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Portland amateur carpenter Keith Vincenzo built this *Dr. Who*-inspired time-travelling book swap as a Halloween prop, but now it serves to transport readers to other worlds. The TARDIS book swap can be found on Route 17. And yes, it's bigger on the inside.

Portland Family Creates Unique Book Swap

By Jack Lakowsky

About three weeks ago, Portland resident Keith Vincenzo shared with the community his impressive homemade book swap, where locals can deposit a few extra books in exchange for new reads from among the shelves of volumes.

But swappers can also marvel at the artistry of Vincenzo's inspired design and expert carpentry – the structure is modeled after an iconic visual piece from his favorite TV show.

"I'm a lifelong *Dr. Who* fan," Vincenzo told the *Rivereast* Monday.

Dr. Who is a British science fiction/adventure show produced by the BBC. It initially ran from 1963-89 and then took a break before the current version launched in 2005. The show follows the eponymous "Doctor," who in a Time and Relative Dimensions in Space (TARDIS) machine travels throughout the universe to battle injustice.

The title character has been portrayed by multiple actors over the years. Vincenzo said his favorite portrayal was by David Tennant, who inhabited the character from 2005-10. Tennant is also known for his role as the sadistic Barty Crouch Jr., an antagonist in the *Harry Potter* film series.

The famous TARDIS design is based on blue police boxes, a common sight in 1960s England. It is a staple among the *Dr. Who* fandom.

In the show's mythos, the TARDIS is much, much larger inside than outside.

Hopefully, Portland can avoid cosmic crises, and the local TARDIS can stay anchored at least through the remainder of the school year, which is when Vincenzo said the TARDIS may come

down for maintenance.

Vincenzo, alluding to the pandemic, said he at least hopes to keep it going until "we have some normalcy back in our lives."

Aline Vincenzo, a teacher who works in Hartford and Keith Vincenzo's wife, said there's no better way to embody the experience of reading a book than a TARDIS – expansive within, but transportable on the outside.

"And just like the TARDIS, books can take you anywhere," said Aline. "We wanted to capture that theme."

An avid reader and lover of education, Aline wanted to share literature of all kinds with the community for free, without hassle.

As a teacher, Aline knows the struggle of teaching literature virtually, a necessity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We wanted to provide an avenue to get physical books," said Aline.

Aline also said the TARDIS served as a way to help reduce her own piles of books.

The couple said the community has embraced the book swap and they estimated between 10 and 20 cars visit the swap per week.

The couple said locals have raved about the TARDIS swap, especially for the availability of children's books and young adult literature. The Vincenzos said they've been encouraged to see a decent number of young readers visit the big blue book box.

In fact, the Vincenzos said they hope to see more young adult and kids' books donated, as they seem to fly off the shelves. Mainstream

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For Colchester Theatre Troupe, Show Must Go On

By Karla Santos

Creativity has been a lifesaver for many throughout the pandemic, and this has been especially true for members of Colchester Community Theatre. The group is set to continue its annual tradition of performing for the community – though this year, it will be a virtual production.

The theater troupe will present the play *Almost, Maine* via Zoom Saturday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m.

The play's director, Wallis Johnson, said Colchester Community Theatre (CCT) has, for 22 years, produced a musical every February. This year, because of COVID-19 restrictions the group will not be able to do the typical in-person show.

"We wanted to maintain contact with our community – our acting community as well as our Colchester community," Johnson said. "So we decided to do a virtual play."

"We really wanted to just be there for our town and the whole theatre community," she added.

Johnson noted that normally CCT's productions are performed four times in a weekend, but this time the show will only be streamed once.

"So people have to make it or they'll miss it," she said.

The setting of the play is the small town of Almost, Maine; and it tells the story of people who live in the town who experience love and loss in various but rare ways. The play, written by John Cariani, premiered in – aptly – Maine in 2004, and was selected by American National Theatre as one of the most outstanding regional theatre productions of the 2004-05 season. Following a brief off-Broadway run in 2006, it has gone on to be performed across the nation and even across the globe.

Johnson said CCT has been rehearsing the play virtually – and actors are in charge of putting together their costumes and props.

"The actors really came together to support each other," Johnson said, adding that in previous years, when the shows were held in person, the CCT worked with custom and prop crews.

Normally for its musicals, CCT has a cast of around 75 people, but this year, there are only 19.

"While we are very excited to be able to do something on our show weekend, we are also really missing the people that are always with us," Johnson said. "They just don't make virtual

shows that big."

Kevin Shirey, video editor for the group, explained that the scenes are prerecorded individually by each actor and that, with the help of technology, he will merge people together to make it look as if they were on the same scene.

The crew is also using a smart background feature offered by Zoom, through which Shirey will move the background from each actor to replace it with a background that would be appropriate for the show.

Shirey is working along with Rich Arsenault, who is managing the recordings and other technical set-ups for the actors.

Shirey said the method has proven challenging – for example, actors will have to "kiss" or "hug" each from their screens, and the tech crew has to make it look as real as possible.

"We thought this would be very easy, we thought it would be cool for actors to do, but it has provided a whole other set of challenges," he said.

Still, Shirey noted that the method works for the most part and it was a lower cost way of doing a virtual play.

He said that despite the challenges, being able to put the play together is "rewarding."

Shirey used to work in-person with CCT, but moved to Alabama in 2015 and has been helping out virtually ever since.

"It's a great way to stay connected, regardless of where we are in the world," Shirey said. "I think that's great to let people practice their art and do it in a different way."

Johnson said that, in past years, about 2,000 people would attend the CCT production over the course of the show weekend. She said offering performing arts to the town for 22 years has been a "special thing."

Johnson said that because so many people have lost their jobs or taken pay cuts due to the pandemic, the CCT Board of Directors decided to offer the production for free to members of the public.

"We are asking people if they are able, to make a donation and we are going to send at least 50% of that donation to the Colchester food and fuel banks," she said.

To watch CCT's production of *Almost, Maine*, visit www.showtix4u.com/event-details/45871 for a link and the opportunity to make a donation. To learn more about CCT, visit www.colchestercommunitheatre.com.

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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

More good vaccine news this week. NBC Connecticut reported Wednesday morning that the White House said Tuesday states will receive an additional 10.5 million doses of the coronavirus vaccine over the next three weeks. Pfizer also announced plans to deliver 200 million doses of its vaccine by May – earlier than its initial forecast of July.

So, as the vaccine becomes more widely available, it seems like a good time to relay some information I received this week from the Russell Mercier Senior Center, about how to find vaccine clinics in the state.

The public directory of vaccine clinics is at www.211ct.org/vaccineclinics. All clinics require an appointment to be made in advance. When viewing the directory of vaccine clinics, click on 'More Details' for specific information about how you can schedule an appointment at each location. Those eligible to receive the vaccine who are unable to self-schedule an appointment due to lack of internet access or access to technology, a disability or a language barrier can call the COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Assistance Line at 877-918-2224 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment.

I strongly feel the vaccines will be the best way to crush this pandemic – allowing life to finally return to normal. I'm amazed this has gone on as long as it has. When annual events started to get canceled last spring, the not just hope but expectation was that they'd be back in 2021. The reality is sinking in, though, that this won't be the case.

Sloan Brewster reported last week that the Maple Fest in Hebron has already been canceled, for the second straight year. St. Patrick's Day parades across the country have also been scrapped – although some places have opted for a postponement instead of a full-out cancellation. Scranton, Pa., for example, has optimistically moved its parade to September. I certainly hope things are better by then. With the encouraging vaccine news, I'm crossing my fingers they will be.

Less good coronavirus news: Mask non-compliance continues to be a thing. Delta announced recently it has barred 880 people from flights due to refusal to wear a mask. And that's just one airline; industry group Airlines for America reported recently that

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Messages of Kindness... For the last month, encouraging messages of kindness and positive affirmations have been showcased throughout Jack Jackter Intermediate School. Taking the lead from the posters, four students in Tammie Bakaj's grade 3 classroom, Piper Owens, Bailey Cowell, Kaylee Krol and Madison Raulukaitis (pictured from left), took the initiative to create and hang their own notices of kindness and encouragement. They shared their posters with their fellow third-graders. Students may tear off a compliment and share it with a friend. Positive messages included "you are valued," "you are amazing," "you matter," "you make a difference" and more.

Bulletin Board

Someone asked me the other day if I have a Facebook page. I don't and for one simple reason: I'd be embarrassed to have everyone know how boring my life is—I mean, how many photos can you post of yourself lying on the couch with your favorite partner (i.e., a bag of potato chips)?

Also, my tech savvy and uber-cool sons inform me that Facebook has been hijacked and despoiled by "old people" (which in their estimation covers an age range of about 40 to 110) and is no longer a valued means of communication among people who matter (i.e., people like them).

This is fairly typical of my experience with modern technology, TV shows, self-checkout methods, etc.: by the time I've gained a rudimentary understanding of what's involved, the world has moved on and what I've finally mastered is obsolete and "uncool."

Not that I have any interest in becoming a Facebook poster.

Facebook, for those of you who are you less even technologically savvy than I, is a place somewhere in cyberspace where you can post pictures of yourself and "friend" people to keep them up to date on what you're doing and what's new in your life (i.e. Look at me! Look at me!). The extent of what people post and how often they update it seems to depend on how much attention they need (or, alternatively, how self-important they are).

Why anyone should care about the dumb stuff they're doing is another question entirely.

A cursory scan of the kind of personal news people post on Facebook leads me to three conclusions: 1) What is important to you means nothing to me and 2) If this is what makes your life interesting, it is amazing that the suicide rate in this country isn't higher than it already is and 3) Lots of young people apparently haven't gotten the word that Facebook is no longer cool.

Some typical Facebook type postings:

New babies. Why do people with newborn babies feel compelled to post photos of the birthing process for all to see, generally accompanied by breathless dissertations on the wondrous spirituality of the whole thing? As someone who kept his eyes squeezed tightly shut through the birth of his own two children, I have absolutely no interest in seeing video or a photo montage of your kid emerging into the world from mom's nether regions, accompanied by all sorts of nasty slime. Contrary to what you seem to believe, you are not the first person in the civilized world to have children. Get over it. And if you must take photos of the whole disgusting process, keep them out of public circulation for God's sake.

How great you're doing. With the possible exception of your mother, nobody wants to hear all the gloating details about how you just got a promotion at work, a big raise, are engaged to an heiress and spent the summer sailing off Nantucket. For your information, I have a canoe and I could be boating right now if I wanted to—at least I could be if someone hadn't stolen the paddles when I was in the package store buying booze in an unsuccessful effort to drown my sorrows.

How great the kids are doing. I think it's wonderful that your youngest son got into Harvard and plans to major in astrophysics. No, I don't think you're bragging. I'd want to tell the whole world, too. By the way, does he still play with dolls? Not that there's anything wrong with that.

Party photos. For some reason, high school and college age kids think they should post photos of themselves and their friends having a good time—which typically seems to involve copious amounts of beer and sticking their tongue in the ear of a member of the opposite sex. While these may be of great interest to future employers doing background checks, I don't need to see photos of parties I wasn't invited to. I don't want to be reminded of how much fun it is to be young. You know what I did for fun today? I got the snow shovel out of the garage, scooped up a dead possum from the end of my driveway and deposited him in my neighbor's recycling bin. Did I feel the need to post pictures of it on Facebook? No.

Your new shoes. Really? And I thought my life was boring.

Cute pet photos. No, I don't think 4,000 photos of your hamster doing everything from licking himself to retrieving a tennis ball is overkill. Oh, it's a dog?

Bragging about your exercise regimen. Wow, you're training for the Boston Marathon? I could do that too, if I wasn't so fat and lazy.

References to your 'lovely bride.' Would you please stop referring to your wife as your bride? That was over 40 years and (between the two of you) about 300 pounds ago. Considering that she refers to you as "my albatross," I'd say the honeymoon is over, pal.

Jim Hallas, Publisher

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Find Trump Guilty

To the Editor:

In Trump's first impeachment trial, the Senate called no witnesses and heard no testimony. With the exception of Mitt Romney, the Republicans voted to acquit. This enabled Trump to continue his attacks on democracy as he campaigned to become dictator-in-chief. He encouraged the mob to attack the seat of our government in a most violent way, threatening our elected representatives who were performing their sworn duties. After promising to lead the march, he retreated to his quarters to enjoy watching the ensuing mayhem.

If Trump is not convicted in next week's trial, we must live with a new idea that

"No man is above the law, except the president." God help us if this were ever to become true. I am convinced that he must be found guilty.

Ed Gyllanhammer – Portland

Erasing Colchester's History

To the Editor:

At a Zoom meeting on Feb. 1, the topic of Pierpont Bacon came up and a white man played the old song about trying to erase history. His lack of self-awareness was astounding as he failed to recognize a history that Colchester has already erased.

First, the timing: On Day 1 of Black History Month, he lamented about the erasing of a white man from history. Are the 11 months of white history not enough? Then we were reminded that we need to "learn from history." I agree, but it seems the lesson about taking a new and diverse lens to our history was missed.

Two hundred+ years ago, Colchester effectively erased approximately a dozen people from its narrative. These were the enslaved people owned by Pierpont and Abigail Bacon. These human beings were the industry that enabled Bacon to accumulate the wealth that he then bequeathed to the school. It is also likely that the same slave labor built the building we cherish. They lived, labored, and died constructing the institutions we now venerate.

Colchester needs to do more than just acknowledge these people's existence. We need to hold them up as providers/benefactors and creators of one of the oldest continuously operating high school in the country. This is in our power. Please consider getting involved with the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Commission here in town.

Amy Domeika – Colchester

Note: Domeika is a member of the Colchester Board of Education but said she is speaking as an individual.

Preserve Historic Integrity

To the Editor:

We live at 51 Long Hill Rd. in the northeast corner of the Village of Middle Haddam, which is part of the Middle Haddam Historic District and zoned R-2 Residential. There is an application before the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission to make a complete change or change a portion of the 17.86 acres abutting us at 53 Long Hill Road from R-2 Residential to Commercial. We feel that any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Commission should take into consideration the fact that this land is subject to the Middle Haddam Historic District Ordinance and as such, any development would be controlled by the MHHD Commission.

The boundaries of the Historic District took a long time to establish and resulted in a comprehensive, larger and meaningful district, following the residential borders and serving as a buffer from commercial intrusion. Any attempt to change zoning that would compromise the natural residential boundaries as established is unacceptable and precedent-setting. The proposed application, if not approved, should not present a hardship to the applicant.

The historic integrity of the Village of Middle Haddam is worth preserving as a taxable asset for the Town of East Hampton.

Ronald and Lois McCutcheon
Middle Haddam

Thanks from Lions Club

To the Editor:

The Colchester Lions Club wants to thank the residents and businesses of Colchester who contributed to our Annual Appeal. We understand that this has been a difficult year for many, and we greatly appreciate the members of our community who have stepped up to support our Club's efforts during this pandemic. This money helps make up some of what we would normally raise with our traditional fundraisers such as Carnival, Craft Fair and our Pancake Breakfast which we have been unable to hold this past year.

The money raised from this campaign will be distributed throughout the Colchester community in the form of scholarships, as well as, through direct service projects this winter and spring. Thank you again for your support! If anyone would like to still contribute, please mail your contribution to: Colchester Lions Charities, Inc. P.O. Box 423, Colchester, CT 06415.

kindest Regards,
Nicole Reardon, President
and Annual Appeal Chairs
Colchester Lions Club

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Not Remaining Silent

To the Editor:

Last week's *Rivereast* included letters from a few readers who were appealing for a more affable political discourse. While I appreciate their sentiment that vitriol is divisive, and we should favor more unity and positive change, this assertion implies there are two equivalent camps who hold equal realities. There is an old saying that a shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will.

The truth is there is a paranoid subculture of conspiracists, who subscribe to radicalized beliefs. They are unreachable, they hate their own government and will go to infinite lengths to spread fear and panic. Now is the time that favors confronting this type of radical intolerance, as both a necessary truth and a positive form of change. The idea that calling out aggressions of voter suppression, systemic racism, sedition, white supremacy and mask shaming isn't comfortable, and therefore is a charade and serves no purpose, is imprudent. The reality is, attempting to reason with a seditious mob who murdered a police officer, while besieging the capital and launching an insurrection to overthrow the U.S. government, is beyond polite conversation.

If this rabble were capable of debating policy based on the facts, of being self-reflective enough to welcome unity and refrain from peddling absurdities to anyone who will listen; we wouldn't be having this conversation in the first place. Ultimately, this has less to do with politics. It's about a collective awareness and refusing to remain silent about things that matter.

Joe Stevens – Hebron

Toys for Tots

To the Editor:

Again I have the pleasure of saying thank you to so many people. 2020, what more could be said that hasn't already been said about such a crazy year?

The 2020 annual Marines Toys for Tots toy drive was a huge success because of you people; you made a lot of kids out there very happy this year.

Thanks go out to: Bud's Café and your loyal customers, you did a great job again this year; CSB in Portland, great job, keep up the good work with those fancy trucks; Stor-U-Self Storage in Portland, great job, Mike; and thanks to the Klick family in Portland, great job. Also, to everyone who donated a toy or toys to the program, I say thank you and I salute you all; you people make this program work.

Jim Soder
Middlesex County Commandant
Marine Corps League

Grayville Road

To the Editor:

The *Rivereast* article "Dispute Over Access to Trails on Grayville Road" missed the key issue. The DEEP proposal for Blackledge forest block (Proposal) was not influenced by a lone resident. It was drafted without soliciting input from adjoining property owners. They, along with everyone else, were given the opportunity to comment when the proposal was issued. Once this is clear, the comments made by those given attribution appear unduly biased and furthering an agenda.

The proposed relocation of forest access from the end of Grayville to other more suitable locations was driven by concerns that "there is only 7% of the total land area not being disturbed by recreational traffic. The current unauthorized trail network is excessively extensive and constructed with no consideration to its negative impact on soils, vegetation, wildlife. Actions need to be taken to stop this illegal use" referring off road trails.

More broadly, Grayville Road channels too much traffic into limited parking areas located too closely to residences. The infrastructure has not kept pace with the demand and has been neglected. ATV and other motorized access is prohibited, but regularly occurs. Emergency access is often blocked. Sunset closure and parking restrictions are ignored, and enforcement is haphazard. Coordination of the township and the DEEP to address these concerns would be most welcome.

Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot worked tirelessly to preserve wilderness areas recognizing them as sources of timeless inspiration. Preservation for future generations requires we limit adverse impacts on these areas. If anything, the divergence of opinion here, appears to be about respect for the forest vs. unfettered access with limited regard for those that live in or near the forest.

David Tant – Amston

'Grandpa,' Not President

To the Editor:

In response to a recent letter about "grandpas," I'll add my opinion.

Charlotte Markham wrote an introspective letter last week. She deserves my respect. She is fortunate that she has such wonderful memories of representative "grandpas" in her life and was moved to write about them. "Grandpas" epitomize hugs, fishing, ice cream, car repair, and worldly personal advice. Having said that, it is fair to say that her grandfather, father, husband, and son were never, and will never be, the single most powerful man in the world. That is a position that comes with responsibility beyond the comprehension of any *Rivereast* letter writer. And when that position is filled, the occupant is open to immense scrutiny by the 350 million individuals whose lives can be affected by even the most mundane of decisions. And scrutiny comes in all flavors.

Charlotte probably understands the weekly trading of vitriol in this forum. Clearly, she has opinions, as do I. For example, some see Donald Trump as a sociopathic, racist, hate-mongering antichrist (right, Edmund?). I see Donald Trump as a salesman who outsold a bunch of other salesmen. Really, really, angry salesmen. Conversely, I see Joe Biden as one of many life-long Washington barnacles that has embarked

on a 50-year political endeavor to ingratiate himself with the federal establishment, corporate power brokers, and foreign governments.

Having had aging parents, I also see characteristics in Joe Biden that should pique concern about his role as a pawn for Democrat control-mongers, a group that considers the My Pillow guy to be a bigger threat than Antifa or BLM (Edmund Smith says it's because I'm old and white).

Charlotte sees Joe Biden differently than I. Fair enough. I'm good with that. I think Joe should be "grandpa," not the occupant of the White House.

#Gabbard2024

Regards,
Ed Kozlowski – Colchester

R.I.P. Hartford Courant?

To the Editor:

The venerable *Hartford Courant* can't be long for this world given what's been going on: the latest being the sale of their iconic Broad Street presence, where I once watched magnificent printing presses in operation in the bowels of the basement. With printing now being done in Springfield, alas, the presses are no more, along with much of the *Courant's* stellar human capital that has been jettisoned.

During the 2016 presidential campaign, and through the four years of Donald Trump's presidency, readers were fed daily anti-Trump diatribes rivaling those of Stephen Colbert of CBS TV's *The Late Show*. The paper's editorial cartoons of Trump were as incessant as they were repulsive. The *Courant's* one-sided news coverage was mired in an alternate reality oblivious to rampaging violence in the streets of Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis, et al, and Hunter Biden's profiting from his father's coattails, all purposed with electing Joe Biden.

In an apparent last-ditch effort to atone for its sins, the *Courant* is now publishing conservative columnists that include stalwarts Cal Thomas and Victor Davis Hanson, much to the consternation of at least one reader who, true to his progressive proclivities to silence opposing voices, called for their banishment in his letter to the editor.

But there's one move that I'm still trying to figure out; the change from previously alphabetic designations for its separate sections as A, B, C, etc., to numerical designations of Section 1, Section 2, Section 3. In my letters to the editor I used to refer to, say, an item on A3. Now it's a cumbersome Section 1 Page 3.

Peter Kushkowski
"Almost Heaven"
Portland
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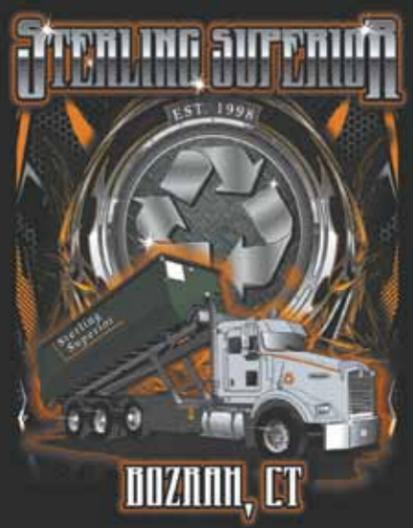
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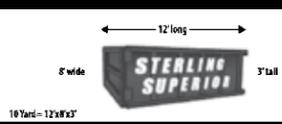
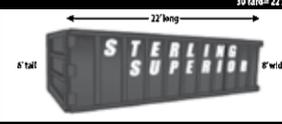
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Thanks from VFW

To the Editor:

The Portland VFW is gracious for any donation received. Two additional companies have given generous donations to the Portland VFW. Alchemy Greenhouse in Portland has supplied the VFW with outstanding greenery. Alchemy has been extremely generous in all that they have done for the VFW.

The second company to receive recognition is Portland Fence Company. They have also made very generous donations as well as volunteering to help projects become reality for the VFW. Thank you to Alchemy and Portland Fence Company for your very much appreciated donations.

Portland VFW Post 6121

Impeachment

To the Editor:

As most of us know, our two U.S. senators, Blumenthal and Murphy, are actively seeking to impeach our former president, Donald Trump. I used to think our two senators were just acting stupid. After thinking about this, I have come to the conclusion they are not acting! They really are stupid.

As I and others know, the purpose of impeaching a politician is to remove him from office. They must realize Donald Trump is no longer in office. I would think they would have something better to do and would realize this is a waste of time and taxpayers money. This action equates to taking a tire to a repair shop when it has no air leaks!

Frank Blume – Colchester

Warning

To the Editor:

I am giving some free information to the UConn sociologist students and the confused letter writers to the newspaper. Although, I'm afraid they will not see what is evidently happening right before their eyes.

Governments have a limited life span depending on their philosophies. Here is the progression of their history. Ours has done well for 250 years. The average is 200 years. Our end is in sight.

From bondage to spiritual faith.
From spiritual faith to liberty.
From liberty to abundance.
From abundance to complacency.
From complacency to dependence.
From dependence to socialism.
From socialism to anarchy.

Unfortunately, we are in the last throes of the sequence. The government is pouring trillions of dollars into the populace to create a socialist state. This removes incentive to do anything but play computer games and smoke fake cigarettes.

The fringes of anarchy have already started. Just look at the riots of last summer and the attack on the White House. It's not going to get better when the weak man in the White House eliminates jobs, destroys our work force, and floods our cities with poor, uneducated, disease-prone, dependent illegals, among many of the foolish executive orders.

I hope I am wrong, but the Joe Stevens and Ed Gyllenhammers should skip their idiotic rhetoric and prepare their lives for the destruction of the American economy.

Larry E. Zimmerman – Amston

Small Town Anti-Racism

To the Editor:

My husband and I moved to the beautiful town of Marlborough about three years ago. We love the outdoors, cooking, and our dog. We are both introverts, so we mainly keep to ourselves as many people do nowadays. We are both essential workers by pandemic standards. We are an interracial couple.

We knew moving here that the demographic make-up of the people of Marlborough is overwhelmingly white, but there are lots of other nice things about this town despite its relative lack of diversity. The citizens of Marlborough are generally friendly, hard-working people who take good care of each other. The political affiliation of the townspeople is almost exactly split in the middle. There is a lovely lake for use by townspeople. It is right off Route 2, so our commutes are tolerable. There is plenty of outdoor space for passive recreation. Violent crime rates are extremely low. We have generally enjoyed living here for the past three years.

For some intangible reason, the 8 minute and 46 second-long graphic murder of George Floyd in May ignited passion for justice in people around the world, and that is true for our household. Months ago, as a symbol of solidarity, we placed a BLM flag at our mailbox. It is meant to signal a sentiment of inclusion and support that is especially important in predominantly white towns. Since that flag went up though, we now regularly clean up an inordinate amount of trash that people have begun throwing at our mailbox on a regular basis, a relatively minor but very telling inconvenience. It is also a constant reminder of the pervasiveness of racism in what many see as the most unassuming places. More on this topic in coming weeks. Thoughts? pamcyrilong@gmail.com

Pamela Cyr-Long – Marlborough

Thank You

To the Editor:

Last Thursday we hosted our first "virtual" town hall meeting for the 2021 legislative session. We would like to thank all those who were able to join us and share their thoughts. As your representatives in the General Assembly, it's important from us to hear from you.

We started out our conversation with a question about Connecticut's vaccine distribution efforts. Our state is currently in "Phase 1b," which will eventually include those age 65 and older, those age 64-16 with pre-existing conditions, and certain frontline essential workers. Scheduling for this phase started with residents age 75 and older, vaccine clinics are operating around the state. For more information about distribution, or how to schedule appointments please visit, www.ct.gov/covidvaccine.

We also discussed the extension of Gov. Lamont's emergency powers until April 20. House and Senate Republicans offered an alternative proposal to extend his powers until March 1st and require a legislative vote for 30-day extensions. We also suggested allowing for 10 days' notice for changes to business regulations and lifting the capacity restrictions for houses of worship if social distancing protocols are followed.

Another topic of concern was state revenues and proposed tax increases. Proposals to legalize sports betting are currently making their way through the legislative process, and there is a raft of tax proposals on everything from real estate to sugar.

While the Legislative Office Building and Capitol will remain closed to the public, there are still ways for public participation and public testimony. Our caucus has created a website to help constituents navigate the "virtual" session, www.cthousegop.com/virtual-guide.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us regarding state issues or if you need assistance working with state government at 860-240-8700 or via email at Robin.Green@housegop.ct.gov or Irene.Haines@housegop.ct.gov.

Sincerely,

State Rep. Robin Green, R-55th District

and

State Rep. Irene Haines, R-34th District

Note: The 55th District covers Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough, and the 34th District covers East Haddam, East Hampton and Colchester.

Hate Meter

To the Editor:

Gary Gile of Andover and Bob Yenker of East Hampton had thoughtful letters about hate speech in last week's *Bulletin*. Reviewing the other letters there did seem to be various degrees of hate so I offer this Hate Meter.

Annie Steinbrecher, Don Denley, Charlotte Markham and Ed Kozlowski all had letters that were low on the hate meter as they mostly stated their different beliefs without much or very little hate or hateful phrases. In last week's letters I put them at one or two on the Hate Meter.

Ed Smith rates a 6 on the meter. He paints a broad brush with name-calling. Kozlowski said

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its members have banned thousands of passengers.

Shortly after taking office, President Biden signed an executive order requiring facemasks on interstate travelers. The order applies to airports and planes, trains, ferries, intercity buses and public transportation. Those who have disabilities preventing them from wearing masks are exempt, but for the rest, it's time to mask up.

In fact, it's actually well past time.

Due to the lack of any federal rules on the matter, individual airlines began issuing their own facemask requirements last spring – and that hasn't gone over well with everyone. CNN reported last month that since the pandemic started, flight attendants and crew members have reported more than 200 incidents to the federal government in which they were harassed or threatened over in-flight mask policies. Some of the incidents have been so severe, pilots have had to turn around and return to the gate.

One particularly ugly case came last August when, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, a passenger on an Allegiant Air flight from Florida to Illinois allegedly hit a flight attendant, screamed profanities and grabbed a phone from them as they were talking to the captain about the passenger's refusal to wear a mask.

To try to quell such behavior, the FAA has announced that, through March 30, passengers who assault, threaten, intimidate or interfere with airline crew members can face fines of as much as \$35,000 – and even imprisonment, CNN reported.

It's a shame people need to have that hanging over their heads to be deterred from doing

that Smith is a teacher. It's hard to believe if that's true.

The winner though is Joe Stevens. He gets an 8 for hate. His comments include phrases calling people malcontents, gullible half-wits, coalition of dunces, etc.

It's difficult to take someone like Stevens seriously when he spews so much hate.

William Oliver – Hebron

Thank You, Donald Trump

To the Editor:

First, I'm expressing my thanks to Donald Trump for expediting the drug companies to develop and manufacture a vaccine for this terrible virus. Next I'm very happy to see that our nursing home residents, health care workers and first responders received their shots. But wait, how did Da Nang Cry Baby Blumenthal and his sidekick Murphy get theirs. Oh I see they are those special ones, do as I say not as I do. These are the same Democrats that launched a \$43 million fake Russian collusion case, a failed coup attempt and a dumb impeachment trial. The second impeachment trial is dumber than the first one cause the Constitution states you cannot impeach a president that left office.

Donald Trump did everything he said he would in his term and he even gave us three raises, for those of us that receive a working paycheck. You elected a president that can't even recite The Pledge of Allegiance; how pathetic.

God bless our great country.
Butch Przekopski – Colchester

just the decent thing. Wear a mask. It amazes me people are still clinging to their beliefs that masks don't work. There's been so much evidence they do. So many scientists and medical professionals are in agreement. The CDC has reported time and time again that they do.

And, from a personal standpoint, I have firsthand evidence they do. A couple of months ago, I spent time around someone who two days later tested positive for COVID-19. I of course quarantined and tested – and I wound up being negative. As did everyone else I knew who had been in contact with that person. Why? We all wore masks. I firmly believe that made the difference.

And if I'm wrong – so what? Unless you have a disability, how does wearing a mask impede you? Every so often I still hear people complaining about "my freedoms being taken away." But really: what freedoms? Unlike last spring, so many things are open now. You can go out to eat. You can go to the movies. You can go shopping at your local mall. You can fly on a plane. If you have to mask up while doing it, what's the big deal?

Look, I can't tell anyone what to do. (I'm sure a lot of readers are glad I can't.) But I strongly encourage masking, getting vaccinated when you're eligible – and hopefully, sooner than later, this all may be behind us. I very much miss my old life. I'm sure many of you do as well. The "two weeks to stop the spread" has turned into a hell of a lot longer than two weeks. But if we all band together, I'm hopeful we can crush this awful, awful pandemic.

See you next week.

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To the Editor:
Grab your tin-foil suit and hat and get ready for a new era in education with QAnon conspirator Marjorie Taylor Greene on the Education Committee. Under her warped influence, children will be taught that the gun-slaughter of Connecticut and Florida schoolchildren never happened, or they were staged, and the devastating wildfires in California were deliberately set by Jewish laser beams.

"Forests don't just catch on fire," Greene said in an attempt to rationalize the insane claim posted on her Facebook page. News flash Marge: wildfires are ignited by real causes such as lightning, arsonists and carelessness: California was a tinder-box. Those devastating fires were due to record-breaking heat and drought from climate change. Experiment: try lighting a fire with unseasoned wood vs kindling; the California forests were kindling.

The onus is on GOP leaders for Greene's presence on the Education Committee, demonstrating the lengths they'll go to kowtow to the far-right faction of the party. Perhaps some of them actually believe the outrageous conspiracy theories spewed by the likes of Greene. Scary.

Meanwhile, in an effort to place nonsense over science, Ted Cruz is reshaping the Trump cry of "Pittsburgh over Paris," as if climate change was only a problem in France's capital city. News flash Ted: the environmental catastrophe is called "global warming" for a reason.

But Cruz is no idiot; he is relying on the gullibility, ignorance and idiocy of others to keep him on top of the Trumpist heap-pile. Some Trumppublicans plan to canonize their hero as the Greatest President Ever, making him a deity even over Reagan.

Like Clinton and Obama before him, Biden has inherited a huge, much worse, mess from Republicans and it seems that they are not willing to work with him to make things better: personal gain and party over country.

**Thank you,
Maureen Heidtmann – East Hampton**

COVID-19

To the Editor:

Last week, I mentioned that instead of criticizing other people's biases and name-calling, we should focus on solutions to the mess we are in. To do that we first need to have an open mind and have a clear picture of the facts.

From my point of view, currently there are two main events taking place and they are both related.

One is COVID-19 and the other is climate change. I say they are both related because some forces in the world are using them to bring about "The Great Reset" and the concept of "Build Back Better." Do a little digging to learn more about those two terms and don't rely on the main news media for your sources. [Note: don't use Bing as your search engine; DuckDuckGo is less biased.]

First, COVID-19. Governments around the world have used it to control their populations and are succeeding better than any war could have succeeded. They are using fear to control their populations. Research what is happening in Eastern Europe, in countries like Czechia and Slovakia.

There is a lot of proof that wearing masks and social distancing are only successful at making fear induced people "feel better." As far as protection against the virus, I feel they are less than useless.

The Spanish flu killed about 50 million, or 3.125%. COVID-19 has killed 2.23 million people, or 0.029% of the world's population, which does not necessitate locking down, destroying the world economy, and eliminating all our freedoms.

There is a lot more I could say about this virus, but the 300-word limit is very restricting. My doctor is currently writing the book on infectious diseases, which will shed much light on how viruses work and how to build your defenses against them.

Next week: climate change.

Gary Gile – Andover

Hateful Democrats

To the Editor:

For the past four years, Democrats and the media have been demonizing Republicans, call-

ing us deplorable, racists, white supremacists, liars and more. Now, Democrats want us each to personally call out the violence at the Capitol or we are hypocrites. But the hypocrisy goes both ways. There is no marked difference between the violence over the summer and the violence in January. They blame Trump for inciting violence with his rhetoric but take no responsibility for those in their party that incited violence in American cities with their equally-appalling rhetoric. Hate leads to more hate. Violence leads to more violence.

Leading Democrats failed to call out against the violence this summer, even going so far as to ridiculously call it "mostly peaceful," even though it caused over \$1B in theft and damages, hurting the local communities the hardest. Violence was excused, even justified by some on the left and in the media. Now that a group who also feels marginalized resorted to violence, it is a horrific insurrection. I am tired of the hate being spewed in these pages against Republicans by people who are just as hypocritical as those that they selectively choose to condemn.

The Democrats are now the party of power. Do they genuinely want to unite us or continue the divisive accusations that push us further apart?

**Respectfully,
Erika Bonaccorso – East Hampton
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Baseless Paranoias

To the Editor: Gary Gile neglects providing a single statement or executive action to support his claim that "Biden wants to punish half the population because they did not vote for him." Don Denley also neglects providing any examples to support his rambling vexations that President Biden and Democrats are employing "Nazi," "KKK" and "Marxist" methods. Drinking too much Andover hooch from lead pipe stills might explain these lapses.

Stephen Markson of Portland is all a dither about "four or five writers on opposite sides of the political spectrum" who disturb his quest for "sharing the country in peace." He imagines this as his Rip Van Winkle moment, unperturbed that American Democracy is in crisis. "These are the times that try men's souls" wrote Thomas Paine, and Markson represents the 'sunshine patriots' that "shrink from the service of their country."

This is about the Capitol mob, elements of

which sought to assassinate Nancy Pelosi, Pence and AOC. It's about bludgeoned Capitol police, murdered, or lives taken by their own hands in the aftermath of personal trauma unendurable. It's about rioters revering the Nazi swastika, after 291,000 WWII American soldiers gave their lives to put that loathsome symbol back inside Pandora's Box. It's about white supremacists denying equality to our minority citizenry, after 350,000+ Union soldiers and Lincoln gave their lives to save America from earlier white insurrectionists, preponderantly from the South and less-educated classes, as is still the case today. It's about constant Republican attacks upon our free press, upended ties with our NATO allies, Republican bluster, buffoonery and self-evident falsehoods.

Gile, Markson and Yenknor - stop being milquetoasts and openly choose your side. Denley and Koslowski, dig deep into your intellectual potential to retrieve for Rivereast readers just one specific example supportive of your consistently baseless paranoias.

Edmund Smith - Andover

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Vocal Chords Celebrate 31 Years

The Portland-based Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords will celebrate its 31st anniversary on Feb. 13.

The Vocal Chords group was founded Feb. 13, 1990, by Middlesex Hospital Registered Nurse Joyce Ghent. Ghent had a dream of helping others through music after observing a seriously ill patient respond when singing softly to him. Gathering a few hospital employees, she started the Vocal Chords. Since that beginning, MHVC has grown to more than 90 voices strong.

Although the ongoing pandemic has sidelined the group for a while, it said it will continue its mission of relieving stress, lifting spirits and healing souls through music.

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) has been led the past 31 years by Gina Fredericks, a piano teacher and vocal coach who also serves as music minister at St. Sebastian Church in Middletown. As the Vocal Chords grew, the group was joined by musician Jean Samolik, who became assistant musical director. Samolik also serves as the music minister at St. Mary Church in Portland.

In addition to celebrating its anniversary, the group is also recognizing its long-term members for 2020 and 2021. For 2020 (recognition delayed due to COVID-19), the following were congratulated:

30 years, Gina Fredericks, Joyce Ghent, Louise Russo and Barbara Stone; 25 years, Betty Pear, Phyllis Chiodo and Tricia Blanks; 20 years, Diane Abdull and Sandy Zajac; 15 years, Mary Foreman, Christine Gregorio, Linda Seferlis and Judy Sundell; 10 years, Debbi Listro, Jan Minor and Rita Phillips; five years, Diane Amici, Julie Dickinson, Kathy Kavanaugh, Debi Messina, Teri and Rod Schlosser and Loreta Tringali. MHVC also congratulated instrumentalists John Moisuk (bass) for 15 years, and Jim Stavris (drums) for 13 years.

For 2021, the following were congratulated:

30 years, Allene Kalisz; 15 years, Ellen Woodward; 10 years, Amy Jensen and Jerry Perrone; five years, Elaine Ackley, Jessica Carlson, Sue Mantie-Paul, Christopher Rasmussen and Jane Sterry.

For more information, visit vocalchords20.org and look for the group on Facebook.

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Social Justice Coalition to Host Webinar

On Monday, Feb. 15, from 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom, the Portland Social Justice Coalition (PSJC) will host a viewing and discussion of the webinar "LGBBQ and TGNC Voices in our Communities," which was recorded by Sustainable CT.

The session addresses issues facing the LG-BPQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Pansexual, and Queer) and TGNC (Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming) communities, and how gender and queer justice affects people. Those interested in participating in this viewing and conversation with members of the PSJC and Portland community may email us at portland-

socialjustice@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom meeting. You can also learn more about Sustainable CT and view the webinar on your own at sustainablect.org.

The PSJC was formed in July 2020 and partners with other groups and organizations in town to create positive opportunities for dialogue and education. All who live, work, or are otherwise invested in Portland are welcomed to join the coalition. Email portlandsocialjustice@gmail.com for more information, or find the coalition on Facebook at facebook.com/PortlandCTSocialJustice.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation is offering the following. To register or for full program descriptions, visit portland.recdesk.com or call 860-342-6757. For more information, call 860-342-6757 or email nfoley@portlandct.org or adionne@portlandct.org.

Youth Programs: Do-It-At-Home DoodleKits with Abrakadoodle: There are new DoodleKits - one for ages 3-5, and one for ages 6-12. Each kit comes with all the necessary supplies and instructions needed for five winter-themed crafts. Participants have the option of doing their crafts with Abrakadoodle over Zoom on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m., but this is not required. Fee: \$55 for one DoodleKit (five crafts) or \$100 for two DoodleKits (10 crafts). For this month's Valentine's Day-themed DoodleCraft, each registration includes instructions and all materials needed for two art projects. Check the website to see examples of each craft. Fee is \$20. These DoodleCrafts are for everyone, but children ages 5 and under may need help with cutting. As an added bonus, chocolate will be included.

Kids' Virtual American Sign Language Beginner Class: Mondays, Feb. 22-March 29, 5:30-6:15 p.m., via Zoom. Fee: \$50/residents, \$60/non-residents.

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 Hadam and the RHAM school district.

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

Virtual LEGO Masters: Wednesdays, Feb. 10-March 17, 4-5 p.m., via Zoom. Fee: \$100/residents, \$133/non-residents.

Adult Programs: Tai Chi for Long Life: Via Zoom Wednesdays, Feb. 10-March 31, 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays, Feb. 13-April 3. Fee: \$40 for either eight-week session. Contact Parks and Rec. if interested in drop-in registration.

Virtual Paint Night: Thursday, Feb. 18, 7-9 p.m., via Zoom. Each participant will receive a canvas board and paints. Fee: \$22. If you need brushes, add \$5.

Boat America - Online Boating Safety Course: Wednesdays, March 16, 17 and 23, 6:30-9 p.m., via Zoom. For Connecticut, the course enables the student to apply for the Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO). This certificate allows the holder to operate a boat up to 65', to operate a personal watercraft, and will include the Safe Water Skiing Endorsement. Fee: \$60; additional participant fee: \$55.

Personal Euphoria - Spring Session: Starts the week of April 5. Check the Parks and Rec. website for more information about Full Body Refresh, Barre, Pilates, High Interval Training, Tighen & Tone, and Core Strength.

Project Graduation Fundariser

Melilli Caffé and Grill in Portland donating a percentage of all sales every Wednesday this month to support Portland High School Project Graduation.

On Feb. 10, 17 and 24, anyone who mentions Project Graduation when ordering will have 25% of the cost of their purchase donated to the committee, which puts on an all-night drug- and alcohol-free party held for PHS seniors the night of their graduation.

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Trinity Episcopal News

Due to COVID-19, Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., is not currently holding inside Sunday services or Church School. 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.

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 social distancing.

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

Valentine's Fundraiser

The Chatham Children's Connection will host a Valentine's Fundraiser. All proceeds will be used to fund activities and events for all children within the community.

Roses will be available for purchase outside of Family Dollar, 352 Marlborough St., on Friday, Feb. 12, from 4-6 p.m. while supplies last; Saturday, Feb. 13, from 1-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 14, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., while supplies last.

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Storm Postpones COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

By Jack Lakowsky

Global pandemics and snowstorms don't mix.

Local officials learned this on Monday, when an appointment-only vaccine clinic was scheduled to run at the Waverly Senior Center but had to be rescheduled until today.

"Everyone tried valiantly to save it," First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday.

Most vaccine clinics in Connecticut planned for Monday were canceled and rescheduled due to the nor'easter, which dropped a foot or more of snow across much of the state.

Over the weekend, town and Chatham Health District officials called those registered for the Monday clinic to reschedule their appointments, Bransfield said.

These doses will be given to Portland seniors 75 and older, the demographic currently being prioritized statewide. Bransfield anticipates this group will get its second dose sometime in the first weeks of March.

Bransfield said 80 people are scheduled for

today's clinic. About 100 people who are on the town's waiting list will be vaccinated at a to-be-determined date.

Fortunately, of the 716 Portland seniors in the 75 and older group, 241 received their dose before Monday's canceled clinic, about 34% of the demographic.

Overall, almost 900 of Portland's 9,300 residents have received their first dose, about 10% of the population, according to state information provided by Bransfield.

Bransfield said seniors in congregate living and patients of Hartford Hospital or Yale New Haven Health systems have received vaccines, operations that Portland had no part in.

Bransfield said residents also took advantage when Portland High School hosted an open vaccine clinic in January.

As is the case in other towns, Portland's COVID-19 case transmission ratio has begun to stabilize, although Bransfield urged continued caution and diligent adherence to safety protocols.

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.

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 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 being held virtually at this time. For more information, call Faith Formation Director Susan Ferraiolo 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.

At the beginning of January, Portland's case ratio was 60/100,000 with 78 new cases reported over the previous two weeks.

Portland's Jan. 28 report was better, with 60 new cases found, making for a ratio of about 46/100,000. However, Portland is still well into the highest alert tier - making it a "red zone" town.

For residents aged 75 and older, the town has set up a COVID-19 vaccination hotline at 860-262-7238 to schedule future appointments and to give information on the vaccine process.

Bransfield announced the hotline last week.

Call the above number during weekday business hours and a Portland Library or Senior Center staffer will return the call within 24 hours. Callers need to leave their full name and phone number.

In a January interview with the *Rivereast*, Bransfield said the hotline is an effort to help Portland's less tech-savvy residents. Several people have come to Bransfield saying the state's online registration system, VAMS, is cumbersome and far from user-friendly.

"Our seniors deserve this attention, and can't be left whistling in the wind," Bransfield said.

She went on to explain that in setting up the hotline she had in mind seniors who are able to live independently and not in senior living

facilities-where residents are more easily vaccinated- but who may need a little extra help in handling everyday personal business.

Chatham Health District Director Russell Melmed told the *Rivereast* in January that as vaccine rollout ramps up, local public health departments will need more resources.

"As we shift toward vaccinations in earnest, and if federal, state, and local governments are making the assumption that public health will do more as this process advances, then we need more vaccines and need to hire a few more people," he said.

Melmed said local health departments such as Chatham are already "beyond maxed out," with juggling clinics, contact tracing, COVID-19 testing, and the other "normal" duties that, pandemic or no pandemic, must also be accomplished.

Better management of a nationwide distribution plan is also key, Melmed said.

Melmed worries that as the vaccine rollout progresses other public health duties could fall through the cracks if officials aren't given the resources they need to effectively combat COVID-19.

"We need to make sure we support what's working without making things more difficult," Melmed said.

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Zion Lutheran Church

Zion Lutheran Church continues to offer online worship services that are available for viewing Sundays after 9 a.m. on YouTube. Search "Zion Lutheran Church Portland CT." Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan, Music Director Allen Hill and church members have worked together on the services.

Bulletins for each service are available on the church website at zionlutheranportland.org.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 183 William St. The community is welcome to participate in all worship services and special events.

For more information, or if you are in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email zion.lutheran@snet.net or visit zionlutheranportland.org.

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The annual Chill for Change fundraiser will take place Feb. 20 at Camp Ingersoll – though, due to the pandemic, it will look a little different from years past. Pictured is a scene from last year’s event.

Chill for Change Fundraiser at Camp Ingersoll

The seventh annual Chill for Change nears, to support YMCA Camp Ingersoll, will take place Saturday, Feb. 20, and although it may look a little different this year, there are still opportunities for community members to get involved – through jumping in the pond, donating, or volunteering at the event.

Despite the global pandemic, more than 600 campers attended YMCA Camp Ingersoll last summer. The camp features a ropes course, boating, nature, swimming, archery, arts and crafts, and more.

Due to COVID-19, Camp Ingersoll is again planning on limiting numbers this summer, although it will allow more campers to attend this year than last – and the Middlesex YMCA said its goal is to make the camp accessible to every family that desires it. YMCA provides over \$120,000 in financial assistance every summer. Over the past five years, the Chill for Change has added over \$60,000 to financial assistance funds, which has supported camp scholarships for over 230 children. Each year, the individual who raises the most money will receive a certificate for a free session of camp. This certificate

can be used for your own family, or gifted to anyone you know.

The 2020 Chill for Change raised almost \$14,000, and the 2021 goal is to raise over \$15,000. Adjustments for this year include limiting spectators; livestreaming the event; creating designated, socially-distanced, spaces for each participant to wait in; folks checking in before exiting vehicles; and increased sanitation protocols after participants change after jumping.

To register, visit www.campingersoll.org and click on the ‘Chill for Change’ link under the ‘Family and Events’ tab. Jumpers can form a team or jump as an individual, but all jumpers should raise at least \$100 to participate. All funds raised go directly to providing scholarships for camp families.

Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and the jumping will begin at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Ben Silliman at bsilliman@midymca.org or 860-342-2267, or search ‘YMCA Camp Ingersoll’ on Facebook.

Knights to Hold Baby Shower

The Freestone Council 7 Knights of Columbus will hold its ninth annual Baby Shower the weekends of Feb. 6-7 and 13-14. A large box for donations will be located in the Gathering Place at St. Mary Church, 45 Freestone Ave.

All items donated will be shared with Portland Food Bank, as well as Birthright, an organization that new and expectant mothers with a range of support services, including no-cost pregnancy testing, prenatal health care, and maternity and baby supplies.

Suggested new items should be unwrapped, include diapers, sleepers, blankets, rattles, bibs, bath towels, wipes, lotion, outfits, shampoo, bottles, baby bath, pacifiers, comb and brush sets, socks, gift sets, stuffed animals, blanket sleepers, crib sheets, sweaters, hats, diaper bags, booties, and more.

A box for “Respect Life” cash donations will

also be available, and gratefully received. Donations can also be mailed to Freestone Council, P.O. Box 7, Portland, CT 06480.

For more information, call Hermanson at 860-342-6117.

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 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.

Portland Library News & Notes

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

Curbside Only: Due to COVID-19 concerns, Portland Library is closed until further notice. Curbside delivery is available; hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Reserve items through the online catalog or call 860-342-6770. The outdoor book return is open 24/7, is emptied frequently, and the library continues to waive fines. If you need to print, scan and/or fax, call the library.

Hours and services are subject to change; call the library or access the webpage for current hours. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

Youth Programs: Winter Reading Program: For each row you complete on the Winter Reading Bingo card, the library will donate one can of cat or dog food to Portland Food Bank. Stop in to the library between January and February to pick up a bingo card. When you complete a row, email jrenk@portlandct.org or post a picture to the library’s Facebook or Instagram pages and write whether you want to donate a can of cat food or dog food.

Online Storytime: Tuesdays, Feb. 9 and 23, at 10 a.m., via Zoom. Share stories, songs and other activities. Registration is required for each week, and space is limited. A Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of each program.

Preschool Science: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-5. Registration is required and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.

NatureCrafting: Thursdays, Feb. 18-March 25, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom. For grades K-5. Explore the worlds of herbs, spices, seeds, nuts and other natural elements with crafts and other activities. Registration is required and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.

Family Craft Night: Valentine’s Day Wall Hanging: Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., via

Zoom. Each family member will get their own heart to decorate in this program. Registration is required and space is limited.

Teen Event: Hot Chocolate Bombs: Monday, Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. For grades 6 and up. Come find out why these treats are so popular. Registration is required and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.

Adult Programs: Mystery Lovers Book Club: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1 p.m., via Zoom. *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield will be discussed. Join remote meeting access through Zoom; the ID is 8603426777 and the Passcode is Portland.

Long-Term Care Informational Workshop: Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. The workshop is entitled “The Missing Link in Retirement Planning: Why and When to Consider Long-Term Care Insurance.” Sponsored and presented by the State of Connecticut. No insurance sales or solicitations will be allowed. Registration requested.

Portland Forum: In partnership with the Portland Social Justice Coalition, the library hosts a series of discussions that focus on representing the faces of diversity. There will be a discussion of Black history Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. The book that informs the discussion is *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. To reserve a copy, call the library or place a hold online.

Federal Tax Forms for 2020: The library has links to forms on its website, and the 1040 and 1040SR forms are available curbside. Call the library for more information on how to obtain forms.

New Tool to Identify Home Energy Consumption: The Kill A Watt power meter can tell you the actual electrical consumption of small to medium electrical devices in your home. It will also help you discover the hidden or ‘phantom’ loads that are common when electrical devices are turned off. Library patrons are able to check out a toolkit just as they would check out a book.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline: For Portland residents age 75 and older. Call 860-262-7238; leave your full name and telephone number and a Portland Library staff person will return your call. Calls will be returned Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Senior center staff will then schedule you for a clinic appointment.

Watercolor Lessons with Bivenne Staiger: While lessons at the center are currently on hold, seniors may take online lessons with

Staiger through Yale Peabody Museum’s Natural Sciences Illustration Program. Visit www.peabody.yale.edu for more information or email bivenne@yahoo.com.

T’ai Chi with Tom Cushing: Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m., via Zoom. Cost is \$40 per eight-week session, payable to Portland Senior Center. Call the senior center if interested.

Stay Connected: The objective is to help disabled adults age 18 and up and older adults age 60 and up connect with medical providers, community, family and friends during COVID-19, using assistive technology (AT) to foster improved communication. All five Area Agencies on Aging will assist with the screening process to select individuals who would gain the most from technology help. Contact the Waverly Center for full details.

AARP Driver Safety Classes: In-person classes have been canceled until April 1; however, the online course is still available along with the 25% discount. The course is available at www.aarpdriversafety.org. The promotion code is DRIVINGSKILLS.

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

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

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

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

Dean’s List

Julia Fitzsimons of Portland made the fall 2020 Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire. Fitzsimons earned High Honors.

Makayla Stefanski of Portland made the fall 2020 Dean’s List at American International College in Springfield, Mass.

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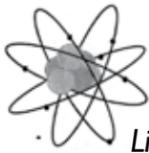


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Variety of Topics Tackled at Budget Forum

By Karla Santos

The town of Colchester recently held its first budget forum of the year, addressing a range of topics, such as recreational fields, affordable housing and COVID-19.

And while no specific spending proposals were presented, First Selectman Mary Bylone and Superintendent of Schools Jeff Burt shared some information in regards to their goals.

At the forum, resident Jeff Collins said town recreational fields need to be addressed as they are “a significant safety issue.”

Bylone told him the town is “on track to at least run the irrigation main into the complex to get water available. It really comes down to budgeting money.”

She said that in the proposed budget she will be requesting some money to be able to irrigate some of the fields and noted that there are other issues in the recreation areas that need to be addressed as well.

Resident Vincent Romano, meanwhile, asked for information on the town’s affordable housing plan.

Bylone said the state would like for the town to have 10% affordable housing – and the town is currently at about 8.4%.

“We are currently working with a couple of

developers to try to help them to move through the regulations,” Bylone said. “Their projects include affordable housing units.”

Romano also inquired as to the cost of needed school facility repairs. Burt said he is working with the director of educational operations to plan for a full inventory of all the mechanical systems and estimate their useful life and then estimate a replacement cost.

Resident Deanna Bouchard also spoke, and sought information about the town receiving government reimbursement to help address issues related to the pandemic.

Maggie Cosgrove, the town’s chief financial officer, said the town received approximately \$80,000 for overtime for emergency medical technicians and personal protective equipment; about \$55,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and approximately \$129,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The Board of Education received a grant for about \$211,000 for the remote learning expenses and about \$156,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds for in-person learning expenses.

Cosgrove said legislation that was approved at the end of December includes additional funding for the schools, but it is unknown exactly how much the schools will receive from that.

Bouchard also wondered if there are any methods or policies in place to bring in more people of color to the town and to the school district.

Burt said the district has created the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Board of Education has enacted an ad hoc committee on the same topic to examine district-wide practices.

Bylone said that on the town side a lot of it has to do with making the town a destination for everyone. “How we do that is by creating an environment that is inclusive and safe,” she said.

Bylone said one of the things she hopes to see the town’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee work on is finding out how much racism there is

in town and how it could be addressed.

Goals

The forum also included goal presentations from Bylone and Burt.

Bylone said her top priorities for the town are to provide a safe and secure environment, to maintain properties and communities, to support community culture and growth – and to be fiscally responsible.

“Fiscally responsible doesn’t mean we don’t spend money; it means that we spend money to support what we say is important,” she added.

Bylone said she wants to be able to meet the safety needs of the community, which many times depend on services provided by police, firefighters, emergency medical services and town staff. In this area, the idea is to ensure the town has adequate staffing. She noted that last year, the town hired two new firefighters, which she said “helped tremendously.”

When it comes to maintaining properties and communities, Bylone said she wants to focus on providing adequate resources to maintain roads, trees, buildings, landscaping, parks, recreation, blight and fleet maintenance.

The preservation of the historic district is on the top of the list for Bylone when it comes to supporting community culture.

“Historic district preservation is a huge part of our culture and history here in Colchester, and really sets us up as one of those prominent New England towns that have been around for a long time and played important parts in our nation’s history,” Bylone said.

In addition, Bylone said she wants to focus on providing recreational opportunities, matching social services resources to community needs, growing senior services, preserving open space, supporting farmers and supporting business development and sustainability.

To plan and support growth, Bylone said she wants to attract new businesses, develop partnerships and a marketing plan, grow manufac-

turing, update planning and zoning regulations, attract public transportation and provide affordable housing.

As for Burt’s goals, he said his priority list includes strengthening the “ABC” – an educational plan to approach the learning loss students have had throughout the pandemic.

This plan involves prioritizing instruction only on the most essential content; establishing a system of support to assist students in recovering lost learning; and continuing intervention.

Burt said he also wants to implement a long-range personnel plan as well as establish a facilities inventory to determine long-range budgeting for the needed replacements. He noted that many items within the school buildings require attention including Bacon Academy’s oil tank, which must be replaced in 2022 – and said that alone requires at least \$200,000.

Burt also stressed he wants to maintain staffing levels, continue to implement a school safety and security plan, and continue to fund the long-range facilities plan and the long-range technology plan.

Timeline

Also at the meeting, Board of Finance Chairman Robert Tarlov went over the budget calendar, which he said is posted on the town website (select “Budget Information” under “Your Government”).

On March 9, the proposed 2021-22 schools budget will be presented to the Board of Education, and the school board will hold budget workshops the rest of the month. On April 6, there will be a public hearing, to present the Board of Education and town budgets.

The Board of Finance will then spend the rest of April working on the two budgets, will hold one more public hearing May 4, and then the next day will approve the budgets and send them to town meeting. The town meeting is slated for May 19, with referendum to follow on May 27.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For more information, call 860-537-7297 or email parksandrec@colchesterct.gov. More information, including weather-related cancellations, is also at 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. For full program descriptions and to register, visit colchesterctrec.desk.com/Community/Home. Forms and payment can also be left in the Town Hall drop box. If paying by check, place any forms and payment in an envelope with “Colchester Recreation” written on the envelope. To mail in your registration, fill out the registration form and mail it and a check

to: Colchester Recreation, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415. Make checks payable to “Town of Colchester.”

Upcoming Events: Snow People in the Park: Keep an eye on the Parks and Rec. Facebook page, as during one of the upcoming snowy days Parks and Rec. will hold a “pop-up” program at the park. Parks and Rec. will hand out bags with everything needed to make snow people in the park. This is a free program.

Gentle Yoga: For ages 45 and up. All levels of fitness or yoga experience are welcome. Meets Mondays through March 3 (started Feb. 1; no class Feb. 15), from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Class meets via Facebook Live; the private link will be mailed to you after you register. Cost: \$35/residents, \$40/non-residents.

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Local Businessman Helps Out in Storm

By Karla Santos

Snowstorm solidarity was seen in Colchester as a business owner took the time to plow the driveways of people in need this week.

Eric Cummings, owner of Brakes and More, said that during a small snow fall that happened a few weeks ago, he was helping a friend and realized that there were many people that were physically not able to plow, couldn't afford to pay for plowing or a combination of both. He said he had the idea of raising funds to help people in need with plowing.

Cummings said he presented the idea to various Colchester Facebook groups and asked people for donations for the cause. He said someone donated a truck and he raised around \$5,300 that he used to buy a plow and make adjustments to the truck.

He said that after that, there was a small snow fall and about eight people called him for help plowing their driveways, which he did at no cost.

During Monday's snowstorm, he plowed about 33 driveways twice, and also cleaned the cars at those homes.

He said some people were offering to pay but he told them he wasn't taking payments.

However, if they insisted, he told them they could make a donation of any size towards things the plow truck may need such a gas.

During the storm this week, he said the community donated \$2,300.

"We took some of the money to help somebody get heat back in their home because they ran out of oil during the storm," he said.

Cummings said he is committed to maintain and pay for insurance coverage for the plow truck so that it can continue to be used in support of the community.

Cummings said he decided to take on the plowing simply because he likes to help. He said he gets a lot of support from his clients at his business – and this is a way to give back.

He said that for next winter he wants to do another fundraiser and buy two additional plow trucks – one for Salem residents and one for East Haddam.

First Selectman Mary Bylone said Cummings' help, and then seeing the community's response in donating money, is an effort that goes in a full circle.

"It's really heartwarming," she said.

Upcoming Children's Programs at Library

The following programs are offered for children this month 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 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.

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Saturday, Feb. 6, all day, for all ages. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of this day by coming into the library. There will be special Valentine Card Take and Make Bags and a treat.

Valentine Craft: Wednesday, Feb. 10, all day. All ages are invited to come and grab the Valentine Take & Make Craft Bag: A Love Monster.

Foodie Fun: Chocolate M&M Pretzel Bites: Saturday, Feb. 13, all day. Kids and teens can pick up a Take & Make Bag, watch the video on the library's social media channels, and enjoy.

Catching Snowflakes Take & Make Craft: Wednesday, Feb. 17, all day, for all ages. Celebrate winter with this craft of kids catching snowflakes. Pick up your Take & Make Bag at the children's desk.

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.

Colchester Federated Church News

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

The church remains closed to the public until further notice. The church has canceled in-person worship and Sunday School until disease rates decline in Colchester. Worship will be offered via Facebook Live at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings by a small worship team and Sunday School lessons will be shared virtually with families.

Virtual worship can also be found at www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org under the "Worship & Sermons" tab.

Virtual Vendor Fair

Parks and Recreation is planning a new spring vendor fair book, following the success of the holiday book. This time around, Parks and Rec. will expand the book to include local farms, gardeners and businesses.

Applications will be accepted until Feb. 15 and the book will be published mid-March. Each vendor will have four pages to display their items for sale. Vendors should include contact information and how to pick up and pay for items, and should be sure to follow all COVID-19 guidelines listed on the State of Connecticut website.

Registration forms are available at www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department or by calling the office at 860-537-7297.

Colchester Cares Members Donate to Community

Colchester Cares members collectively donated \$1,800 to three different causes in Colchester in January. It was the group's first distribution of 2021; they'll make three more donations this year.

Of the donations, \$900 was given to Freezin' for a Reason, the grassroots effort that raises money every winter to support the Colchester Fuel Bank; \$450 was given to Brakes And More LLC to support its "Community Plow" pro-

gram, which began this winter as a way to help those who are unable to handle snow removal due to physical or money constraints; and \$450 was given to Colchester Food Bank.

Colchester Cares is a group that discusses and votes on causes and makes donations every quarter. Every member contributes \$100 each quarter. Anyone interested in learning more or joining can visit www.colchestercares.org.

Polish Dinner Sold Out

The St. Joseph Polish Club has announced its Drive-Thru Polish dinner on Friday, Feb. 12, is already sold out.

Cragin Virtual Book Club

The Cragin Virtual Book Club will be held Monday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., via Zoom. Brit Bennett's *The Mothers* will be discussed.

Copies are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave. To register for this free program, go to tinyurl.com/y67vno8y. For more information, call 860-537-5752.

Live Performance of Shakespeare Play

The Connecticut Repertory Theatre at the University of Connecticut will present the Shakespeare classic *Pericles, Prince of Tyre* live via Zoom for a special price to Colchester Senior Center members on Saturday, March 6, at 2 p.m.

The show will feature undergraduate and graduate acting students as well as professional actors, with a Q & A with the actors after the show. Tickets are \$10 per household (payable to CSC). Register by calling 860-537-3911.

Deadline to sign up is Feb. 19. The Zoom link will be emailed directly.



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Hunting & Fishing Club Membership Vacancies

The Westchester Sportmen's Club, located in Colchester, Connecticut, has open membership vacancies. Membership is currently limited to 100 members. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your friends to join a Club as a group, and enjoy the private benefits of hunting, fishing & shooting. The Club is now accepting applications until Friday, February 19, 2021.

For additional information and to obtain an application, please contact the club President, Harold Gannon, at hgnnon@gmail.com.

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Grand List Grows 1.5% from Previous Year

By Karla Santos

Colchester has released its 2020 Grand List, reflecting a 1.5% increase, or \$18,892,800, from the 2019 Grand List.

The net total of the Oct. 1, 2020 Grand List of assessable properties is \$1.278 billion.

According to the report, the additional \$18 million in assessment equates to an additional \$620,000 in tax dollars.

First Selectman Mary Bylone said she knew there would be an increase in the Grand List, but when she learned the exact amount, she was surprised.

"I was like, 'wow, that is more than what I expected,'" she said.

The Grand List is a report that represents the net value of assessments in town including real estate, personal property and motor vehicles.

All of these categories saw an increase from 2019.

Real estate property increased \$11.31 million, going from \$1.05 billion in 2019 to \$1.07 billion in 2020.

The \$4.56 million increase in motor vehicles brought the numbers from \$133.46 million in 2019 to \$138.02 million in 2020.

Personal property saw an increase of \$3,626,200, going from \$52.90 million in 2019 to \$56.53 million in 2020.

Prorated assessments and motor vehicle supplements are also included in the Grand List. Prorates saw an increase of \$1.30 million going from \$1.90 million in 2019, to \$3.20 million in 2020.

Motor vehicle supplement did not see an increase. Rather, it decreased by \$900,000, going from \$19.90 million in 2019 to \$19 million in 2020.

The Grand List is dated from Oct. 1 each year.

Newly-constructed property built after Oct. 1 is prorated. Motor vehicles purchased after Oct. 1 are supplemented. Both categories are

calculated based on the number of months property was in place or vehicles were owned. The Grand List serves as a guide to the Board of Finance to help set the mill rate for the upcoming fiscal year – July 1 to June 30 – determining resident's taxes. A mill rate is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property. One mill is \$1 in taxes per \$1,000 of assessed property.

The current mill rate in Colchester is 32.84, but it is subject to change after a new town budget is presented and approved.

The top 10 Colchester real estate taxpayers in 2020 were Country Place of Colchester LTD Partners at \$9.90 million, SS1 Colchester LLC at \$8.34 million, CV Colchester I LLC + at \$6.20 million, Norwich City OF at \$4.84 million, Sharr Realty LLC at \$3.80 million, Genesis Health Ventures of Bloomfield IN at \$3.57 million, GND Too of Colchester LLC at \$3.55 million, S+S Worldwide INC at \$3.53 million, Park Place Holdings LLC at \$3.37 million and Keystone Shoppes LLC at \$3.08 million.

The top 10 real estate taxpayers combined held a total of 41 accounts and paid \$50.17 million in taxes.

While the 2020 Grand List presented a 1.5% increase, the 2019 Grand List presented a 1.4% increase. In 2018, the increase was only at 0.8%. In 2017, the Grand List came in with a 1.2% increase. In 2016 – the last time the town completed a revaluation and every property received a new assessment – there was a 1.1% increase. The 2015 Grand List also saw a 1.1% increase and in 2013 and 2014, there were 0.6% increases each year.

Bylone said it is a positive move for the town to see an increase in the Grand List because "it's always nice to have more money around the town."

However, she said town officials are conscious of their need to keep a balance between

obtaining revenue for town operating expenses, while also being considerate about how much residents are asked to pay.

She said the pandemic has impacted the Grand List, in a way, with many residential properties are selling.

Bylone explained that while certain businesses, such as restaurants and salons, have struggled throughout the pandemic; others, such as real estate and hardware businesses, have flourished.

John Chaponis, town assessor, said he was

also expecting an increase in the Grand List and said that, considering the state of the world, "any increase is positive."

"While construction has slowed, it certainly did not cease; nor did it stop residents from acquiring new motor vehicles as we saw the motor vehicle Grand List grow 7% – by \$3.6 million in assessment – when vehicle assessment tends to drop each year as they get older," Chaponis said.

The last day to appeal is Feb. 20.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

Monday, Feb. 8: 8:30 a.m., Commission on Aging meeting on Zoom; 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, Feb. 9: 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi on Zoom; 11 a.m., Adult Coloring; 1:30 p.m., conference call Cupid Bingo; Senior Center Building Committee on Zoom.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: 10 a.m., Making Memories on Zoom; 10:30 a.m., Love Song Charades on Zoom; 2:30 p.m., senior center staff meeting; 7 p.m., AARP Webinar Wednesdays.

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

Friday, Feb. 12: 10:30 a.m., Highlighting Colchester History with CHS; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; 2:30 p.m., From Boomer 2 Zoomer Tech Help appointments.

Upcoming Programs: Snowman Decorating Contest: All are invited to create a one-of-a-kind snowman. Mini Styrofoam snowmen will be provided for people to decorate however they like. There will be winners for Funniest, Most Unique, and Most Beautiful. Participants have until Feb. 26 to complete their snowman and submit a picture for judging. Call the office to set up a time to pick up your snowman starter kit for \$3.

Mardi Gras Lunch-to-Go: Tuesday, Feb. 16, noon. Pick up your festive lunch of Louisiana-style Jambalaya (a mildly-spiced rice dish with chicken, tomatoes, celery and green peppers), a tossed garden salad with dressing, a personal "King Cake" cupcake for dessert and some Mardi Gras-inspired surprises. Pre-register by Feb. 10 by calling the senior center. Cost is \$8 and can be paid on the day of pickup.

Book Club Discussion on Zoom: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m. *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane will be discussed. Copies are on reserve at Cragin Memorial Library. All are welcome; please come having read the book.

AARP Tax Aide Services: Fridays, Feb. 19-March 26, by appointment only. AARP Tax Aide Counselors will provide free tax prepara-

tion assistance. New requirement this year: people must have had their taxes filed with the senior center within the past two filing years (2018 and or 2019). Call Susan in the office at 860-537-3911 to schedule an appointment. Space is very limited this year.

Reopening Our Senior Center Q&A on Zoom: Friday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m., via Zoom. Patty Watts will discuss the COVID-19 vaccine and the impact it will have on reopening the senior center and resuming normal operations.

Mandala Mug Craft: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m. During this Zoom session, you will create a mandala on a coffee mug while learning about the history and the symbolism of this ancient art. Mug kits are \$5 each and can be picked up at the senior center. Call the center to register and schedule a time to get your kit.

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

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.

Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, located at 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship services in-person Sundays at 10 a.m. Services are also available on Zoom; visit the church website at westchestercongregation.org for Zoom login information.

Safety precautions are in place to protect against COVID-19; pews are labeled for safe physical distancing, masks are required to be worn, hand sanitizer is available, and there is no singing, but music is played.

The church has a small white wooden Blessings Box in its lower parking lot, with non-perishable food items and other helpful items for anyone who needs them. All are welcome to come and give or take a few items.

Sunday School is not in person yet, but the church emails video links and mails out packages of worksheets to children for the Sunday School experience. Email westcongregation@gmail.com or call 860-267-6711 to request Sunday School items.

Church tag sales will return; check this newspaper and the church website for news of upcoming events.

White-Tailed Deer in Connecticut

Cragin Memorial Library invites all to come learn about white-tailed deer in Connecticut on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m., via zoom.

Paul Colburn is a certified master wildlife conservationist who will teach an overview of the white-tailed deer's habitat, diet, behavior and reproduction. He will also provide recommendations for optimum coexistence with white-tailed deer population. To sign up, visit tinyurl.com/y5tke59z.

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

Freezin' for a Reason

Residents Fred Brown, Rob Suchecki and Greg Cordova are spending a weekend in the cold next weekend, to benefit Colchester Fuel Bank.

The group will gather on the Colchester Green on Friday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. and won't leave until Sunday at noon after spending two cold nights in a tent, raising funds for the Colchester Fuel Bank.

"This is year number 12 and I have a feeling the Colchester residents won't let us down," Brown, the event's founder, said. "So far we've raised over \$120,000. I think we can raise a lot of money this year, even during the pandemic."

Brown added, "This year might just be the most important year for this fundraiser. With so many folks out of work, how can they afford to keep that thermostat at a comfortable temperature and eat or purchase prescriptions?"

The men will wear masks and remain so-

cially distanced when dealing with the public. "We don't want anyone to get sick," Brown said. "We just want to help keep them warm."

Suchecki, a former Colchester police sergeant, said, "I know this sounds really corny, but this town and its residents have been so good to me it only makes sense to give back. Helping those in need is just the right thing to do."

The group will be on the Colchester Green accepting donations from Friday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m., until Sunday, Feb. 14, at noon. Make checks payable to Freezin' for a Reason.

If you can't make it to the Green, any branch of Peoples United Bank is accepting donations, and you can also use Paypal.com, with the e-mail freezinforareason@yahoo.com, to donate online.

"We are a visual reminder of all those in need of heating assistance!" Suchecki said. "Please help us."

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COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Coming Monday

By Jack Lakowsky

Town Manager David Cox said Tuesday an appointment-only vaccine clinic serving residents 75 and older will run on Feb. 8 at the East Hampton Town Hall.

Members of this priority group can call the East Hampton Senior Center to register for and schedule their vaccination against COVID-19 at 860-267-4426.

Cox last week said the town was vetting new methods of how to register for COVID-19 vaccinations because many residents, particularly among older demographics, have found the state's online registration method, the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS), to be challenging.

"People can comfortably access the information they need just by calling up the local senior center," Cox told the *Rivereast*.

The seniors who get vaccinated Monday will not be Belltown's first. Cox said through other vaccine clinics outside of town, about 40% of residents older than 75 have received their first dose, or 252 people, according to the latest information.

"We do have some good momentum going," said Cox.

Inclement weather will cause cancellation and rescheduling of the clinic. As of Wednesday, some snowfall is possible for Sunday, so Cox advised registrants to watch the weather.

Cox said the Chatham Health District is

working with its member towns -- East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, Hebron, Marlborough and East Haddam -- to open future clinics in each community.

Cox and other officials still encourage residents to observe safety protocols like mask wearing and frequent hand washing. People should still get tested as well, Cox said.

Although East Hampton is still in the state's "red" alert category, the town's transmission rate decreased slightly at the end of January.

From Jan. 10 to Jan. 28, 68 COVID-19 cases were found in East Hampton, for a transmission ratio of about 38/100,000 residents, down from 52/100,000 in the prior reporting period.

This equates to about 5 new cases per day, according to Cox's update.

These new cases bring East Hampton's number to 563. And there was some good news: no new deaths were reported in the last period. The town's COVID-19 death toll remains at 17.

Cox commended the efforts of Chatham Health District administrators, staff and volunteer personnel for their work, saying Chatham has successfully mobilized a large workforce.

Cox said among the many challenges towns face in vaccinating their populations, two stick out. The first is largely, though by no means exclusively, an issue facing the 75 and older demographic; VAMS is hard to use and is especially difficult for individuals who don't use

computers daily, he said.

The second challenge is an issue of capacity, Cox said. Towns and health districts must ensure they have enough vaccine and personnel. Meeting the demand of an entire populace is no easy feat, Cox explained.

Towns must also have a big enough venue. The new Town Hall on Community Drive, now just a bit shy of its first birthday, will offer enough space to allow for distancing and steady turnaround.

Without the new Town Hall, finding a local venue would have been an additional challenge, Cox said.

Senior center staff and the Middletown Area Transit District (MAT) have been helping bring older residents to their appointments.

Senior Services Coordinator Joann Ewing

has, along with her staff, been fielding the community's questions about the vaccination process.

Ewing said people often ask about potential side effects. As she spoke to the *Rivereast*, Ewing was waiting on a return call from a resident who decided to consult her physician about the vaccine's interaction with their allergy medication.

But overall, residents are grateful not to need VAMS to schedule an appointment, and "are more pleased with staying in East Hampton," Ewing said.

Ewing said many found unattractive the idea of driving to East Hartford for a vaccine.

Although progress has been made, Ewing advised continued patience with the pace of vaccine rollout.

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).

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 appli-

cants, 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. Packets will be available Feb. 1 at both locations.

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.

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 for applications; mail them to Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424, or email to arts@easthamptonct.org.

Police News

1/20: William Meigs, 60, of Glastonbury, was arrested and charged with DUI, traveling too fast for conditions and risk of injury to a minor, East Hampton Police said.

Also, from Jan. 18-24, officers responded to four medical calls, two motor vehicle crashes and six alarms, and made 14 traffic stops, police said.

Dean's List

Matthew Flynn of East Hampton made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

Alexis Harris of East Hampton made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford.

Valentine's Pork Roast Dinner

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, located at 59 Main St., is sponsoring a takeout, Valentine pork roast dinner Saturday, Feb. 13. There will be drive-thru pick-up from 5-7 p.m. in the church parking lot. Church workers will follow safety protocols.

The dinner will include boneless pork roast with herb stuffing, roasted red potatoes with fresh rosemary, glazed baby carrots, buttered green beans almondine, and yeast rolls. Red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting is the

featured Valentine's dessert.

Cost is \$15 each, payable by cash or check (made out to CCEH) at the time of pick-up.

Pre-ordering is required. To reserve dinners and pick-up time, call the church office Tuesdays through Fridays (9 a.m.-noon) at 860-267-4959, or Teri at 860-267-6150.

Orders can only be guaranteed if received by Teri no later than Friday, Feb. 12. If ordering on the last day, be sure to speak to a person.

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Dean's List

Katie Zimmer of East Hampton made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Fairfield University.

Lions Want Your Shoes

The East Hampton Lions are asking people to clean out their closets and give them their new or gently-worn shoes, sneakers, slippers and boots they don't wear. Ace Hardware on Route 66 has a collection bin in their store for residents to drop the shoes.

The Lions have also partnered with the students of Center School. The classrooms will be competing to be one of the top three classes that collect the most shoes. Students will be bringing the shoes to school during February.

The Lions said they hope to collect 2,500 pairs, which will be used to support small businesses in developing countries.

To have your shoes picked up, call Lion Mary Krogh at 860-977-5760 or Lion Sandy Giordano at 860-593-1220.

'Comedy for Rotary'

The East Hampton Rotary Club will co-host "Comedy for Rotary" live online Friday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.

The hour-long event will feature two comedians: Sam Morril, who has performed on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *Conan* and in three Comedy Central specials; and Moody McCarthy, who has also performed on *The Late Show* and *Conan*, as well as *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*

This event contains mature content and is intended for ages 18 and older.

Cost is \$20; there is no limit on the number of viewers per link. Proceeds benefit Rotary's efforts to help those in need. Tickets can be purchased at <https://rotary7980.myeventcenter.com>. Include East Hampton as the Rotary Club when registering.

Kindergarten Registration to Start

Kindergarten registration packets for the 2021-22 school year will be available at the Memorial School foyer and online Monday, Feb. 15.

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.

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 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*.

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

East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

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.

Take and Make: For grades 6 and up. This month's kit is Dragons. You will get all the materials needed to make your own dragon eggs and flying dragons. There will also be other dragon-related STEM activities and ideas. For registration and pickup information, contact the library.

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, Feb. 19; Fribrary, for grades 4-5, Feb. 5 and 26; Monday Fundays,

for grades 6-8, Feb. 8 and 22.

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.

Children's Valentine Exchange: For grades PK-5. Registration is unlimited, but required. Drop off at least 10 valentines to the library by Feb. 8. No food or candy please. After they're quarantined, the valentines will be distributed equally among all participants. The library will contact you to pick up your child's bag of valentines (and a special surprise from the library) between Feb. 12 and 14.

Teen Advisory Tuesday: Feb. 23 at 3 p.m., for grades 8-12. Come together to plan and create events and programs you want. Provide input to expand the library's YA/Teen collection. Teen Advisory Board requires a monthly commitment and participation. Registration and applications are being accepted.

Book Club via Zoom: Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m., or Thursday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. *The Vanishing Half* will be discussed. Copies are available for check-out at the circulation desk. Register online for the Zoom link.

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

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

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On Jan. 23, the Pinewood Derby was held – virtually. Pictured is the pit crew, from left, Mark Niosi, Sara Perez, Ryan Scanlon, Eric Buckley, Cameron Meacham, Jeff Mortimer, Brody Buckley, Vincenzo Niosi, Alexander Scanlon, Ethan Mortimer and Chris Meacham.

Pinewood Derby Goes Virtual

Many community events are occurring online nowadays, Cub Scout Pack 57 Pinewood Derby was no different – and yet, very different.

On Jan. 23, 45 Scouts raced their car down the blue track, and this year, with five webcams, trackside microphones and some technology assistance from the leadership team, the Scouts and their families were able to watch from the comfort of their home, a wonderful view of their cars racing.

“My favorite part was seeing all the cool designs,” Vincenzo Niosi said. “I used a mini-belt sander to make my car; I did my best. The Pinewood Derby this year was really cool.”

“It was unfortunate that we had to make this event online this year,” Mark Niosi, Cubmaster of Pack 57, said, “but with some ingenuity, technology and the gracious of a business owner in town, Scouts got to see their cars compete.”

Every year, Cub Scouts all over the country are given a block of wood, four wheels and axels and are told to be as creative as they want to make their car. Cars this year included a Wonder Woman car, a LEGO Ninjao car, Taco car, and various other designs, colors and even cars with 3-D printed parts.

“I liked how some cars were aerodynamic,” said Brody Buckley. “I enjoyed working on my car with my dad.”

The technology in use was designed and configured by the Cub Scout leadership team, using open source software and instant replay; Scouts

thought it was really cool.

“I like the different car designs and instant video replays,” said Ethan Mortimer. “I like building with my dad.”

In between heats, the leadership team had commentary on prior races, history segments and jokes.

“The funny jokes, Q&As, and instant video replays of each race were awesome” said Brayden Pisani.

“The best part was helping my dad in the pit crew and cheering my friends on,” said Alexander Scanlon.

Chris Meacham, owner of Now IT Works and father to a Cub Scout, was ecstatic to offer up the space. “When I heard that the race would go virtual this year, my office – which has been empty since March – was the perfect place.” Meacham said. Cub Scout Pack 57 would like to thank Now IT Works and the Meacham family for hosting the event, and their generosity for setting up state-of-the-art streaming abilities to enable our live TV on event day.

Now IT Works is an IT services company working with businesses all over Connecticut manage their people, process and technology. For more information, visit www.nowitworks.com

For more information about joining Cub Scouts, visit www.pack57easthampton.com. Cub Scout Pack 57 is chartered through East Hampton Congregational Church.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

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. Next date is Feb. 8, with special guest Hardy Hemphill,

whose resume includes touring, recording and composing music. Register online.

Creative Crafts: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m., via Zoom. Learn to make a butterfly pin. Register online.

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.

Seated Yoga via Zoom: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. through March 10. Fee is \$20 for the session (which started Jan. 6). Register online. Mail payment to East Hampton Senior Center; make check payable to the Town of East Hampton.

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).

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

VFW Drive-Thru Dinner

On Saturday, Feb. 13, VFW Fowler-Dix-Park Post 5095’s Auxiliary is having a drive-thru dinner. Advanced orders only; dinners are \$15 each. Reservations are due Feb. 6.

On Feb. 13, from 4-6 p.m., people can pick up their reserved dinners at the VFW, located at 20 N. Maple St. Dinners are a stuffed chicken breast, “smashed” potatoes, gravy, carrots and a roll.

For reservations, call the post at 860-267-8837 after 3 p.m.

East Hampton ‘Big Easy’ Raffle

East Hampton Rotary Club is raffling off a Golden Ticket for the Big E – which will allow the winner lifetime admission to the popular fall fair.

The Rotary is selling 3,000 raffle tickets for \$10 each. Grand prize is a Big E Golden Ticket – lifetime entry privileges for The Big E for the winner and one guest for every day of the fair. Parking is included.

Second prize: Four one-day tickets to the Big E. Third prize: \$50 gift card for Thorncrest Farm in Goshen.

The drawing will be Saturday, May 8, at Sears Park. The drawing will be livestreamed on easthamptonct.rotary7980gives.org/goldenticket and the East Hampton Connecticut Rotary Club Facebook page.

For tickets, visit www.easthamptonrotary.org or contact any East Hampton Rotarian.

Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd (mailing address: P.O. Box 81) Middle Haddam, will not hold regular Sunday services until further notice. Services will be conducted each Sunday at 10 a.m., with Church School at 11 a.m. Both services are available on Zoom.

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

During the pandemic, the Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation has not held services in its church but instead holds them via Zoom. All are welcome; Zoom information can be found at www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH.

Services begin every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m., with fellowship following. Communion blessings are held; participation only requires a piece of bread.

Congregational Church News

Due to the number of COVID-19 cases in Connecticut, The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, is holding all services via Zoom. Current and past services can be accessed at www.cc-eh.org. All are welcome.

The Teen Youth Group will resume its monthly meeting Friday, Feb. 26, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome.

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

Belltown Garden Club to Meet

The Belltown Garden Club will offer a virtual Zoom meeting on “Successful Vegetable Seeding” Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m.

Sandy Merrill from N.E. Seed Co. will present. All are invited. Call Kathy to sign up at 860-575-0077.

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Winner Selected for Peace Poster Contest

Grace Montovani was chosen the winner of the Peace Poster Contest sponsored by East Hampton Lions, following a vote in November outside Stop & Shop.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe, including in East Hampton, have been sponsoring an art contest for kids age 11-13. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace. This year's theme was "Peace Thru Service." Under the direction of East Hampton Middle School art teacher Carl Pastor, approximately 70 students participated.

The Lions reviewed the posters and chose what they felt were the top eight. On a Saturday morning in November they displayed the posters outside of Stop & Shop asking the customers to vote for what they felt was the top poster. Approximately 150 customers voted – and Grace's poster was the winner. Second place went to Maris Shellenberger and third place to Chris Hotchkiss.

For winning, Grace's poster went on to the district level of the competition; however, that competition was won by an East Haddam student.



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Virtual Night to Shine

Hope Church will again serve as a host of Night to Shine 2021, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation – though this year there are some changes, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This prom night experience celebrates people with special needs and will be held by host churches around the world simultaneously on Friday, Feb. 12, through a 'Shine Thru' drive-thru event followed by an online event later in the evening.

This virtual event will be complete with all of the prom elements, as every guest will get to enjoy music, dancing, prom favors, and messages from special guests – all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom. Guests will drive through

Hope Church parking lot beginning at 4 p.m. on Feb. 12 to pick up their prom kits and visit prom stations from their car to get ready for the big night at home. All volunteers will be wearing masks and following guidelines for safety.

For more information and to register, visit cthope.com/nts. And for more information on the worldwide movement of Night to Shine, visit www.timtebowfoundation.org.

President's List

Michael Neviso, a communication major from East Hampton, made the fall 2020 President's List at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C. The list is for students with a 4.0 GPA.

Dean's List

Ardyn Lezak of East Hampton made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

Lezak has a primary major of criminal justice.

Dean's List

East Hampton residents Zachary Porter, a member of the Class of 2024, and Joshua Kearney, a member of the Class of 2022, each made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Dean's List

East Hampton residents Alyssa Marchi, Kelley Williams and Emma Wolfram made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

Marchi is a nursing major and the daughter of Nancy and Drew Marchi; Williams is a nursing major and the daughter of Patricia and Thomas Williams; and Wolfram is an interior architecture major and daughter of Deborah and Daniel Wolfram.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands, a ministry of Cornerstone Bible Church, is open the first and third Saturdays of each month. The ministry offers free gently-used clothing, household items, books, linens and more to community members in need.

Due to COVID-19, all must sign up for a time slot and wear a mask when entering. To register for a time slot, call 860-918-0784 or email jholm225@sbcglobal.net, on the Sunday before the open Saturday.

Helping Hands will accept donations only on the first and third Saturday of each month.

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 or ask your school's guidance counselor. Deadline is April 1.

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by George M. Mantikas, DMD

IMMATURE SWALLOW

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One way to keep early actions from becoming future problems is to turn to professional help. We present this column in the hopes of educating the general public about the benefits of keeping on top of your oral health. If we can help, either by answering questions or by providing quality, compassionate dental care, please call us. Offering all the dental services you and your family require makes our office the ideal place to achieve optimum oral health.

P.S. Children exhibit a tongue-thrust pattern from birth because it is an infantile swallowing pattern, but they generally develop the mature pattern of swallowing by age four.

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- 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.

- Application ZBA-21-002: Ursula Mascaro, 49 Wangonk Trail, to reduce the north side setback from 15' to 4.47' and the south side setback from 15' to 6.91' to construct a second story addition and a 40 sq. ft. second deck. Map 9A/Block 70C/Lot 39

- Application ZBA-21-003: Nancy, Donald Jr., Robert and Sue Briere, 91-93 Lake Drive, Subdivide property for Lot A and B: reduce min lot area for Lot A from 20,000 SF to 12,029 SF, reduce lot width for Lot A from 125' to 112.70', increase lot coverage for Lot A from 20% to 23.8% and 28.2% for Lot B, reduce front setback for Lot A from 25' to 19.6' and reduce the side setbacks for both lots from 25' to 3.8'. Map 25/Block 64/Lot 56

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Superintendent Proposed \$7.80M School Budget

By Karla Santos

Superintendent of Schools David Sklarz wants to spend \$7.80 million in 2021-22 to run Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School, but also has a supplemental request in case the pandemic is still ongoing.

The proposed spending plan represents a 2.79% or \$211,923 increase from the current year.

Sklarz presented the 2021-22 proposed budget to the Board of Education last week and said salaries and benefits account for a big part, 83.5%, of the spending proposal.

"This is a basic needs budget," Sklarz said. "This isn't the traditional one. This is not the one that adds a lot in terms of thinking down the road and post-COVID. But we do need to make sure that this is the minimum that we need to provide."

If approved, the school would have an additional teacher at a \$78,075 cost, 1% of the \$7.80 million total budget.

Salaries, benefits, electricity, sewer, water, student transportation, magnet school tuition, diesel, gasoline, propane and heating oil represent 91.2% of the total budget, Sklarz said.

Salaries for office and technology support, paraprofessionals, nurses, custodians and occupational and physical therapists account for

\$1.20 million of the proposed budget, a 10.64% increase from current spending.

Employee benefits account for \$1.16 million of the proposed budget, a 4.90% increase from the current budget.

The average budget increase in the past six years at Marlborough Elementary has been 0.91%. Last year's increase was of 2.5%; the previous year it was 1.55%; in 2018-19 it was 0.10%; 2017-18 saw a 0.89% increase; and in 2016-17, there was a decrease of 2.34%.

The class size average at Marlborough Elementary is of 18.3 students.

During the presentation, Sklarz took the time to mention some of the highlights that make the school an investment. He said there was "outstanding parent satisfaction" demonstrated in the school climate survey. He also said the school has an "award-winning" art program and "state-of-the-art library, media center, community room, gymnasium, music and arts room."

Sklarz also spoke highly of the special education program at the school and said how "proud" he is of being able to offer it to the students.

"Our special needs program is second to none," he said.

In addition, Sklarz acknowledged the efforts to keep the school open full time throughout

the pandemic. He said smaller class sizes ensure social distancing. Children and staff have been provided with face coverings, students have been receiving free breakfast and lunch and were given a laptop or chrome book. Communications between educators and families have increased, a new math program has been implemented and more.

Supplemental COVID-19 Budget

Sklarz also presented a supplemental COVID-19 budget for expenses that might be needed if the pandemic continues through the 2021-22 school year.

In the current year, Marlborough Elementary spent \$467,444 in different funding sources, including grants, to open the school under COVID-19 protocols.

For next year, Sklarz projects spending \$232,894 on COVID-19 related expenses.

Whether the school will need all of that will depend what reopening looks like in the fall.

The superintendent anticipates spending \$136,952 for additional teachers, \$45,042 for para-educators, \$31,851 for transportation, \$4,049 for educational supplies, \$5,000 for health supplies and \$10,000 for cleaning supplies.

In the current year, because of the unexpected pandemic, the school spent \$118,695 on teachers; \$71,525 on para-educators; \$76,448 on transportation; \$15,783 on educational supplies; \$11,444 on health supplies; \$14,174 on cleaning supplies; and \$130,585 on one-time supplies, he said.

"At this time everyone is working really hard to secure funding to help schools maintain the COVID protocols that have been outlined by the Department of Health and the Department of Education," Kim Kelley, assistant principal at Marlborough Elementary, said.

While some pandemic-related funding sources have been received for the current year, Kelley said that is not the case for all the expenses.

The superintendent listed projected funding

sources for the 2021-22 COVID-19 budget, which he said might needed as the pandemic continues.

While administrators are hopeful expenses will be reimbursed, they are not 100% sure they will get it all back.

"None of that money is guaranteed at this point and time," School Principal Dan White said. "And whether it comes in or not will drive some of what we are able to do."

Most of the funding sources are grants, but there are also different revenue sources, including the Board of Education General Fund Reallocation, the Marlborough Elementary Child Care Association (MECCA) Reallocation and the Food Service Fund, White said. He described MECCA Reallocation as money the school gets from renting space to the MECCA program and said the Food Service Fund is money that was used for carts to bring lunches to classrooms.

"We would hope that all the schools get the support they need at this point to try and stay open," Kelley said.

White said if the district doesn't get all the needed funds, it would not be able to do some things that educators would want to do. He said the supplemental budget could defray some additional costs.

"If we are still in a situation where there's social distancing and students are wearing masks and we are trying to keep small class sizes, we would need more teachers," White said. "If everything goes well and school opens as every year except for this year, then we wouldn't need the extra teachers."

On Feb. 25, the board is scheduled to adopt the budget and on March 1 it will be submitted to the Board of Finance. During the month of March, the finance board will review and adopt the board and town budgets and on April 19, the town will hold a public hearing on the budgets.

The town will have a referendum on the budgets sometime in May.

Budget Breakdown

By Karla Santos

Here's a breakdown of Superintendent of Schools David Sklarz's 2021-22 \$7.80 million budget proposal for Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School, a 2.79% or \$211,923 increase:

Contractual salaries for administrators, teachers and other support activities account for \$4.15 million of the total – a 1.74% increase from the current year.

Salaries for office and technology support, paraprofessionals, nurses, custodians and occupational and physical therapists account for \$1.20 million of the proposed budget, a 10.64% increase from current spending.

Employee benefits account for \$1.16 million, a 4.90% increase from the current budget.

Sklarz said the increase in health insurance rates is 3.2% lower than the five-year average rate of 4.3%.

Purchased professional services, such as consultants from Andover, Hebron and Marl-

borough (AHM) Youth Services, and legal and audit fees account for \$145,956, a 14.12% decrease from the current budget.

Electricity, sewer fees, and contracts for facility maintenance account for \$300,606 of the proposed budget, a 4.93% increase from the current budget.

The bus contract, liability insurance, magnet school tuition, phone, email and postage account for \$595,822 of the proposed budget, a 3.11% decrease from the current budget.

Curriculum, custodial and office supplies, textbooks, heating oil, and diesel or gasoline account for \$222,150 of the proposed budget, which is the same amount as the current budget.

Furniture and equipment account for \$11,600 of the proposed budget, a zero increase from the current budget.

Membership fees, meetings and conferences account for \$15,845 of the proposed budget and represent no increase.

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Historical Society News

Marlborough Historical Society has announced the following pieces of news:

Architectural Surveys: The society is conducting surveys of historic structures in town. For more information, email mhs@marlboroughhistory.org or write to the society at P.O. Box 351, Marlborough, CT 06447.

2021 Calendars Available: Purchase at www.marlboroughhistory.org or by mail at 17 School Drive. Cost is \$18.

Reflections Into Marlborough's History: This town history book is available for purchase. Cost is \$50. More information is at www.marlboroughhistory.org.

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Lost in History: The historical society is looking for any photographs of South School. The school was located close to where the exit 15 off-ramp is now. It was standing in the 1930s but abandoned. People are asked to contact the society if they have any photographs that may depict this school.

Donations and Proceeds: Marlborough Historical Society is a nonprofit organization. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.marlboroughhistory.org or mail to Marlborough Historical Society, P.O. Box 351, Marlborough, CT 06447. All proceeds from sales of calendars and the *Reflections* book go to support the society.

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, February 10, 2020 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.

APPLICATION #ZBA-1-21 - Bill Lardi & Amy Traversa (Applicant/Property Owner) 153 Saner Rd - 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 deck with a Front Yard Setback of 34 feet where 50 feet is required, to construct a front door landing area with Front Yard Setback of 28 feet where 50 feet is required, and to construct breezeway with a Front Yard Setback of 45 feet where 50 feet is required. Interested parties can review the application materials on the Town of Marlborough Website 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, and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

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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.marlconchurch.org, and follows the usual order of Sunday worship.

Regular participants include church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber, Carolyn Brodinski, 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.

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.

Amazon Smile donates .5% of purchases back to the church when you sign in using 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.

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.

Hoopla Bonus Borrows Return: Hoopla Bonus Borrows have returned for February. Hundreds of titles are available at no cost to your borrowing limit.

Art of the Holocaust: The library will be partnering with the Holocaust Museum of Houston in Texas for an Art of the Holocaust program on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., on Zoom. Through the analysis and interpretation of artwork created by Jewish artists in ghettos and in concentration camps, program attendees will learn about the role of artwork during times of injustice and how these visual voices shed light on the personal experiences of Jewish men, women, and children throughout the Holocaust. Email the library to register.

Healthy Eating on a Budget: Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Catalina Quesada from Population Health, a program through UConn Health, will share tips and tricks to eating healthier while making the most of your

money in this 30-minute program. This program is funded by the SNAP ED program but is open to everyone. Email the library to register.

Library2Go Teen Take & Make: Washi Tape Valentine: Pre-teens and teens (recommended for ages 11 and up) can pick up a Library2Go Teen Take & Make Kit with instructions and materials to make Valentine's Day cards with Washi tape. Available while supplies last.

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

CreativeBug Now Has STEAM Videos for Families: The arts and crafts resource CreativeBug has been adding new video tutorials for children and teens that teach science, technology, engineering, art, and math. One of the more recently-added programs is STEAM: Make a Sea Monkey Habitat with instructor and scientist Jamie Hudson. CreativeBug's tutorials provide a list of materials that can be printed prior to watching the video. Due to the licensing agreement, CreativeBug is only available to Richmond Memorial Library cardholders.

Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full descriptions or to register, visit marlboroughct.recdesk.com and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203. 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. Also, all in-person classes are subject to change to virtual programs, based on state regulations.

ing: 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: Mondays through Feb. 22, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Class instruction is virtual. Fee is \$15/week to drop in.

Yoga: Mondays through Feb. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class instruction is virtual. Fee is \$15/week to drop in.

Youth Program: Kids Private Virtual Sew-

New Collection at Arts Center

Marlborough Arts Center has received a large collection of many of the works of artist Jacob Pell, a former Marlborough resident.

Pell was born in 1898 in Ukraine, and after immigrating to the U.S. began his artistic career in New York City, working there from 1913 through 1931. His second phase, from 1931-1955, was as resident in Marlborough, from where he then studied in Paris and was later a muralist for the WPA.

Dean's List

Marlborough resident Rebecca Lapoint made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Connecticut College in New London.

Lapoint, a member of the Class of 2021 studying a student-designed interdisciplinary, made High Honors.

Nicholas Walter Hale of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

Kyle Houston of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Dean College in Franklin, Mass.

Honored for 50 Years

Frances L. Terase of Marlborough was recently recognized for 50 years of service at Manchester Memorial Hospital, which is part of Eastern Connecticut Health Network.

Terase worked in the laboratory as a medical technologist in the departments of hematology, chemistry, microbiology, blood banking, and processing.



Frances L. Terase

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, donations of household goods and other tag sale items will be accepted in February, on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

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

Cardboard Cutouts at Church

A community-wide fundraiser is being sponsored by Marlborough Congregational Church - parishioners in the form of cardboard cutouts.

Worship services are livestreamed Sundays at 10 a.m. through mcc.marlconchurch.org with only church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber, organist Dave Mulligan, and a technical staff in attendance. So that Faulhaber won't need to preach to an almost empty sanctuary, there are plans to have "Pew People" fill the seats using professionally-made life-size photo cardboard cut-outs.

All ages are welcome to participate, including church and family members, friends, people from the community and beyond. There is a \$50 minimum donation per cutout.

For details, contact the church office at office@marlconchurch.org or 860-295-9050.

Holiday Closings

The offices of the Marlborough Town Hall, Public Works Department and Senior Center will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, for the Presidents Day holiday.

Dean's List

Caroline Meyer of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Fairfield University.

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 Nicholas Cannata, Nicole Genga and Lydia Smith made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

Cannata is an engineering major and son of Erin and Steven Cannata; Genga is a marketing major and daughter of Sherry and Jason Genga; and Smith is a liberal studies/education major and daughter of Dana Smith and Christopher Smith.

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Obituaries

Marlborough

Elizabeth Ann Welch

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing Friday, Jan. 22, of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Elizabeth Ann Welch. Born Elizabeth Estabrook on Feb. 12, 1932, to father Melvin F. Estabrook and mother Winifred Dobbin Estabrook, Elizabeth (Betty) was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Robert E. Welch, who passed in 2007.



Elizabeth was born in Hartford in 1932, in the midst of the Great Depression. Shortly after she was born, her parents sold their belongings and purchased a farm in New Brunswick, Canada, where they lived for five years before returning to Connecticut. An only child, Elizabeth and her parents lived in Hartford, Rocky Hill and Windsor throughout her childhood. Elizabeth graduated from Windsor's John Fitch High School in 1949. Following her high school graduation, Elizabeth and her parents moved to Miami, Florida. After a year in southern Florida, and of missing her friends, Elizabeth had saved her money and moved back to Connecticut. Shortly thereafter, her parents also returned to Connecticut to be closer to her.

After returning to Connecticut, Elizabeth went to work in Hartford at an insurance company. One summer, she and a few of her co-workers went on a vacation to Old Orchard Beach in southern Maine. On that trip to Old Orchard, she met her future husband, Robert Welch. Bob and Betty were married Oct. 4, 1952 at St. Augustine Church in Hartford. For three years, they lived in Hartford and then, in 1955, bought a house in Marlborough.

Elizabeth raised four children as a stay-at-home mother, and then went to work for Citizens Bank in Marlborough in 1972. She also worked for the United States Post Office in Marlborough, and then for the probate court in East Hampton until she retired.

Bob and Betty went to the beach in Maine each summer, and many of their descendants still visit Old Orchard Beach regularly. For their 25th anniversary, their four children sent them on a cruise to Bermuda. For their 50th anniversary, they traveled to Nova Scotia. For many years, they spent the winter months of February and March in Dunnellon, Fla.

Betty enjoyed music and outdoor concerts, cross stitch, sewing, reading, flower gardening, and watching British mysteries on CPTV. Every day she watched *Judge Judy* and *Jeopardy!* In the 1960s she served as a 4-H leader. For many years, Bob and Betty participated in a bowling league, at first in East Hartford, and eventually at Bear Swamp Lanes in East Hampton.

Elizabeth got her wish and was able to live in her home until the time of her passing. As a family, we are blessed to know that she did not suffer in her final days.

Elizabeth is survived by her four children, Robyn Johnson and her husband Kent Johnson

of Colchester; Erin Fournier and her husband Paul Fournier of Andover; Maureen Welch of Norwich; and Daniel Welch and his wife Teresa of Clarksville, Tenn.

In addition to her four children, she leaves behind nine grandchildren: Erin Fournier's children, Katie Hoisington and her husband Ryan of Andover, and Simone Fournier of Andover; Robyn Johnson's children, Adam Johnson and his wife Taina Amaro of Manchester and Neil Johnson of New Britain; Maureen Welch's children, Brittany Behrmann of Manchester, Lauren Behrmann of Philadelphia, Pa., and Clayton Behrmann of Wethersfield; and Daniel Welch's children, Robert Welch and his wife Nicole of Portland and Meghan Welch of Amston.

In addition to these nine grandchildren, Betty was blessed to know and love 13 great-grandchildren before her passing.

In addition, we wish to recognize the immense care that was provided to Betty by Barbara Fay, Laurie Kivney, Gregoria Maldonado, and Adelia De Jesus. We also wish to thank Mark Merritt and his colleagues at the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic health restrictions, memorial services will be private at this time. A public memorial and celebration of Elizabeth Welch's life will be arranged when safer times for gatherings of that type return.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage individuals who wish to donate to Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department's Roy Pettengill Ambulance Association or to Marlborough's Richmond Memorial Library.

Portland

Judith DeBari Strickland

Judy Strickland, 79, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 31. Born in Portland, she was the oldest of seven siblings born to Mary (McBrien) and Francis DeBari, where she was raised on the family dairy farm.

She was a member of 4-H, former member of the Hemlock Grange, Portland Fife & Drum Corps, played the saxophone in the school band, and graduated from Portland High School.

Judy had many jobs throughout her lifetime including Jarvis Airfoil, CNA, phlebotomist, activities director at Sunrise Resort, and a hospital switchboard operator. Judy was a registered clown with the stage name of "Pickles." She was all about entertaining and put on many magic shows at multiple venues and family gatherings.

Judy wintered in Florida and then transitioned there full-time for many years in Englewood. She was a dog lover, especially fond of her most recent dog Sophia, loved arts and crafts, her parrot "Rosie," gardening, karaoke, cooking, annual travel to Cancun, Mexico, and was always out for a laugh.

She was predeceased by her mother and fa-



ther; brother, Jerry DeBari; and former husband, Melvin Strickland. She is survived by three daughters, Michelle Stevens of Portland, Kim Stevens and her son Dejuan of Mississippi, and Lisa and husband Scott Cunningham and their children Joshua and Lauren of Portland; as well as many nieces, nephews, stepchildren and step grandchildren. In addition, she leaves behind siblings Denise (and Alan) Kateley, Donna (and Jim) Fitzsimmons, Brien (and Karen) DeBari, Mary DeBari and Rhea DeBari.

Private services and a celebration of her life will be held at the convenience of her family. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

The Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland, is in charge of arrangements.

Colchester

James Stefanowicz

James Joseph Stefanowicz, "Jim," 66, of Colchester, passed away at Yale New Haven Hospital Wednesday, Jan. 27, after a sudden, brief and debilitating illness. His beloved family was by his side.

Born March 31, 1954, in Hartford, he was a son of Lillian (DeGemmis) Stefanowicz and the late Stanley Chester Stefanowicz of Colchester. Jim was a lifelong resident of Colchester, attending school there and graduating from Bacon Academy. He went on to earn a degree as an electronic technician, which afforded him many opportunities to work in a wide variety of specialized communication and electronic technologies. He was a Jack of all trades and a master of many. He finished his long and successful career and retired in 2019.

Jim married the love of his life, Louise Brown, on Nov. 10, 1979. The couple built their home and raised their four beautiful daughters (all Daddy's girls) in their own familiar hometown of Colchester. He loved to go on road trips with his family and all explore together. Spending time with his family was always his top priority and his number one joy in life.

Jim was involved with his community as a founding member of the Colchester Business Association as well as volunteering to help many other local groups with their endeavors. Jim was a gifted artist, painting beautiful sunsets and breathtaking scenes. He was also talented with woodworking and leather craft. A pastime of Jim's was fixing cars or tinkering with most anything that needed fixing.

He was always laughing and joking around. He never failed to make the people around him smile. He loved exploring and off-road driving. Most importantly, he will be remembered by his loved ones as a hardworking and fiercely devoted husband and family man. He was a knight in shining armor, always coming to the rescue of those in need.

He will be greatly missed but always remembered with love by his wife Louise of 41 years; his mother, Lillian; four daughters and their spouses, Irene (Brenden) Healy of Colchester, Charlene (Juan) Rodriguez of Lake View Terrace, Calif., Laura (Brian) Healy of Moodus, Frances Stefanowicz of Colchester; eight grandchildren, Joshua Healy, Elijah Healy, Samuel Healy, Lilliana Healy, Savanna Healy, Emma Rodriguez, Gabriella Healy, Nicole Healy; a brother, Stanley "Craig" Stefanowicz of Colchester; two sisters, Gloria (Larry) Hinton of Colchester, Nancy (Doug) Thomas of Republic, Mo.; and numerous extended family members and friends.

The lives of those who loved Jim will never be the same, but they will think of him and smile because you cannot think of Jim and his boyish



charm without smiling. He was taken too soon. We are sure he is still telling his jokes and making God and his angels smile and laugh.

Walk-through calling hours were held Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. Burial was held privately in Linwood Cemetery.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department, 52 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, CT 06415.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

Marlborough

Christopher Oborski

It is with great pain and heavy hearts that we as loving parents, Steven Oborski and Deborah Pennington Oborski, of South Manchester, announce the death of Christopher Pennington Oborski on Saturday, Jan. 9. Chris was our first born, a Christmas baby born 42 years ago. Debbie went into labor on Christmas Day and Chris arrived the following morning.

"Mr. Christopher," a beautiful baby boy, a happy child loving the outdoors, growing up enjoying life. He loved collecting his "Richy Rocks," his glittering rocks saved from the yard. He loved riding his BMX bike, sledding, or boogie boarding at Welles Beach, Maine, during our summer vacations. It seems like yesterday when he was our baby. Later in life, Chris became a skilled piano player and musician, composing and playing his own music on the piano or keyboard. His talents were recognized, winning the School Music Award.

Chris also became our go-to guy for computer advice and repairs. He was skilled enough for a computer built from collected parts. Chris was so mechanically inclined and skilled, not only to repair cars, but the ability to swap engines on his own in our driveway in the middle of winter. Along life's path Christopher attended RHAM High and SENERGY Alternative High School, receiving dual diplomas, graduating with honors with the music award and computer award. Chris went on to attend Northern Maine Technical College and State of New York University at Delhi, N.Y. He later worked as a veterinarian assistant and also for the State of Connecticut DEEP in Franklin and Marlborough.

Chris will always be remembered to those who knew and loved him as a respectful and kind person. We wish Chris peace in his new world, surrounded by his angels.

Besides his parents, Chris leaves behind his beloved younger brother, Timothy Pennington Oborski and Alejandra Oborski, their two young boys, Sebastian and Luciano. Chris also leaves behind many loving uncles, aunts and cousins, not only in Connecticut, but throughout the U.S. in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Florida, Vermont, and Argentina.

A service and life celebration are planned for summer/fall of 2021, when it is safe.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation for those in need during these very difficult times to the Connecticut Food Bank in Chris's memory. Go to ctfoodbank.org or please consider donating your time.

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

LET CHRIS LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS

We can shed our tears that Chris is gone or we can remember him as part of our lives. Our hearts can be empty because we can't see him or our hearts can be full for what we shared together.

We can remember Chris only that he is gone or we can cherish his life and Let him Live on. So Let him Live on....Live on in our hearts. And Let him live on.... also in your hearts. Until we Meet again Chris. Your Angels will watch over you.

Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Andover at their special meeting held on **January 26th, 2021** approved the following applications:

IWWC 20-34: Joseph Theroux (Agent) on behalf of Ronald and Joan Churney (Property Owners), **110 Cone Rd** (Andover, CT), application for two temporary wetlands crossings for a timber harvest.

IWWC 20-35: Kevin and Catherine Shea, **436 Lake Rd** (Andover, CT), Permit application to construct an approx. 2,200 sq ft house within the 200' Andover Lake Upland Review Area.

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Obituaries continued

Colchester

Cora Anne Wright

Cora Anne Wright, 73, of Colchester, passed away at home Saturday, Jan. 30, surrounded by her family. She was born June 11, 1947, in Hartford, to the late Lillian and Robert Cormier.



Cora spent her childhood growing up in Hartford. Her first marriage was to John Young Jr.; they lived in East Hampton and had three children, John, Jo-Ann and Stacy. Cora was remarried to S. Eugene Wright on Aug. 30, 1970; they had one son, Eugene D. Wright, and relocated to Colchester to raise all their children. She worked for several years at both Southern New England Eggs LLC, and later at Chesthelm Health and Rehabilitation Center as a department head.

Cora was a devoted daughter and spent 15 years looking after her parents when they could no longer care for themselves. In her spare time she loved going to the beach, or the pool, and vacationing in Jamaica.

She will be forever loved and remembered by her husband, S. Eugene Wright of Colchester; her son, John A. Young III and wife Ellen of Colchester; daughters, Jo-Ann Dilla and husband Doug of Colchester and Stacy L. Gregoire of Colchester; her five grandchildren, Nichole, Marissa, Angela, Scott, Johnny, and many great grandchildren; her brother, Robert Cormeier and his friend Barbara Thomas; and numerous other extended family and cherished lifelong friends.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her son, Eugene D. Wright.

A celebration of Cora's life will be celebrated in the spring when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Lung Association, www.lung.org.

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

Colchester

Johanna Morgan Barnes

Johanna Morgan Barnes, 87, of Colchester, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 30.



Johanna is survived by her two daughters; their husbands; two grandsons, and a brother: Judith Barnes and her husband Alexander Oliphant of Colchester; Jennifer and Hermann Keilich of Windsor; Spencer Keilich of Farmington; Stefan Keilich of Windsor; and Raymond Morgan of Hudson Falls, N.Y.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Gerald S. Barnes of Colchester; her three brothers, Burton Morgan of Clinton, N.Y., Robert Morgan of Hampton, Va., and Walter Morgan of Oneida-Verona, N.Y.; and her two sisters: Mildred Morgan and Lucy Burns of Clinton, N.Y.

Johanna was born in Franklin Springs, N.Y., to John and Mildred (Wheeler) Morgan. She graduated class of 1951 from Clinton High School and married her high school sweetheart Jerry in 1956. They were happily married for nearly 60 years until her husband's passing in 2016. Prior to starting a family, she worked for AT&T as a supervisor. They lived in Clinton, Utica and Sauquoit, N.Y.; Woburn and Burlington, Mass.; as well as Windsor, Moodus (34 years), and Colchester (for eight years with Judy and Alex).

She was a member of Fowler-Dix-Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 5095. Johanna hemmed veterans' clothing and wrapped gifts for Judy's "Secret Santa" Program at the Rocky Hill Veterans Home for over two decades.

Johanna had a gift for making everyone feel special with her kind eyes, loving heart and special hugs. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She relished family gatherings, cooking special Sunday dinners, caring for others, celebrating holidays, life's successes, holidays, and birthdays. She looked forward to her weekly hair appointments with Beverly at Laurie's Creations.

Johanna was a brilliant woman with a sharp mind for crossword puzzles, card games, and Words With Friends. She was a voracious reader and bought books by the bags. She was a terrific listener; gave insightful advice and took immense pride in her grandsons.

The family would like to thank Judy, Alex, and Jennifer for providing 24x7 care during her

final days.

Per Johanna's request, services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to VFW Auxiliary 5095; Attn: Patience Anderson; 20 North Maple Street; East Hampton, CT 06424. All donated monies will be used for the Rocky Hill Veterans Home.

East Hampton

Gerald J. Hasselman

Gerald (Jerry) Hasselman of Statesville N.C., formerly a longtime resident of East Hampton, passed away unexpectedly at home Thursday, Jan. 28. Jerry was born March 25, 1948, in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, son of the late Arthur and Marie Hasselman.

He leaves his wife, Nancy Hasselman; sister, Diane Higgins; sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Allen Bendas, Gail and Bill Labbadia, Brenda and Michael McManus, Paula Hasselman; and many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He also leaves aunts, uncles and cousins, in Canada and Maine. He also leaves his many friends in Connecticut and North Carolina and extended family throughout the United States.

He was predeceased by his son, Brian; his mother and father, Art and Marie Hasselman; sister, Annette; brother, Roger; father- and mother-in-law, Robert Varney and Yvonne Varney Culver; nephew, Randall Bendas; and brother-in-law, Fred Higgins.

Jerry loved life. One of his greatest pleasures was cruising or going to car shows in his 1966 Plymouth Satellite. He'd often "get on it," leaving his presence known. Always quick to hop in the car when anyone called and said they were going for a ride. No destination was too far. He loved his car buddies and all those he encountered on any given day.

He was blessed with 43+ years of marriage with Nancy. He bought her what was her dream car, a Red Mustang convertible. Together they relocated to Statesville, N.C., where he built his dream garage and a gazebo and deck addition. Jerry had many good friends and neighbors in Baymount Meadows.

He loved playing cards (especially beating Nancy at Rummy), bowling and being with family and friends. Always a teaser, he would leave you smiling. Leaving you "fine" as he would say.

Many thanks to family, friends and neighbors for the outpouring love, thoughts, expressions of sympathy and prayers extended to Nancy and Diane.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held in Connecticut at a later date.

Jerry would want you to smile and laugh and cherish some of your happy memories of him. Get in your car and "get on it" as he would do.

Colchester

William C. Cone

William "Bill" Charles Cone, 78, beloved husband of Nancy Winnie Cone for 56 years, passed away suddenly Saturday, Jan. 30, at Oconee Memorial Hospital in Seneca, S.C. Bill was born in Hartford, a son of the late Charles Kenney and Hannah Elizabeth "Lillian" Gill.



He lived for several years in Texas and graduated from Southington (Connecticut) High School. His gregarious and outgoing personality perfectly suited his career as a retail manager. He served as a mentor to many during his time at Tri-Town Foods in Westchester, Portland and Colchester. He was the hardware manager at Paul's and Sandy's Too in East Hampton prior to his retirement.

A devout Catholic, Bill was an active member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Colchester for 45 years, serving as a parish trustee and member of the finance committee, and was a regular attendee of the Men's Retreat weekends. Upon arriving in Seneca, he made many new friends through the St. Paul Men's Group

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and the "How to Be a Catholic Man in Today's World" group at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. He was a member of the Connecticut First Company Governor's Foot Guard, and also served in the Connecticut Air National Guard. A lifelong fisherman, he was also a proud member of Trout Unlimited in both Connecticut and South Carolina.

Bill considered himself the "richest man alive" and his favorite moments were spent with his loving family. Surviving in addition to his wife Nancy is a large extended family who will miss him dearly: two sons, Bill Cone and his wife Linda, and Mike Cone and his wife, Andrea; three daughters, Wendy Gilman and her husband Charles, Cheryl Jeffries and her husband Will, and Cindy Govoni and her husband Jeff; brother, John Cone and his wife Donna; sister, Katherine Patry and her husband Daniel; grandchildren, Gregory and Marguerite Gilman, Morgan, Raleigh and Ryan Govoni, Jess Avizinis and her husband Ed, and Josh Redinger and his wife Ashley Gee-Redinger; great-grandchildren, Aimable and Nina Avizinis; several nieces and nephews, and a number of dear cousins.

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adult thrillers, like those by Philip Roth or Patricia Cornwell, are also hot items.

Keith estimated he put about 60 hours of work into this project. Every piece of the work is handmade, with the exception of the police signs.

Keith hopes to pursue a career in carpentry and is actively seeking work in the field.

Although it seems perfectly suited to the purpose, Keith said his TARDIS is actually a repurposed Halloween prop he built years ago to be the centerpiece of the Vincenzo home display.

The display was something of a full-on theatrical experience, with a local high schooler playing the Doctor.

The Vincenzos said they don't exactly re-

In addition to his parents, Bill was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Cone.

There were no strangers in Bill's life; only friends he hadn't yet met. If he wasn't fishing, he could be found in his garden, working in his yard or gathering the latest news from the neighborhood; Nancy called him the Town Crier. He loved tying flies, gladly sharing them with family and friends, and in recent years, selling them. His sense of humor, kindness, generosity, and compassion will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Seneca, S.C. The family respectfully requests that all attendees wear a face covering. An inurnment will immediately follow in the St. Paul Colombarium.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may consider a donation to St. Andrew Church, Attn: Fr. Richard Breton, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester CT 06415 or the Capital Fund, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 170 Bountyland Rd., Seneca, SC 29672.

For online condolences, visit RobinsonFuneralHomes.com.

member what year they used it, guessing it was sometime in the mid-2010s.

Unfortunately, a powerful windstorm damaged the TARDIS, and it was left to rest in the basement for a little while.

"Then we decided it was time to fix it or toss it," said Aline.

Fortunately for the town, the couple decided to give the TARDIS new life. Keith refurbished it, adding bookshelves and putting on a fresh coat of that iconic royal blue paint.

The Vincenzos said they're all set on maintenance and other TARDIS tasks, but Keith said he's happy to hear feedback from the town at keith@keithv.net.

LEGALS

LIQUOR PERMIT
Notice of Application
This is to give notice that, I,
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PORTLAND, CT 06480-1956
Have filed an application placarded 02/01/2021 with the
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for a MANUFACTURER LIQUOR PERMIT
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PORTLAND CT 06480-1825
The business will be owned by:
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Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified), Comedians,
Concerts, Disk Jockeys, Karaoke, Live Bands, Magicians, Patio,
Plays/Shows, Sporting Events
Objections must be filed by: 03-15-2021
CONCENTRIC BREWING COMPANY LLC

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LIQUOR PERMIT
Notice of Application
This is to give notice that, I,
BRIAN AIDA
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Have filed an application placarded 01/28/2021 with the
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for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT
for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at:
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PORTLAND CT 06480-1825
The business will be owned by:
CONCENTRIC BREWING COMPANY LLC
Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified),
Concerts, Disk Jockeys, Karaoke, Live Bands, Plays/Shows, Comedians,
Sporting Events, Magicians
Objections must be filed by: 03-11-2021
BRIAN AIDA

2TB 1/29, 2/5

Detention Basin Clearing
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, CONNECTICUT
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the Detention Basin Clearing will be received by the Town of Marlborough at the Town Clerk's Office until 10:00 AM local time on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Received Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. The Project consists of clearing all trees and woody vegetation within and around 11 detention basins.

Bids shall be on a lump sum. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents on-line at marlboroughct.net or State CT DAS website, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Building Land Use/Building Department by calling 860 295 6202 or e-mail Building@marlboroughct.net.

To receive the documents via package services, send a completed pre-paid pickup label from either UPS or FEDEX to the Issuing Office. PDF copies are available upon request after the receipt of the non-refundable fee.

The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the Department of Public Works, 66 South Main Street, Marlborough, CT. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide Performance in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract Price. The Owner is exempt from payment of Sales and Use Taxes on all materials and equipment to be permanently incorporated in the Work. These taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirement for all contractors and subcontractors to provide affirmative action to ensure equal opportunity employment as noted in the Governor's Executive Orders 3 and 17.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good, capable of being accepted, and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty [60] days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any technical defects in the bids; to reject bids which do not conform to the terms and conditions described in the specifications; to reject any, any part of, or all bids; to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; and to accept that bid which the Town deems to be in its best interest, whether or not it is the lowest dollar proposed.

All work to be performed in connection with the proposed project will be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

If the Town determines, in its sole discretion, to proceed with the work, the successful bidder must execute and deliver an Agreement and furnish valid Certificates of Insurance with full policies, a performance bond, and to the Town prior to the start of any work.

It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has received any and all addendums to this Invitation to Bid prior to submitting a bid.

This Invitation to Bid is not binding on the Town. The Town reserves the right to revise or amend the plans and specifications from time to time as it deems necessary.

This Invitation to Bid has been prepared solely to solicit bids and does not constitute a contract offer.

The Town reserves the right to amend, cancel, postpone, withdraw, or resubmit this Invitation for Bid at any time if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

The Town is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply

Town of Marlborough, Connecticut
By: Gregory J. Lowrey, First Selectman
Date: January 28, 2021

LEGALS

TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTION

Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting & Public Hearing was held January 20, 2021. The following action was taken:
ZBA Application # 21-01 - Donna Phillips and William Phillips, 57 Hendee Rd., aka Assessor's Map 28/Block3/ Lot 12. Applicant seeking relief from Section 10.5, and in accordance with Section 4.12.a of the Andover Zoning Regulations, so as to allow for the deposition of fill and construction of a single-family dwelling in the Flood Prone District.
ACTION – The Zoning Board of Appeals continued the public hearing on the above-referenced application to its February 17, 2021 regular meeting to be held virtually at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (go to www.andoverct.org for particulars). Additional information may be obtained by emailing zoning@andoverct.org.
Jim Hallisey
Zoning Agent

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURES TOWN OF COLCHESTER OFFICE OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

Notice is hereby made of intent to demolish one (1) structure at 339 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, CT, Assessor's Map #09-00, Lot #013-000.
Information regarding the intended demolition may be obtained from the Office of the Building Official,
Municipal Office Complex, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT, 860-537-7285 Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
N. Reed Gustafson
Building Official

1TB 2/5

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HEBRON BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS Hebron Town Office Building

A written application with the Board of Assessment Appeals must be filed for the purpose of receiving a hearing on an assessment of Real Estate or Personal Property for the October 1, 2020 Grand List or, on the October 1, 2019 Motor Vehicle Supplemental Grand List.

The written appeal must include the following:

- 1) The property owner's name, the name and position of the person who signs the appeal application;
- 2) A description of the Property;
- 3) The name and address of the person to whom correspondence is to be sent & a contact phone number or email address;
- 4) The reason for the appeal;
- 5) The appellant's estimate of value;
- 6) The property owner's signature and if applicable, the agent's signature with proper owner(s) authorization;
- 7) The date of which the appeal application is signed.

All written applications to the Board of Assessment Appeals must be **received in the Assessor's Office** no later than 1:00 p.m. Friday February 19, 2021:
Board of Assessment Appeals
Town of Hebron, Assessor's Office
15 Gilead Street
Hebron, Connecticut 06248

Forms are available at the Assessor's Office or on the Town of Hebron web site in the Assessor's department.
Hearing Date:
Monday, March 8, 2021 7:00 pm Town Office Building
Wednesday March 10, 2021 7:00 pm 15 Gilead St.
Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:00 am Hebron CT

Please include a telephone number where the appellant can be contacted concerning the appeal.
Board of Assessment Appeals
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, February 5, 2021

1TB 2/5

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

At the January 25, 2021, meeting of the Andover Planning & Zoning Commission the following action was taken:

Application of the Town of Andover, acting through its Planning and Zoning Commission to amend Sections 2.1, 2.2, 7.6.,7.7., and 7.8. In addition, the aforementioned action provides for the adoption of a map entitled "Andover Lake Protection Map" dated January 25, 2021. The amendments and adoption of the referenced map are intended to mitigate the detrimental effects of construction in the Andover Lake area so as to protect the water quality of the lake. These amendments shall become effective February 25, 2021. For more information please e-mail Zoning@andoverct.org.

William Jed Larson
Chairperson, Planning and Zoning Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Conservation Commission at its meeting of February 1 2021, took the following action:

APPLICATION CONTINUED; SITE WALK SCHEDULED
Application #16-20 – Bill G. Jonbalaj (applicant) 21 Austin – HGB LLC (Property Owner) South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road – Special Permit – Village Cluster Residential Planned Development. The application is continued until March 1, 2021. Site walk dates scheduled for 2/20/21 and 2/27/21 at 10 am dependent on weather.

APPLICATION CONTINUED;
Application #14-20 – Gordon Sime (applicant/property owner) Pettengill Vacant Lot – Construction of a single family house within 30' of marked wetland area. The application is continued until March 1, 2021.

Dated at Marlborough, CT this February 3, 2021.
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Yvonne Bolton, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE EAST HAMPTON BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

In accordance with Section 12-110 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the East Hampton Board of Assessment Appeals will hold a public meeting by appointment only via Zoom virtual platform for the purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of real estate, personal property and motor vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 and the Supplemental Grand List of October 1, 2019 in the Town of East Hampton.

Appellants are encouraged to provide any documentation they believe support their appeal. Examples include, but are not limited to, real estate appraisal, bill of sale for real estate purchase, vehicle bill of sale and/or repair bills, photos showing condition of vehicle, and photo of odometer reading. Complete applications and supporting documentation must be filed in writing and received no later than February 19, 2021.

Please contact the Assessor at 860- 267-2510. Applications are available in the Tax Assessor's Office or at www.easthamptonct.gov.

Completed applications may be mailed to:
Board of Assessment Appeals
Assessor's Office

1 Community Drive
East Hampton, CT 06424

The meeting agenda with a zoom reference number will be included with your appointment confirmation and will be emailed prior to the meeting to applicants who have filed applications in a timely manner.

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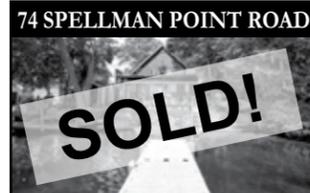


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Required experience: 3 years of active ambulance service in addition to 5 years of continuous active volunteer firefighter status with officer experience and/or 3 years of continuous employment as a career firefighter.

Additional requirements include: Connecticut CDL Class B license or 2Q endorsement. Current annual Fire Department physical and currently hold a valid CPAT card or complete within 6 months of conditional employment offering. CT certifications for Pump Operator, Aerial Operator, Instructor 1, and Officer 1 are highly desired, but not required.

Employment Application*, Resume with cover letter, References, and Documentation highlighting personal assets and qualifications for the position of Firefighter/ EMT/ Maintainer are required.

*Applications can be found at salemtct.gov on the Human Resource Department page. All required documents can be emailed to the Human Resource Department: Lisa.jablonski@salemtct.gov
Required documents may also be dropped off in the drop box at entrance to Town Hall or mailed to: **Salem Town Hall Attn: Emergency Service Administrator, 270 Hartford Rd., Salem, CT 06420.**
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Andover Elementary School
35 School Road
Andover, CT 06232
ATTN: Holly Maiorano, Special Education Director
[Or send via email to: maioranoh@andoverelementaryct.org]

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BOE Members Slam ‘Incredibly Disrespectful’ Selectmen

by Sloan Brewster

At a budget workshop last week, Board of Selectmen members took aim at the proposed 2021-22 Andover Elementary School budget – and that did not sit well some on the local Board of Education.

Town Manager Eric Anderson gave a preliminary budget presentation to selectmen last month. In that presentation he listed some items the budget will need to cover, namely work on roads, bridges and culverts, the RHAM and Andover Elementary School budgets and approximately \$1.2 million in employee costs.

Anderson, did not, however, give a line-by-line breakdown of numbers or what the total budget number would be. In a phone call this week he said it's too early in the process for that.

“This early in the budget season there are so many things that are in flux,” he said. “We don't really have a budget for public consumption.”

Anderson said that he and selectmen will continue to work out the numbers in workshops with a goal of having a complete proposed budget by March 1.

In a phone call last week, Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville said there was a high price on all the items Anderson is requesting and that it could result in a high tax increase – but said many

of the requests were for infrastructure needs that have been ignored for all too many years.

“If we fund all he's asking for, we're looking at [an increase of] five mills,” he said. “You can't turn your cheek and let things go forever.”

Mandeville said selectmen were considering bonding to pay for some of the infrastructure needs and he thinks residents would support the idea.

Issues with School Budget

Mandeville took issue with some of the numbers in Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau's proposed \$4.23 million spending plan for the 2021-22 school year. Bruneau shared the proposed spending package with selectmen at a budget workshop last Wednesday.

Mandeville and fellow board member Jeff Murray raised questions about Bruneau's proposed \$329,843 or 8.45% increase over the current year's \$3.90 million approved budget.

Mandeville said he had watched the Board of Education's budget workshop last month and was “a little frustrated” that the board had not scrutinized the numbers line by line.

“If you do go line by line there are some things that need to be looked at extensively,” he said. “From a town perspective we have some issues.”

For starters, Mandeville questioned the

10-students per classroom Bruneau proposes for kindergarten and said schools in Bolton and Glastonbury have 15 to 17 students in kindergarten – adding that those schools “are ranked as good as if not better than us.”

Bruneau said that while she agreed with him about kindergarten class sizes in a typical year, next year incoming kindergarten students would have no history of being schooled and would need additional attention.

“But this is COVID-gap related,” she said. “If we were standing her doing the '22-23 budget, I would absolutely agree.”

Mandeville said he did not think Bruneau would get the support from residents for 10-student classes.

“I think my frustration is that you have stated over and over again in your presentation and even in the paper that you're not going to cut staff,” he said.

Murray also voiced frustration, mentioning the low number of students.

“It's not like we're asking to go from 25 to 30 students; we're asking to go from 10 to 15,” he said.

Mandeville expressed further frustration that the education board had not made cuts to Bruneau's budget.

“The Board of Ed has not cut one thing and that is concerning,” he said.

First Selectman Jeff Maguire said the boards would need to come to a bottom line number that works for everyone.

“We're not trying to be confrontational,” he said. “We have limited resources and everything that has to be done and teaching our children is a top priority.”

Maguire said he too was concerned that Bruneau did not discuss line items.

While welcoming line-by-line inspection of her budget, Bruneau said she did not think selectmen give as much scrutiny to RHAM's budget as they do to Andover Elementary School's.

“I really feel as though that it's a requirement to go through every stapler up with AES,” she said. “I hope there's the same passion with writing the check for RHAM.”

Mandeville countered that the RHAM board holds five-hour meetings to look through its budget and said he has gone through the document and had the same conversations with administrators in that district as he was having with Bruneau.

“I can assure you, the same vigor is used with the town's budget, with yours and RHAM's,” he said.

'Incredibly Disrespectful Treatment'

In a phone call with the *Rivereast* Monday, Board of Education Chairman Shannon Loudon took issue with the way Mandeville and Murray spoke to Bruneau.

“I was upset by what I believe was incredibly disrespectful treatment of my superintendent,” she said. “I believe that Superintendent Bruneau responded thoughtfully and appropriately.”

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.

Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Andover at their Regular meeting held on **February 1st, 2021 approved** the following application: **IWWC 20-30:** Patricia Klayman, 25 Cider Mill Rd (Andover, CT), application to construct a temporary crossing across Staddle Brook and to install a French Drain in the Upland Review Area of Staddle Brook. The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Andover at their Regular meeting held on **February 1st, 2021 received** the following application: **IWWC 20-37M:** Jean-Marc Bade, 344 Lake Rd (Andover, CT), Application for permit modification to construct an approx. 24' x 36' addition to a house within the 200' Andover Lake Upland Review Area.

Loudon said the school board has asked questions about the proposed budget and had workshops scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday.

“We're all supportive about the budget,” she said.

Loudon said that while the proposed budget is 8.45% higher than the current year's approved budget it is actually lower based on what the board ended up spending. In June, the board moved \$189,000 in surplus finds from the previous year's budget into the current year, she said. Based on that, the increase is actually 4.65%.

Board of Education member Dan Foran echoed Loudon's dismay for the way Bruneau was treated by selectmen.

“Superintendent Bruneau has been a breath of fresh air for the Andover Elementary School and has been kind, respectful approachable and cares deeply for the children and the staff at the school,” he said. “She voluntarily went to the Board of Selectman to talk about the Board of Education budget in hopes to work with them this was her first interaction with the Board of Selectman. The way she was spoken to, treated and laughed at is despicable.”

Foran said the Board of Selectmen owes Bruneau a public apology.

He also pointed out that the school budget has not seen an increase in six years.

Loudon said board members were not alone in their consternation and that Catherine Magaldi-Lewis, chair of the Democratic Town Committee, had reached out to her about it.

In a phone call with the *Rivereast* Monday, Magaldi-Lewis expressed anger and said all local officials were working toward the same goal.

“You can ask tough question but you don't have to be antagonistic and you don't have to be confrontational,” she said. “Valerie is not the enemy and she shouldn't be treated as one.”

For their parts, Murray and Mandeville took the criticism in stride and said their biggest concerns were finding ways to fund all the needs in town.

Mandeville said since the workshop he has had a long conversation with Bruneau and that she told him she would take a closer look at the numbers, which, he said, was all the selectmen were asking for.

“I asked some really hard questions and I got some really good answers in the end,” Mandeville said.

Murray said the education budget, as it stands now, doesn't leave much money for such things as roadwork and services for local seniors.

“If the board doesn't want to make the tough decisions then the taxpayers are going to have to make them for them, because there's no way this budget is going to pass,” he said. “Either you can make the cuts now or the taxpayers are going to do it.”

In an email Monday, Bruneau said she did not feel disrespected by the selectmen.

“I understand the members of all three elected boards feel passionately about the jobs they are doing,” she said. “I won't hold the way Adrian presented his thoughts against him. No hard feelings. No grudges on my part.”

She said she the budget continues to evolve and she has found some potential savings.

First Congregational Church News

The First Congregational Church, UCC, of Andover, 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.

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

The Food Pantry is Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. CDC guidelines are observed and masks are required. The Foodshare van comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m. and will next be there Feb. 17.

Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner: Friday, Feb. 12, 5:30-7 p.m. Have spaghetti with homemade plain, meat or sausage sauce, salad, fresh bread, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$12. Preorder at 860-742-7696.

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Andover Grand List on the Rise

by Sloan Brewster

Andover's Grand List has gone up twice as much as it did last year.

According to the Oct. 1, 2020 Grand List, which was released last week and Assessor John Chaponis sent to the *Rivereast* on Thursday, the numbers equate to a 2% increase over the 2019 Grand List. Assessed property went up to \$5.3 million. The spike equates to \$190,500 in additional tax revenue based on the current 35.61 mill rate.

The 2019 grand list showed a 1.1% increase over the previous year. The \$2.83 million increase in assessment translated to \$99,000 more in tax revenue, based on the then mill rate of 33.95.

In a phone call Tuesday, Town Manager Eric Anderson said a couple factors contributed to the increase.

“There's been some interesting things this year,” he said. “The first is that because a lot more people are buying used vehicles the average cost of a used vehicle is increasing, so we get more money from vehicle taxation.”

The second trend that contributed to the hike was the large number of major home renovations resulting in higher assessed values, Anderson said.

There have not, however, been any new commercial developments in town, he said.

According to the list, real estate went from \$227.40 million to \$228.90 million. Motor vehicle assessment went from \$28.29 million to \$30.62 million. Personal property went from \$10.41 million to \$11.92 million.

The three categories combine for a net total grand list of \$266.10 million.

According to the list of top ten taxpayers, the number one real estate taxpayer is Whispering

Hills LLC. The assessment for the apartment complex on Kingsley Drive comes in a \$1.30 million.

Number two, Marita LLC, rolls in at \$971,100.

At \$780,300, Eastern Connecticut Housing Organization is number three. According to online descriptions on Buzzfile and Great Nonprofits, the organization also operates under the name Hop River Homes and owns and operates two apartment complexes that provide low-income housing for the elderly in Andover and Danielson under sec 515 of the National Housing Act.

Number four, at \$765,600, is 84 Route Six LLC. Known as Scott Electrocrafts Inc., according to the website, the contract manufacturer has supplied electromechanical and electronic assemblies, pc board assemblies, cables and control chassis to commercial and military original equipment manufacturers in the region since 1967.

Hillside Self Storage Center LLC comes in fifth at \$654,000.

Nicholas and Anna Glowacki's home comes in sixth at \$582,600.

Keith and Sarah Pedro's home comes in seventh at \$564,800. Last year their home was number eight on the list with a \$547,600 assessed value.

This year Robert Beering's home comes in eighth at \$551,700; his home was number seven last year.

Clark and Amanda Jordan's home comes in ninth at \$527,540 3

Jivan LLC comes in tenth with a \$526,100 assessed value.

Anderson said the 2021 revaluation is under way with initial data collection going on now. The process will continue through next September.

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