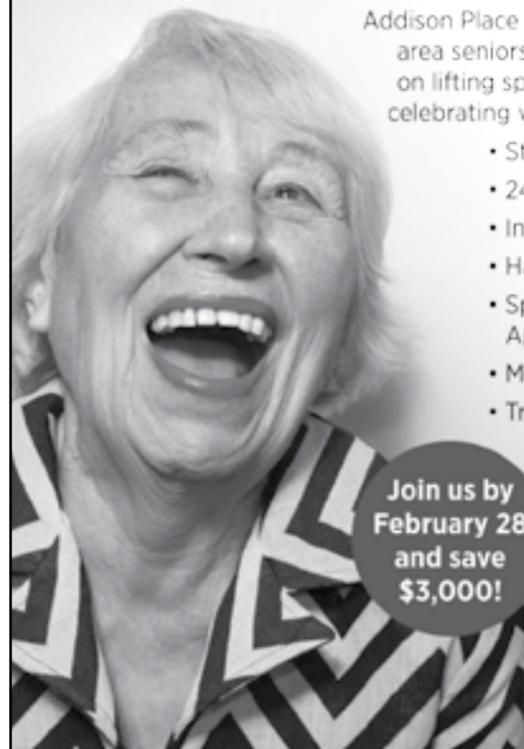
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# Library Paints Town Red, White and Pink

by Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton Public Library Director Ellen Paul recently discovered the versatility of pool noodles.

“We’re probably all crazy people for doing this,” said Paul about the library’s upcoming town wide Candyland event that will launch on Friday, March 12.

Registration for the event is open now at the library’s website.

Families will register to receive from the library a kit to accompany the game, which will include, among other secret surprises, a game board that will direct players to each Belltown Candyland site: Peppermint Forest, Licorice Lagoon, Lollipop Woods and Ice Cream Slopes.

The final stop will be Candy Castle, which happens to share an address with the library. The game’s grand prize will be kept secret for now, Paul told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday. Players and any interested should check the library’s Facebook page for a possible kit-unboxing video.

The Village Center gazebo will be Ice Cream Slopes. Cranberry Bog on the Air Line Trail will be Peppermint Forest. Candied trees will grow to make Lollipop Woods at Seamster Park and finally, Sears Park will become Licorice Lagoon.

All stops will be outside and pandemic-friendly.

Paul said 350 kits are available, one per family. Paul advises reserving quickly, as public interest in the event has been huge.

A \$1000 donation from the Middlesex Community Foundation funded the project. The money had one string attached, Paul said: use it for something fun.

Paul worked with the state Department of Transportation, the Department of Energy Environmental Protection (DEEP), as well as local public works and parks and recreation officials to make sure the game was a go.

Inclement weather, Paul said, would delay the event by a week or so, but added that no matter what, the library will sweeten Belltown.

Paul and library staff channeled their inner engineers to bring this game to life.

“Building this was so much fun,” said Paul. “This has been all hands on deck.”

Pool noodles were made into licorice and lollipops and candy canes. Game boards and kits and other candy décor had to be crafted. Permits were needed. Paul said innumerable hours have been put into this project but said it’s been nothing short of a labor of love.

“This was a joy to plan and execute,” said Paul.

And somewhere in this fray, Paul found time

to collaborate with local businesses. Village Center businesses will offer Candyland players special deals.

Willow, a Main Street gift shop, will offer a 10% discount to customers with an East Hampton Candyland game board. Belltown Massage will offer free five-minute mini massages to players.

“It was a real community effort to plan this,” said Paul. “We’re enormously thrilled.”

Library Advisory Board Chair Amy Ordonez said she is immensely proud of library staff for their ingenuity and creativity.

“I can’t wait to bring my kids,” said Ordonez. “This will really help stimulate [businesses in] the center of town.”

It is worth noting that Ordonez’s own downtown business, Studio 13, will not offer any specials during the event. Ordonez said her board membership would conflict with doing so.

Ordonez, who has extensive experience in the library field, said she has never seen a library attempt a project of this scale before.

## Fine-Free? Fine by Me

At the end of January, the East Hampton Town Council voted to end fines at the East Hampton library, a result library staff were overjoyed to hear.

Ordonez said that since joining the library board, eliminating fines has been a personal goal.

“Getting rid of fines completely frees people to take part in their library,” said Ordonez. “It’s the trend among libraries, and I’m grateful to the council for agreeing to that.”

Ordonez said she’s heard patrons say they were ashamed to return to the library to pay a fine, even if the amount was small by most standards.

Paul said no significant revenue will be lost. She said the library collected about \$1500 in fines last year.

Paul said all fines, past and present, have been forgiven and erased from patrons’ accounts.

“Everyone gets a fresh start,” said Paul.

This isn’t to say the library lacks any control over its inventory, Paul said. Should a patron keep an overdue for an unreasonable amount of time, beyond about 12 weeks, and does not reach out to the library, they can be charged the item’s full price.

“These fines were discouraging people from using a resource they pay for with taxes anyway,” Paul said.

Paul said eliminating fines also serves the goal of making the library as inclusive as possible, and helps to ensure all experiences within the building, including those of staff, are pleasant.

The elimination, Paul said, is another component of the work started last year when Paul sent to the community a comprehensive strategic survey to gauge what people want and need from a modern library.

Paul as precedent cited the Chicago Public Library’s elimination of fines, adding that it led to a 240% increase in returned items.

“People dug into their couch cushions and found those books they forgot about or were afraid to return because they didn’t know how much the fine would be,” said Paul.

All considered, cutting fines has both symbolic and practical value, Paul said.

“We’re taking away that talk about late fees, that bit of shame people sometimes feel over them,” she said. “Taking that away is a big deal.”

Paul had young patrons in mind when ending fees as well.

“I once had to talk to a little kid about a fine on their card,” she said. “That’s pretty unpleasant. We don’t want kids walking away thinking they were unwanted because they owed a little money. It doesn’t set the right tone for a continued relationship with the library.”

## Little League Registration Open

East Hampton Little League Registration is now open. Boys and girls ages 5-13 are welcome to play baseball and softball. For more information, visit [www.belltownll.org](http://www.belltownll.org). For questions, email [ehllpres@gmail.com](mailto:ehllpres@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center).

Schedules and programs have changed significantly. The center is developing virtual meetings and programming for those with internet access. In addition, the center has expanded its email newsletter and continues to mail out monthly newsletters. If not receiving either, call the center to receive a copy.

**Online Program Registration:** All program registration is now at MyActiveCenter.com. You will need your key-swipe tag number that you scan when you visit the center, as well as the phone number and email you used when originally registering at the senior center. Once registered for MyActiveCenter, you’ll only need your email and password to get back in. Call the senior center for assistance.

**Virtual Lunch Bunch:** Every other Monday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour, via Zoom. Register online. Next date is March 9; musician Hardy

Hemphill is the guest.

**Live Well Program:** Mondays, March 1-29. This is a class on living well with, and managing, chronic conditions. The class is sponsored by the Chatham Health District and offered via telephone, conference-call style, through the senior center. Contact the senior center for more information and to register.

**Tai Chi with Tom Series:** Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m., March 4-April 22. Cost is \$40. Register at MyActiveCenter.com.

**Creative Crafts/Zentangle Zoom:** Wednesday, March 24, 1-2:30 p.m. Becky Boynton will teach about Zentangle, a way to create abstract designs by drawing structured patterns. No skills are necessary. Register online at MyActiveCenter.com.

**Weekly Virtual Events:** Register online via MyActiveCenter.com. Schedule: Bingo: Tuesdays at 1 p.m.; Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register online.

**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).



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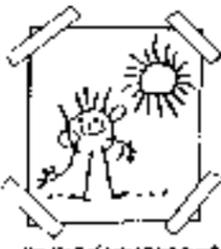
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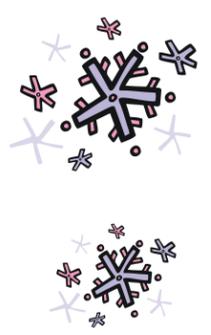
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# School Board Adopts Budget with Slight Increase

by Jack Lakowsky

The Board of Education on Monday voted 6-1 to approve the district's 2021-22 budget request, adding at the meeting a handful of items that raised the request by about \$4,700.

This brings the total East Hampton Public Schools request to about \$3.28 million, an increase of 3.3% over the 2020-'21 budget.

Republican board member Jim Radavich was the sole dissenting vote.

The board decided to add to the budget stipends for staff overseeing the middle school's Early Act club, a community service club, and the middle school and high school's Mountain Biking Club.

Teachers have been volunteering to conduct these clubs. The biking club stipend will be \$1,600, with the same amount for Early Act, according to information from Superintendent of East Hampton Schools Paul Smith.

The board's third addition was an expansion of the Foundations program for a \$1500 cost. Foundations is a spelling and phonics program currently used for grades K-3. If Town Council

and Board of Finance members approve the budget with the additions, Foundations will be extended to the district's pre-school learners.

The budget will now go to the Town Council and Board of Finance for review, with a public hearing slated for March 22.

Radavich explained his "no" vote in a letter to the *Rivereast*.

Radavich said most of the \$1 million increase is due to contractual agreements, and mostly not for new spending.

In his letter, Radavich said as a member of the district's contract negotiation committee, he will work to "slow or eliminate the increases of such contracts where possible."

Radavich also dissented because he disagrees with the superintendent's plan to use the old school board building at 94 Main St., which was vacated upon opening of the new town hall last year. Radavich said although the expense per year is minimal, it "can open the door for future [school board] members to repurpose the building even further."

Discussions over the fate of 94 Main, whether to have it house the district's IT department and STARS program for special needs adult students or to have it released to the private market continued at the East Hampton Town Council's Tuesday meeting.

After extensive discussion, the council voted 6-1 to approve the school board's request to use both the building and attached storage garage.

The storage garage is a major reason schools want the building, Smith said were they to lose this space, they'd be forced to seek a rental unit, which can be pricey.

Council members reasoned that allowing the building to be used now is better than letting it sit vacant, which would see the historical building, used as a schoolhouse as far back as 1866, deteriorate.

As to the building's historical character, Smith said other than routine maintenance and perhaps the installation of a new sink and fridge to support an adult learners culinary training program no major renovations would take place.

Smith assured the council he would not change the guts of the building in any way to make it less attractive to buyers.

Council Democratic Chairman Pete Brown, Democrat Derek Johnson and Republican Tim Feegle all said that allowing the board to use 94 Main in no way precludes a future sale to the private market.

In fact, Johnson said, because it will be maintained, the property will be more marketable if a buyer is found.

"We can use it now and sell it later," Johnson said.

Johnson noted the town's plans to improve water quality and availability to the Village Center and downtown area. Waiting until this

work has at least begun, Johnson said, would also make the property more attractive on the market.

Feegle also spoke to the efficacy of the STARS program, and the savings this has brought to the town because special needs adult students no longer need to be outplaced to other districts.

Feegle also said because 94 Main is a historic schoolhouse, the board's use is true to its long-standing purpose.

Council Republican Mark Phillhower voted against allowing school board use of 94 Main, saying he would much rather see it return to the tax base.

Phillhower also asked why, after a more than \$50 million high school renovation, would the board need more space.

The district, explained Smith, has grown even since that project finished.

Phillhower, along with two East Hampton residents who spoke at the meeting, said an understanding that 94 Main would be sold was reached during the town hall sale process last year.

"That vote last year was so slim," Phillhower said. "If this information was presented [then], it would have failed."

Brown said this was certainly discussed, but that talks last year left off with 94 Main's status up in the air.

"Some people in town wanted us to keep it," said Brown, explaining that residents were concerned that a buyer would not want to be restricted to keeping the building's historical character. Some, Brown said, feared it would be razed altogether.

"The biggest concern is that the building is empty, and unoccupied buildings deteriorate quickly," said Brown.

## 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](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org) or [facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary).

**Library Hours:** The library is 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.

**Stories and Songs:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom, for ages 1-5. No registration required.

**Family Bedtime Stories:** Mondays at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-8. This program combines stories, songs and literacy activities. Siblings, pajamas, and stuffed animal friends welcome. No registration required; just drop in. However, you can register online to receive weekly reminders for storytime.

**Virtual Afterschool Programs:** Footprints, Fribrarys, and Fundays: The library offers fun and educational after school programming for children in grades 2-5 on Fridays during the school year, and Monday Fundays for middle school students on select Mondays. Programming takes place at 4 p.m., and all programs are over Zoom. Registration required. The schedule is: Footprints, for grades 2-3, March 5, April 9 and April 30; Fribrary, for grades 4-5, March 19 and April 23; Monday Fundays, for grades 6-8, March 15 and April 19.

**Mindful Movements:** Thursdays, 10 a.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-8. This is an early literacy program for child and caregiver that combines singing, dancing, and whole body movement. Siblings welcome. For weekly reminders and recordings, register online.

**Library Becomes Candyland:** Thanks to a donation from the Middlesex Community Foundation and the Peach Pit Foundation, this March the library is transforming East Hampton into a life-size version of Candyland. Starting March 12, pick up your Candyland Kit in the library or curbside. Inside, find your game board (plus a

few extra surprises). The game board will guide you around town to visit Candy Land-themed stops, where you'll complete challenges and answer riddles. Once you've completed the game, return your game board to the library for a chance to win prizes. Registration can be done at [easthamptonpubliclibrary.org/candyland](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org/candyland).

**Cozy Crafts:** Wednesdays through March 17 via Zoom, for grades 2-5. Each week will bring a new hands-on arts and crafts project. Register for each session to reserve a project bag that contains all the supplies you'll need to participate.

**Teen Advisory Tuesday:** March 23 at 3 p.m., for grades 8-12. In this online program, teens will plan and create events and programs, and provide input to expand the library's YA/Teen collection. Teen Advisory Board requires a monthly commitment and participation; upon registration you will receive an application and agreement to be completed prior to our first meeting. Registration and applications are being taken now.

**Adult Programs:** Book Club: Via Zoom Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m., or Thursday, March 18, at 2 p.m. *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* will be discussed. Copies are available for check out at the circulation desk. Register online for the Zoom link.

**New England at 400:** From Plymouth Rock to Present Day: Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Author Eric D. Lehman will discuss his new book, covering four centuries of New England history.

**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.

## Children Sought for Preschool Programs

The East Hampton Public School System is seeking 3- and 4-year-old residents for preschool programs for the 2021-22 school year. A half-day and a full-day program will be offered.

Memorial Elementary School's half-day Integration program will be held three times a week for 3-year-old students and four times a week for 4-year-old students. Due to limited spaces, selection for peer models will be determined through a lottery process. If selected, peer models demonstrating age-appropriate skills will be assigned by age to either a three-day- or four-day-a-week schedule (2.5 hours per day).

## Police News

2/6: After an investigation into a car-vs.-guardrail motor vehicle accident on Middletown Avenue, wherein the operator left the scene, Kathleen Flannery, 65, of 196 East Hampton Rd., Marlborough, was arrested and charged with failure to obey a stop sign, failure to drive right, evading responsibility and operating under the influence, East Hampton Police said.

2/10: Douglas Deveau, 46, of 15 Minnetonka Trl., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and failure to drive right, police said.

Also, from Feb. 8-14, officers responded to three medical calls, two motor vehicle crashes and eight alarms, and made nine traffic stops, police said.

Memorial's Smart Start Program will be held five full days per week (8:50 a.m.-2:50 p.m.), following the East Hampton Public Schools calendar. Priority will be given to 4-year-old children that meet income guidelines or have other factors for consideration. Other applicants, regardless of economic or risk factors, will then be selected.

Parents interested in proceeding through the selection process must pick up an application/information packet at either Memorial Elementary School, located at 20 Smith St., or East Hampton Public Library, located at 105 Main St.

The completed parent interview form, immunization form and a proof of residency must be returned to Kelly Caruso at the Memorial School office no later than March 19. Once all three forms are returned, parents will be contacted by phone, no later than March 26, to schedule a time to bring their child for the screening and lottery/selection process.

Forms received after March 19 will not be accepted.

## Sponsors Sought for Summer Concerts

The Joseph N. Goff House seeks individuals, local businesses and organizations to help sponsor the annual Joseph N. Goff House Gazebo Music Series, which will take place six Thursdays this summer at the Center School Gazebo in the East Hampton Village Center.

Sponsors will be listed by donations level in promotional materials and posters displayed around town and handed out at concerts. Donations are: Baritone, \$250; Soprano, \$150; Alto, \$75; Tenor, \$50; and Bass, \$25.

The Joseph N. Goff House is a nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible. New members to the board are welcome. Call 860-205-7376 for information. Donations can be mailed to The Joseph N. Goff House, c/o Melissa Pionzio, 61 Smith St., East Hampton, CT 06424.

Visit [goffhouseehct.blogspot.com](http://goffhouseehct.blogspot.com) for updates and band lineup.

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**Parks and Rec. News & Notes**

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, call 860-267-7300 or visit easthamptonrec.com.

**Morning and Afternoon Adventure:** Parks and Rec.'s before and after school program held at Memorial School has availability.

**No School 1/2 Program:** Friday, March 12, 9 a.m.-noon, in the Town Hall community room. Fee: \$30.

**Parents' Night Out:** Friday, March 19, 5-9 p.m., at the Town Hall community room. For students in grades K-7. Fee: \$35.

**Spring Egg Hunt:** Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m., at the Center School field. Fee is \$5, and space is very limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Registration required.

**Adult and High School Pick-Up Soccer:**

Wednesdays, April 21-May 26, 6:30-7:45 p.m., at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St. Fee is \$40 for the whole session or a \$10 drop-in fee each week.

**Cardio Kickboxing:** Mondays, April 26-June 2, 4:45-5:30 p.m., at the Sears Park gazebo. Fee is \$140 for the whole session or a \$15 drop-in fee each week.

**NFL Flag Football League:** Sundays, April 18-May 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at East Hampton Middle School. Fee is \$115.

**Girls Volleyball Clinic:** For grades 6-8. Tuesdays, April 20-May 25, at EHMS. Fee: \$100.

**Golf Tourney Save the Date:** The Seamster Park Golf Tournament will take place Thursday, Sept. 2, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

**Knights of Columbus Raffle**

The Knights of Columbus Belltown Council 6190 is again offering Connecticut State Council raffle tickets.

There are 10 prizes to be awarded. First prize is \$5,000; second is \$3,500; third is \$2,000; fourth is \$1,500; fifth is \$1,000; sixth is \$600; seventh is \$500; eighth is \$400; ninth is \$300 and 10th is \$200.

The drawing will be held Friday, April 30, at 9 p.m., at the Hartford Marriott Downtown, 200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased through any of the Knights members or by calling Bob DeMarchi at 860-267-5978.

**Beginner Bellringer Preschool**

East Hampton High School's Beginner Bellringer Preschool Program is now taking applications for the 2021 school year. Parents may have a preschool application sent to them by contacting Kasey Tortora at ktortora@easthamptonct.org. All applications must be received by March 31.

This year, there will be sessions of preschool with a distant learning option, and a maximum of 12 preschool students. The schedule is three afternoons per week (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). The preschool is open to 3- to 5-year-olds (as of Jan. 1). In some cases, the school will accept older 2-year-olds.

The preschool program will begin in March and end in May. There is a materials cost of \$200 per student. Enrollment is limited. Applications will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. All children must be toilet-trained. For more information, contact Tortora.

All preschoolers must present completed documentation of a current physical and adequate immunizations before the start of the program.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

The Chatham Health District will hold a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for people aged 65 and older on Wednesday, March 17, by appointment, at East Hampton High School.

Call the East Hampton Senior Center at 860-267-4426 for more information or to schedule your appointment.

**VFW Post 5095 and Auxiliary Meeting**

VFW Post 5095 Commander Roger Anderson and Auxiliary Madame President Kelly Ezold will hold their respective separate meetings Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m., at the Post Home, located at 20 North Maple St.

Anderson will call for nominations of officers for the ensuing term.

On the agenda will be discussion of upcoming events and renewed activities, as COVID-19 guidance has become somewhat relaxed.

Attendance does require wearing masks and adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. All are welcome to participate.

**Grant Applications Due in April**

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission welcomes grant applications from East Hampton organizations and individuals with programs and/or projects designed to enrich residents' lives through the arts. Deadline to apply is April 1.

There are two \$500 grants available. Grants will be awarded to East Hampton individuals or organizations the commission determines will have the most potential impact of arts and/or culture on the town. Incomplete forms will be denied; applicants can resubmit.

Criteria for awarding grants: The artistic and organizational quality of the organization and/or project and its likelihood of continuing viability or success, and the organization's or project's accessibility and service to the East Hampton community.

Grant recipients must credit the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission on all press releases, posters, print advertising and programs.

An interview may be requested of the candidate prior to awarding the grant. A progress update will be required six months after the award date, with a final report required one year after the award date.

Visit [www.artsforeasthamptonct.org](http://www.artsforeasthamptonct.org) for applications; mail them to Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424, or email to [arts@easthamptonct.org](mailto:arts@easthamptonct.org).

**Honors List**

East Hampton residents Samuel Laraia and Rebecca White made the spring 2020 Honors List at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Floram campus, located in Madison, N.J.

**Dean's List**

Evan Selger of East Hampton made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Selger is in the electrical engineering technology program.

**President's List**

Lindsay Orbann of East Hampton made the fall 2020 President's List at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Orbann is working toward a degree in business.

**Pot Roast Dinner**

The Missions' Committee of the Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam at 52 Middle Haddam Rd. is preparing a classic pot roast dinner for pick up on Saturday, March 27, from 2-4 p.m.

The dinner includes pot roast, potatoes, carrots, onions, winter squash, gravy and challah bread. It serves 4-6 people and comes in a reheatable pan. Cost is \$30.

To reserve dinners, call Betty at 860-214-5429 or Kathy at 860-510-8102. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, March 21.

A percentage of proceeds will be donated to the East Hampton Food and Fuel Bank.

**Haddam Neck**

**Covenant Church News**

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. online at [www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church](http://www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church) or in-person with masks, social distancing and safety protocols. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger.

**Puppet Ministry:** Each Sunday the Church's Puppet Ministry features Digger the Dog from Farmer M's Red Barn to help Cowger explain the meaning of the message topic.

**Bible Study:** Cowger hosts a Zoom study entitled "God's Peace and Prayers" every other Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. The foundation of the study is the book *Armchair Mystic -- How Contemplative Prayer Can Bring You Closer to God*. During Lent, the study group will look at various Bible passages and apply the imagination tool outlined in *Armchair Mystic* to gain a deeper understanding of what is happening in the passage.

Call the church office at 860-267-2336 for more information. Office hours are 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Dean's List**

East Hampton residents Ryan Arndt, Shelby Gancarz, Noah Gibson, Harley-Marie Lyford, Jason Marshall, Cole Olson and Sean Svaestad all made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration packets for the 2021-22 school year is available at the Memorial School foyer and online at [www.easthamptonps.org/o/memorial-school](http://www.easthamptonps.org/o/memorial-school).

To secure a screening appointment, return all completed registration paperwork to the school office or drop box in the foyer by Friday, March 26. Memorial School is located at 20 Smith St.

A parent information night will be held Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m. Details to follow.

Kindergarten screenings will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the week of May 24-28.

**Christ Episcopal Church News**

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd (mailing address: P.O. Box 81) Middle Haddam, will not hold in-person Sunday services until further notice. Sunday services are at 10 a.m., and Wednesdays during Lent at 6 p.m. there is a service of Holy Eucharist. Both services are available on Zoom.

Christ Church Virtual Sunday School conducts lessons, conversations and activities that follow the Gospel appointed for each Sunday. The sessions are held at 11 a.m. and are also on Zoom.

The church is collecting Lenten contributions to St. Vincent's School for physically-challenged children in Port au Prince, Haiti. Contact the church for more information.

The Rev. Ann Perrott is Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard oversees 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](http://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com).

**Antique Appraisal Day**

The Chatham Historical Society will host its 25th annual Antique Appraisal Day Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the new Town Hall at 1 Community Drive.

There will be four appraisers - two in person and two virtual. Verbal appraisals will be given on furniture, artwork, glassware, china, musical instruments, military pieces, dolls, jewelry, quilts as well as European, Asian, and Island items, and more.

There is a suggested donation of \$6 per item for this event. This is a fundraiser for the continual upkeep of the society's two museum buildings and 1840 one-room schoolhouse on Bevin Boulevard. The COVID-19 pandemic had canceled all previous society fundraisers and events going back to last March. Tax-deductible donations to the Chatham Historical Society, a non-profit 501c3 entity, can also be made at this event.

Masks are required and seating will be set up, with six feet between each person. For more information, call 860-267-8953.

Visit [chathamhistoricalct.org](http://chathamhistoricalct.org) or the Chatham Historical Society's Facebook page right before the event, for word of any possible cancellation.

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### Richmond Library News & Notes

The Richmond Memorial Library building, located at 15 School Drive, remains closed, but there are many services still being offered. For more information, call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info.

**Library2Go Curbside Pickup:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Library2Go Take & Make Kits:** Kids ages 4-10 can pick up a kit with instructions and materials to make a braided polar animal heart. Parental supervision and/or help may be needed. Available while supplies last.

**Young Chefs Winter Series:** Friday, Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m., for ages 8 and up. Learn to make sweet potato gnocchi. Space is limited; email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

**Storytimes:** Children ages 2-3 can meet virtually at 10 a.m. Mondays, March 8, 22 and April 12. Children ages 3-5 can meet virtually at 10 a.m. Fridays, March 12, 26 and April 9. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

**Exploring American Lighthouses:** Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., via Zoom. John Mann, lead docent at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum in Ponce Inlet, Fla., will discuss the 12 American lighthouses that have been designated as national historical landmarks since the 1930s, and then delve further into the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse itself. Email the library to register.

**Financial Wellness Wednesday:** Wednesday, March 17, 6 p.m., via Zoom. Rebecca Miller from the Financial Awareness Foundation will discuss retirement income planning. Learn how to address common risks in retirement and

create a successful income plan. Email the library to register.

**Shaker Song and Dance:** The Hancock Shaker Village will present this virtual program for adults Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Did you know that the Shakers (or “shaking Quakers”) got their name from the ecstatic spiritual movement that characterized their early forms of worship? They also were prolific songwriters, creating more than 20,000 songs, about half of which exist today, including the famous “Simple Gifts.” Music and dance vitalized their spiritual selves. In this participatory program, examples of Shaker songs will be shared, and one or two “laboring” songs will be taught, with motions that express Shaker values of unity, humility, and peace. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

**Morning Book Club:** Held virtually the second Thursday of each month, from 10-11 a.m. On March 11, *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson will be discussed. Copies of the book may be picked up at the library via curbside pickup.

**Book Drop:** The book drop is open. Items are quarantined for three days (72 hours) before being checked in. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

**Curbside Printing:** Email a JPEG, DOC, or PDF to richmondprograms@gmail.com and staff will print it for you. Standard printing charges still apply; the first two pages are free, then 25 cents per black and white page and 50 cents per color page. Exact change must be put in a sealed envelope with your name on it and left in the library book drop. Staff will contact you when the item is available for pick-up. Allow up to one full business day.

### Preschool Lottery Applications

All public school systems in Connecticut are responsible for the identification of children who may be eligible to receive special education services. The Early Childhood team at Marlborough Elementary School is accepting applications for current resident children interested in its peer model lottery for the 2021-22 school year.

Eligible children must be at least 3 years old by Sept. 1, and parents/guardians must complete and return a questionnaire no later than Friday, March 26. Children identified as kindergarten eligible (those turning 5 by Dec. 31) are not eligible to be peer models for the coming school year.

Call Marcy Spellman at 860-295-6236 for a screening packet or more information.

### Kindergarten Registration

Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School in Marlborough will accept registration packets for kindergarten students for the 2021-22 school year Wednesday, March 3, from 9-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m., and 5-6:30 p.m.; and Thursday, March 4, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Due to current COVID-19 protocol, all completed kindergarten packets should be dropped off at the school’s main office located at 25 School Drive.

Children are eligible for kindergarten if they will be 5 years old by Jan. 1, 2022. Registration packets have been sent home to prospective kindergarteners. If you have an eligible child and have not received a registration packet, please contact the school office at 860-295-6220.

If you receive a registration packet and do not plan to enroll your child, you are asked to notify the school as soon as possible.

### Dean’s List

Marlborough residents Nathan Green, Marisa Lee and Amanda Rudder made the fall 2020 Dean’s List at the University of Hartford.

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Michael William Dziatko of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean’s List at Norwich University in Northfield, VT.

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Samantha Bodey of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean’s List at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Bodey is working toward a BSBA degree in business analytics and information management.

### Arts Center

#### Preparing for Tag Sale

Marlborough Arts Center, located at 231 N. Main St., is planning its annual tag sale for as soon as COVID-19 restrictions will allow. In preparation, in February it is accepting donations of household goods and other tag sale items, Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

No books, TVs, or clothing are accepted. Donations may be left at the lower level of the center, next to the door.

#### Lions to Raffle Kayak

The Marlborough Lions Club is raffling off a new kayak and a one-year rental of a kayak rack at Marlborough’s Blish Park. The use of the rack at Blish Park is limited to Marlborough residents, but the raffle for the kayak is open to everyone.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each and will be sold at various locations March 1-April 30, or can be purchased from Marlborough Lions Club members. The raffle drawing will take place at Blish Park at noon Saturday, May 1. You do not need to be present to win.

The Marlborough Lions support local services such as the Marlborough Food and Fuel Banks and provide such services as an annual vision screening of children at Marlborough’s elementary school.

For more information and to purchase raffle tickets, call Lions Club Chairman Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537 or Lions Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116.

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### Congregational Church News

The Sunday worship service at Marlborough Congregational Church is livestreamed every Sunday at 10 a.m. through the church website, [mcc.marlborgchurch.org](http://mcc.marlborgchurch.org), and follows the usual order of Sunday worship.

Regular participants include church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber, Carolyn Brodgiński, organist Dave Mulligan, and other musicians and participants from the church and community. A Message for the Children by Christian Education/Junior Youth Director Gwen Lawson is given immediately following the worship service.

Sunday services are recorded and available for viewing on the church website later that same day. All previous worship services can be viewed through the webpage. The Feb. 28 worship service will be led by Pastoral Intern Val Seaver.

Mission-giving through March will go to Marlborough Food Bank. To donate, make your check payable to MCC, note "First Quar-

ter Missions," and mail it to the church at P.O. Box 57, Marlborough. The Senior High Youth Group sponsors the Drive-Thru Café, now held twice monthly. Donations to the group for this project may be made through the church; note "Drive-Thru Café."

A Wednesday evening Lenten program is held each week via Zoom. Call the church office for more information.

Phone messages are checked at Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432 and at the church office at 860-295-9050.

All students in grades 5-7 are invited to Junior Youth Group. For more information, contact Gwen Lawson at [gwendolynn78@yahoo.com](mailto:gwendolynn78@yahoo.com).

Amazon Smile donates .5% of purchases back to the church when you sign in using [smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1038392](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1038392).

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](http://bit.ly/MCCebay).

### 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.stjfchurch.org](http://www.stjfchurch.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 a.m. 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@stjfchurch.org](mailto:tbrysgel@stjfchurch.org), and Confirmation

Grades 9-10 should contact Confirmation Director Jen O'Neill at [oneill.jen@comcast.net](mailto:oneill.jen@comcast.net).

**Youth Group and Youth Leadership "Teen Emmaus":** High school students continue virtual meetings and connections. Contact O'Neill for 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](mailto: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.

### Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, March 4, from 1-6 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive.

To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

### Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full descriptions or to register, visit [marlbroughct.recdesk.com](http://marlbroughct.recdesk.com) and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203. Parks and Rec. advises people not to wait until the last minute to register, as the program may be canceled if minimum registration is not fulfilled by a certain date.

**Youth Programs: Kids Intro to Machine Sewing 101:** Thursdays, March 11-April 1, 5:30-7 p.m., for ages 8-18. Class instruction is virtual. Kids will learn the basics of machine operation, sewing basics seams, hems, elastic application and more. Materials will be delivered. All participants must have their own sewing machine. Fee: \$103/residents, \$108/non-residents.

**Kids Sewing - Kids Bunny Slippers:** Monday, March 29, 3:15-4:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 4-8. Kids will create fleece booties complete with bunny ears. Each participant will take home their projects. All supplies are included. Fee: \$38/residents, \$43/non-residents.

**Kids Easter Candy Workshop:** Tuesday, March 30, 3:15-4:15, at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 4-8. Kids will temper choc-

olate to make Easter bunnies and other treats. Fee: \$28/residents, \$33/non-residents.

**Kids Private Virtual Sewing:** Days, nights and weekends are available. Fee is \$48 for a 90-minute session.

**Adult Programs: Private Virtual Sewing:** Days, nights and weekends are available. Fee is \$48 for a 90-minute session.

**Barre/Pilates:** Choose Mondays, March 1-29, from 5:30-6:15 p.m., or Wednesdays, March 3-31, from 6-6:45 p.m. Fee: \$50/resident, or a \$15 drop-in fee each week. Class instruction is virtual.

**Yoga:** Choose Mondays, March 1-29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Tuesdays, March 2-30, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$50/resident, or a \$15 drop-in fee each week. Class instruction is virtual.

**Zumba:** Thursdays through March 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Fire Station No. 2, or virtually if preferred. Drop-in fee each week is \$10.

### E-Mail Letters

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# Democrats Hope to Move Elections to November

by Sloan Brewster

The Andover Democratic Town Committee wants local municipal elections to take place in November.

At the Feb. 11 Board of Selectmen meeting Brian Briggs, a member of the Democratic Town Committee [DTC], made a request to add the proposal to change the elections from May to November to a referendum ballot due to low voter turnout.

"Some of the voters aren't voting [in May], so we would like to put it on the ballot and see if people are interested in changing it," he said. "It would save us money and it would have more people turn out."

This year's May election will not include candidates for the Board of Selectmen but three positions on the Board of Education will be up for election, First Selectman Jeff Maguire said.

Andover, according to Town Administrator Eric Anderson, is governed by charter, which specifies that elections must take place in May.

"At one time there were a lot more towns that did May elections but most towns have switched to fall elections," he said.

According to a letter to selectmen by the DTC, Andover is among just four Connecticut towns – Union, Bethany and Woodbridge are the others – that hold elections in May.

"May elections are costly, unnecessary, and turnout is nominal," the letter reads.

According to the letter, it costs the town \$3,000 to run elections each May. In 2019, 531 people, or 24% of the town's approximately

2,200 registered voters, showed up at the polls. In 2017, the number was even lower with only 203, or 9%, making their way to the polls.

However, 2015 saw a relatively high turnout of 999 people, or 45% of voters. Statewide voter turnout from the November municipal elections that year averaged 33%.

Anderson, in a phone call Wednesday, said there has been talk about changing to November elections "off and on for many years."

The process to make the change is spelled out in the town charter and must be done via charter revision, "which is not a short process," Anderson said.

It would start with the Board of Selectmen empowering a Charter Revision Commission. That commission would report back to selectmen with recommendations on what changes to make in the charter and selectmen would accept the recommendations or ask the commissions to revisit the charter once again.

If the board decides it agrees with proposed changes, they would be put before voters to make the final decision.

"If you have any chance of it passing, you would have to do it with a general election," Anderson said. "Best at a presidential election, so you get the widest turnout but you might be able to do in one of the wider elections in No-

vember."

Anderson suggested to selectmen that the town include a non-binding question in the next May election, asking people if they are in favor of changing to fall elections and then look at the charter.

Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien concurred and echoed the DTC, stating that turnouts in May elections "are pretty poor."

"What Eric said is absolutely accurate; it's a charter matter," he said. "In order to change that you would need a charter revision."

O'Brien said it was on ballot 10 years ago and failed, along with the rest of the proposed charter revisions.

He said the matter could be added to the ballot in time for the 2022 state election.

Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville said there has been lots of discussion about switching elections but that some people are less keen on the idea because they don't think local politicians running for election during bigger elections will get as much coverage in the newspaper as the higher profile candidates will.

The DTC addressed that concern in its letter.

"It is the thought that May elections give us more exposure in the local paper and therefore more turnout," the letter reads "Based on the numbers received from our registrars, this assertion does not stand up. With respect to the issue of letters to the editor, letters will be posted no matter what the month. People concerned about local elections will seek out any letters about candidates even in a busy month."

The letter went on to call May elections "an obsolete rule" with no advantage to the town and that it "just depletes our funds."

Maguire said he did not recommend putting the question on the May ballot but would prefer to see it in November, when the total community is represented with a larger turnout with people with lot of different views.

"Personally I sit there and think, you know out of a lot of things that have been going on right now, I may not agree with all of them," he said. "But that's one I agree with is a November election would be better for our community. It would cut down on expenses and it would make things a little bit simpler."

Mandeville agreed.

## Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Enter through the Narthex. Masks and social distancing are required. If you don't have a mask, a mask will be given to you. Sunday School for children is provided.

The service also streams live on the church's Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Andover, CT). For more information, call the church office at 860-742-7696, email [andoverctchurch@gmail.com](mailto:andoverctchurch@gmail.com) or visit [www.andoverctchurch.org](http://www.andoverctchurch.org).

**Bible Study:** 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 church pastor the Rev. Rose Nilson will send you the meeting link.

**Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. CDC guidelines are observed and masks are required.

**Foodshare Van:** Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; it will next be there March 3.

**Sonshine Stampers:** This group meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church to make greeting cards. All are invited. Masks and social distancing required.

**Walk-In/Preorder Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner:** Friday, March 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. Preorder at 860-742-7696. Dessert and beverage included. Cost is \$12.

## Kindergarten Registration

Andover Elementary School is registering kindergarten students for the 2021-22 school year. The kindergarten program is full-day.

Parents of children who will be age 5 on or before Dec. 31 can call the school office at 860-742-7339 to obtain a registration packet, or download it at [www.andoverelementaryct.org](http://www.andoverelementaryct.org).

Parents choosing to have their child attend an alternative kindergarten, not attend school until the following year, or who will be home-schooling are asked to inform the school of this decision.

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## Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following news items have been announced for Andover seniors.

**COVID-19 Vaccinations:** Shots now available for Andover seniors age 75 and over. Call 877-918-2224 and register to receive your vaccine shot. If you will need a ride, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122.

**Rides to Medical Appointments:** Call Palazzi to reserve a ride. All seniors, veterans, and ADA individuals are welcome. Masks must be worn in the van; if you have a caregiver that person may come with you. Temperatures will be taken by the driver.

**Shopping:** The bus picks people up at home and takes them to Manchester for shopping 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. This 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.

## Preschool Screening

The Andover Board of Education, through the Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center, will hold a screening Friday, March 5, for children that reside in Andover and are 3 or 4 years old.

The screening will be held differently this school year due to the ongoing pandemic. School staff will send home an age-appropriate questionnaire for parents to fill out about their children. The questions are in the areas of speech, language, cognitive, and motor development. Parents will then receive information which will assist in fostering their child's growth, if needed.

If interested in having your child screened, contact the director of special education at 860-742-7339 or at [maioranoh@andoverelementaryct.org](mailto:maioranoh@andoverelementaryct.org) to request an ASQ-3 questionnaire.

There will be another screening Friday, May 14.

## Preschool Openings

Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center is accepting applications for preschool students for the 2021-22 school year.

Andover's preschool program is full-day. Before- and after-school care is available. Children who will be 3 on or before Dec. 31, 2021, are eligible to attend. The learning center receives funding for reduced tuition rates from two state grants: The School Readiness Grant and The Smart Start Grant.

Call Principal John Briody for more information at 860-742-7339. For registration packets, call the school office at 860-742-7339 or download one from [www.andoverelementaryct.org](http://www.andoverelementaryct.org).

## School Board Vacancy

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the Andover Board of Education for a term ending June 30 should send a letter of interest to:

Andover Board of Education Vacancy,  
17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232.

## Dean's List

Miranda Olbrias of Andover made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

## Get to Know the Library

To celebrate National Library Lovers Month, the Andover Public Library will host a virtual "Get To Know Us!" tour via Zoom Wednesday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m.

The program will be hosted by children's programmer Cathy Campen, with assistance from library director Amy Orloski. The program will cover a little bit about the library's history, as well as where you can find things, how to get a library card, and the various services the library offers for the public...even during a pandemic.

To attend, visit [Zoom.com](https://www.zoom.us) and click on "Join a Program." The meeting ID is 828 5891 1137 and the passcode is 994033.

## E-Mail Letters

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

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★ **Vaccination Clinic cont. from page 1**  
 breaths” after the first shot in case they had any reactions to it. Ultimately, they only experienced slight soreness on their arms for a few hours.  
 From the second dose, they had “absolutely nothing” in the way of reactions, she said.  
 Eaton said she understands some people have decided not to get the vaccine and that there are those who feel it’s “being pushed on us” but she and her husband don’t share that opinion.  
 “We don’t feel that way at all,” she said.  
 After the Eatons received the vaccine, they got in their car and took a drive to Massachusetts to visit their son and his family and saw their two grandchildren for the first time since October.  
 “We felt as if we were not necessarily bringing something to them and, if they had something, they were not going to give it to us,” she said. “We feel pretty comfortable about it. We still wear our masks whenever we go out and

practice our social distance.”  
 The second dose for folks who went to the clinic at RHAM will be given on March 20.  
 “We are anxiously awaiting word from Chatham Health District when they will be holding another clinic,” Garrard said.  
 Melmed said he was not sure when that will happen, as the state Department of Public Health (DPH) is encouraging local health districts to pause on planning for clinics for the general population to focus on bringing the shot to educators.  
 “I think the plan is to give local health departments an extra dose for educators,” he said.  
 The district is working with local superintendents to plan those clinics, Melmed said.  
 In the meantime, it is wrapping up previously scheduled clinics, including one in Portland next week and another in East Hampton the following week.

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### Tri-County Baseball Registration

Registration is now open for the Tri-County Baseball spring and summer programs for players aged 13-19 (as of April 30, 2021).  
 Registration for the 2021 spring recreational season runs through March 15. Spring programs include a 13-14-year-old division and a 15-18-year-old division against teams from Glastonbury. Games will start in late April and run through the beginning of June, and will be played at West Road Field in Marlborough and Glastonbury fields.  
 Summer registration ends Thursday, March 25. Teams will play in the Kokinis Baseball League ([www.kokinisbaseball.com](http://www.kokinisbaseball.com)) against teams from the greater Hartford area. Divisions include a 13-year-old Prep, a 14-15-year-old Junior, and a 16-19-year-old Senior. This is a competitive league, with teams playing a 16-game schedule plus single-elimination playoffs. Games start June 7 and run through the end of July. The championship games will be played on July 31 and Aug. 1 at New Britain Stadium.  
 To ensure the safety of players, coaches and families, Tri-County Baseball will continue to follow federal, state and local health board guidelines and learned best practices.  
 To register for both programs, visit [tricitybaseball.org](http://tricitybaseball.org) and click “register now.”  
 For more information on any of the programs, contact Chris Caputo, president of Tri-County Baseball, at [c.caputo@comcast.net](mailto:c.caputo@comcast.net).

### HAMR Softball Spring Registration

Early bird registration for HAMR Softball ends Sunday.  
 HAMR Softball is a non-profit, fast-pitch Little League softball league, for girls age 5-14 from Hebron, Andover and Marlborough. It offers several divisions, open to all girls, including T-Ball, Rookies, Minors, Majors, and Juniors. Skill instruction ranges from basic fundamentals and game play to advanced skills and game strategy. Fundamentals are a focus. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.  
 Early bird registration runs through Feb. 28. Fees: T-Ball, \$50; Rookies, \$75, Minors/Majors/Juniors, \$120. Those registering after Feb. 28 will incur a late fee.  
 To learn more about HAMR and to register, visit [www.hamrsoftball.org](http://www.hamrsoftball.org).

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### Youth Baseball Registration

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### Project Graduation Planning Underway

Parents of RHAM High School juniors and seniors are invited to join AHM Youth and Family Services’ Project Graduation Committee, as it begins planning for this year’s celebration.  
 For more information, visit [ahmyouth.org](http://ahmyouth.org), click on “menu” and select “Project Graduation,” or contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 12 or [jenniferb@ahmyouth.org](mailto:jenniferb@ahmyouth.org).

### AHM Offering Developmental Screenings

AHM Youth and Family Services is offering free developmental screenings for all families with children ages 4 months-5 years in Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia.  
 Using the questionnaire “Ages and Stages,” children will be asked some questions and perform a series of activities to check on their development in different areas.  
 Screenings take about an hour and are completed with parent/caregiver and child present. Screenings will be done at Gilead Hill School in the Family Resource Center by appointment, with proper COVID-19 precautions taken.  
 Contact Jahna Sieckowski at [jahnna@ahmyouth.org](mailto:jahnna@ahmyouth.org) or Becky Murray at [beckym@ahmyouth.org](mailto:beckym@ahmyouth.org) for more information.

### AHM News & Notes

AHM Youth and Family Services has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 12 or [jenniferb@ahmyouth.org](mailto:jenniferb@ahmyouth.org).  
**Ear Acupressure Workshop:** Wednesday, March 10, 7-7:45 p.m., via Zoom. Joe Pandolfo, a NADA detoxification specialist, will discuss 5-Point NADA protocol, history of this ancient Chinese practice, how it soothes the nervous system and helps the body detox. In addition, there will be a demonstration of proper ear seeding technique. Cost is \$5 per person. To register, visit [www.ahmyouth.org](http://www.ahmyouth.org), click on “menu,” and select Health Matters from the list of programs and services. This workshop is funded by a grant from the Cigna Foundation.  
**CHORES Program Getting Ready for Spring:** AHM is accepting applications from teens ages 14-18 from Andover, Hebron and Marlborough to participate in this program. Teens will earn \$12 per billable hour and will work up to two hours per job at a senior citizen’s

### Scholarship Available

Carl Guild and Associates has announced its community scholarship program for local high school seniors entering college in the fall. There are five \$1,000 scholarships given, one each in East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, East Had-dam and the RHAM school district.  
 There are no restrictions or qualifications; all local seniors can apply. For applications, visit [www.carlguild.com/scholarship](http://www.carlguild.com/scholarship) or ask your school’s guidance counselor. Deadline is April 1.

### AHM Creative Kids Readers Theater

AHM Youth and Family Services has kicked off another season of theater for kids in grades K-6 living in Andover, Columbia, Hebron and Marlborough.  
 AHM and Playhouse Theater Academy of West Hartford will offer six weeks of theater entitled Creative Kids. The six sessions will be offered virtually through Zoom on Tuesdays, March 2-April 6, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost for all six sessions is \$75/student. Scholarships are available through AHM’s Colleen Keenan Memorial Fund for families experiencing financial hardship.  
 The six-week theater experience will explore storytelling by encouraging each participant to create their own play based on a children’s book. Workshop exercises and games will focus on acting, storytelling, puppetry, and character building. On the final day of the series, participants will have the opportunity to share what they have learned with family and friends.  
 To register, visit [ahmyouth.org/2021-virtual-theater-program-registration](http://ahmyouth.org/2021-virtual-theater-program-registration).

home; due to COVID-19, only jobs outside the home will be scheduled until further notice. Visit [ahmyouth.org](http://ahmyouth.org), click on “menu” and select CHORES from the list of offerings. If you are a senior citizen 60+ years and this program is of interest, contact your town’s senior center.  
**Health Matters Free Self-Care Video Library:** This collection includes fitness and nutrition videos (Mission Wellness of Colchester), sketching tips and techniques (Beverly Fisher of RHAM High School), yoga flow and meditation (Anna GLOWacki Yoga), core fusion (Donne Bellmore of Wildflower Fitness) and as a bonus an opportunity to join a weekly live Zumba Fitness class via Zoom (Tressa Giordano). This video library is available to residents of all ages in the towns of Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia. As a special exception, due to the global health crisis, AHM is welcoming surrounding towns as well. To view the library, visit [www.ahmyouth.org](http://www.ahmyouth.org), click on “menu,” and select Health Matters from the list of offerings.

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 RHAM Youth Lacrosse is open to players that reside in Hebron, Marlborough, Andover and other local towns that do not offer a youth lacrosse program. Looking forward to seeing our players back out on the field this spring! Feel free to email any questions to [ascibek@gmail.com](mailto:ascibek@gmail.com).




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## Obituaries

### East Hampton

#### Craig R. Brown

Craig R. Brown, 73, of East Hampton, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family, Wednesday, Feb. 17. He was born in Hartford, son of the late Leon and Doris (Nichols) Brown.



Craig attended East Hartford High School, class of 1965, and studied finance at American International College. Craig served our country in the U.S. Army in South Korea as a finance officer for the seventh division and continued to work in finance throughout his career.

Craig always focused on building community, and served as property manager, association president, and consultant at Mallard Cove in East Hampton during his retirement. He was an avid bass fisherman and was known as "The Captain" of Lake Pocotopaug, as he knew the lake intimately and loved to show local residents how to navigate the lake safely and where to catch (and release) the biggest fish.

Craig was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, son and friend to all that knew him. His spirit of kindness, love, empathy and gentleness will live on with all who were blessed to know and meet him.

Craig is survived by his beloved wife Denise (Fournier) of 30 years; his daughter, Heather McHugh, her husband Ryan, and their two children, Brooke and Brody; his twin brother, Mark; his sister, Sandy Jerbert and her husband, Jeff; nephews, Michael and Steven Byam and their families; and many special friends.

A gathering at the lake is being planned for family and friends this summer to celebrate Craig's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.act.alz.org/donate](http://www.act.alz.org/donate).

To leave a condolence online for the family, go to [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

### Colchester

#### Mary Tasker

Mary Elizabeth Webster Tasker, 97, entered eternal rest Friday, Feb. 19, to join her beloved husband Norman and daughter Kathleen Mary. Mary was born in Colchester April 14, 1923, daughter of Frances (Lyman) and Daniel Adams Webster.



Mary attended local schools and graduated from Bacon Academy and Bryant College in Providence, R.I. In 1943, she entered the employ of the Connecticut State Police in Colchester, first as a dispatcher and finally as secretary to the commanding officer of the Eastern district. She was employed by the state police for 28 years.

On June 21, 1952, Mary was married to State Police Trooper Norman Tasker of West Hartford at St. Andrew Church in Colchester. Norman retired as lieutenant colonel, second in command of the CSP. They shared 45 wonderful years together until God parted them on Aug. 23, 2007, by calling him home. Their only child Kathie predeceased them on Nov. 18, 2002.

A daily communicant of St. Andrew Church for as long as she was able, Mary was a member of the Ladies Guild and one of the first Eucharistic ministers. In 1997, Mary and Norman were commissioned at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City as Knight and Lady of the Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusa-

lem. Mary was past president of the Auxiliary to the Donald A. Bigelow Post 54 of the American Legion, life member of the Auxiliary to the Adler Boluck VFW Post 6690, Connecticut State Police Academy Alumni Association and the Connecticut State Employees Association.

Mary is survived by her closest friends, Charlotte and Melvin Locke, Susan and Paul Trama, Father Michael Giannitelli, Kathleen Miller and Don MacKenzie, a nephew and three nieces. We would also like to thank Assisted Living Services, Inc. and their wonderful caregivers, especially Ann and Maria Sadia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, Feb. 25, at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester. Burial immediately followed at Linwood Cemetery. Due to COVID-19, there were no calling hours.

Donations in Mary's name may be made to the Connecticut State Police Museum, P.O. Box 1945 Meriden, CT 06450.

Belmont Funeral Home LLC has been entrusted with arrangements. Visit [www.belmontfh.com](http://www.belmontfh.com) to leave condolences and memories.

### Gilead

#### Mary Hooker Porter

Mary Hooker Porter, 99, of Gilead, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 10, with her family by her side, at the home of daughter Judy and John Roy, where she had resided for the last 14 months.



Mary was born Nov. 14, 1921, at home in Gilead, to the late Dwight and Victoria (Englot) Hooker. She joined two brothers, Andrew and John, who also predeceased her.

In addition to many friends, Mary is survived by her children and their spouses. Janice and Gardner Tarbell, Judy Porter and John Roy and Mike and Donnalee Porter; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mary married the love of her life, Douglas, on Sept. 25, 1943, a boy who grew up at the other end of Gilead Street. Even at an early age they were destined to be "Together Forever." They had 70 wonderful years together until Doug's passing in January 2014. They lived their entire life in Gilead. In the 1980s, they started the restoration of the 1789 blacksmith shop at 44 Porter Rd. into their home, which Mary referred to as the "Gathering Place" because of all the holidays and celebrations that were held there with all the family and friends attending.

Mary served on numerous committees, both at Gilead Congregational Church and for the Town of Hebron. Mary was selected Connecticut Mother of the Year in 1979 and was the first woman president of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, from 1977-79.

Two of her passions were sewing and gardening. She was a 4-H leader for many years, teaching local girls how to sew. During good weather, Mary could always be found in one of her many flower gardens; each garden would definitely have some purple flowers, since that was her favorite color. If anyone passing by stopped to say 'hi' and chat, they would always be invited in for a tour of their historic home, which they were so proud of.

Mary and Doug were part of the original owners of Blackledge Country Club and they spent many hours working on the course during construction, as well as many hours manning the clubhouse.

Mary Hooker Porter, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and friend, will be greatly missed, but loving memories that she created will make our hearts smile forever.

The Porter family has entrusted her final care to Abbey Cremation Services in Rocky Hill.

An outside gathering of family and friends will be planned for a later date.

### Colchester

#### Kenneth Frank Verrill

Kenneth Frank Verrill, 45, of Colchester, passed away in Farmington Friday, Feb. 19, due to multiple complications created by the devastating and rapid progression of leukemia, that he had battled for the last three years. He fought his best fight and beat some odds through his valiant journey with that special sense of humor and optimism we all loved so much.



Born in Hartford May 17, 1975, to Richard and Lynda (Nelkin) Verrill, Kenny grew up in Colchester and loved playing baseball and softball, where his talent shined throughout his life. For his last season in Babe Ruth, he was coached by his older brother, Kevin. For many years, Kenny worked for the family business known as Fenceman and Sons in Colchester. Most recently, he worked for Eagle Fence & Guardrail in Plainville, where he was a proud union member of LiUNA Local 611.

Several years ago, Kenny found himself at a crossroad, which resulted in being incarcerated for a period of time. He worked to right his wrongs, and while there he made many meaningful and lasting friendships.

Kenny is remembered by many to have a strong happy spirit, was accepting of everyone, his great smile, conversations, and loved to make people laugh. To his family, Kenny was the sparkle in their eyes, the smile on their faces, and the glow in their hearts. Kenny gave the gift of life 15 years ago to his sister, Kelly, by donating stem cells to her when she also battled leukemia.

He will be sadly missed, but always remembered with love by his devoted parents, Richard and Lynda; son, Kory; grandson, Ryder and his mother Samantha; brother Kevin Verrill, his children Kylee, Tanner, Hunter, their mother Sheryl, and great niece Paisley; sister, Kelly and Jim Martinez, children, Rick (Bink), and Dorothy; uncles and aunts, John and Deb Nelkin, Teri Davis and Vincent Savalle; special friends, Jill Bourassa, Patience Collins, Geno Caquette, Maria Balaban, and the Nelkin Road Nudniks; along with numerous other family members and friends.

He was predeceased by his special grandparents, Albert and Jane (Cummings) Verrill; and his two best friends, Austin Doyle, who also lost a battle to leukemia; and his well-loved Grandma Dot, whom he shared a special bond with.

Three words Kenny lived by: Trust. Strength. Optimism. Staff at UConn Jack Dempsey Hospital provided Kenny upstanding care with compassion, did their best along with Kenny to beat this and ensured he was comfortable.

Funeral services will be held late spring, date to be announced.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)), Villalobos Pitbull Rescue ([www.vrcpitbull.com](http://www.vrcpitbull.com)).

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

### Portland

#### Eugene James Sullivan

Eugene James Sullivan passed away with his family by his side Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, after an eight year and one month ordeal with lung and thyroid cancer (and various other maladies). Gene was born Nov. 19, 1934, in Yonkers, New York, the fourth child of six and the third Marine of five born to the late Michael L. Sullivan and Frances (Kingberger) Sullivan.



Gene graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx before joining the United States Marine Corps in 1952. That decision led him to Parris Island Boot Camp, the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and Camp LeJeune, N.C., where he was part of the Second Battalion, Second Marines. While with the Marine Corps, he was able to travel Europe, Asia,

Puerto Rico and Cuba.

After leaving the Corps with an honorable discharge, he attended Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md., under the G.I. Bill. He graduated from The Mount in 1960 and went on to get his master's degree in English at the University of Detroit. Post-graduate life involved working for Grolier Encyclopedia, where he researched and put together entries on the Pan Am Building and recreational sailing that made it into the 1963 and 1964 editions of the encyclopedia.

Working for Grolier gradually led him west to a variety of cities including Chicago, Kansas City, Denver and, ultimately, Los Angeles, where he met and married his wife Shirley in November of 1965. They began their next 55 years together by driving across the country and eventually settling in Connecticut, where they had two children and two grandchildren.

Gene's life in Connecticut involved working in modern technologies such as computers, telecommunications and office systems. From the 1980s through the 2000s, Gene ran his own business in the telecom industry while also finding time for community service work with the United States Power Squadron, the Exchange Club, the Connecticut Chapter of the Mount St. Mary's alumni group, the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce and the local chapter of the Marine Corps League.

When not working or volunteering, he could inevitably be found on the beach at Black Point Beach Club in East Lyme, or boating with his wife and friends on the Connecticut River via the Hamburg Cove Yacht Club in Lyme. Gene loved being on the water almost as much as he loved the Marine Corps and he loved the Marine Corps almost as much as he loved being around friends and family.

Gene is predeceased by his sister, Mary Lu, and his brothers, Michael, John and Emmett. He is survived by his wife Shirley (Sanchez) of Portland; his son Tim of Portland; his daughter Amy, her husband Jeff (Stomsky), grandsons Matthew and Adam of Newington; his brother Joseph of New Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like take this moment to thank oncologist Dr. Mohan Menon, formerly of Hartford Hospital; the staff of the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital; oncology nurse Jayne Shea and the staff at the Starling Physicians Infusion Center in Wethersfield; Dr. Thomas J. Lynch Jr., formerly of Yale-New Haven Hospital; Dr. Sarah Finnegan of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Newington; the caregivers at DynamicTouch Home Care in West Hartford; and Liz Petry and Christy Billings of the Veterans Writing Group at Russell Library in Middletown.

A private service for Gene will take place at St. Mary Church in Portland. He will be laid to rest with military honors following the service at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Church in Portland or the American Cancer Society.

### East Hampton

#### Scott W. Lufbery

Scott W. Lufbery, 62, of East Hampton, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 31, at Middlesex Hospital. He was born to the late Rene and Dixie (Day) Lufbery Sept. 16, 1958.

Scott worked in the refrigeration business for over 40 years, starting in the family business, Day Supply Company, and then with United Refrigeration in Hartford until his passing.

He is survived by the three loves of his life: his wife of 36 years, Missy (Loretta) Sorvillo Lufbery, his son, Scott W. Lufbery Jr., and his daughter, Emily Lufbery, who were his pride and joy and made him proud every single day. He also leaves behind his brother, Adam Lufbery and his wife Sheila and their sons Addison and Joshua Lufbery of New Hampshire; his brothers-in-law, David Sorvillo and JoAnn Williams, Joseph and Marjorie Sorvillo, Gary and Lorraine Sorvillo; his uncles, Nevin and Beth Day and Scott and Ellen Day of Florida; many nephews, nieces and extended family; his customers and friends, who he thought the world of.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Stephen Lufbery.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather.

Those who wish may send a memorial donation to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, [donate.cerebralpalsyfoundation.org](http://donate.cerebralpalsyfoundation.org).

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*Hebron*

**Reagan Szurek**

Reagan Leigh-Marie Szurek, 40, of Hebron, passed away peacefully at home Thursday, Feb. 18. Born June 18, 1980, in Hartford, she was the daughter of Stanley "Bud" Szurek, and Cynthia (Towne) Szurek.



Reagan was a graduate of RHAM High School and attended Manchester Community College. She was well known and active throughout the Hebron community. Reagan had volunteered at Camp Hemlocks (Easterseals of Oak Hill) and various church and local child daycare facilities in the past.

As a member of the Girl Scouts she was awarded the Girl Scouts Silver Award for her work for the Hebron Historical Society surrounding the documentation of the Burrows Hill Cemetery. Reagan's sense of humor and warm heart always left everyone she met with a smile. She was a kind hearted soul who loved animals. Growing up, animals would always seem to find their way into her heart and sometimes into her home.

Although she loved her hometown she traveled as often as she could and had visited places like England, and Italy. Family meant everything to Reagan, she was a devoted and loving aunt and Godmother to her niece and nephew. Cooking brought joy to Reagan and she would always find a way to make an old recipe better. She had a passion for her family history, and had managed to successfully trace back her lineage to ancestors in the 1400s.

She will be forever loved and remembered by her parents, Stanley and Cynthia Szurek of Hebron; her brother, Gregory J. Szurek and his wife Katie of Amston; and her niece and nephew, Kaleigh and Patrick.

A celebration of Reagan's life is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27, from 2-4 p.m. at the Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A Christian Mass and Burial for close family and friends will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Reagan's name to the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, or to Protectors of Animals or the ASPCA.

For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

*Portland*

**Peter J. Karpe**

Peter J. Karpe of Bangor, Maine, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 26, at The Spectrum Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph, Mich. Peter was 63.



He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Little) Karpe; his daughter, Kathryn Karpe of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Robert Karpe of Portland; and a sister, Paula Karpe of Centreville, Va., and two step-children in Michigan.

In the summer of 2012, Peter received the news that he had acute myeloid leukemia. Peter fought hard to beat it, and in 2013, he was in remission. Unfortunately, in January 2020, Peter was diagnosed again with that same cancer. During this past year, Peter fought valiantly to live and beat the odds, but at the end, he succumbed to his illness.

Peter was born May 4, 1957, in Middletown, to the late Viola (Ciaburri) and Charles Karpe. Peter graduated from Portland High School in 1975 and immediately entered the Navy where he served for four years. For most of Peter's adult life, he worked at various nuclear power plants, the final one being Energy Palisades. Peter worked there for 26 years with the BAG Crew. Peter loved his job and all the people with whom he worked.

Peter had many skills such as plumbing, electricity, and carpentry. He was an avid reader, and enjoyed gardening and remodeling. For those who were lucky enough to have known Peter, his personal presence, work ethic, and a joy to live is legendary. Peter loved to prank his many friends, family members, and co-workers. As one of his colleagues wrote, "Nobody will forget Peter Karpe; there is no one like him. We all enjoyed his company and he made your day every time you crossed paths with him."

According to Peter's wishes, he was cremated. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in his name.

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*Marlborough*

**Martin P. Cairnduff**

Martin Perry Cairnduff, 73, beloved husband of Anna Vernali Cairnduff, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Marlborough. Martin was born Dec. 5, 1947, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, son of the late William J.W. and Sarah (Perry) Cairnduff.

Martin was a constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary of Northern Ireland for 12 years before meeting his wife while visiting in Hartford. He later worked in the security field before retiring. Martin was a quiet, gentle man who enjoyed *Harry Potter* books and movies, crossword puzzles and Formula 1 Racing.

He is survived by the love of his life, Anna Vernali Cairnduff, and their son, William J. Cairnduff. He was predeceased by his sisters Lillian Dinsmore and Sally Dornan. He is also survived by his father and mother in-law, Salvatore and Salvatrice Vernali; sisters and brothers-in-law, Enza and Stephen Dandeneau, Linda and Derek Hovanec; nieces and nephews, Andrew and Denise Dornan, William and Wendy Dornan; Sarah and Michael Whitford, in Northern Ireland; Jim Dandeneau and Emily Carson, Patrick and Tiffany Dandeneau, Elizabeth Dandeneau, Alyssa Hovanec, Tyler Hovanec; and many great nieces and nephews.

Martin's family would like to give special thanks to Carlton King, his home aide; Terry Warren (nurse) and all the staff at Active Day of East Hartford, Marlborough Healthcare & Rehabilitation, Hartford Bone & Joint Institute (fourth floor nurses and aides), Hartford Healthcare at Home nurses, OT and PT.

A private graveside service will be held for immediate family. There will be a memorial celebration in his honor later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease or the American Cancer Society.

For online condolences, please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com).

*East Hampton*

**Thomas Alvin Law**

Thomas Alvin Law, 81, passed away at Middlesex Memorial Hospital Sunday, Feb. 21, due to COVID-19. He was the son of Marie and James Law. He was raised in Ford City, Pa.

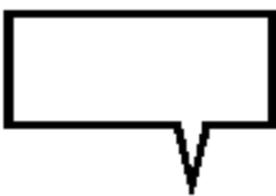


Thomas is survived by his loving wife, Ruth (Kramer) Law after 11 wonderful years of marriage. Also, he is survived by his brother, James Law of Decatur, Ill.; a sister, Sally of Ford City, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

Tom will be remembered for his love of his Harley motorcycle and the many trips he took to Pennsylvania with his close nephew, Jeff Law. Tom was a hard-working man who was kind, helpful and always generous with his time to help anyone who needed a helping hand. Tom retired from Valley Oil Co. after 35 years, and then went on to work for B&B Petroleum, where he will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date when family and friends may safely gather. Donations in his memory may be made to Third Congregational Church, 94 Miner St., Middletown, CT 06457.

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1960s, do not comply with environmental standards, and only run a few days per year at peak demand periods, like during heat waves when air conditioner use is highest.

NRG officials offered no answer when asked by Middletown council Democrat Edward McKeon if Portland, or other towns along the river, like East Hampton, would gain any benefit from the turbine project.

At a Feb. 17 meeting of the Portland Board of Selectmen, Andy Bauer, chair of Portland's Clean Energy Task Force, described the project to selectmen and Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield.

Bauer also called on the selectmen and first selectwoman to publicly oppose the proposed expansion through letters to relevant state bodies, as well as to Middletown.

"NRG could have upgraded those turbines 15 years ago, but they didn't," Bauer told the board.

Bauer said currently, because the plant's old machines are outdated and noncompliant with federal and state environmental regulation, NRG operates under "cap-and-trade" practices. Bauer said this boils down to "they pay a little more to pollute a little more."

Bauer said the increased energy product will not serve Connecticut residents, but will instead be exported to states including New York and Massachusetts, both of which limit emissions from energy production. Connecticut has no such limits.

Bauer pointed out that Portland has banned fracking waste in town, saying that the natural gas turbines will use product from hydro-fracking.

"Between the two plants, Middletown already hosts much more electrical generation than they need," said Bauer, citing state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) information. "Connecticut is already a net exporter of electricity. Middletown doesn't need more power."

The selectmen agreed to review information from Bauer and the Jonah Center, and will continue discussion of the issue at its March 3 meeting.

Prior to the Feb. 17 meeting, Bransfield told the *Rivereast* that because the issue is centered in another town, Portland will need to move forward thoughtfully.

NRG submitted their permit application to DEEP in March 2019. A public informational hearing with DEEP is slated for March 3. Comments for this step in the process will be accepted until March 12.

### 'Something Very Wrong Was Going On'

Mary Giuliano, a resident of Middle Haddam Road who for decades has lived "as the crow flies" directly across the river from the NRG plant, described her lengthy struggle against the pollutants that blow onto her property.

"Not long after I moved here, I knew something very wrong was going on," Giuliano said. Giuliano also voiced her opposition at the Middletown council meeting.

Giuliano said that in years past, she would go out to her yard to find "mercury rolling around like little balls" on the plants and furniture on her property. She also had a neighbor who would "wake up every morning to find an oil slick in his swimming pool."

Giuliano said although mercury does not materialize on her property in such egregious amounts anymore, the plant is still polluting the air with smaller, unseeable particles.

Giuliano said she approached the city's previous administration about this. She was rebuffed. Middletown health officials told her they were aware of higher-than-average rates of asthma in the region, but that it was a "political issue, and [we] won't support you."

"Six or seven women on this street have had breast cancer, all within one-sixteenth of a mile," said Giuliano. This number includes Giuliano herself. "Those women all live across from the plant's smokestacks. That's not a coincidence."

Giuliano said Middletown is failing as a neighbor to Portland if it allows this project to move forward without opposition, and that she distrusts NRG.

The *Rivereast* reached out for comment from NRG officials to Giuliano, as the company was unable to do so at the time. They said the Middletown plant "is operating in compliance with [environmental regulations] and seeks to further modernize power generation facilities on-site" but did not directly address Giuliano's association between her illness and their operation.

### Middletown Meeting

The project must also get approval from the Connecticut Siting Council, after the DEEP hearings. Without siting council approval, the project stalls. During the siting council step, there will be more chances for public input, according to NRG Senior Director of Development, Brian McCabe.

NRG Vice President of Development Tom Atkins joined McCabe in the four-hour Middletown meeting.

McCabe said planning for this project began in 2018. NRG wants to have the new turbines operational in June 2024.

McCabe said NRG wants to replace the old turbines with "modern, clean, quick start technology," and that it will "support integration of [more] renewable energy resources."

McCabe said the project will "ensure cleaner air" for Middletown. McCabe said emission rates will be reduced but omitted anything about emissions overall.

Connecticut has an ambitious agenda to be carbon-neutral by 2040. McCabe cited DEEP reports saying until this is realized, the power grid will need to be supported by fossil fuel energy.

McCabe said as the state pursues renewable energy, the turbines will likely be used "less and less" as years pass. He said the new turbines will only be used during "critical demand."

During times of crisis, like widespread power outages from severe weather events, the plant has been critical in ensuring power stays on, according to McCabe. The new units, he said, would be able to reach output capacity in mere minutes, whereas the old units take up to 12 hours.

NRG said the Repowering Project aligns with state's climate agenda by replacing less efficient units and reducing on-site emission rates of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and soot (particulate matter).

The new project will also reduce use of Connecticut River waters, which are currently used to cool the old turbines. McCabe said the new turbines will instead use air as coolant, reducing strain on the river.

NRG used as a major selling point the jobs the project would create. McCabe said at construction's peak, the project could employ up to 250 people.

Fourteen labor unions, all of which were quick to point out that their members are also among the council's constituency, voiced their support for the project.

Currently, the 62-acre site employs 46 people, according to NRG. There are no plans to increase this number of permanent employees after the project's completion.

Increased tax revenue to the city was another benefit NRG named. NRG and the city in June 2019 signed a "Tax Stabilization Agreement (TSA)". NRG said this is not an abatement. Under this agreement, NRG pays the city about \$1.8 million in taxes. After the project, operation could net the city \$2.7 million.

Part of that agreement included an assurance from NRG that union labor, including locals, would be used for construction. Every union leader who spoke at the meeting asked the council to assist in the creation of good-paying jobs that support middle class lifestyles.

Hall, along with Wesleyan physics professor Brian Stewart, said NRG's presentation was misleading and overlooked several key factors.

Hall went on to say that according to NRG's own application to DEEP, the three years of construction will not support 250 jobs for its entire duration. He explained that 250 workers would be involved for a peak workload of about 14 months, at which time the number of jobs would reduce to about 100.

"It's very significant to point out that [NRG's graphs] listed new emissions per megawatt hour," said Hall. "It's true that they're more efficient. But they are asking to be permitted to run longer."

Hall said if the project goes through as NRG proposes, the plant will be used 60 times as much as it is now.

The Jonah Center, citing emission modeling by DEEP's Air Quality Bureau, said the proposed 375 megawatt single-cycle combustion generator turbine at the NRG plant will cause a 6-fold increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, from 170,000 tons to about 1.1 million tons per year.

Due to the proposed longer run-time, the turbine will produce eight times more emissions of particulate matter, from 11 tons to 87, according to Hall.

Emissions of nitrogen oxides, Stewart and Hall agreed, will be reduced, but not significantly: from 200 tons to 125, or a 38% decrease.

According to Jonah's report, the proposed generator would use natural gas, 50% of which will be collected through hydro-fracking. Fracking leaks methane, a greenhouse gas 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

"There's no time for business as usual," Hall told the council, saying the climate crisis must be tackled immediately.

Hall also said the tax agreement between NRG and the city is disproportionately beneficial to the company.

Hall said NRG pays just one-third of the \$7 million it would pay under normal tax policy.

Hall said the city can terminate this agreement if the turbine did not clear this month's Forward Capacity Auction (FCA), a process through which energy companies obtain payments for obligations to generate power, ensuring sufficient capacity to meet demand.

The NRG turbine project did not clear the FCA, according to McCabe.

The project conflicts with the state's statutory greenhouse gas reduction goals of 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, as well as Gov. Ned Lamont's goal of decarbonizing the state's electricity grid 100% by 2040.

The project also conflicts with President Joe Biden's goal to eliminate carbon from the grid by 2035, as well as Middletown's Climate Emergency Declaration, passed in September 2020.

In his presentation, Stewart cited the higher-than average asthma rates in urban areas, a trend that holds true in Middletown. This is largely linked to increased air pollution in cities, and it's a problem that disproportionately affects Black and Brown communities, he said.

Stewart included language from the city's climate emergency declaration, which reads that Middletown plans to "establish plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by both the city and the wider community," and also that the city "recognizes that environmental injustice as a racial justice issue," and that the city will "advocate for [climate action] at the regional, state, and local levels to restore a safe and sustainable climate for all living beings."

Stewart urged the city and NRG to come to an agreement for renewable energy storage, an idea echoed by multiple citizens from Portland, Middletown, and elsewhere who called to voice their opposition.

Stewart, along with members of the public, also expressed sympathy for and a willingness to work with the many labor unions who joined the WebEx meeting.

"But we have to overcome dual thinking and embrace clean energy jobs," said Stewart. "We're positioned between a problem and a catastrophe."

Middletown council Democrat Vincent Lofredo asked McCabe if he wanted to refute any facts presented in Hall and Stewart's presentation. McCabe refuted nothing.

Ultimately, NRG agreed to explore renewable energy storage at the site, although they hadn't done so as of the meeting. McCabe said the 62-acre site could store ample energy.

### Ultimate Decision at State Level

In an interview prior to the Feb. 11 meeting, Middletown Mayor Ben Florsheim said technically, the city does not have final say in whether the Repowering Project goes forward.

"The city isn't in a position to say 'yes' or 'no,' but that doesn't mean it's inevitable," said Florsheim, adding that state officials will take very seriously any opposition from the city.

Florsheim said he plans to reach out to other town leaders in the region, including First Selectwoman Bransfield.

As of Tuesday, Bransfield said she had not heard from Florsheim.

"I think it does need to be a coordinated conversation," Florsheim told the *Rivereast*.

Florsheim predicted that across the state and nation, these kinds of complex issues, transitioning toward sustainable energy production while maintaining existing grids, will become more and more common.

Florsheim said the green energy sector will be the next "big job creator."

"Going forward, I think there will be win-win situations that the city wants to take part in," said Florsheim.



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# LEGALS

## TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of The State of Connecticut, Section 7-394 of the General Statutes, the Annual Town Audit, for the year ending June 30, 2020, is on file in the Town Clerk's office at 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT. You may also view a copy of the audit on our website at [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov).  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Gayle Furman  
Town Clerk

1TB 2/26

## LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals at its meeting on Wednesday February 10 took the following action:

**APPLICATION APPROVED:**  
APPLICATION #ZBA-2-20 - Bill Lardi & Amy Traversa (Applicant/Property Owner), 182 No Main St. is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 2 a Rear Yard Setback, & Article Six D.2.c Rear yard Setback in order to construct a single family house with a Front Yard Setback of 26.27 feet where 50 feet is required and a Rear Yard Setback of 28.26 feet where 50 feet is required.

**APPLICATION CONTINUED: PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:**  
APPLICATION #ZBA-8-20 - Gordon Sime (Applicant/Property Owner) Pettengill Vacant Lot located between 40 Pettengill Road & 39 Washington Road - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 2 a Front Yard Setback, in order to construct a single family house with a Front Yard Setback of 32 feet where 50 feet is required. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 at 7pm.  
Alan Miller/ ZBA Chair

Dated at Marlborough, CT this 17th day of February. 1TB 2/26

## Legal Notice TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Hearing

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following (contact the Land Use Department for location details):

**Application PZC-20-024:** Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station for a proposed convenience store. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B.

**Application PZC-20-026:** Long Hill Estates, LLC., Long Hill Estate Subdivision, for a Zone Change R-2 to C. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 8-1

**Application PZC-21-001:** Gloria & Troy Deleon, 16 Wells Ave., for a Special Permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit per Sec. 8.3.M. Map 05A/Block 63A/Lot 1B.

**Application PZC-21-002:** Timothy Puglielli, 155 Middle Haddam Rd., for a 2 lot subdivision. Map 02/Block 18/Lot 24-3.

**Application PZC-21-005:** JCG Properties, LLC., 9 Middle Haddam Rd., for a 2 lot subdivision. Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 5 Ray Zatorski, Chairman

Note\* any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450.

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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 March 8, 2021 via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:  
Application ZBA-21-001: Brian Galovich, 35 Highland Terrace, to increase the lot coverage from previously approved 13% to 17% to construct an 18'x36' IG pool with 650 sq. ft. concrete decking around and a 20'x30' pool house. Map 18/Block 44/Lot 78-28.  
Matthew Walton, Chairman

2TB 2/26, 3/5

## LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Zoom Public Hearing Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Zoning Commission and the Public should utilize the Zoom line.

**To join the Zoom video meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/95732320289?pwd=TTIsTk5weTBqSXRkSnVzWmVaZmtRZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 957 3232 0289 **Passcode:** DPR88q

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Note: Phone in has its own passcode different from the video conference passcode.

Application #Z-12-20 - (Formerly Application #Z-04-20)

-Special Permit - Bill G. Jonbalaj (Applicant) 21 Austin - HGB LLC (Property Owner) - South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road - Village Cluster Residential Planned Development  
Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

2TB 2/19, 2/26

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via teleconference.

Teleconference Number 877 - 304 - 9269

Access Code 423694#

APPLICATION #ZBA-8-20 - Gordon Sime (Applicant/Property Owner) Pettengill Vacant Lot located between 40 Pettengill Road & 39 Washington Road - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 2 a Front Yard Setback, in order to construct a single family house with a Front Yard Setback of 32 feet where 50 feet is required.

Interested parties can review the application materials on the Town of Marlborough Website [marlboroughct.net](http://marlboroughct.net) then go to meetings & agendas click on Agendas then go to Zoning Board of Appeals. Written testimony should be sent at least 24 hours ahead of the public hearing date to [building@marlboroughct.net](mailto:building@marlboroughct.net), and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

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# LEGALS

## TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on March 3, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:

1. Edward Wasniewski / Harvey Pond View LLC - 167 Marvin Rd. Special Permit (2021-003) - Pursuant to Regulation Section No.8.9.5.H, Farm Labor Housing.

At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning and Zoning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Planning and Zoning Commission  
Joseph Mathieu, Chair

1TB 2/26

## 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, March 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following: PZC Application#20-09: 53 Riverview Street. Request for a Special Permit Modification to locate a food truck, tables and chairs, and a special event tent. Application of Yankee Boat Yard. Property of Yankee Associates. Map 3 Lot 2. Zone FP.

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](http://www.portlandct.org)  
Dated at Portland, CT. this 17th day of February 2021  
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman

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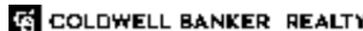




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