



RIVEREAST

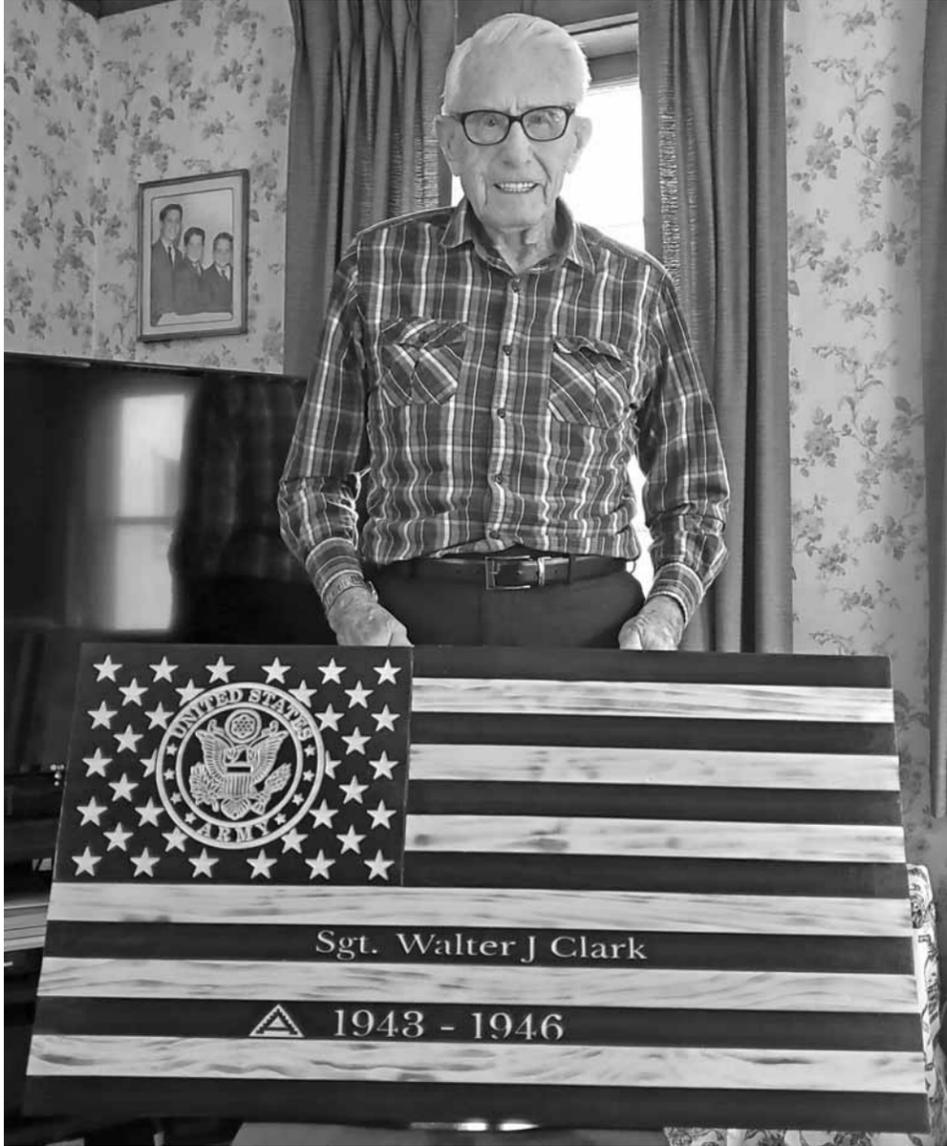
News Bulletin

Serving Amston, Andover, Cobalt, Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough, Middle Haddam and Portland

Volume 45, Number 16

Published by The Glastonbury Citizen

April 2, 2021



Colchester resident Walter Clark, 99, was recently honored with a ceremonial flag for his service during World War II. It's a time he doesn't like to talk about much. "I died a thousand deaths every day," he recalled.

World War II Veteran Honored for Service

by Karla Santos

Walter Clark is a 99-year-old Colchester resident who has dedicated 70 years to farming his own land – and many know him from the flowers and vegetables he sells.

Those that know him better are also aware he is a family man that has devoted many years to being a husband, raising children and becoming the best friend of his grandchildren.

But there's something many might not know about Clark – mainly because he doesn't like to remember it: he's a veteran of World War II.

Because of that military service, Clark recently received a flag honoring him for his participation in historic events during and after the war, such as the Battle of the Bulge and the Nuremberg Trials.

The recognition was a bittersweet moment for Clark. He said that while he is honored to have served the country, he would rather not remember the things that happened during the war. He received the flag March 18 at his home, surrounded by family and friends, and with tears in his eyes.

The flag Clark received was from his friend William Vigil. Clark and Vigil met two years ago, as Vigil's wife was Clark's customer.

"If it weren't for people like you, Walter, we, the people of this great nation, would not have the freedom to protest, complain and live the way we do today," Vigil said. "For that I thank him and all our military veterans," Vigil said.

Vigil, who is a history buff, said he was thrilled when he learned about Clark's military career.

Clark was drafted in 1943 into the 394th Infantry Regiment and was assigned to the 99th Division as a mechanic. He was 21 years old at the time.

According to Vigil, the 394th Infantry Regiment was engaged in a variety of military cam-

paigns including the Battle of the Bulge, Battle of Remagen Bridge, and the Rhineland and the Ruhr battles, which he said changed the outcome of WWII.

Vigil explained that in April 1945, the 99th Infantry Division with other American forces liberated Dachau and other concentration camps, which had an estimated 67,000 prisoners.

Once the war ended in 1945, Clark said he was initially told he'd be leaving – and thought that meant he'd be returning to the U.S.

"Oh, thank God I'm going home," Clark said he remembers thinking. But, he added, "It didn't happen."

Clark was instead assigned to the Nuremberg Trials from 1945-46. He was in charge of supervising and handling all transportation for allied personnel. He was a sergeant first class at the time.

One of the shocking experiences Clark remembers is crossing the Remagen Bridge – the supply bridge for the Nazis – and within minutes "they blew it up," Clark said.

"So many things happened that you want to forget and you try to forget," Clark said.

He said he was proud to have served the country – but noted it wasn't his "favorite" thing.

"I feel great to have served the country but, I mean, it wasn't my idea; I was drafted," Clark said. "I did what I was supposed to do and I came home. I died a thousand deaths every day. Most of the time I was scared, just like the rest of the guys."

Clark noted that the biggest reward to him was when the war ended – "coming home."

Clark's family and friends, who were present during the flag presentation, expressed their gratitude to him for serving the country.

See *Veteran*, page 23

Vaccine Rate Critical for Restaurants

by Jack Lakowsky

According to Danielle Tyler, owner of Sweet Jean's Café on Main Street in East Hampton, the state's recent easing of pandemic-related restrictions is something of a wash.

"I'm still down eight tables," Tyler told the *Rivereast* last week, discussing the still-required six feet of distance between dining parties. "Whether full capacity or half capacity, it doesn't make a difference to us. I can't wait till the day I can have a full dining room."

Tyler opened Sweet Jean's last May in the early days of the pandemic, which has now been part of daily life for more than a year.

Although the restriction rollback causes little to no change on Tyler's operation, she has noticed a recent uptick in customer traffic. She attributes this to an increase in vaccinated individuals.

She said as vaccine rates increase, so will consumer confidence.

Tyler also expects to see more diners when warmer weather arrives, as she can open her

outdoor dining.

"I'm hopeful for the summer," Tyler said. "We got through the hardest time of the pandemic, and things are starting to look up and get better."

She said last summer's revenue was good and the café enjoyed busy outdoor dining.

Tyler said takeout has also been a success.

"I never thought takeout would earn more than indoor dining," Tyler said.

To help meet the demand of the takeout and delivery order influx, Tyler partnered with the delivery service Grubhub.

She said although she's happy about both her store's performance and her dedicated group of regulars, Sweet Jean's "isn't as busy as it could be."

Sweet Jean's also lucked out over the winter, Tyler said.

"We had lots of very supportive regulars," she explained. "We did takeout dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas and that was very suc-

cessful."

She said post-holiday foot traffic was low, but this isn't abnormal, as in the restaurant business sales tend to slow down between the start of the year and springtime.

Tyler added that she was forced to cut some of her staff's hours, but said she will be allotting more as weather, and subsequently business, improves.

As far as aid, Sweet Jean's was given a PPP loan last year, and this year received a \$5,000 grant from the Connecticut Restaurant Association. DoorDash sponsored the grant.

Tyler said no matter the course of the pandemic or of state regulation, some changes will stay.

The strict cleaning regiment staff has adhered to, including sanitizing areas between customers and cleaning equipment between each use, is likely to stay.

Tyler said masks are also going to be a long-term part of staff uniforms.

"Masks are hard in the kitchen and we do want them gone; they get really hot," said Tyler. "But they do ensure customer safety and wearing them is reassuring to people."

Tyler said strictly observing safety tactics is especially important in East Hampton, which has a substantial senior population.

Tyler praised the town for its support of local businesses, exemplifying the Economic Development Commission's October restaurant promotion.

"That definitely helped," Tyler said of the promotion.

Tyler said the Chatham Health District has also been very helpful to area businesses.

Tyler also said that, overall, she approves of the state's handling of the pandemic, and that business owners awaiting pre-pandemic volumes and a total restriction-lift must be patient and adaptive.

The town's Economic Development Com-

See *Restaurants*, page 23

INDEX

HEBRON

Meet New Resident State Trooper Page 7

COLCHESTER

School Resource Officer Back in Budget.. Page 10

EAST HAMPTON

Quest to Save Historic HomePage 18

MARLBOROUGH

Shift to Town Manager PossiblePage 20

REGIONAL

Osten Has Infrastructure RequestsPage 24

REGIONAL

Obituaries Pages 24-25

From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

Baseball season is here! Opening day for my beloved New York Mets was yesterday. With new ownership, a new front office, and many new players, it should be an interesting season. And, unlike last year, I'm hoping I can see at least a little of it in person.

Due to the pandemic, last year, you'll recall, the baseball season didn't start until July, and there weren't any fans allowed at the games - at least not until deep into the post-season, when a relative handful were allowed to come watch.

This year, however, baseball is starting on time, and fans will be allowed to come to stadiums and watch. Just not a lot of fans.

The Mets and Yankees, for example, are allowed to have their respective stadiums be 20% full, at least for April games. As the season progresses and more people get vaccinated, I imagine that cap will loosen and perhaps eventually fall off altogether.

I know personally I won't feel comfortable going to Citi Field until I'm fully vaccinated - limited capacity or not. And I'm heartened to know that, when the time comes to head down to Flushing and cheer on the orange and blue, the Mets have put some nice protocols in place.

Last weekend, the Mets announced that, in order to enter the stadium, fans must obtain and display proof of one of the following:

-- Full vaccination, meaning both doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine received at least 14 days prior to the day of the game;

-- A negative test result from a PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the day of the game; or

-- A negative test result from a COVID-19 Antigen test taken within six hours of the game's scheduled start time.

It all sounds very sensible, and responsible - and to be honest, I hope the Yard Goats en-

act a similar policy when their season starts up. Like I said, I haven't been vaccinated yet, but I know many who have, and I know you receive a card indicating the status of your shots. So be sure to bring that with you to the ballgame.

Don't want to, or can't, get vaccinated? Then show a negative test result. I've been tested several times since this whole thing began; it's easy enough to obtain one.

The new requirements for getting into Citi Field seem like a great way to provide peace of mind and help keep everyone safe. I hope the Mets are strict about enforcing them.

The cargo ship blocking the Suez Canal was finally freed Monday, which of course was great news - although it did set off an amusing string of somewhat contradictory news notifications sent to cell phones.

The Wall Street Journal first issued a push notification Monday morning that read: "The container ship that has been blocking the Suez Canal for six days has been freed, paving the way to open the critical waterway."

That was followed a minute later by a push notification from The New York Times, saying: "After five days, the mammoth cargo ship blocking the Suez Canal was finally wrenched free, clearing the way for global trade to resume."

Eight minutes after that, The Guardian released its own notification: "Container ship Ever Given stuck in Suez Canal freed after seven days."

Sooooo.....I guess the ship was stuck for 5-7 days?

I was watching a 1981 episode of Dallas recently (I really need to get my COVID vaccine), and was struck by this exchange between Bobby Ewing and his brother J.R. Bobby's trying to pitch the benefits of Ewing

Editor's Desk continued on page 4



Collecting for Food Pantry... Inspired by the Jack Jackter Intermediate School Week of Kindness, four students from Christopher Adams' fourth grade class decided to take action by organizing a food drive. Lizzie Vance, Abbie Barthel, Delaney Scholl, and Kyra Walter created a school wide contest at JJIS and in one week collected over 3,100 items for the Colchester Food Pantry. Four truckloads of food were delivered. The girls were recognized by the Board of Education at its March 30 meeting.

Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Foru

VFW Post Thank you

To the Editor:

Thank you to those who purchased our Corned Beef and Cabbage drive-thru dinner Saturday March 20, at the VFW Post 5095 in East Hampton.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes out to Robert's Lakehouse for their generous donation of the corned beef. The proceeds from the dinner will be used to aid our local veterans.

Friends like Robert's Lakehouse are what make our organization successful.

We are very appreciative of the support from our community and the help from members of both the VFW and Auxiliary that helped with the dinner.

Roger W. Anderson, Post Commander

Road Safety

To the Editor:

There must be a lot of drivers not aware of a state law that requires headlights to be turned on when windshield wipers are needed or when visibility is not at an optimum level. The problem is not that the driver cannot see, it is that the vehicle cannot be seen. On some vehicles, running lights or headlights come on automatically, but there are many cars on the road without that feature. The danger is most evident concerning dark-colored vehicles, especially when another driver is pulling out into traffic or attempting to pass. In those few seconds when checking if it is safe to proceed, the dark car with no lights may not be noticed whether at the front of the line or in the midst of other vehicles.

It takes only a second to put on headlights in order to be seen by all others sharing the road with you. Even if an accident is not your fault, the consequences can be devastating, even deadly. Please take a second to turn on your lights to help prevent accidents. I, and many others, will be grateful.

Linda Cunningham - Portland

Running for First Selectman

To the Editor:

My name is Ryan Curley and I am pleased to announce that I am officially a candidate for first selectman of Portland this November. It has been an honor to serve as your town clerk for the past five years. Like you, I love this town and I could not be happier to be able to offer my services to it at an even greater level.

I believe that my background, education, and experience has prepared me well for the road ahead. If elected, I will be focused on improving the quality of life for all of our residents, as well as providing the necessary support for local businesses and our wonderful town employees. I plan to keep costs in check through increased efficiency, improved technology, and sustainable economic growth. This is more important than ever as we continue to recover from the effects of COVID-19.

I would also like to thank our current first selectwoman, Susan Bransfield, for her many years of leadership and service to this town. With your support, we will build on her success.

I look forward to sharing more details of my plan for Portland with you in the days ahead. In the meantime if you would like to stay up-to-date with my campaign or look for ways to support it, please visit curleyforportland.com and also the 'Curley for Portland' Facebook page.

Thank you, Ryan Curley - Portland

A Farewell to Hallas

To the Editor:

"There is an end to everything, to good things as well," and such is the case with the departure of Jim Hallas as owner and publisher of Rivereast.

The effort put forth by the Rivereast staff under Jim's leadership has been consistently superb. To see the beginning of the end is sad.

Jim whetted my equally warped sense of humor with his weekly column for decades. I couldn't wait to read it to my wife on Fridays! I would break out in spasms of laughter, she would roll her eyes.

And as a publisher Jim has been a paragon of fairness, giving us all an equal opportunity to make our points, and occasionally vent our spleens, in the letters section. He directed coverage of the little things that bigger publications miss, but which make up the lifeblood of a community.

I like getting my Rivereast because it's the one place where I can consistently find out what went 'bump' in the night. Everything is there. If you want a real snapshot of this area you probably won't find it in the mainstream media, but you probably will in the Rivereast.

Jim could also be low-key; how many readers know that he is an accomplished military historian and award-winning author? That part of him was best exemplified by the placement of his departure story below the fold of last week's paper. Most of us would have blazoned it above the masthead.

But time has caught us, space is short, and we must say goodbye. Jim, fair winds and following seas my friend. May your retirement be cushioned with comfortable couches, provisioned with perfect potato chips, and surrounded by adoring family and friends!

Thank you and Semper Fidelis. Ron Winter - Hebron

Bulletin Board

I ran into my old pal Suds McSpatz the other day. After exchanging notes on the multitude of medications we were currently ingesting and mutual acquaintances who had died; just looked like they were dying (which seems to be most of us these days); or were ailing but likely to recover, we got down to the topic everybody's talking about.

"Did you get your COVID shot yet?" asked Suds.
"You betcha. Both of them. I'm ready to howl at the moon. Or as much howling as I'm capable of these days with a 9:30 p.m. bedtime."
"What vaccine did you get?"
"Pfizer. The good one. What vaccine did you get?"
"Moderna."
"Oh."
"What do you mean, Oh?"
"Nothing."
"It sounded like something."
"Hey, they say you should get whatever vaccine you can when you can."
"Uh huh."
"Anyway, the experts say the vaccines are all pretty much the same for the most part."
"You don't sound convinced."
"Well, I was listening to late night talk radio the other day and some guy from northern Idaho called in and said his relatives got the Moderna vaccine."
"Yeah?"
"He said it turned his third cousin into a salamander."
"No way!"
"That's what he said."
"What kind of salamander?"
"Geez, I don't know. What difference does it make? A salamander's a salamander."
"I'd rather be a spotted salamander. I mean given a choice."
"Has anyone ever told you you're a little weird?"
"Coming from you? A guy who listens to late night nut talk radio? Really?"
"Well, I wouldn't worry about it. I sat for 15 minutes with about 45 other people after getting the vaccine to be sure I didn't suffer respiratory distress or cough up my liver or something and I didn't see a single one of them turn into a salamander. Nobody even went into convulsions."
"You sound disappointed."
"Well, time does drag when you're just sitting there. Anyway, I know at least half of them got the Moderna vaccine."
"Good news."
"There was one old guy who kind of looked like a salamander, but I think he was probably born that way."
"They can't all be as attractive as we be."
"I mean, if you were going to turn into a salamander, it probably would have happened by now, right? When did you say you got the vaccine?"
"I didn't."
"Could just be a northern Idaho thing."
"One can only hope."

Jim Hallas

News copy deadline for The Rivereast News Bulletin is Tuesday at noon. Please address all letters & news articles to: Rivereast News Bulletin, P.O. Box 373, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Letter Writers: Due to space constraints, letter writers must limit their letters to 300 words or less. No exceptions will be made. E-mail is preferred. Word or text documents are best. Letters submitted without a contact phone number will not be published nor will anonymous letters or letters submitted by someone other than the person who wrote it. We cannot guarantee all letters will be published.

(860) 633-4691 — bulletin@glcitizen.com

She Will Be Missed

To the Editor:
My statements about Susan Bransfield, unfortunately, did not make it into last week's article. I have learned a great deal about successfully running a municipality from Susan during my time being involved with the town. She has been a leader and a mentor both in my previous role as chair of Parks & Recreation and in my current role as deputy first selectman. Her wealth of knowledge about running a town, maximizing available resources, and collaborating for effective outcomes is limitless. In addition, her involvement and leadership in the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) means that other towns, not just Portland, have gained valuable insights. She will be missed by many.

Susan has worked tirelessly for Portland and is leaving us in a good place. We still have much to do, but we hope to continue to build on the tremendous success of programs she worked so hard to establish and to reach new goals we set for the future.

Ralph Zampano
Portland Deputy First Selectman,
speaking as an individual

SRO Update from CPS

To the Editor:
This week, about a dozen people called the Selectman's office to ask about the removal of SRO position from the BOE budget. These calls prompted a meeting between the two police sergeants and CPS administration. It is vital in these situations to get the stakeholders in a room (or Zoom) to talk through what is really going on (IRL, not social media). As a group, we all recognized that the SRO program at CPS is not functioning properly and that changes are required. Then, we worked together to find common ground and a path forward for the SRO program at CPS.

Groundwork included but more to come:
1. Meeting in the upcoming weeks to discuss any immediate changes for the current school year.
2. Commit to being an active presence in the school. Develop programming for students around current topics.

3. Actively invite SRO to groups – PTOs, Civic Groups, BoE DEI. Don't assume they know when/where. For now, email the superintendent's office to extend an invite, but will work on getting direct contact info.

4. Hiring committee and an ongoing liaison group – community input from parents, teachers, students, and others in town.

Also, to the public: Come to our meetings! We don't know what your concerns are if we don't hear from you. There are two opportunities for public comment at each meeting. No need to leave the comfort of your home; Calendar and Zoom links can be found on colchesterct.org.

Take Care,
Amy Domeika, Secretary
Colchester Board of Education

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

To the Editor:
Colchester Public Schools is excited to share with you the "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" work being done by a school-driven Committee (Colchester Public Schools DEI Committee) and the "ad hoc Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee" overseen by the Board of Education. The CPS Committee began their work by meeting and collecting feedback from focus groups. The focus groups included parents, teachers and students. Subcommittees are hard at work looking at CPS Hiring and Retention Practices, Training and Curriculum. Both the CPS Committee and the BOE Committee interface with Board of Ed officials participating in the CPS umbrella committee and all three subcommittees.

The Board of Ed "ad hoc Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" Committee's purpose is to make recommendations to the Board of Education regarding Colchester Public School's ability to incorporate Social Justice into best practice. The Mission Statement correlates with the CPS DEI Mission Statement; "The Colchester Public Schools Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee creates conditions that allow all students, staff and families to have a sense of belonging inclusive of race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion or disability to ensure educational equity."

In addition to the coordination with the CPS DEI Committee, supportive areas of review includes:

"Equity": Identifying best practices that ensure a fair and just school environment.

"Cultural Competence": Identifying any

training needs, modification to curriculum, modification to school policy.

"Diversity and Inclusion": attracting a diversified pool of school personnel, creating a supportive culture where people feel safe and valued.

Both committees are excited to be utilizing the "National Conference for Community and Justice" (NCCJ) for consultation and training.

The BOE ad hoc DEI Committee is also utilizing the Connecticut State Board of Education's Five-Year Comprehensive Plan; "Ensuring Equity and Excellence for All Connecticut Students" as a reference and a guide for developing goals and a frame of reference. The BOE ad hoc Committee welcomes input from Colchester Community members. Please feel free to reach out to the Colchester Board of Education.

Thank you!
Joanne Rose, member
Colchester Board of Education

Manning is Running

To the Editor:
On Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2019, the day after the last First Selectman's race in Portland I made it publicly known that my first campaign effort was not my last.

I will be running once again for first selectman under my party Back to Basics. Back to Basics was born from a vision that didn't carry labels such as Republican or Democrat, Conservative or Liberal. It took shape with a group of people that care about Portland and its future not just for us but our children and their children. You will be hearing from me quite a bit in the weeks and months leading up to the Nov. 2 election.

I can be reached by email Back2basics19@yahoo.com or my Facebook page Back 2 Basics.

Thank you,
Shaun P. Manning
Candidate for First Selectman
Portland

Take Back Our Country

To the Editor:
In graduate school studying clinical psychology, one person in my class called me naive. Looking back, she may have been right because I never thought about one aspect of wearing face masks to "protect" us from "the virus."

We used to be concerned about plastics polluting our oceans and lands. We are cutting back on disposal straws and other plastics, which is good. However, our oceans and lands are overflowing with face masks and rubber gloves. I guess there is no end to how little we care about saving our world.

We lock down the world's population, destroying businesses and lives. We litter our oceans and lands with items we no longer want/need. We destroy our freedom of speech and the right to protect ourselves. We ban books, ridicule people who hold different views than ours, and in general attempt to change history by destroying statues and other landmarks.

When are we the people going to take back our country by voting out destructive political representatives and stop backing social media companies who block "free speech"?

This "cancel culture" craziness has gone way too far. Business like Dove soap no longer using the word "normal" in their advertising, Disneyland removing or changing some of their rides and movies, changing the names of sport teams, changing the names of some ice creams and syrup, and many other foolishness, all because a few people speak out about "being offended." They need to "get a life."

One lady has been writing very good letters about racial discrimination. When are we going to stop looking at outer appearances of others and look into their heart and minds to determine their value as people? Oops, there goes me showing my naiveté, thinking people are willing to leave behind their prejudices and view others as themselves.

Gary Gile – Andover

Rivereast Writers

To the Editor:
Last week, Sam Prentice accused me of not knowing the difference between slander and libel while Victor Congdon claimed I knew the difference. They should coordinate better. Several weeks have elapsed and still neither one has quoted what I said that was legally injurious. Plenty of bluster but no attempt to prove their case. What gives?

Peter Kushkowski mocking the press for ignoring Biden's tripping up AF1's steps? Said Biden showed "visible physical frailty." Was it frailty when 60-year-old Mike Pence fell up AF2's steps? Biden, at 78, looked spry and energetic, bouncing back up three times, then giving a stout salute at the top. Peter needs to get over lingering angst from negative press coverage of Trump's hesitant West Point ramp descent. Better video was Trump trailing toilet paper up AF1's ramp. White House spin machine claimed it was only a small squarish piece of moist paper stuck to his shoe. 'If it walks and quacks like a duck - .'

Ed Kozlowski wrote my name 10 times his last letter. 3.33% of his word usage. I demand royalties.

Gary Gile constantly directs readers to his webpage garygile.com. Give credit for consistency, just as much logic there as in his weekly Rivereast letters. One webpage example – he claims Fox News is biased against Republicans and conservatives. Crazy stuff.

Global warming deniers, these five. Scientists still trying to awaken us. Only a few millennia ago humans and our livestock comprised less than 1% of Earth's mammal biomass. Today, humans and our livestock now comprise 96% of mammal biomass. All others at 4% and declining. Whales, dolphins, elephants, giraffes, rhinos, marsupials, caribou herds, tigers etc. – heading towards extinction. Too few humans care enough. Too many Homo insipiens.

Ed Smith – Andover
See Letters, page 4

Discounts as big as a house. Or condo. Or apartment.

See just how big your savings could be. Your savings could add up to hundreds of dollars when you put all your policies together under our State Farm™ roof. **GET TO A BETTER STATE.™ CALL ME TODAY.**

Paul A Catalano CLU ChFC CPCU, Agent
Bus: 860-537-3338
www.insurect.com

State Farm™

1103155.1 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company, Bloomington, IL

Fogged or Cloudy Insulated Windows?

CHANGE the GLASS, NOT the WINDOWS!!!

Send anonymous pic including town to myglasspane@gmail.com & get a guesstimate, or call

"Pane in the Glass"
860-342-3253

Throw Out 2020... Start 2021 with a Dumpster Rental!

<p>10 Yard</p> <p>Ideal for small basement/house/shed cleanouts, roofing materials, siding and window jobs, deck renovations, construction materials and much more. Whether it's tight driveways or low power lines, the 10 yard is designed with the homeowner in mind.</p> <p>12' long, 8' wide, 3' tall</p> <p>10 Cubic Yard Dumpster \$320 + CT sales tax 1.5 tons/3,000 lbs allotted \$95/ton over 1.5 tons</p>	<p>20 Yard</p> <p>Ideal for house and garage cleanouts, large roofing jobs, concrete, manure, stumps, light demolition, construction and more. Our medium sized dumpster. With only 4 foot high walls, customers are able to load the container with ease.</p> <p>22' long, 8' wide, 4' tall</p> <p>20 Cubic Yard Dumpster \$440 + CT sales tax 2.5 tons/5,000 lbs allotted \$95/ton over 2.5 tons</p>	<p>30 Yard</p> <p>Ideal for large cleanouts, home improvements, demolition, construction materials, large roofing jobs, bulky waste, brush, stumps, and more. These dumpsters are ideal for any type of job.</p> <p>22' long, 8' wide, 8' tall</p> <p>30 Cubic Yard Dumpster \$530 + CT sales tax 3.5 tons/7,000 lbs tons allotted \$95/ton over 3.5 tons</p>
---	---	--

*Must mention Rivereast News Bulletin when ordering. Expires April 9, 2021. Free 7 Day Rental. \$5 per day after 7 days.

NEW CONSTRUCTION • REMODELS • NEW ROOFS • HOUSE/BASEMENT CLEANOUTS • YARD DEBRIS & MORE

860-642-7351 • STERLINGSUPERIOR.COM

Reader Forum • Reader Forum

★ Letters cont. from page 3

White Privilege

To the Editor:
 Maya Angelou once said, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time." Unfortunately, when presented with an opportunity to reflect on his criticisms of Pamela Cyr-Long's letters regarding racism, Sam Prentice chose to shame those who care about social justice as complainers, hypocrites and racial hustlers. His underlying assertion suggests this is liberal suppression or some sort of emotional shakedown.

He premised his argument on the MLK quote, "I have a dream that one day our children will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." The reality is this is not a speech about colorblindness. Dr. King never intended this as an invitation to create a colorblind nation. In his address, he appealed for the evaluation of an individual's worth in conjunction with their race. He also sharply criticized the horrors of anti-Black police brutality, white privilege, voter disenfranchisement and discrimination in virtually all areas of life.

Unfortunately, Mr. Prentice missed this point entirely. Claiming not to see color is a Trojan horse that tolerates laws intended to disenfranchise African Americans by limiting polling places, requiring undue restrictions, and prohibiting others from providing food and water to voters standing in line. It undermines the fundamental question of the BLM movement. Which is, if we are all equal how do we explain the disparities in healthcare, poverty, police brutality, incarceration, and voting rights? The truth is, riots are the language of the unheard and condemning the demonstrations without denouncing the unjust social conditions that precipitated them in the first place, is simply another attempt to "whitewash" the disproportionate effects of systemic racism.

The offense isn't the lack of self-reflection regarding one's unconscious bias. It's lacking the courage to question one's comfort of white privilege.

Joe Stevens – Hebron

To Be of Use

To the Editor:
 In one of my favorite poems, "To Be of Use" by Marge Piercy, the first line is, "The people I love the best/ jump into work head first/ without dallying in the shallows/ and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight." This line resonates poignantly with me, particularly in the wake of COVID-19, as the end of my final year at Bacon Academy looms on the horizon.

Despite all the challenges in a year filled with fear and frustration, endless restriction and disappointment, I found comfort and relief in "the people I love the best." In my experience as president of The Academy's chapter of the National Honor Society, it has been incredibly fulfilling over the past six months to work with an amazing group of fellow students who have

turned the struggles of an unprecedented crisis into an opportunity to engage with and help our community. Regardless of the numerous limitations, our club was able to complete several service projects which included a holiday gift drive for our local nursing home, returning on two separate occasions to decorate outside for the residents, and build snowmen to spread some holiday cheer. We initiated a district-wide volunteer tutoring program to assist students needing extra help, conducted a trash cleanup down Norwich Avenue, and advocated in support for our local small businesses during this difficult time.

As my peers and I prepare to "swim off with sure strokes" into an uncertain future, it's reassuring to know that we will take with us the connection to our community and the yearning "To Be of Use" no matter where we end up.

Respectfully,
 Shannon Hickey
 Bacon Academy Class of 2021

Budgets to Public Hearing

To the Editor:
 On April 6, the Colchester town and school budgets will be presented at a public hearing. After the presentation, taxpayers and voters can ask questions and make comments on the budgets presented. The public hearing will be via Zoom and begin at 6:30 pm. Check the town website, www.colchesterct.gov, for the link.

A second public hearing on May 4 will present the budgets after the Board of Finance has reviewed them at a series of workshops. These workshops will also give taxpayers and voters opportunities for questions and comments. Check the budget calendar under 'Budget Information' on the town website for the meeting dates, all starting at 6:30.

The Annual Town Budget Meeting is planned for May 19, with the referendum likely to be held on May 27.

Rob Tarlov, Chairman
 Colchester Board of Finance

East Hampton Zone Changes

To the Editor:
 Wednesday, April 7, the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will face two applications for zone changes which could alter East Hampton's character forever. The first application is for a change of zoning from residential to commercial in the Middle Haddam Historic District. The second is to remove the historic Strong House on Main Street and change the zoning to commercial for the expansion of Food Bag.

Both these applications would overturn the Plan of Conservation and Development and reduce the town's historic resources. Changing residential zoning to commercial in an area that was set aside for its historic significance and deemed worthy of special preservation by the town would be a mistake.

Changing residential zoning to commercial to allow the introduction of a two-acre conve-

nience store on Main Street would begin the erosion of Main Street leading to the old center of town.

Town residents need to voice their opposition to these proposals at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday. Both of the proposals would set precedence and begin the erosion of residential zones in areas the town needs to preserve. The town has a finite number of historic resources and the loss of any should not be allowed. These resources contribute to the look and feel of the town and can never be regained. No amount of plantings can replace what proper zoning can achieve.

Please voice your opposition to the proposed zone changes at Wednesday's Zoom meeting or write to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Stay with the towns current Plan of Conservation and Development and keep these areas zoned residential.

Kenneth Dodson – East Hampton

Bills Moving Forward

To the Editor:
 On March 12, I shared with you several bill proposals introduced by Connecticut House Republicans to assist victims of domestic violence and opioid abuse in our state. I'm writing today with an encouraging update on two of those proposals now making their way towards a vote on the House floor.

On March 18, the Human Services Committee voted unanimously in favor of a bill to provide temporary state assistance to victims of domestic violence regardless of their household income. This bill would expand SNAP benefit eligibility for victims and provide them with a temporary waiver to apply for the Care 4 Kids program, which helps cover child care costs. The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Connecticut Children's Medical Center both testified in favor of this bill, and as an early co-sponsor of this proposal, I was pleased to see it receive resounding bipartisan support in the committee.

In the Public Safety Committee, we also voted to support the expansion of the CRISIS Initiative Pilot Program. CRISIS promotes collaboration between local and state emergency response, mental health and substance abuse professionals to provide treatment and prevention resources to individuals struggling with opioid abuse. As Ranking Republican Member of the committee, I was encouraged by the cooperation and productive debate on this issue across party lines, culminating in a unanimous vote to send the bill to the House floor.

If you notice a friend or loved one is having

trouble sleeping, taking care of physical needs or being more intoxicated than usual, please consider their available resources at: www.uwc.22ct.org.

To learn more about our RestartCT platform, visit: www.cthousegov.com/RestartCT.

For more updates on these and other bills moving through the process, you can visit my website: www.RepGreen.com.

Sincerely,
 State Rep. Robin Green
 R-55

Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough

Regional • Regional • Regional

UConn Dean's List

The following area students made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Connecticut:

- Amston:** Marley Forbes, Maya Paprocki.
- Andover:** Erica Croxford, Blake Gaines, Leah Geiger, Nathan Keeney, Andrew Perkins, Jonathon Rocco, Niko Xenophontos.
- Colchester:** Morgan Darling, Amber Deslaurier, Carrie Epstein, Chris Floto, Andrew Gannon, Autumn Hannah, Ryan Konon, Katelyn Lamprey, Sean McCormick, Brady Noniewicz, Jack Reever, Jessica Savage, Joan Tremblay, Madison Zuckerman.
- East Hampton:** Lena Bosco, Irisa Burchsted-Glynn, Alison Chase, Lindsay De Brito, Peyton Debowsky, Jenna Pethybridge, Slawek Piela, Colin Piteo, Brooke Roussel, Jacquelyn Yorker, Abi Young.
- Hebron:** Mackenzie Ansich, Olivia Babick, Emily Brault, Katie Bushey, Adam Cox, Molly Cunningham, Josh Desjardins, Dylan Foley, Maddy Golino, David Hart, Jackie Hart, Grace Heersping, Kristina Kasper, Jordin Longo, Katie Malgioglio, Nick Malgioglio, Julia Pearson, Alexa Samuelson, Katharine Santella, Emma Triantafyllou, Elizabeth White.
- Marlborough:** Evan Alfano, Nicole Catarino, Elizabeth Chapman, Emily Cochefski, David Crowe, Erica Deskus, Reileigh Fleeher, Ian Gechas, Jacob Greenwald, Erin Hughes, Weronika Kaplon, Melanie Keogh, Austin Moreland, Leeanne Nastri, Mahid Qureshi, Tiffany Sanclemente, Rob Suduth, Cailin Tennis, Jen Vincenzo.
- Portland:** Ashley Garen, Morgan Geres, Sarah Kohs, Callie Mertel, Mariah Morneau, Daniel Sigman, Becca Tripp, Hunter Woiowitz, Reagan Woiowitz.

Portland • Portland

Soccer Club Taking Spring Registrations

Through April 25, Portland Soccer Club is taking registrations for the spring season. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Registration is online only, at www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub.

Club Soccer: Runs May 1-June 12 (seven-week season). All games are at the New Portland Recreational Complex. Cost and schedule: Pre-K sessions (\$60): 8:45-9:30 a.m. (Saturday only); Dribbler sessions (\$75): 10-11 a.m. (Saturday only); Kicker sessions (\$75): 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Saturday games and Wednesday practice). Full-team uniforms for Dribbler and Kicker divisions and shirts and balls for pre-kindergarten are included in the registration fees and will be available for distribution prior to and during the first day of play.

Travel-Town Soccer: Cost per travel registrant is \$100 for U9 to U15. The Travel Division will be in-house only, with individual teams practicing and playing within their own group cohort for practices and games. Specific cohorts will be determined after registration closes. PSC will also hold additional foot skill, shooting and goalie training throughout the season; this additional training is included in the registration fee.

For more information, contact President Chris Donahue at donahuecj@sbcglobal.net or 860-342-3228; Vice President Chad Wilson at nosliw.dahc@gmail.com or 205-999-8842; or registrar Stephanie Bolstridge at stephaniebolstridge@gmail.com or 860-478-9693.

Editor's Desk continued from page 2

Oil expanding into the field of alternative energy, and J.R. is of course having none of it.

J.R. says, dismissively, "You mean to tell me you want to slap the Ewing name on a bunch of windmills?"

Bobby replies, "No; solar energy first, then geothermal, and, yes, maybe wind."

J.R. just rolls his eyes, and Bobby says, bluntly, "The world's running out of oil, J.R."

The writers of *Dallas* knew what was up 40 years ago. It's a shame that, even now, some people are still struggling to figure that out.

 See you next week.

RANKED #1 in HEBRON!



Countryside Realty of Hebron Ranks #1 in 2020!

Countryside Realty of 30 Main Street in Hebron ranks #1 for the 10th straight year in number of properties SOLD in total for Hebron, Lebanon, Columbia, and Andover!*

Everyone at Countryside Realty credits their success to an emphasis on preparation, relentless focus on customer service and a deep understanding of the market. Countryside Realty would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to their clients for their Loyalty, Trust, Referrals and Repeat Business throughout the years.

According to The Greater Hartford Association of Realtors and the Connecticut SmartMLS

Looking To Sell Or Buy?

We have qualified buyers ready and willing to buy. Call Today!



(860) 228-8512

Want the Best for your Family?
 Trust Ours!

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED
 LOYAL, DEPENDABLE SERVICE
 TOP RATED AGENTS
 FIVE STAR AWARD
 WINNER YEAR LYSINCE
 2009

We Have It All!
 Now is the time! Call us today!

(860) 228-8512

30 Main Street, Hebron
 www.countrysiderealtyct.com

RIVEREAST

News Bulletin

Serving Amston, Andover, Cobalt, Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough, Middle Haddam and Portland

Published Every Friday by The Glastonbury Citizen

87 Nutmeg Lane • Glastonbury, CT 06033

Telephone (860) 633-4691 • Fax: (860) 657-3258

E-mail: bulletin@glcitizen.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 373 • Glastonbury, CT 06033

Email classified line ads to sandy@glcitizen.com.

Email Legal Notices to legals@glcitizen.com

and call 860-633-4691 to pay with MC or VISA.

Advertising Representatives:

Jason Baran, ext. 231 • jason@glcitizen.com
 April Krason, ext. 232 • april@glcitizen.com
 Michelle Villar, ext. 233 • rep233@glcitizen.com

Staff Reporters:

Sloan Brewster—Hebron, Andover & RHAM
 Karla Santos—Colchester & Marlborough
 Jack Lakowsky—East Hampton & Portland

PUBLISHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY ADVERTISEMENT AT ANY TIME

Standard Mail – Postage Permit #1092 at Hartford, CT
 Glastonbury Citizen (USPS-219-360)

Portland • Portland

Town Clerk Hopes to Win Selectmen's Seat

by Jack Lakowsky

Local Republican Ryan Curley, currently the Portland town clerk, recently announced he's throwing his hat in the ring to become the town's first selectman.

The current first selectman, Democrat Susan Bransfield, revealed last week she won't be seeking a ninth term in office.

Portland Democrats have yet to announce who they'll run to replace Bransfield. Shaun Manning has announced he's running for first selectman on his Back to Basics ticket, as he did in 2019.

In a Facebook post announcing his candidacy, Curley said he will focus on improving local quality of life and will provide support for local businesses and town employees.

Curley attributed his love of Portland to his late grandmother, Betty Curley.

Curley, a lifelong Portland resident who attended local schools and went on to graduate with an accounting degree from Rhode Island's Bryant University, expanded on why he wants to run in a Tuesday interview with the *Rivereast*.

"My big project will be to focus on economic development," Curley said in the phone call. "Susan's done a great job, and I want to continue playing to our strengths. We have an extensive waterfront, but no boat launch, for example."

Curley said the current Board of Selectmen has worked very hard to revitalize the riverfront, and that he hopes to advance this work further.

He said improving the town's aging infrastructure will be another focus of his, and said he's excited that the town's long-term capital committee has returned to its work.

"What's important is leaving things better than you found them," Curley said. "Susan's done that, and I'd be looking to do the same."

Curley praised Bransfield on several topics, including her nonpartisan approach, her enthusiasm, her leadership, her handling of the CO-



Ryan Curley

VID-19 pandemic, and her thorough, practical approach to town budgets.

Curley said he considers designing the town's spending plans one of a town leader's most important duties.

An accounting major, Curley said budgets are "where I shine."

Curley has previously served two terms on the Board of Selectmen, first winning election at 24. He is now 34 and, if he wins, will be the first millennial to be the town's first selectman.

Curley said that, during his initial stint on the Board of Selectmen, he took a far more black-and-white approach to budgeting, emphasizing cost savings.

But now, having served both on the board and as a member of the government it oversees, Curley said his approach is more holistic. He explained he now takes an "investors" approach, weighing both long and short-term effects of town spending, analyzing the budget item-by-item.

Curley first became town clerk in 2015, winning re-election to another four-year term in 2019. He said he loves the position and will continue to serve as clerk should he lose the election – but added he always knew it wouldn't be a forever-job.

He said of his decision to run for first selectman: "the planets just aligned."

In addition to being in the middle of his second term as clerk, Curley will be finishing a master's degree in public administration in May.

"This really feels like the right move," he said.

Curley said among his proudest accomplishments as clerk was the digitization of the office. Curley expanded the town's online land record archive, introduced the acceptance of credit card payments and implemented an online dog

licensing program.

These upgrades increased revenue to the town, Curley said. He said he will also focus on making town services more convenient for residents.

He said locals can't pay their water/sewer bills online, and this is something he's committed to modernizing.

Improving the town's water infrastructure, Curley said, will go a long way to drawing more businesses.

Curley said his office's handling of 2,600 absentee ballots for the 2020 general election was also a feat, noting that no one had to be hired for the extra work.

Protecting Portland's air quality could be another tackling of Curley's. In February, the *Rivereast* reported that the NRG energy plant on River Road in Middletown planned to replace 20th-century combustion turbines with new, more efficient models.

However, opponents of the build have stated NRG plans to run the new turbines more, and this would negate any emissions saved. On this side of the river, Portland locals have pointed out to Middletown and to the state that the town will get more than its share of pollution with little to no benefits.

Curley said he "agrees with those concerned about the pollution."

"Protecting our air quality is the way to go," he said. "If there's a practical solution we can all live with, that's what I'd like to see."

Last year, Bransfield, spurred by the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, began an effort to address racial inequity and inequality in town by forming the Portland Solidarity Task Force, a part of the Portland Social Justice Coalition.

"I totally agree with Susan; [equity] is extremely important," Curley said. "My opinion is that is not a partisan issue, equity is a universal issue, and improving it in town will be a priority for me."

Curley said he knows that if he wins in November, the town's final decision makers would become less diverse, changing to a group composed of white men only.

"I would love to see more diversity [among town staff and administration]," Curley said. "I mean, women make up half the town. We gotta get more women leaders. We're working on this and hopefully, when we announce our slate of candidates in July, we'll have some good news on this."

Youth Poetry Contest

The Portland Parks and Recreation Youth Poetry Contest is open to children in grades 5 and 6 who live or attend school in Portland.

There is no fee required to enter this contest. The top three winners will be announced at a virtual awards ceremony on May 27 at 6 p.m. on the Zoom online streaming platform. Each of the three will be presented with a certificate and will have the option of performing their poem during the ceremony.

The poems will be compiled with other top

poems from the contest and published in a bound book by the Parks and Rec. Department. Once the book is made, it will be added to the catalog of Portland Library and put on display.

Poems can be entered into the contest by using Portland Parks and Recreation's RecDesk Registration Software. Call 860-342-6757 or email adionne@portlandct.org for help submitting your poem. Entries will be accepted through May 17.

Dog Tales

ADVENTURES IN GROOMING & PET CARE

Grooming • Training

Louise and Michael Walsh

860.342.BATH
311 Main Street, Portland, CT
dogtalespetspa.com

INTO THE WOODS

Gifts inspired by nature...

Jade & sterling silver pendant (for prosperity)
\$20

106 Bridge Road, Haddam, CT
Wed – Sun, 11 to 6 * (860) 985-6321
Crystals * Jewelry * Shells
Framed Butterflies * Fossils

A&R ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC

Radon Specialists since 1995

Radon Mitigation & Testing
Specializing in Air & Water Systems

Licensed, Certified & Insured

www.arenvironmental.com **FREE QUOTES**

Serving CT & MA **860-742-6767**

DiMauro Oil Company, LLC

Heating Oil – Diesel Fuel – Kerosene
24 Hour Emergency Burner Service

Pre-Buy Price Protection Plans	Budget Plans
Service Contracts	Senior Citizen Discount
Automatic Delivery	Volume Discount
Prompt Delivery	On-Site Diesel Delivery

(860) 342-2969

CT Reg # HOD. 596 Portland

Takeout Pasta Dinner

The Freestone Council Knights of Columbus will provide a takeout pasta dinner Wednesday, April 7, from 4-6 p.m., at St. Mary Church, to help fund the council's charitable works.

The dinner will include homemade pasta and meatballs, salad and roll. Cost is \$10 each, or \$30 for a family serving. No pre-order is necessary. On the day of the meal, chefs are available at 860-342-2713 for any questions.

For home delivery, call Buddy Hernandez at 860-342-3034.

Easter Plant Sale

The Portland Volunteer Fire Department Company 3 will hold its annual Easter plant sale Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3, starting at 8 a.m. both days, at the arch pavilion next to the police department on Main Street.

Police News

3/20: Kyle Northup, 34, of Middletown, was charged with driving under the influence, Portland Police said.

3/26: Charles Mifflin, 51, of 256 Airline Ave., was charged with third-degree criminal mischief, police said.

Cool Your Whole House With No Ductwork Needed!
Spring Rebates up to \$7500* and Financing as Low as .99%!

Limited Time Offer. Rebates on Qualifying Mitsubishi Ductless Systems. Call now for full details and a Free Home Consultation.*

ABSOLUTE AIR SERVICES
860-666-4200
Heating - Air Conditioning - Ductless Heat Pumps

NOW THERE IS A SMARTER WAY TO COOL AND HEAT ANY ROOM

1116 Portland Cobalt Rd., Portland, CT
10 Essex Plaza, Essex, CT
www.absoluteairservices.com
LIC# S10393975

PIANO TUNER

Tuning, Repairs & Cleaning

Contact **TED WILLIAMS**
Certified by Hartt School of Music
(860) 228-0309
www.ConnecticutPianoTuning.com

PIZZERIA

Da Vinci

Authentic Italian Thin Crust Pizza
Salads • Calzones • Subs

– TAKE OUT –

\$3.00 OFF any large pizza

with this ad • expires 4/30/21 • 1 coupon per customer per visit

Route 66, Cobalt, CT
860-267-4174
Open Mon.-Sat. 11AM-9PM; Sunday 3PM-9PM

Portland • Portland

From the Desk of the State Representative...

We entered this legislative session knowing our main priority would be continuing to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and charting a path forward. As session is at its midway point, I think it is important to provide an update.

Although not every issue is unanimous, bipartisan measures are underway. The House of Representatives voted to allow restaurants to cut through red tape and maximize outdoor dining options. We also voted to require greater accountability for how Connecticut spends federal COVID-19 relief funds. Unfortunately, a proposal I supported that would have created a pathway to reaffirm the legislature as an equal branch of government in making decisions about pandemic policy failed, but we must continue to move forward even when we disagree.

While this session has been like none other, I have focused on helping constituents navigate government agencies and legislative proposals to improve our state and communities.

Some of my proposals include:

- Addressing the dangerous uptick in juvenile-related auto thefts;
- Establishing an option for towns and cities to better respond to community needs by deferring taxes for 90 days;
- Strengthening education tools that became necessary as a result of COVID-19;
- Simplifying access to the appropriate medication for individuals with behavioral health needs; and
- Increasing the property tax credit.

COVID-19 has hit many very hard. It is important that we provide a solid education for our children, keep our neighbors healthy, and assist the businesses that have struggled. A lot will happen between now and the end of session on June 9th. I hope we will focus more on the matters that will help the state recover and less on issues that will divide us.

Always,
State Rep. Christie Carpino, R-32
 Portland & Cromwell
 Christie.Carpino@housegop.ct.gov

Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., has announced its Holy Week and Easter schedule; all are invited. Complete information is available on the church website, trinitychurchportlandct.org, and by looking for "Trinity Episcopal Church * Portland" on Facebook.

On Good Friday, the church will provide a prerecorded "Stations of the Cross" on Facebook and its website beginning at noon April 2. The stations will be set up on the parking lot lawn and will be available for individuals from the community to contemplatively or meditatively walk with Jesus to the cross. The stations will be available through Saturday afternoon.

On Easter Sunday, a prerecorded service

from the sanctuary will be available via Facebook or the church website beginning at 8 a.m. April 4. There will also be a "drive-in" Easter service, in the parking lot, at 9 a.m., and a Zoom service at 10:30 a.m.

The church is open for prayer and meditation on 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.

Celebrate Poetry in Portland

This April, Portland Library is celebrating National Poetry Month and Earth Day with a downtown Poetry Walk.

Stop into the library at 20 Freestone Ave. or visit www.portlandlibraryct.org for a sheet that lists nine downtown locations that are featuring poems about nature in their windows. Write down the names of the poems at each location and return your sheet to the library or email it to us at portlandlibrary@portlandct.org. When you return your sheet, you will be awarded a small prize. This event is open to participants

of all ages.

The library is open for brief visits. The number of visitors is limited; people should call 860-342-6770 for an appointment before visiting.

Participating businesses including Connecticut Valley Music & Dance, Dog Tales Grooming and Pet Care, Hunan Wok V, Life Family Chiropractic, Magic Mirror Unisex Salon, Mellilli Caffé & Grill, Savvy Swap Consignment, Thalody Family Dentistry, and Zah's Bait and Tackle. The program is funded by Friends of the Portland Library.

First Congregational Church News

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

Throughout the pandemic, the congregation has been worshipping virtually with Sunday worship services being available on the church's YouTube channel. Virtual church school is offered weekly by Ann Labby, director of Christian education.

An Easter event for children will be offered Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m.-noon, in the field behind the church. There will be activities for the children, including an Easter Egg Hunt and prizes for all. Masks and social distancing will be required.

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:15 a.m. April 4. Social distancing will be

observed and masks will be required at this in-person gathering in the area of the Memorial Garden Gazebo, behind the church. Bring a chair or feel free to stand or remain in your car for the service.

The virtual Easter Worship Service will be available on YouTube, and will include special music and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The church recently launched a weekly e-newsletter, *The Weekly Word*. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing lists (both electronic and Postal Service) of this congregation should email first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net, or leave a message at 860-342-3244. For more information, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit www.firstchurchportlandct.org.

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. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

Library Reopens: The library is allowing entry for brief visits to browse and borrow books, use computers and more. Facemasks for those over the age of two, social distancing and use of sanitizer upon entering are required. Call ahead to book an appointment before your visit; walk-ins may be allowed but cannot always be accommodated due to limits on the number of visitors allowed in the building. Computers and wireless access in the building are available by appointment. Curbside delivery of requested items also continues. Call for more information, available by appointment. "Curbside Delivery" of requested items also continues.

Holiday Closing: The library will be closed Friday, April 2, for Good Friday.

Youth Programs: Nutmeg Voting: Stop into the library to vote on the 2021 Nutmeg Nominees or submit your favorite title in your age group to portlandlibrary@portlandct.org. Nominees have been divided into four categories: Elementary (grades K-2), Intermediate (grades 3-5), Teen (grades 6-8), and High School (grades 9-12). Visit the Portland Library website for a complete list of nominees. Winners will be announced May 15, and next year's nominees will be announced May 1.

Online Storytime: Tuesdays, April 6-27, at 10 a.m., via Zoom. Registration is required for each week and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of each program.

A Taste of Tourism: Thursdays, April 22-May 13, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom, for grades K-5. Each week, explore the cultures, landmarks and traditions of a different country in the world through stories, games and crafts. Registration is required; space is limited.

April Vacation Program: Paper Quilling: Wednesday, April 14, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom, for grades 3 and up. Learn paper quilling, the art of taking thin strips of colored paper, rolling them into a coil, pinching them to form a shape and then gluing the shapes together to create paper designs and objects. Registration required; space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance.

Teen Event: Mini Meetup: Monday, April 19, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom, for grades 6 and up. Making Shrinky Dinks, mini art masterpieces and some "teen-y" bite-size treats. Registration required; space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance.

Family Craft Night: Butterfly Shadow Boxes: Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m., via Zoom. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, although adult supervision is required. Registration required; space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance.

Adult Program: Mystery Lovers Book Club: Tuesday, April 20, 1 p.m. *All is Not Forgotten* by Wendy Walker will be discussed.

Hoots, Screeches and Moans in the Night!: Wednesday, April 28, 7 p.m., via Zoom, presented by Ginny Apple, a master wildlife conservationist. In this Portland-River Valley Garden Club conservation program, Apple will talk all about owls. Zoom ID is 8603426777 and the Passcode is Portland.

Exchange Club Golf Tourney

The Exchange Club of Portland will hold its annual charity golf tournament Friday, May 7, at Portland Golf Course. Proceeds support various local programs and charities.

Cost is \$165/golfer for the four-person scramble event, and includes cart, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Registration and sponsorship brochures are available at many town businesses and at www.portlandexchange.org.

The safety of our patients and staff members is extremely important for us. All recommended COVID-19 safety measures are in place.



Amita Aggarwal, D.M.D.
 Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
 322 Main St., Portland, CT
 (Conveniently located next to Post Office)
 Evening/Saturday Hours Available
860-342-3303

— New Patients Are Welcome —

Quality care in an atmosphere of concern, comfort & understanding
 Specializing in all phases of General and Cosmetic Dentistry

YOUR SMILE IS OUR PRIORITY!
 Stay Healthy! Stay Safe!

EEB-15-20



The early stages of communication disorders are easier to spot when you know the signs.

IDENTIFY THE SIGNS



For info: IdentifyTheSigns.org

Ronald W. Kutz, Esq.

— GENERAL PRACTICE OF LAW —

Wills • Probate • Conservatorships • Elder Law
Small Business Law/LLC's
Landlord /Tenant/Evictions
Real Estate Purchases & Sales

KUTZ LAW OFFICE L.L.C., Portland Executive Center
 262 Marlborough Street, Portland, CT 06480
 (860) 342-4369 • www.kutzlawoffice.com
 www.ctconservatorshiplawyer.com

EEB-15-20

RIVER VALLEY PROPANE
RIVER VALLEY OIL SERVICE
 www.rivervalleyos.com



- Automatic Heating Oil Delivery
- Automatic Propane Delivery
- Heating Systems & Hot Water Equipment Installation & Service
- Air Conditioning System Installation & Service
- 24 Hour Emergency Service

HONEST SERVICE

Call us at **860-342-5670**
 for all your fuel and service needs.

Find us on
 310 South Main St., Middletown CT License S1-387499
 HOD #709 HOD #1143

CITB-11-20



FULL SERVICE AUTO BODY REPAIR

1621 Portland Cobalt Rd. (Rt. 66)
 Portland, CT 06480

Grayson Mountain
 860-342-1520
 www.portlandcollisionllc.com



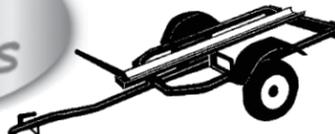
EEB-16-20



Parts & Service

Colchester is Now Open!

451 OLD HARTFORD ROAD — JUST OFF RT 2
860-603-2368



CIT2-11-21

BROTHERS OIL COMPANY
 Since 1978
860-342-5240
 Automatic Delivery for less than COD
 24 Hour Emergency Repair Service
 Same Day Oil Delivery Available
WE ACCEPT ENERGY ASSISTANCE
 www.BrothersOil.com
 HOD 114 • S7-308374
WHEN THE HEAT'S ON US...WE DELIVER!

Colchester • Colchester

Livestreamed Classical Music Easter Concert

St. Andrew Church will present its livestreamed Easter concert, "Let There Be Light: A Morning of Easter Song," at 8:50 a.m. Easter morning, April 4, just prior to the 9:30 a.m. Easter Mass. (The concert will begin shortly after the 8 a.m. Easter Mass is over.) The stream will be at www.standrew-colchester.org.

The live concert will also be presented at the church, 128 Norwich Ave. Social distancing norms still apply, and therefore ample room may not be available for everyone to attend the live concert).

The concert will feature Natalie Wood, soprano soloist, and Colleen Puscas, pianist and organist. Wood is a veteran soprano soloist,

voice teacher, actor and performer on the musical stage throughout the tri-state area. Puscas is the 26-year veteran music director of St. Andrew Church, with dual master's degrees in music composition/theory and liturgy/theology.

Wood and Puscas will perform a program of traditional classical favorites including "The Lord Is My Light," "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (Messiah), 2 pieces from Mozart's Exultate Jubilate and "Let The Bright Seraphim" featuring professional trumpeter Carey Ozmun.

After the concert, all are invited to celebrate Easter Sunday Mass, either at the church or streamed online.

Colchester Federated Church News

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

The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., by appointment only. To schedule, call 860-537-5189 or email cfc06415@gmail.com

The church remains closed to the public until further notice. In-person worship services are limited to 40 people total. Reservations are required. Call or email the church office by Friday at 9 a.m. to reserve a spot. Worship services will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m.

Easter Schedule: Good Friday, April 2 at noon. (Virtual worship only.) This will be a shortened version of the usual Good Friday Stations of the Cross service.

Easter Sunday, April 4: Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. at Lake Hayward. In-person outdoors and open to all; masks and social distancing required. There will also be the Easter worship service at 9 a.m., the service will be virtual and will also have limited in-person attendance. Communion will be served in the sanctuary. Those worshipping in-person should bring their own Communion elements, while those worshipping at home should have Communion elements on hand. The final sermon from Reflections on the Heart will be "Sharing our Treasures" based on Matthew 27:62-28:10 (Guard at the Tomb and Resurrection).

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

Finding Balance with Social Media

On Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m., Colchester Youth and Social Services will co-host a special virtual screening of the documentary *LIKE*, to open up a dialogue between local families, community leaders and experts on how to find a balance with social media.

The event will feature a viewing of the film, followed by a panel discussion with special guests Max Stossel, head of education and content at Center for Humane Technology; Dr. Jerry Bubrick, senior psychologist at Child Mind Institute; and Scilla Andreen, CEO and co-founder of the entertainment company IndieFlix.

The film's mission is to educate, inform and inspire people to effectively self-regulate their screen time, and to start a conversation about

how to ensure healthy use of technology.

To register for the live virtual screening and expert panel, visit tinyurl.com/er8j77w8.

In addition to the live virtual screening, there will be a week-long opportunity for New London County school staff and local YSBs are working together to have the documentary screened in local middle schools and high schools, as well. This particular option can be accessed by going to tinyurl.com/yfjdwkw5 and entering the case-sensitive login to access the film. Login: nlcountyouth@indieflix.com; password: nlcountyouth.com.

The link is good from April 5 at midnight to April 9 at 11:59 p.m.

To watch the *LIKE* trailer, visit www.thelike-movie.com.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year is at www.colchesterct.org.

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

Once registration forms are completed, parents/guardians will need to make an appointment with the Board of Education office. Appointments are available Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. To schedule one, call 860-537-7267.

Grab-and-Go Meals Update

Through the last day of school in June, Colchester Public Schools is offering free breakfast and lunch to all students and to all children 18 years of age and younger; meals includes entrée, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Grab-and-Go Meals pick-up is now at Bacon Academy, in front of the auditorium doors. Pick-up days will be Mondays and Thursdays only, from 10-10:30 a.m. Meals will not be available on days when students do not come to school because of inclement weather.

For more information, contact nutrition coordinator Leanne Ranheim at 860-537-9421 ext. 381 or lrnheim@colchesterct.org.

Looking for a New Dentist You Can Trust?

Treating all members of your family

We can help you attain and maintain great oral health!

Open 6 Days and 2 Evenings

Martin H. Zase, DMD, MAGD*
Michael L. Babinski, DMD, MAGD

Shouldn't your next dentist have advanced education? Both dentists are Masters of the Academy of General Dentistry and are members of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

*Dr. Zase is Eastern CT's only dentist accredited in cosmetics by the AACD, and was president of both the AACD and the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.



WE ARE OPEN

AND OUR OFFICE IS SAFE FOR YOU TO RETURN

Colchester Dental Group

860.537.2351

Personalized Financial Options Available!
Pre-pay and senior discounts or low monthly payments through CareCredit!



79A Norwich Ave., Colchester | www.ColchesterDentalGroup.com

Piano Tuning & Repair



James Garrett
860-295-9071



Get Quackin'!

We fix fogged and broken double pane windows FAST!
Ask about our glass deck railings, too - you'll love the view!

Columbia Glass, Inc.

Serving Eastern CT Since 1953
Insulated Glass, Screens, Mirror, Entryways, Tabletops, Tempered, Plexi, Lexan & more!
(860) 228-8485
127 Route 66 E, Columbia M-F 8-5 Sat 8-12
www.columbiaglassct.com CT Lic.# 0519877

When a safe lawn is important to you...



SafeLawns of Salem
(860) 859-3100

Lawn Fertilizing Programs • Tree / Shrub Care
Slit Seeding with Compost • Tick, Deer & Goose Controls
Bed Weed & Poison Ivy Controls • Soil Analysis
Organic, Hybrid & Traditional Lawn Care Programs Available

Visit us online www.safelawnsofsalem.com • Like us on Facebook!

"American Workers Installing American Products"

DON'T WAIT...Fix Your Leaks Now & Avoid Costly Roof Replacement

SPECIALIZING IN

- ★ Roof Leak Repairs
- ★ Chimney Flashing
- ★ Roof Venting
- ★ Roof Replacement
- ★ Aluminum Trim Repairs
- ★ Skylight Leak Repair



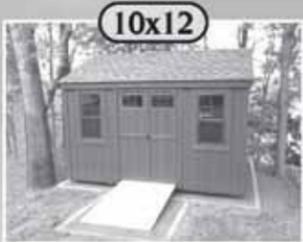
Chris Covone • Colchester, CT
Cell 860-608-9482

Licensed & Insured HIC.0556258

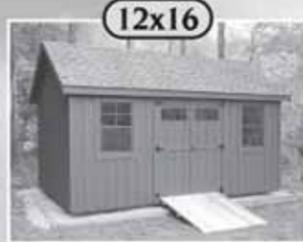
"American Workers Installing American Products"

HURRY IN - THIS SALE ENDS MAY 2ND!!

CAREFREE'S BIG SPRING SALE



Carefree Colonial
NOW ONLY \$4953!



Carefree Cottage
NOW ONLY \$6993!



Carefree Vinyl Pavilion
NOW ONLY \$12,947!



Carefree Vinyl Garage
NOW ONLY \$22,305!
(Only a few build dates left in 2021)

Horse Barns IN STOCK
Example: 10x16 Run-In
NOW ONLY \$5930!



1.800.326.SHED

CAREFREE
1979 - 2021
SMALL BUILDINGS
Over 40 Years of Building Quality!

Two Great Locations:

Colchester 860 267-7600

Clinton 860 664-1620

We're also available at Diroma Home & Garden Center, Griswold 860-591-1066

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.CAREFREEBUILDINGS.COM

Colchester • Colchester

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

Food Truck: Today, April 2, from 2-4 p.m., in the church parking lot, boxes of food will again be handed out to anyone in need. There is no charge. Cars will line up in the parking lot and boxes will be loaded into your trunk or car. Boxes may include milk, chicken, potatoes, apples, onions, cheese, butter and yogurt. Food is supplied by the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program. The program will run through April 23.

Easter Week Schedule: Tonight, Friday, April 2, the Good Friday service will begin at 7 p.m., with the sounds, the sights and the smells of the crucifixion. Communion will then be shared. All are invited.

Saturday, April 3, at 11 a.m., will be the annual Easter egg hunt on the church grounds.

There will also be a petting zoo for the children to enjoy.

Sunday, April 4, an Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the Colchester Town Green. Then, meet back at the church for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and the main service at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Sunday Service: Social distancing guidelines are followed. Sunday School is at the church at 9:30 a.m., with the main service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Call the church if you would like to attend. The service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook, and includes a special children's program. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/abundantLifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information or if unable to connect, call the church.

Power of Prayer: Prayer is provided by a group of church members. If in need of prayer for any reason, call the church to be placed on the prayer list. You may also ask about the various days and times the prayer groups meet and come at that time.

Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. Most programs are on Zoom; to learn more about join them, or for full descriptions, call 860-537-3911 or email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center.

Monday, April 5: 8:30 a.m., Garden Club Meeting; 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, April 6: 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi on Zoom; 10 a.m., Making Memories on Zoom; 11 a.m., Adult Coloring; 12:30 p.m., In the Know with Patty Watts; 1 p.m., conference call Bingo.

Wednesday, April 7: 10 a.m., Walking Group Meetup at Air Line Trail; 3 p.m., Welcome to Medicare Virtual Fair.

Thursday, April 8: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 10:30 a.m., Shopping Trip to Lisbon; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; 1:30 p.m., Genealogy 101.

Friday, April 9: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., AARP Tax Aide, by appointment only; 10:30 a.m., Crafter's Show & Share Hour; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; 1:30 p.m., Coping with Grief and Loss w/UCFS on Zoom.

Upcoming Programs: Senior Golf League Meeting on Zoom: Tuesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom. This is an informational meeting to discuss the 2021 golf league season at the Chantclair Golf Course in Colchester. This is a co-ed league and new members are welcome. Call the senior center for more information.

Springtime Treasures of Washington D.C.: Wednesday, April 14, 2 p.m., via Zoom. With Friendship Tours, explore some favorite treasures of Washington D.C., including the Cherry

Blossoms in full bloom, the Hillwood Estate, Dumbarton Oaks, East Potomac Park and more. Registration in advance is required; contact the senior center.

Norton Park Info Session on Zoom: Thursday, April 15, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom. The Norton Park Committee will discuss the history and development plans for Norton Park on Route 149 in Westchester. The link to join can be found in the monthly Zoom link table

Shopping Trip: Thursday, April 22 a.m., 10:30 a.m. departure. The buses are running on limited capacity to Lisbon Landing. Suggested donation is \$4. Pre-register by calling the office.

AARP Webinar Wednesdays: Wednesdays in April at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required to participate. Visit www.aarp.org/ct to see what is being offered, and to sign up for email announcements for AARP.

Walking Group: Wednesdays at 10 a.m., weather permitting, starting April 7. The group meets at the Air Line Trail entrance on Route 85 in Amston.

Care Corner with Select Physical Therapy: Check the senior center's Facebook page for tips to staying healthy at home with Jennifer Owens from Select PT in Colchester. Videos are posted every other Thursday on Facebook.

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.

Girls' Night Out

Anne Garland Enterprises of Colchester will hold a virtual Girls' Night Out Thursday, April 15, from 7-8:30 p.m., to benefit Colchester Food Bank.

This will be an evening for women age 40 and up, and will feature Zest Zone's essential oil mixologists. A \$5 donation is requested to benefit the Colchester Food Bank and will be matched by Anne Garland Enterprises, LLC. Each registrant will receive a free gram of magic for your mocktail/cocktail.

Registrations are due April 5. To register and for more information, visit annegarlandenterprises.com.

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave. The church offers Eastern Rite Divine services. Church doors are open for Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.; the Sunday service is bilingual.

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



Colchester Stone & Landscape Supply, LLC

631 Old Hartford Road • (860) 537-1526

CONTRACTORS SPECIALS:
Pavers by Belgard, Rionx, Nicolock

Driveway Milling On Sale Now!

APRIL MULCH SPECIAL!

Brown, Black, Red & Natural Compost
\$42 /yard



We Carry All Your Gardening Needs
Top Soil, Sand & Fill
Stone – from boulders to river rocks
Fire Pits, Fireplaces
Ponds, Waterfalls & Streams



Eastern Rental
Tent and Party Supplies

READY TO PARTY?

(860) 345-TENT

(860) 345-8368

BANQUET TENTS • TABLES • CHAIRS • DANCE FLOORS
SOUND SYSTEM • PARTY LIGHTS • CONCESSION

www.eastern-rental.com

BOYDEN
Real Estate **CO**

232 S. Main St.
Colchester

860-537-9559



Behind On Your Mortgage?

On June 30, 2021 the COVID-19 mortgage forbearance restrictions will be lifted!

What next?

Need answers the bank won't give you...

- ▶ Will I lose my house?
- ▶ Can the bank foreclose?
- ▶ Can I renegotiate my mortgage?
- ▶ Will my credit be damaged?
- ▶ What can I do to protect my family?

Get all the answers to these and other important questions.

Our Team Can Help! Call Scott Today!
860-608-0769



Don't risk your home or your credit call today!!!

860-608-0769



THE RENTAL CENTER OF COLCHESTER
Why Buy? When You Can Rent!

120 Linwood Avenue (Route 16)
Colchester, CT 06415

860-537-4256 • 800-545 GANO
Monday-Friday 8am-6pm, Saturday 8am-5pm
www.ctrentme.com

SPRING LAWN CLEAN UP AND REPAIR SEASON IS HERE!

Lawn Dethatchers
Starting at \$55.00 a Day



Pressure Washers
Starting at \$55.00 a Day



Rototillers
Starting at \$39.00 a Day



Self-Propelled Lawn Aerators
Starting at \$75.00 a Day



We carry the Lesco Fertilizer Program

4-Steps only \$129.99 • 5-Steps only \$166.99

No Quantity Limits

Treats 12,000 sq. ft.

No Mail In Rebates

Bobcats • Chippers • Stump Grinders
Sod Cutters • Over Seeders • Tile Saws
Excavators • Trenchers • Air Compressors
Log Splitters • Compactors • & much more

Colchester • Colchester

Tag Sale Donations Sought

Bacon Academy Project Graduation is looking for donations for its tag sale fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St. The event will be held under the pavilion at the rear of the parking lot.

Donations of new, gently-used and clean items are requested, including housewares, clothing, small furniture items, toys, books, etc. No television sets, mattresses, outdated computer equipment/electronics or children's car seats will be accepted. Donations will be accepted by event coordinator Kellee Ratzler at 35 Mountain Rd. Sundays, April 11 and 18, from 9 a.m.-noon, and Tuesdays, April 6-20, from 4-7 p.m. Larger, bulkier furniture items can be donated on the morning of the tag sale at the event location.

Email Ratzler at Kellee.ratzler@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer to price items or work at the tag sale.

The mission of Bacon Academy Project Graduation is to enhance drug- and alcohol-free awareness by providing safe and healthy graduation events for all graduating Bacon seniors. Project Graduation's most critical event is a graduation night party that keeps seniors together and off the roads on one of the riskiest nights in teen driving.

All Project Graduation events and initiatives to benefit BA seniors are entirely paid for through the fundraising efforts and contributions of Bacon Academy parents, students, businesses and community members. No tax dollars are ever used. For more information, visit www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For more information and full descriptions, call 860-537-7297, email parksandrec@colchesterct.gov or visit 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.

Basic Dog Obedience: Saturdays, April 10-May 15, 9-10 a.m. or 10:15-11:15 a.m., at Ruby Cohen Woodlands. First session is humans only. Only one dog per handler. Instructor is Kevin Williams of Paws to the Wall Dog Training. Proof of rabies and distemper vaccinations required for all dogs, and the Bordetella vaccination is also recommended. Fee: \$150/residents, \$155/non-residents. For adults age 18 and up. Minimum number of participants is four and maximum is eight.

Spring Guide to Online Shopping: Available at www.colchesterct.gov/community-events. The guide features local artisans. Online ordering and payment as well as local pickup/delivery are options with each vendor.

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

Cupcake Champion: Saturday, April 24, 9

a.m.-1 p.m. Residents can participate in teams of two. All baking and decorating will be done at home, on Zoom. Final cupcakes need to be delivered to the judges at the Town Hall immediately after the contest ends at 1 p.m.; judging will be on seven criteria. Event is free to participate in; you just provide the supplies to make and decorate your cupcakes. The winner will be invited to defend their championship at the next event. Top three winners will be awarded a Cupcake Plaque. Registration deadline is April 16.

Spring Clean-Up - and Sunflowers: Choose a location in town, then choose a time over the weekend of April 24-25 to clean up that area. All participants will be mailed a package of sunflower seeds, which they're encouraged to plant on their own property. Register online.

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

Book Bingo

Cragin Memorial Library's Book Bingo card for April is Science Fiction.

The library invites all to try this program to find a new read. Get a Bingo and you will win a prize and be entered into a raffle for a gift card to a local business. Complete a full card and you will be entered into the big end-of-year drawing.

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

St. Andrew Choir Releases Easter Recording

The St. Andrew Choir of Colchester recently produced its second "Virtual Choir" recording with national recording team Arts Laureate - and the concert has now been released, just in time for Easter.

Over the course of two virtual recordings, 60 current and former members of the choir and cantor corps, living in Germany, Switzerland, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, New York, Rhode Island, Alabama, and the Colchester area joined together in song. The first recording, "Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy," was released last Christmas, and is available at youtu.be/dKmqwGRZjhQ.

And now the choir has released its second Virtual Choir performance, just in time for Easter: "Alleluia Fanfare." This concert is available at youtu.be/jUQ0aJoJtCY.

St. Andrew Choir has produced the recordings with Arts Laureate professionals, whose audio and video engineers have created "virtual recordings" for the Los Angeles Opera, the U.S. Marine Band, the Choral Arts Society of Washington, the Kansas City Symphony, the Virginia Symphony, and the National Children's Chorus.

The new video will also be viewable during Holy Week at standrewcolchester.org.

Police News

3/22: State Police said Edwin Bristol, 36, of Willimantic, was arrested and charged with first degree failure to appear.

Coping with Grief

Sara Walker, LCSW from United Community and Family Services, will offer healthy ways to deal with grieving Friday, April 9, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Call Colchester Senior Center at 860-537-3911 for more info or to register.

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.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday; and 9 a.m.-noon Friday.

Drive-Thru Fish Fry

St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St., will host a drive-thru fish fry on Good Friday, April 2. Dinner will be available from 4-7 p.m.

People can pick up dinners to take home or eat socially distanced in the hall. Dinner is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Starting at 4 p.m., people can call in the orders to 860-537-2550 and they will be ready for drive-thru pick-up.

Images of America Book-Signings

The Colchester Historical Society is restocked with copies of *Images of America: Colchester* and will host book signings by the author, Gary Walter, on Sundays in April, noon-2 p.m., at the Colchester History Museum.

Images of America: Colchester features almost 200 historic images to tell the story of Colchester during the late 19th into the mid-20th century. The Colchester Historical Society is selling the book for \$20; proceeds benefit the society. Copies can also be ordered by mail for \$23 each.

The Colchester History Museum is located at 24 Linwood Ave., adjacent to Cragin Memorial Library. There is free parking behind the museum and library.

New Book at StoryWalk

A new book, *The Lumberjack's Beard* by Duncan Beedie, has been posted at the StoryWalk at Ruby & Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands, 96 MacDonald Rd.

StoryWalk combines physical activity with reading, as the pages of the book are transformed into signs on a trail inviting children and their caregivers to read as they move along the path.

StoryWalk is free and open to all, and is provided by Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester Garden Club, Colchester Land Trust, Colchester Wildlife Habitat and the Collaborative for Colchester's Children.

Fish Fry Friday

The Colchester Fish and Game Club will offer one more fish fry dinner tonight, Friday, April 2. Meals will be served from 6-8 p.m.

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

Take-out is encouraged. There will be a limited amount of seating at the club, with social distancing. The club is located on Old Town Road.

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



DUTCH OIL CO., INC.
PROPANE, LLC
"Dutch Does It Better"

Serving you and giving back to the community since 1997!

Professional Installations:
Central Air Conditioning
Propane Pool Heaters
Boilers/Furnaces
Water Heaters
Mini-Split Systems
Oil Tank Replacements
Propane Fireplace Inserts
Kohler Generators
Duct Cleanings • Automatic Deliveries
24/7 Emergency Service
Price Protection Programs
And so much more!!

Contact Dutch Oil & Propane at 860-873-3876 or visit us at www.DutchOil.com

Like us on Facebook 
Follow us on Instagram 
CT Lic. # S1-303161 HOD#310 HOD#909



What's on your list of Spring projects?

Serving Southeast CT and the Shoreline for over 45 years!

- Landscape Design
- Planting & Lawn Installation
- Patios & Walkways
- Site Work, Grading & Drainage
- Property Management
- Fieldstone Wall Construction

Call us to schedule today! (860) 859-3100

Find us on Facebook  BurnettsLandscaping.com CT Lic #608952



CAREFREE SELF STORAGE
267-1234
STORE IT FOR LESS

4 1/2 x 5 Storage Unit \$45/month
9 x 20 Storage Unit \$118/month
9 x 10 Storage Unit \$81/month

175 Lebanon Ave. Colchester, CT
Other sizes available. Security gate. Easy access.
Call 860-267-1234



**ESTATE PLANNING
PROBATE/ELDER LAW**

Wills, Trusts, Health Care Instructions
Helping You Make the Decisions
Asset Protection

Guarnaccia, Connors, Kalom & Zorn, LLC
www.attorneysatlawct.com
Colchester - 860-537-4400
Willimantic - 860-423-6308

35 Years Experience
Reasonable Fees
Judge of Probate (Retired)
Peace of Mind



RIVER EAST INSURANCE, INC.
Auto | Home | Business | Life

"Protecting your loved ones and assets as we would our own."

(860) 615-9980
139 S. Main St. 2nd Floor
Colchester, CT 06415

School Resource Officer Back in Budget

by Karla Santos

The school resource officer is back in the Colchester Board of Education's proposed budget.

At the school board's budget presentation last month, Superintendent of Schools Jeff Burt announced he had removed the school resource officer position from the 2021-22 budget. That prompted several residents to take to Facebook to soundly criticize the rejection.

But the position is now back and, at a Board of Education meeting Tuesday, Burt said a team is now working to redefine the position and give it a modern twist. He noted the job description had some language that no longer applies. He said the officer is an existing position but he is reestablishing it.

First Selectman Mary Bylone told the *Rivereast* she heard a lot of people expressed concern about not having a trained officer at the schools. She also stressed that public safety has been a priority to her since she decided to run for office.

On Monday, with the purpose of discussing the position, Bylone met with members of the education board, state police, the Colchester Police Department and Burt.

"We had a great conversation [Monday] about revitalizing this position and retooling it," Burt said.

The position agreement, which was revised in 2007, no longer met the needs of the district, Burt said.

Burt wants to find someone who meets the needs of the district and is specifically tuned into what the district wants from the position.

"That's a great progression from where we were," Burt said. "We are very excited about that possibility. It was a tremendously collaborative meeting. I think we are ready to move forward."

Burt said modernizing the position fits well with the district's long-range security plan and helps reinvigorate the district's relationship with the police department. He said ensuring students have a strong relationship with police is an "important piece" of this shift.

That's why he proposed that the board add the position to the 2021-22 budget.

Joanne Rose, board member, said that while it sounds like a good process, she felt "funny" about voting to add the position without seeing the new job description. She abstained from voting and the rest of the board members voted in favor of adding the position.

Burt noted the school resource officer is and will continue to be a part of the Colchester Police Department but the position is paid by the Board of Education.

Adding the position, comes with a higher budget increase. The position itself will cost the

district \$86,401.

The \$42.65 million budget presented March 9 proposed a 3.23% increase.

Grant money and a reduction in special education have decreased the budget.

The proposed budget – including the school resource officer – is now \$42.47 million, a 2.7% increase from the 2020-21 school budget.

The Board of Education budget will be presented to the Board of Finance next week.

First Selectman Supports Position

First Selectman Mary Bylone – who also serves as chief of police – said she heard there were complaints from residents who were not happy about the position being removed from the Board of Education budget.

That's why she decided to organize a meeting and explore what could be done.

"Everyone agrees the position has merit," Bylone said. "However, it wasn't working as designed and the flow of communication had broken down in both directions between the schools and the police."

While there were concerns on both sides, they were not being shared, Bylone said.

"The role was no longer meeting the needs of the schools or flicking up to the expectations outlined in the agreement," she said.

Those in the meeting agreed to work to identify expectations that would meet current needs in the schools, she said.

In addition, she said she is committed to hiring an officer specifically for the school resource officer position.

The Board of Education and Police Department will work together to identify the goals for the position, revise the agreement that governs the program and begin the recruitment process.

"In the end, this will be a better program than we currently have and our students will be the winners," Bylone said.

Building Relationships with Students and Staff

Rob Suchecki served as a Colchester Police officer for 29 years, including a role as a school resource officer he held for about 10 years.

He said he couldn't recall being in a very dangerous situation within the schools but it was helpful to be there as he made narcotics arrests, broke out fights, helped mediate issues between students and spent lunch breaks with them.

"You can't quantify ever what the presence of a school resource officer has prevented from happening," he said.

Suchecki told the *Rivereast* that having a trained police officer in close proximity to all the schools is important.

"There's so many other benefits besides just security," Suchecki noted. "You are building

relationships with students, making them feel more at ease about being around a police officer."

He said building relationships with school teachers, staff, administrators and parents is a key part of the position.

He said the role has to be assigned to someone that wants to be there for the right reasons and invest themselves into that program.

Suchecki said all children are vulnerable to some extent and, in his experience as the school resource officer, "it was a privilege and an honor" to work in a position where he was entrusted to protect the "most valuable members of the population" – that being the students, he said.

"If you have the right person in the job, someone that really wants to be there, all of that comes together very well," Suchecki said. "I don't think it's the type of job you can tell someone 'Okay, this is your new assignment.'"

When Suchecki learned the Board of Education was going to cut the position he became "very saddened," he said.

He noted that education was also a part of his job. He said he would go into science classes and help with forensics, into the civic classes to talk about amendments in the constitution and more.

Suchecki said he was fortunate because as a school resource officer, he was able to create his own program. He said he not only provided

security at the school buildings but he also did things such as reading to the elementary school children, providing drug and safety education forums and working in partnership with teachers to create the district's own version of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

He said he chose to be as adaptive as he possibly could in order to help make a difference.

Suchecki said that it was "great" to be able to help children that were struggling and were at risk of having issues with drugs.

Social Media Complaints

Residents who did not support the Board of Education's decision to remove the school resource officer position, took it to Facebook, where a number of posts and comments were shared.

One of the original posts was from Selectman Taras Rudko, who made it clear he was not in agreement of cutting the position.

"The decision in my mind was both political [and] financial, but not in the best interest of our children," Rudko said.

Rudko noted that although the police station is close to the schools, "a six-minute response time to address an active shooting would end in a catastrophic outcome."

Rudko urged Colchester residents to reach out to police, school and town officials to let them know how they feel about the cut.

Clean Energy Resolution Approved

A resolution to authorize First Selectman Mary Bylone to sign and deliver the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) agreement was approved by town meeting March 18.

C-PACE is a financing tool that makes energy efficiency upgrades more accessible and affordable for a variety of new and existing commercial, industrial, nonprofit and multi-family building owners. With C-PACE, building owners can finance energy upgrades immediately and pay for them over time, through

a voluntary benefit assessment lien levied and recorded against the benefitting property to be repaid with the collection of real property taxes.

"C-PACE is another economic incentive that can expand the towns commitment to sustainability by reducing carbon footprints, making buildings more energy efficient and encouraging additional investment and reinvestment to our community," said Colchester Town Planner Matt Bordeaux.



Angelo's BAKERY

Easter Weekend Hours!
Friday 7:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday 7:00AM-4:00PM
OPEN EASTER SUNDAY 7:00AM-12:00PM

EASTER PIES

Ham	Wheat
Angelo's Ham	Chocolate Cream
Italian Cream	Lemon Meringue
Ricotta	Sweet Bread with 5 eggs
Rice	plus all our regular fruit pies

BABKA BREAD ALSO AVAILABLE
We also have Chocolate Easter Eggs
(ALL OUR REGULAR ITEMS ALWAYS AVAILABLE)

Happy Easter!
32 Halls Hill Rd. • Colchester
860-537-2272

AUTO | HOMEOWNERS | COMMERCIAL | LIABILITY | BUSINESS AUTO | WORKERS' COMP | BONDS



TRUSTED.
VALUED.
LOCAL.

- ✓ Tailored Account Solutions
- ✓ Exceptional Insurance Solutions in Your World
- ✓ Prompt, Dependable Service



Gerhardt INSURANCE AGENCY

860.537.4661

176 Norwich Avenue | Colchester, CT | GerhardtInsurance.com

Regional • Regional

Chatham Health Fees Increase for All Member Towns

by Jack Lakowsky

The Chatham Health District's budget of about \$1.29 million is much less than those of its member towns. East Hampton, for example, is requesting a \$49 million budget.

Although its budget is small, Chatham's hike of about 11.5% reflects the huge surge in demand incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, a story true for almost all public health departments, according to Chatham Director Russell Melmed.

The Chatham Health District towns – which include the *Rivereast* municipalities of Hebron, Marlborough, Colchester, East Hampton and Portland, as well as East Haddam – will all up their payments to the health district if their respective voters approve their respective budgets as-is.

The towns' increases range between 4.25% and 5%. East Hampton, Portland and Marlborough will up their contributions by about 4.5%. Colchester, about 4%, and Hebron, about 5%.

Each town's increase ranges from between \$4,000 and \$7,000, depending on population.

Chatham member towns also recently gave the health district slices of their respective anti-pandemic funding.

Chatham is also funded through grants and through the state.

Last week Melmed told the *Rivereast* that al-

though fighting the pandemic has proven strenuous, Chatham's previous directors had a bit of foresight and stockpiled protective equipment.

"We were lucky that we had a considerable stockpile of masks and gloves," said Melmed.

Melmed said as the pandemic dragged on, Chatham distributed these supplies to local businesses, first responders and food banks, among others.

Another fortuitous circumstance was the fact that backup PPE was stored in a climate-controlled storage unit. Chatham also already had a freezer to store vaccines. There was even a megaphone which, Melmed said, came in handy during the many vaccine clinics Chatham has run throughout the district.

Most of these supplies were stocked during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

Although this supply has been greatly helpful to Chatham, it won't meet the district's future needs.

Melmed said it's difficult to predict exactly what pandemic-related work is going to become permanent, but he fully expects much of the post-pandemic recovery work to fall on local health departments.

Even thinking "post-pandemic" might be premature, as Melmed said there will be no definitive declaration of victory in the near future.

"This is going to wind down and flare up periodically as vaccine coverage increases," said Melmed. "Variants could emerge in populations not yet immunized."

Melmed said intensive contact tracing is likely to be part of Chatham's workload for a long time coming as more isolated COVID-19 outbreaks occur.

Melmed said the state and federal government have sent no plans for what local health departments will need to do once the pandemic has abated and mass vaccination dwindles.

"It will mostly likely fall on local health to conduct future episodic-but-intense vaccinations and contact tracing and case investigation," Melmed said.

Melmed said thus far, contact tracing and other pandemic work has fallen on Chatham's single full-time nurse and a grant-funded COVID-19 coordinator. Melmed said Chatham's nurse has been pulling 60-hour weeks since the pandemic's onset.

Melmed said future town-wide or regional vaccine clinics may be needed for future localized outbreaks.

"We'll need more staff for all that," Melmed said.

Melmed added that local health departments haven't been able to host public education events and said these should resume when the pandemic loosens its grip.

This is also intensive work, Melmed explained. Chatham would go out to member towns to teach about the prevention of COVID-19 and other contagious diseases.

He said because of COVID-19's historic impact on daily life, future generations will also need to learn about it, whether through schools or outreach by public health officials.

Melmed said this will be added to Chatham's normal duties, like environmental health reviews.

As vaccination and other work shifts from the

state and federal governments to local health departments, and they're asked to shoulder more and more, Chatham must be funded in-kind, Melmed said.

"The state needs to fund us at their statutorily required-\$1.85 per capita," said Melmed.

Melmed said the state has cut public health funding by 10% almost every year he's been at Chatham, and does so without changing the funding statute.

Melmed said Chatham is sufficiently funded for most of its work, including septic system and restaurant inspections, but that for both this and future pandemic responses, the team consists of Melmed himself and the public health nurse.

He said the powers-that-be need to "develop the workforce" of pandemic responses.

Melmed said grant funding is available. However, applying for grants is a demanding process.

"State dollars are easy to manage," said Melmed. "If we have to rely on piecemeal grants, then we might have to spend some money on a finance person to manage all those grants."

He said he's grateful for all money Chatham receives, but that grants end up "wasting a lot of time as we try to demonstrate what we're already doing."

Melmed said to accommodate growing demand, a move from the district's current headquarters on Middletown Avenue in East Hampton could be in the future.

"It's also really difficult to pour money into an old building while also dealing with an emergency," Melmed said.

Melmed said about \$7 billion in the American Rescue Plan stimulus package is marked for "rebuilding the public health workforce."

"Relocating to a bigger space to have more people is on my mind," said Melmed.

Melmed said it's difficult to "manufacture expertise" on the fly, and that hiring an experienced expert is preferable to a learn-as-you-go approach.

Rivereast reporters Karla Santos and Sloan Brewster contributed to this report.



Please Support Your Local Businesses!



They need us more than ever in these uncertain times!

Thank you to all those on the front lines and behind the scenes keeping us going!





Fowler's Auto Wrecking
- Belltown Recycling

CALL: 860-267-7140

Refurbished Batteries
All Makes & Models
6 Month Warranty

\$45.00 - \$55.00
\$15.00 Core Charge



CALL US TODAY

INTERSTATE

Heavy Duty
Lawn & Tractor Batteries

starting at **\$29⁹⁵**





WeatherTech®
Floor Liners

860-537-2348
860-537-2349

95 South Main St. • Colchester
www.MarksUnited.com

Serving the Community for over 30 years

Like us on Facebook

RivereastNewsBulletin





The Spring Market is around the corner

Contact me for a **FREE** Market Analysis

Todd Hatfield ABR®
"Helping You Find Home"
860-539-9924



www.BUYEXECUTIVE.com

<https://www.zillow.com/profile/toddatfield/>
for Zillow reviews and testimonials

Time for Chimney Repairs and Preventive Maintenance!

Schedule Early For Chimney Cleaning

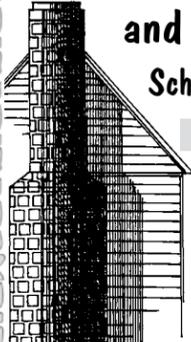
BEAT THE FALL RUSH!

Call 860-537-1717 today!

TRI-COUNTY CHIMNEY SERVICE LLC

FULLY INSURED & STATE LICENSED

TED FUINI, Owner • LICENSE #554259



Rings and Things

Jewelry, Local Artists & Unique Gifts

Closing Up Shop Sale

Storewide Sale 50%+10%
30-50% OFF OFF All New
Inventory! Fine Jewelry!

Store Hours: 11-6pm Thursday - Saturday; 11-5pm Sunday
Check out our Facebook page for updated inventory posts and additional hours – ALL SALES FINAL

860-537-0539

Visit our 900 sq. ft. space at 44 Main St., Colchester, CT
across from the town green — additional parking behind the building





Jack Faski
Owner/Broker



Matt Faski
Sales Associate

Happy Holidays to all our customers and friends!

Thinking About Selling Your Home!
Now is the time! Call us today!

860-214-1147 • www.skyview-realty.com
35 Hayward Ave., Colchester, CT 06415

Physical Therapy Helps...

by Kirsti Stennett, P.T.



DEALING WITH A BAKER'S CYST

A Baker's cyst (or popliteal cyst) is a sac filled with joint lubricating fluid (synovial fluid) that forms behind the knee. Although they often exist without symptoms, a Baker's cyst can cause pain, stiffness, and limitation of movement at the knee and can affect mobility of the hip and ankle with an altered gait pattern. It may become a visible and palpable lump on the back of the knee. While Baker's cysts sometimes "go away" (or recede) on their own, physical therapy can help reduce pain and regain functional movement of the knee and leg when medical intervention has been deemed unnecessary. A variety of stretches of the thigh muscles, calf muscles and sometimes orthotics, combined with a consistent walking routine and cold/heat therapy, may resolve the symptoms and restore functional mobility.

If possible, doctors treat the underlying cause of the cyst. If your doctor determines that a cartilage tear is causing the overproduction of synovial fluid, he or she may recommend surgery to remove or repair the torn cartilage. Remember, you have the right to choose where you receive care, where it is convenient and the most comprehensive. At **ECRC-Physical Therapy** "Experience you can trust to get results."

P.S. Baker's cysts usually form after injury to the knee, so the best way to avoid them is through preventative knee safety including proper footwear, warming up before activity, and not overdoing it when pain begins.



Colchester 860-537-6798

"Experience you can trust to get results"

www.ecrc-pt.com

East Hampton • East Hampton

Lions and Hogs Poker Run

Lions of District 23C invite everyone to the "Lions and Hogs Poker Run" Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., to raise funds for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The Poker Run will have three "loops" to choose from: Loop 1 will start in Old Saybrook, include stops in Haddam, Portland, East Haddam and end at Carter Hill Farm, 86 E. Hampton Rd. (Route 66) in Marlborough; Loop 2 will start in Niantic, include stops in Waterford, Montville, Colchester and end at Carter Hill; and Loop 3 will start in Danielson and include stops in Canterbury, Coventry, Columbia and end at Carter Hill.

Registration is \$25 for five cards (one card drawn at each stop) with an opportunity to purchase an additional card at Carter Hill for \$10 to replace a card. Choice of prizes: six lobsters, \$100 Kohl's gift card, Connecticut River dinner cruise for four on the Blue Heron or the rental of a dragon barbecue grill where the smoke comes out of his mouth. Players will receive a free hot dog and soft drink at Carter Hill Farm, where a lunch will also be available to purchase with music by Rock Landing.

For more information, contact Lion Mary Krogh at govmary23c@aol.com or Lion Shari Ann Colquhoun at sheriann8@yahoo.com.

VFW Post 5095 and Auxiliary Meeting

VFW Post 5095 Commander Roger Anderson and Auxiliary Madame President Kelly Ezold will hold their respective separate meetings Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m., at the Post home, located at 20 North Maple St. All are welcome.

This meeting will include voting for the Auxiliary and VFW officers and a presentation of awards, including a national award presented by the VFW Eastern Conference President.

Attendance requires wearing masks and adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

Middle School PTO Fundraiser

East Hampton Middle School PTO is partnering with Belltown Tavern, 26 E. High St., for a fundraiser night Wednesday, April 7. From 4-8:30 p.m., the tavern will donate 20% of all dine-in and takeout sales to the PTO to support events and programming at EHMS.

Call 860-467-6932 for takeout orders or more information. The tavern is online at belltowntavern.com.

Second Congregational Annual Meeting

Members of the Second Congregational Church in Middle Haddam are invited to the 166th Annual Meeting Sunday, April 11, in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Health and safety protocols will be in effect.

Officers and board members for 2021 will be elected; action on the proposed 2021 budget will be undertaken; and 2020 reports from the minister and elected officials and boards will be presented.

Lions Offering Scholarships

The East Hampton Lions are offering three scholarships and one service award. All are \$1,000 awards presented to East Hampton graduating seniors who are furthering their education.

Individuals graduating from East Hampton High School or programs outside of East Hampton are eligible. Applications are available at the East Hampton High School guidance office, and are due April 5.



The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission recently awarded East Hampton High School senior Luke Rempe a \$200 grant to support his Capstone project – which will be a horror movie based around the *Blair Witch* franchise. Pictured are cast and crew, from left: Xavier Ward-Cardona (police officer), Josh Wagner (firefighter), Cody Voelker (Sheriff Dutin), Dan Segovia (police officer), Ariana Pimentel (director and head of cinematography), Michael Brubaker (Investigator Phillips), Luke Rempe (director and Deputy Thomas).

Grant Awarded for Capstone Project

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission (EHACC) has awarded East Hampton High School senior Luke Rempe a \$200 grant to support his Capstone project, a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students.

Capstone projects may take a variety of forms that culminate in a final product, presentation or performance. For his project, Rempe has chosen to film a horror movie based around the *Blair Witch* franchise, which features a sheriff's deputy searching for a missing person in the state forest. Rempe's objective is to produce

a well-acted and interesting movie with actors using improv techniques. The grant funds will help defray the costs of props and equipment.

His film will be featured at the annual Capstone Exhibit hosted by East Hampton High School before the end of the school year and posted on YouTube.

The EHACC offers the Capstone Grant annually and any East Hampton High School junior or senior is welcome to apply. Visit www.artsforeasthamptonct.org for information on the program, which will be available again next year.

BELLTOWN RECYCLING 40 YARD 30 YARD 20 YARD
ROLL OFF DUMPSTER SERVICES

15, 20, 30, and 40 yard Dumpsters available for your next job, renovation, or clean up.

- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Bulky House Debris (Appliances, Furniture, Boxes, Cabinets, Metal, and more)
- Brush, Stumps, Trees, Wood Chip Debris
- We provide dumpsters for Steel & Aluminum

Ask about our 1 week dumpster special. Call for pricing!
860-267-7140
 24 Old Coach Rd
 East Hampton, CT 06424

15 YARD 20 YARD
www.BelltownRecycling.com

East Hampton ACE Hardware

Wood Pellets & Bio Bricks

Now In Stock!

Ready for Pick-Up or Delivery
CALL TODAY!

East Hampton ACE Hardware
 Route 66, East Hampton
(860) 267-7943

Store Hours: Mon-Wed 8-6; Thurs & Fri 8-7; Sat 8-6; Sun 9-5

CHECK OUT OUR MONTHLY SPECIALS!

Sale Dates 4/3/21 through 4/30/21

LIQUOR	3 Olives Vodka 80° \$21 ⁹⁹ (1.75 L)	Tito's Vodka 80° \$30 ⁹⁹ (1.75 L)	Gilbeys Gin 80° \$19 ⁹⁹ (1.75 L)
	Bacardi Light & Gold Rum 80° \$19 ⁹⁹ (1.75 L)	Crown Royal Whiskey 80° \$44 ⁹⁹ (1.75 L)	Jack Daniel's Whiskey 80° \$42 ⁹⁹ (1.75 L)
	WINE	Barefoot Wines \$10 ⁹⁹ (1.5 L)	Meridian Wines \$14 ⁹⁹ (1.5 L)
Black Box Wines \$20 ⁹⁹ (3 L box)		Ruffino Prosecco \$13 ⁹⁹ (750 mL)	Twisted Wines \$9 ⁹⁹ (1.5 L)
BEER	Bud & Light 12 oz., 30-pack cans \$24 ⁹⁹	White Claw Seltzer Variety 12 oz., 12-pack cans \$28 ⁹⁹	
	Natural Light & Ice 12 oz., 30-pack cans \$16 ⁴⁹	Corona 12 oz., 2/12-pack bottles \$29 ⁹⁹	

Not responsible for typographical errors.

Center Package Store

93 Main Street, East Hampton
(860) 267-2833

OPEN:
 Mon. – Sat. 9am-8pm
 Sun. 12pm-5pm

East Hampton • East Hampton

Congregational Church News

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, will hold an in-person service in the sanctuary for Easter Service at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 4. The service can be accessed at cc-eh.org.

Sunday School classes have also resumed in person.

For more information, visit cc-eh.org 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.

Lions Offering Scholarships

The East Hampton Lions Club is offering three scholarships and one service award to all East Hampton graduating seniors. Seniors can apply for one of the awards offered.

Applicants must be attending public, private, charter or magnet schools, or are currently home-schooled. They must plan to attend an accredited college, university or trade school.

Applications are available at the East Hampton High School guidance office and are due April 5.

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.

All must sign up for a time slot and wear a mask when entering. To register, 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.

Chatham Gallery Opens at Town Hall

The East Hampton Art Association recently revealed its new Chatham Art Gallery. It is located in the new Town Hall at 1 Community Drive. It has lighting to show off everyone's artwork.

The Chatham Gallery is accessible for delivering and hanging artwork as there is an elevator just inside the front door. The gallery has the Walker system installed, which makes it easy to adjust the artwork. The gallery is located near the Town Manager's office at the top of the stairs.

The East Hampton Art Association welcomes all to stop by and view the artwork. Members who would like to show their artwork should call Lenora Bear to schedule a month for your showing. If you are not a member, the dues are \$15 for a year.

Middle Haddam Library Reopens to Public

The Middle Haddam Public Library, located at the corner of Knowles Road and Route 151, reopened March 23 with limited access to the public. The recently-renovated space has been in constant use as a library since 1906.

The library is now open Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-5 p.m., as it eventually returns to full operations. Current COVID-19 protocols require that visitors wear a mask at all times, observe social distancing and use hand sanitizer upon entry.

Curbside pickup can be arranged by calling the library at 860-267-9093 or emailing middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com.

'Belltown Spring Sprint' Returns in May

East Hampton High School Project Graduation will hold the Belltown Spring Sprint, a run/walk to raise funds for a drug- and alcohol-free graduation night, Sunday, May 2, on the EHHS grounds, 15 N. Maple St.

Kids' Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m., and cost is \$5. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 10 a.m., and cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 or younger. 5K runners who register by April 10 receive a free T-shirt.

To register, visit belltownspringsprint5k.itsyourrace.com. For more information, email Melissa Curylo at ehhsctprojgrad@gmail.com.



Letter of Intent... East Hampton High School senior Hannah Barrientos recently signed her National Letter of Intent to accept an athletic scholarship to play basketball at the University of Bridgeport. Barrientos is also a four-year member of the girls' soccer team and a four-year member of the track team. She is the daughter of Mauricio and Karen Barrientos.

Kindergarten Registration

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

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

During the pandemic, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church is holding weekly services via Zoom. All are welcome; log-in 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.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame is accepting nominations through Sept. 15 for its 2021 induction class. The Hall of Fame has inducted over 47 athletes, coaches, teams and contributors since 2006.

The Hall of Fame recognizes people and teams that have "made a significant impact to the athletic landscape of East Hampton." While there was no election in 2020 due to COVID-19, in 2019 the Hall of Fame inducted Bill Willkie (Outstanding Coach), Darin Aloia (All-State Baseball) and the 1969 East Hampton Senior League All Star Baseball team.

The induction banquet this year will be Friday, Nov. 5, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

For more information or to nominate a person or team, email Tom Seidl at seidlt@sbcglobal.net.

Knights of Columbus Raffle

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

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

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

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

Gazebo Concert Lineup

The Joseph N. Goff House Museum will hold the 22nd annual Goff House Gazebo Concert Series Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. from June 24-July 29. The band lineup is:

June 24: T Ray, performing acoustic country, rock, folk and pop music from the 1940s to today; July 1: Centerline Band, performing rock 'n roll, country and blues; July 8: Mick and Vic, an acoustic duo performing hits from the '50s to today; July 15: Flamingo Big Band, a 15-piece all-female group performing music from the swing era with a sprinkling of rock, pop, rhythm and blues; July 22: 3 Gals 3, a vocal trio of three female Connecticut musicians who perform three decades of musical genres;

July 29: Leaf Jumpers, performing rock hits from the '90s to today, along with their own modern originals.

There will be no rain location or bathrooms available during the concerts. Listeners must wear masks when arriving and leaving the shows and maintain six feet apart from other audience members as part of COVID-19 safety regulations. Picnics welcome. Admission is free.

Tax-deductible donations to help pay for the bands are being accepted now, at \$250, \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25 levels (or any amount). Donations can be mailed to the Joseph N. Goff House, P.O. Box 337, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Police News

3/14: Richard Stoute, 47, of 9 West High St., was issued a summons for third-degree assault, East Hampton Police said.

3/15: After an investigation into a two-car accident that occurred at Route 16 at Skinner St., in which one of the drivers left the scene, a 17-year-old juvenile of East Hampton was issued a summons for unsafe backing and evading responsibility, police said.

3/18: After an investigation into a two-car motor vehicle accident on Route 66 in the area of Cheers Package Store, Tajon Turner, 27, of Bridgeport was issued a summons for operating

while under suspension, police said.

3/19: Daniel Drauss, 18, of Lebanon was arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny (shoplifting), police said.

3/22: Sarah Selavka, 28, of 230 Main St., Portland, was arrested and charged with two counts of violating a protective order, police said.

Also, from March 15-21, officers responded to four motor vehicle accidents, two motor vehicle crashes, three alarms and made 23 traffic stops, police said.

East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

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

Weekly Activities for Kids: 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. **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.

Virtual Afterschool Programs: Footprints, Fribrarys, and Fundays: Programs are at 4 p.m. over Zoom. Registration required. Schedule: Footprints, for grades 2-3, April 9 and 30; Fribrary, for grades 4-5, April 23, May 7 and May 28; Monday Funday, for grades 6-8, April 19 and May 24.

Science Explorers: Project Bags for Grades 2-5: Tuesday, April 6, 10 a.m. Explore the world of science with an interactive take

home project bag. Registration required. The library will let people know when the kits are ready for pickup.

Teen Advisory Tuesday: April 27, 3 p.m., for grades 8-12. In this online program, teens will plan and create events and programs, and provide input to expand the library's YA/Teen collection. Teen Advisory Board requires a monthly commitment and participation; registration required.

Adult Programs: Author Event! Martha Hall Kelly: Sunflower Sisters: Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. *New York Times* best-selling author Martha Hall Kelly, who wrote the books *Lilac Girls* and *Lost Roses*, will discuss her latest book, *Sunflower Sisters*. Books will be available for sale and borrowing prior to the event at the library. Registration required.

Book Club: Sunflower Sisters is also the April Book Club selection. There will be a discussion of the book via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, April 29, at 2 p.m. Register online for the Zoom link. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Pots with Pizzazz: Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Jana Milbocker will give a presentation on creating pots with pizzazz. Learn how to brighten shady spots with pops of color, create focal points for vistas and welcoming entry gardens with stunning container groupings. Register online.

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

Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., continues to be closed, although staff is available (860-267-4426 or seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov) Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center. Contact the center to receive a copy of its email or regular mail newsletters. Note: All online program registration is now at MyActiveCenter.com; call the senior center for assistance.

Virtual Lunch Bunch: Every other Monday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour, via Zoom. Register online. Next date is April 5.

Seated Yoga with Kitch via Zoom: Next session is Wednesdays through May 26 (started March 24), from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register online. Fee is \$20. Payment may be mailed to: East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., East Hampton, CT 06424; make check payable to the Town of East Hampton.

March Winds: Monday, March 29, 10 a.m., via Zoom. This is a question-and-answer session on how to sign up for MyActiveCenter.com. Call the center to register.

Bingo via Telephone/Conference Call: Next date is Friday, April 2, at 10 a.m. Call the center to register and schedule a time to pick up your bingo cards.

Creative Crafts/Batik Silk Painting: Wednesday, April 14, 1-2:30 p.m. The workshop will be hosted by Color Cruiser, a business owned and run by two teenagers from California. Register online.

Movie Group via Zoom: The last Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,

starting April 27. Would you be interested in joining a monthly group of movie buffs to discuss different movies of choice? Hoopla is a program offered by the East Hampton Public Library that allows you to watch movies at home for free. Register online or call the center.

Live Well Program: This six-week class on living well with and managing chronic conditions is offered via telephone, conference-call style. Call the center for more information and to register.

Virtual Springtime Treasures of Washington, DC: Wednesday, April 14, 2 p.m., via Zoom. Friendship Tours will host this exploration of some lesser-known treasures of DC, plus the famous Cherry Blossoms. Advance registration required; call the senior center for the link.

Statewide Virtual Senior Center Program: Friday, April 30, 1-2:30 p.m., via Zoom. All are invited to this presentation on the oceans and rivers in Connecticut. The presentation will include Sea Shanties performed by Tom Callinan, a multi-faceted performing artist designated Connecticut's first "Official State Troubadour" in 1991. To register, call the senior center.

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

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

East Hampton • East Hampton

KoC Scholarship, Grant Available

Belltown Knights of Columbus Council 6190 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is continuing their education at an accredited college/university. Applicants must be a member of St. Patrick Church, East Hampton.

The council will also award a \$500 Helping Hand grant to a member of St. Patrick Church who will attend Mercy, Xavier or East Catholic high schools.

For applications, stop by the parish center office, 47 W. High St., or email stpatrick47@sbglobal.net.

Rotary Scholarships Available

The Rotary Club of East Hampton invites local high school seniors from East Hampton and Marlborough as well as adult learners to apply for one of several scholarships.

All residents are eligible, regardless of what high school they attend (public or private). Applicants can be attending any college, university, trade school, vocational program, or veteran-focused program.

Applications can be obtained through the high school guidance office or at www.easthamptonrotary.org, and can be emailed to scholarshipapp@yahoo.com. All applications are due April 10.

Quilt Show Coming

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold its annual Quilt Show Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, May 9, from noon-5 p.m., at the church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck.

The show is a fundraiser for the church and proceeds from attendee donations will support the annual upkeep of the 19th-century church and Sunday School building. This year, the show is being combined with the Ladies Aid Plant Sale.

Due to COVID-19, masks will be required

and visitors will be asked to stay six feet apart. Only the church will exhibit quilts and visitors will be limited to permitted capacity and follow a set one-way flow with a separate entrance and exit. There will be no food service this year, but baked goods will be available for purchase to take home.

For more information, contact Lisa Malloy at 860-267-2713 or elizabethhartmalloy@gmail.com, or Franky Dallas at 860-267-4513. Visit www.haddamneckcongregational-church.org for church directions.

Barbecue Chicken Dinner Takeout Event

Haddam Neck Covenant Church is hosting a Barbecue Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru Takeout Event on Saturday, April 10, by reservation only. Reservations are due April 3.

This is the barbecue chicken the church has sold at Haddam Neck Fair for over 40 years. The dinner includes a thigh/leg chicken quarter, baked beans, coleslaw and cornbread. Cost is \$10, cash only.

Call in your reservation to the church office at 860-267-2336 and indicate your pick-up time: noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.

Haddam Neck Covenant Church is located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Submissions Sought for New Magazine

Epoch Arts is taking submissions for its new student-led magazine, which has the theme "Inspiration and Encouragement."

Epoch is calling all artists age 12 and up to submit original works. Submissions can be photography, poetry, short stories, lyrics, original songs and sheet music, and more. Send work via email. All visual art mediums are acceptable (painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, digital, prints, fiber art, collage or installation art), as well as other forms and styles of writings. The deadline for submissions is April 26. Send submissions with title, name of artist and age. "Adult" is 18 and older.

For more info, email Elizabeth Namen at elizabeth@epocharts.org or visit www.epocharts.org.

Lake Clean-Up Day Coming

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, with the help and support of the Conservation Lake Commission, will hold the annual Lake Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 24, starting at 9 a.m., at Sears Park.

Volunteers are welcome. Dumpsters will be placed at Sears Park. Metals, tires (no rims), wood and plastics can be brought to the park to be put in the dumpsters. All COVID-19 rules apply. Lake Pocotopaug T-shirts, garbage bags, gloves, directions and assignments will be available at the park.

Full details are available at www.flpeh.org. For more information, call Joe Carbonell at 860-917-7366 or email vicechairman@flpeh.org.

Return of the Annual Plant Sale

The East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department Company 2 membership in Cobalt has announced its annual Easter Plant Sale will return Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. or while supplies last. Watch the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Dept. CO.2-Cobalt Facebook page for a price list and updates.

All are invited to the Company 2 Firehouse at 322 West High St., Cobalt, to purchase the Connecticut-grown plants and support the local fire company. All CDC precautions will be in place, to limit personal contact; this is an outdoor event. Cash and checks are accepted – though those paying with cash are asked to have exact change.



Dick's Barber Shop
By Appointment Only
Open W/Th/F 12-5PM
89 Main St., East Hampton
860-267-9189 or 860-754-4709

Richard Shonk
TAX SERVICE
860-295-9343
rljshonk@yahoo.com
www.rlsglobalconsultinginc.com



Jeanne Nuhfer
Financial Advisor
Retirement & Income Strategies
Estate Strategies • Annuities & Protection Strategies
Business & Retirement Plans • Saving for Education
205 E. High St. Ste 2,
East Hampton, CT 06424
860.342.2486
Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
Member SIPC

Belltown Motors

Tire & Service Center

Happy Easter from our family to yours!

SPRING REBATE!

GET UP TO A **\$70** HERCULES TIRES VISA PREPAID CARD

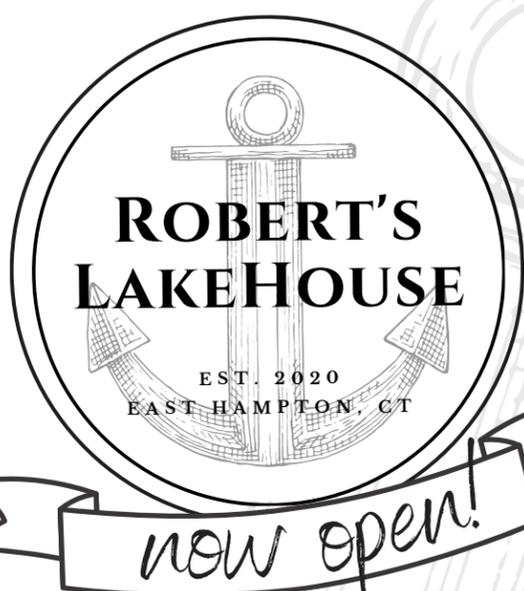
WITH THE PURCHASE OF FOUR NEW QUALIFYING PASSENGER OR LIGHT TRUCK TIRES AVAILABLE 4/1/21 - 5/15/21

\$70	TERRA TRAC® CROSS-V Premium SUV-L7/UV All-Season
\$50	ROADTOUR® 855 SPE Grand Touring All-Season
\$50	RAPID® R-13 Premium SMP All-Season
\$50	ROADTOUR® 855 MRE Premium Touring All-Season

*please see front desk for details on tire selection and rebates

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm **Open on Saturdays for emissions testing by appointment only**

80 East High Street, East Hampton
860-267-7222



ROBERT'S LAKEHOUSE
EST. 2020
EAST HAMPTON, CT
now open!

Dinner: Tues-Sun 4-9p
Lunch: Thurs-Sun 11:30a-4p
Brunch: Sun 11a-2p
Happy Hour: Tues-Fri 4-6p, Sun 2-5p

81 N. MAIN STREET
EAST HAMPTON, CT
860-365-5216
WWW.ROBERTSLAKEHOUSE.COM

Follow us on social for specials & announcements!

Over 600 Sign Petition to Save Historic Home

by Jack Lakowsky

Owners of the Citgo gas station and convenience store on the corner of Main Street and Route 16 are looking to expand the store into what several locals are calling a “mega-gas station.”

If approved, the project would require razing the historic Strong House neighboring the Citgo. The house was originally built in 1858 and is in the Belltown Historic District, part of the National Register of Historic Places, according to Margaret McCutcheon Faber, an East Hampton resident and historian.

This issue will be discussed at the April 7 Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing. The meeting will be held via Zoom; a link will be posted on the town website, www.easthamptonct.gov.

McCutcheon Faber is a member of a group of locals fighting the zone change, which seeks to shift the store from a residential to a commercial zone.

Several area residents said the store’s quaint design makes it appropriate for the area, but that toppling the store and a historic house to expand the building, and its number of gas pumps, would be far too industrial for a residential area.

McCutcheon Faber is on the Connecticut Historic Preservation Council and so is well-versed in the conflicts that arise between economic development and historic preservation.

McCutcheon Faber spoke to the *Rivereast* and said she is acting as an individual, not as a member of the council.

“Chipping away at historic districts dilutes a town’s story,” McCutcheon Faber said.

McCutcheon Faber launched the online petition to save the Strong House. As of Tuesday, it had 624 e-signatures.

McCutcheon Faber said that although the house needs work, including a roof replacement, there is no reason to destroy it.

In her role as a member of the preservation council, she said, she helps protect registered historic resources from “unreasonable destruction.” The council determines if a there is a “prudent and reasonable” development alternative.

McCutcheon Faber said that while the cost

of renovating an old structure is considered in finding prudence, it is not an overriding factor.

“We don’t care if a developer deems [a site] historic or worthy,” McCutcheon Faber said. “Just a listing on the registry makes it protected and historic.”

She said the convenience store and Strong House can continue to happily coexist as they are, and that the Strong House has potential to be used as, for example, a law office or other like-businesses.

McCutcheon Faber also worked to preserve two other historic buildings in town, the Samuel Taylor House and the Apollas Arnold House.

Attorney Scott Jezek, who represents the developer, Atlantis Marketing, and Atlantis business development manager Jack Belowich each said although the house is long-standing, it does not meet the definition of historic.

“The interior [of the house] is totally void of anything original,” Jezek told the *Rivereast* in a Wednesday phone call. “It’s in an extreme state of disrepair.”

Jezek said the house was converted into apartments decades ago, and so was almost entirely renovated to suit that need. He said all that remains of the original structure are its bricks.

“It no longer represents what it used to be,” Jezek said.

“You have four doors of pressure-treated lumber,” Belowich said, explaining this would not have been available in the 1800s.

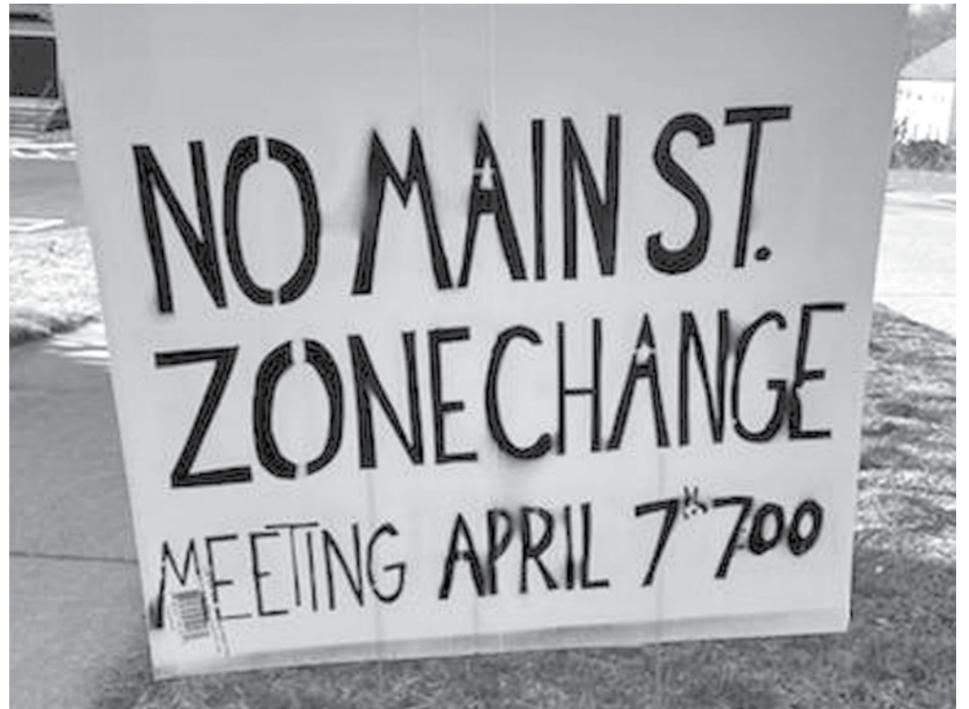
Belowich also said a zone change is not the end-all for this project. He said even if it’s approved, the company will then need to present a more detailed site plan and get an okay from the town’s Design Review Board.

Belowich said if and when this step is reached, there will be a chance for extensive review, and said he welcomes all community input.

Jezek went on to say that the plan complies with Belltown’s Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

“The [POCD] identifies a few arterial streets in town, including Route 66, Route 16 and Main Street,” Jezek said, adding that the Citgo station is at an intersection included in the POCD’s economic development outline.

He said these areas are where the town has



A sign protesting the Citgo zone change. Many of these signs have popped up along Main Street, the Village Center and surrounding area.

decided it wants more commercial activity. He added that the surrounding neighborhood has just one single-family residence, and the rest are multifamily.

Jezek said there are no plans to take down the other two houses on-site, which are not historic, and could potentially be used for office work.

Kate Avery, a landscape painter living on Edgerton Street, said building a new, larger gas station would be an affront to both her work and to the reason she moved to East Hampton: its rural, small-town feel.

Avery has created several paintings of Main Street and has sold her art to clients as far away as Finland. She said when clients come to pick up their orders from her antique home, they often comment on Belltown’s quaint charm.

“I’ve poured my heart and soul into here,” Avery said. “I’m horrified by this [potential] zone change. You would clearly see a larger gas station right from my backyard.”

Avery said considering the additional potential noise, light, ground and air pollution that would accompany a larger operation, she and her family would consider leaving town.

“We didn’t renovate our historic home to live within 500 feet of a mega-gas station,” Avery said.

Brian Holdt, owner of Main Street’s AirLine Cycles, said Village Center businesses have worked hard to restore the downtown area.

“We want to build back a healthy, vibrant, exciting town, in addition to restoring lovely historic homes, so to add a development of this size and character in the middle of a residential area is crazy,” Holdt said.

Holdt said renovating the existing Citgo, rather than razing and replacing it, would be for him an acceptable alternative, provided it retains its “quaint feel.”

“The area it’s in needs to be respected,” Holdt said.

STARR AUTO
INC.
Collision & Auto Body Repair
3 Generations of Service in East Hampton
We work directly with your insurance company.
Call owner Victor Biondi for a free estimate or more info.
860-267-4225 OR 860-808-9191
2 Starr Place, East Hampton, CT

CASH OIL Co.
40 yrs. of Comfort Heating
• Discount Prices
• Automatic Delivery
• 24 hr. Mechanical Service
860-267-0431
Lic. #00306580 HOD #0000264 Insured

27 Years in the Travel Business
Excellent Service! Inventive Solutions!
Personal Touches! Magical Memories!
Call Hebron Travel Today and Get Out of Town!
Hebron Travel SINCE 1994
61-B Main Street, Hebron, CT 06248
860.228.8221
Toll Free 888.881.3545 • hebrontravel@cs.com

KENNETH BARBER & ASSOCIATES, LLC
“One day, in retrospect, the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful.”
-Sigmund Freud

Kenneth Barber, Esq. 
John H. Porter, Esq.
YOUR ATTORNEYS
♦ Barber-Law-Firm.com ♦ P: 860-267-2263 ♦ F: 860-267-5832 ♦
♦ 29 West High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424 ♦

PIANO TUNER
Tuning, Repairs & Cleaning
Contact TED WILLIAMS
Certified by Hartt School of Music
(860) 228-0309
www.ConnecticutPianoTuning.com

LIKE US ON Facebook

RivereastNewsBulletin

PLATINUM NATURAL CBD
Soothing, Tasteful & Smooth
NOW HIRING
Sales Associate
2nd shift
M-F 3-7PM
11 North Main St., East Hampton, CT 06424
860-365-5746
www.platinumnaturalcbd.co
Mon-Sat 11am - 8pm • Sun 12 - 5pm
Instagram Facebook

East Hampton • East Hampton

Joe Barber Memorial Scholarship

Fowler-Dix-Park VFW Auxiliary 5095 is offering the \$1,000 Joe Barber Memorial Scholarship to graduating high school seniors. Applicant must be an East Hampton resident (attending any high school, not just East Hampton High School) who has been accepted to attend an institute of higher learning after graduation.

For applications, stop by the EHHS guidance office or VFW Post 5095 (20 North Maple St.), or email kbarber03@snet.net. Applications are due April 9.

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. The Message for Easter Sunday is "I Have Seen the Lord."

Puppet Ministry: Each Sunday, the church's Puppet Ministry features Digger the Dog and some of his friends from Farmer M's Red Barn to help Pastor Tom 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*.

Office Info: The church office can be reached at 860-267-2336. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Spring Classes at Epoch Arts

Epoch Arts is offering eight-week classes this spring. Classes include Animal Art, Arts and Crafts, Create Your Own Fairy Garden, Improv Troupe and more.

Epoch also welcomes back its preschool and kindergarten class this season in the "Fun with Eric Carle" class. Also, two original theatrical performances by Breaking Silences and the cast of Mainstage will be held outdoors late spring on Epoch's new outdoor stage.

Class size is small and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Classes are held at 27 Skinner St., and begin April 5. Register at www.epocharts.org/classes-registration.

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.

Tickets are \$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 is four one-day tickets to the Big E, and third prize is a \$50 gift card for Thorncrest Farm in Goshen.

The drawing will be Saturday, May 8, at Sears Park, and 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., Middle Haddam, will not hold in-person Sunday services until further notice. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and are available on Zoom.

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

The church is collecting Lenten contributions

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

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

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

YPCCA Announces Summer Show

The Young People's Center for Creative Arts is accepting enrollment for its 2021 summer theater camp, to take place at East Hampton High School during July. YPCCA is a non-profit theater arts camp.

Mornings at YPCCA are devoted to workshops in such artistic endeavors as Show Choir, Stage Combat, Comedy Improvisation and Shakespeare. Afternoons are spent rehearsing for a full-length musical production - which this year is the smash Broadway hit *Mamma Mia!*, based on the music of the band ABBA.

Auditions will take place at EHHS in June. It is not mandatory to audition to participate in the camp; everyone is in the show whether they

audition or not. Students will be asked to sing, dance and read at the auditions. The cast list will be announced the first day of camp.

YPCCA will take place Monday, June 28, through Sunday, July 25. It is open to students entering grades six through freshman year of college. Tuition for the four-week program is \$600 per student if you register by May 1. Two full and two partial scholarships are also offered each summer.

For more information and a brochure, call 860-754-6145 or email info@ypcca.org. Additional information about the camp and online registration is available at www.yppcca.org.





Campagna
Restaurant & Lounge

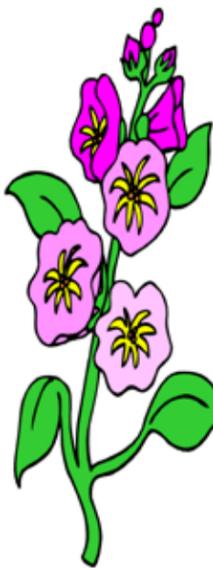


Fine Italian & American Cuisine
Fine Dining & Banquet Room (up to 135 people)

Make Your Easter Reservations Early!
— 1/2 Capacity to Ensure Safety —

151 Marlborough St. (Rt 66) • Portland • (860) 398-5411
Open 7 Days for Lunch & Dinner

Things To Do



YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!

CALL US AT: 860-633-4691

Gina Marie's

Pizzas • Gluten Free Items
Beer/Wine
Catering • Salad Bar
Prime Rib Dinner - Thurs, Fri., Sat.
On-Line Ordering
www.ginamariesct.com

Beer Battered Fish & Chips Dinner

served with fries, coleslaw & super salad

\$13.99

Try some of our other fresh seafood offerings!

Large 1 Item PIZZA \$9.95

Offer good w/ this ad till 4/30/21. Pick-Up & Takeout Only.
Try one of our other 10 Gourmet Pizzas

71 Main Street, Rt. 66
Hebron, CT

860-228-9375



COLUMBIA'S KITCHEN

**156 Route 66 East
Columbia, CT
860-337-0733**

Breakfast all day • Lunch • Dinner coming soon

Comfort food in a warm and welcoming setting

FAMILY OWNED • CATERING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Hours:
Monday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed on Tuesday
Wednesday-Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

columbiaskitchen.com
FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Easter Sunday

at

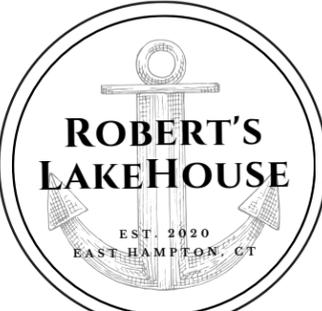
ROBERT'S LAKEHOUSE



Sunday, April 4th, 2021
11am-4pm

JOIN US FOR AN A LA CARTE MENU
FEATURING BRUNCH FAVORITES,
EASTER CLASSICS & DECADENT DESSERTS

reservations recommended



ROBERT'S LAKEHOUSE
EST. 2020
EAST HAMPTON, CT

81 N. MAIN STREET
EAST HAMPTON, CT
860-365-5216

WWW.ROBERTSLAKEHOUSE.COM

Marlborough • Marlborough

Shift to Town Manager a Possibility

by Karla Santos

Last week the Marlborough Charter Revision Commission held a meeting to provide the public an update of its work and gather feedback.

According to Robert Ragusa, chair of the commission, one of the biggest changes it is proposing is replacing the first selectman with a town manager, selected based on qualifications. If the change is made, the town manager would report to a five-member Board of Selectmen.

The board currently has three members, including the first selectman, who serves as the town leader.

The board would appoint a town manager search committee, which will also establish search criteria and qualification requirements.

The group also explored the possibility of replacing the first selectman with a town administrator.

Both town administrators and managers are professional town leaders, Ragusa said.

Reasons for the proposed change include that manager and administrators are professionally trained and have demonstrated experience, special skills, grant experience and a professional network.

In order to draw a wider range of candidates, the commission is not proposing a residency requirement on the town leader.

Ragusa said differences in the roles of a town administrator versus a town manager include that a town administrator would be closely supervised by a first selectman, while a town manager would require no supervision.

The town administrator would have minimal empowerment granted by the Board of Selectmen, while the town manager would have broad empowerment, he said. The administrator would have a limited scope of responsibility, but the town manager would have broad responsibilities.

In addition, the town administrator would have less training and experience in town governance; and the town manager would also have more experience in saving money in yearly

budgets and planning ahead for future savings. A town administrator would serve as the assistant to the first selectman while a town manager would act as the chief executive officer.

Compensation for the two positions also vary.

A town administrator could cost \$85,000 to \$100,000 a year in addition to the first selectman's compensation. Town manager compensation ranges from \$110,000 to \$135,000 a year but requires no first selectman.

The commissioners are also proposing to increase the number of selectmen from three to five, who would be elected four-year overlapping terms. They are also looking to restructure the board to allow its members to select a chair and vice chair annually.

Last week's meeting was the third time the commission presented its work to the public since it was appointed in January 2020.

The commission was originally charged with examining the number of people on the Board of Selectmen and the form of government.

One of the issues in the charter is that there is no qualification requirement to run for office, Ragusa said.

"All you need to do is run and get elected and boom, you are in a position," Ragusa said.

Another issue the commission found with the current form of government is that having a board with only three selectmen can be an obstacle as two selectmen, due to quorum and caucus conflicts, can't meet without holding a public meeting. In addition, two selectmen may vote on town business without representation from the opposing party affiliation.

The commission is recommending additional charter changes, such as adding a code of ethics. Charter Revision Commission member Joe Blanco explained that the current charter does not have a code of ethics. The town's employee handbook does have a code of ethics which commissioners are proposing to incorporate in

the charter. The group is also looking to create a non-partisan office of ethics.

"We envision that the office would consist of two individuals plus part-time clerical support," Blanco said.

He said the two main roles in the office would be pre-advisory and investigatory roles.

Another proposed change to the charter would replace the annual town meeting to present the final proposed town budget to the public with a public hearing the first Monday in May. The budget referendum would be pre-scheduled to take place the first Tuesday in May.

Evelyn Godbout, also a member of the Charter Revision Commission, talked about recommended changes to the language used in the charter when it comes to special and emergency appropriations.

She also reviewed proposed charter updates regarding the bidding process.

Louise Concodello, commission member, reviewed proposed changes to the town clerk and tax collector positions, which are currently elected positions with four-year terms. The proposal is to change them to appointed positions with a term to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Concodello also spoke of proposed changes to various boards. The commission is recommending the Board of Finance lower its membership from six to five and keep three alternates.

The commission is also recommending reducing the Board Education members from nine to seven, with no alternates. In addition, the commission recommends that the Board of Assessment Appeals increase from three to five members, with no alternates.

Other proposed changes were mentioned during the meeting.

The goal of the commission is to suggest changes that could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of town government, changes that would improve clarity or eliminate ambiguity in the charter, update provisions in the charter to be consistent with Connecticut General Statutes, eliminate obsolete or outdated charter sections, and correct for grammar, spelling and improper references.

The group's work has included research and consultation with the leaders of other towns to see what has worked best for them.

About five members of the public participated in the question-and-answer session of the meeting. They suggested further changes and asked for clarification.

Marlborough's town charter is more than 35 years old. Ragusa explained that while minor changes have been made to the charter over the years, 1985 was the last time the document was substantially revised. The last attempt to a complete charter review occurred in 2002 but the recommended changes failed at referendum.

Richmond Library News & Notes

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

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

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

Virtual Storytimes: Monday, April 12, 10 a.m., for ages 2-3, and Fridays, March 26 and April 9, for ages 3-5. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Spring Lunch Bunch: Wednesday, April 7, at 11:30 a.m., in the Blish Park pavilion, best for ages 2-5. Masks must be worn and social distancing measures must be followed. One family/household per picnic table will be allowed. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com or call the library to register. Space is limited.

Teen Take and Make Kit: Teens (ages 11 and up) can make arrangements to pick up a kit that includes directions and the supplies to make a CD weaving craft.

National Library Week: April 4-10. While supplies last, origami bookmarks will be given to anyone who checks out materials using curbside pickup. There will be coloring pages and word search puzzles given out as well.

Virtual Tour of Ford's Theatre: Thursday, April 8, 6 p.m., via Zoom. In this guided tour, learn the details of the assassination conspiracy and the fate of those involved in the death of Abraham Lincoln. Stops on the tour include: the balcony and orchestra levels of the his-

toric theatre; entrance to the President's Box, where John Wilkes Booth waited to shoot the president; the historic stage; and the back alley, where you can follow Booth's escape route.

Tenement Museum Tour: Irish Outsiders: Tuesday, April 6, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Offered in conjunction with the Tenement Museum in New York. Take a virtual walk through the 1860s New York tenement of Irish immigrants Joseph and Bridget Moore, to understand daily life and their experiences as Irish New Yorkers. Registration required; max number of participants is 30. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Book Drop Open: Items are quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

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

Scholarship Available

The Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary is offering a scholarship to any graduating high school senior who lives in town. Applications are available online through the RHAM High School guidance department.

Mail completed applications to MVFD Women's Auxiliary, P.O. Box 237, Marlborough, CT 06447. Applications are due May 1.

Watercolor Classes at Arts Center

Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., will hold watercolor classes, taught by local award-winning artist Mary Horrigan, in April and May.

Classes for beginners will be held Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, from April 17 - May 22. Classes for all levels will be Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., from April 22-May 26. All classes will meet at the center. COVID-19 safety precautions will be maintained; all will be required to wear a mask and sit at tables placed for social distancing.

Fee for each set of six classes is \$120. A registration form can be downloaded and printed www.marlborougharts.org and mailed, along with a check made payable to 'Marlborough Arts Center,' to: Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447.

For more information, email Mary Horrigan at mehorrigan@comcast.net.

Second Blessings to Reopen

Second Blessings Thrift Shop, located at Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 S. Main St., will re-open Saturday, April 10. Shopping hours are Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon.

Second Blessings has been closed since March 2020, but donations have continued to arrive. The shop has expanded into two rooms featuring "Holiday Highlights," "Antique Boutique," "Kids Korner," "Bangles and Beads," and more. Items include jewelry, everyday and formal china, silver, glassware, baking, cooking and serving, name-brand handbags and accessories, lamps, signed prints, children's, seasonal items, and more. Each week new items will be featured.

Safety protocols will be observed, with masks required.

City Fish for the Freshest Seafood in Connecticut

NEW Ready-to-Cook Prepared Items

Safety precautions in place.

Shrimp Popper
Lobster & Shrimp Risotto Ball
Lobster/Shrimp Mac & Cheese
Pot Pie
Clams Casino
Shrimp Cakes (Great for stuffing)

To ensure quality - all dinners are cooked to order. We use only the very best and finest ingredients. All cooking is done in vegetable oil. Guaranteed the Best In Town or Your Money Back!

15% OFF

Retail purchases on Monday & Tuesday only.

New Ready-To-Cook items excluded from discount.

Specials excluded from discount. No frequent shopper punch. The coupon may be reused for the month of March any Monday and/or Tuesday. Expires 4/27/2021



RETAIL: Mon.- Sat. 9AM-5PM
KITCHEN: Tues.- Sat. 9AM-5PM
884 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield, CT
860.522.3129 WWW.CFISHCT.COM

Medicare Made Clear

CURRENTLY ON MEDICARE? TURNING 65?

CALL NOW TO DISCUSS YOUR MEDICARE PLAN OPTIONS.
NO COST. NO OBLIGATION.

HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES



Your Medicare Solutions Specialists

Office open daily 9am-4pm; and Sat. by appt.
7 Dickinson Road, Marlborough, CT

Call Today! 860-295-9350

Schedule a FREE In Home Consultation
WALK-INS WELCOME!

Serving Connecticut Families for Over 25 Years

Marlborough • Marlborough

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.

Youth Programs: Artventureswithkids!: Thursdays, April 8-May 20, 4:15-5:15 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades K-4. Fee: \$99/residents, \$104/non-residents.

Kids Sewing – PJ Pants: Tuesday, April 6, 5:30-7 p.m., for ages 8-18. Class instruction is virtual. All materials provided. Fee: \$43/residents, \$48/non-residents.

Soccer Shots: Saturdays, April 17-June 12, at the West Road Baseball Field. Mini, for age 2, is 3-3:45 p.m., and Classic, for ages 3-5, is 3:45-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$100/residents, \$105/non-residents.

Kids Sewing – Stretch and Sew Leggings: Wednesday, April 21, 5:30-7 p.m., for ages 8-18. Class instruction is virtual. All materials provided. Fee: \$43/resident, \$48/non-resident.

Tiny Twirlers Dance Class: Choose Mondays, April 26-June 7 (no class May 31), 5:30-6 p.m., or Saturdays, May 1-June 12 (no class May 29), 8:40-9:10 a.m. For ages 2-3 with caregiver. Classes held at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$85.

Mad Science – Mad Labs: Tuesdays, April 27-June 15, for 3:15-4:15 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades K-6. Fee: \$150/resident, \$155/non-residents.

Horseback Riding Lessons: For ages 5 and up, English or Western-style instruction. The lessons are private and are an hour in length. Lesson days and times are flexible; the instructor will contact you to set up. Fee: Four lessons

Scholarship Offered

Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School is offering a \$500 scholarship in honor of Paula Netto to a graduating high school senior and resident of Marlborough who has attended the elementary school.

The applicant must be pursuing further education. The scholarship is given to a student who has an exemplary history of community service. Copies of the application can be obtained at the RHAM High School Guidance Office or at the Richmond Memorial Library.

Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, May 1. For more information, email Melissa Jordan at salvia601@aol.com.

Rotary Scholarships Available

The Rotary Club of East Hampton invites local high school seniors from East Hampton and Marlborough as well as adult learners to apply for one of several scholarships.

All residents are eligible, regardless of what high school they attend (public or private). Applicants can be attending any college, university, trade school, vocational program, or veteran-focused program.

Applications can be obtained through the high school guidance office or at www.easthamptonrotary.org, and can be emailed to scholarshipipapp@yahoo.com. All applications are due April 10.

for \$175/residents, \$180/non-residents.

Adult Programs: Adult Tap: Thursdays, April 8-June 10 (no class April 22), 6:30-7:15 p.m., at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. This is a mixed level class. Fee: \$155.

Dog Obedience – Polite Dog Manners: Tuesdays, April 20-May 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Beginner level classes for dogs 5 months and older. Fee: \$120/resident, \$125/non-resident.

May Youth Programs: Mondays, May 3 and 10, 5:30-7 p.m., for ages 8-18. Class instruction is virtual. Fee: \$53/residents, \$58/non-residents.

Kids Intro to Machine Sewing 101: Tuesdays, May 4-25, 5:30-7 p.m., for ages 8-18. Projects will vary; materials will be delivered. All participants must have their own sewing machine. Class instruction is virtual. Fee: \$103/residents, \$108/non-residents.

Tennis Lessons: Mondays, May 10-June 7, at the Blish Park tennis court. Ages 5-7 are 3:45-4:30 p.m., and cost is \$83/resident, \$88/non-resident. Ages 8-12 are 4:30-5:30 p.m., and cost is \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

May Adult Programs: Sewing – Know Your Machine: Wednesday, May 5, 5:30-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for ages 18 and up. Do you own a sewing machine and have no idea where to start? Learn the basics of machine operation while making a small take-home project. All materials included. Fee: \$38/resident, \$43/non-resident.

Home Decor Sewing 101 – Valance: Wednesday, May 12, 5:30-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for ages 18 and up. All materials included. Fee: \$43/resident, \$48/non-resident.

Adult Sewing PJ Pants: Monday, May 10, 5:30-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for ages 18 and up. All materials included. Fee: \$43/residents, \$48/non-residents.

Sunset Yoga: Tuesdays, May 18-June 22, 6-7 p.m., at Blish Park. Fee: \$70/residents, \$75/non-residents.

Police News

3/22: State Police said Jacov Luke Downey, 29, of Marlborough, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, third-degree assault and third-degree assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant or mentally retarded person.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Like us on Facebook  RivereastNewsBulletin



DOUG'S BARBER & STYLING SHOP
 9A South Main St., Marlborough, CT
 FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
DOUG'S IS NOW OPEN!!!
 Services By Appointments Only
 — including same-day appointments —
 Hours: TWF 8:30-5:30, THU 8:30-7:30, SAT 8-3
 860-295-9366

Ticks Are Out!
Organic Tick Controls
 100% Natural Botanical Treatments kill and repel ticks without chemicals!
 Salem Safe Lawns & Landscapes
(860) 859-3100
 B#2559

Marlborough Lawn & Tree
Got Dead Trees? CALL US TODAY!
 Call for Tree Removal
 Senior Citizen Discounts
 Stump Grinding
 Lawn Expansions & Landscape Rejuvenation
 Fully Insured 30 Years Experience
 Bucket Truck Service Available
 Visit us at:
www.marlboroughlawnandtree.com
860-220-3786

MARLBOROUGH FAMILY DENTAL
Dr. Kullen Gallagher, DMD, FAGD
 Offering the best in cosmetic and family dentistry.
 NEW PATIENTS WELCOME!
 14 Jones Hollow Road Suite 15
 Marlborough
(860) 295-8132
 VISIT US AT:
www.marlboroughfamilydental.com

MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY Bakery TAV & RIN
 860-295-9251 8 Independence Drive | Marlborough
 SERVING BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER
Order Your Easter Cakes, Pies, Babka & Challah Bread Early!
 All Your Breakfast Favorites: Coffee, Muffins, Donuts, Breakfast Sandwiches & More!
 Delicious Lunch Specials Daily!
ALL YOUR FAVORITE CAKES & CHEESECAKES!
STUFFED BREADS & STROMBOLIS!
 Available Thurs. Fri., Sat., & Sun...and also made to order!
 Spinach Potato & Cheese OR Broccoli, Potato & Cheese with or without sausage
 Chicken Parmesan • Buffalo Chicken Eggplant Parmesan • Italian Combo — and more
 Rustic Artisanal Breads & Pizza Slices • Dinners To Go!
 Drop off your email address to receive our daily hot & cold lunch specials
 SEE OUR EVER-CHANGING MENU ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
 Open Mon.-Fri. 6AM - 6PM; Sat. & Sun. 6AM - 3PM
NOW OPEN! 8 Independence Dr., Marlborough **BE SAFE!**
(860) 295-9251

Andover • Andover

Congregational Church News

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

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

Easter Sunday, April 4: The Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. at the Sismets' (79 Boston Hill Rd.), and the Easter Worship Service begins at 10 a.m.

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings both via Zoom and in person at the church (observing

CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and masks). If interested in attending via Zoom, call the church and leave a message and church pastor the Rev. Rose Nilson will send you the meeting link.

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

Foodshare Van: Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; it will next be there April 14. The senior pantry is the opposite Wednesdays; it is next open April 7, also from 9-9:30 a.m.

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

Police News

3/27: State Police said Justin Kyle Kneeland, 35, of Uncasville, was arrested and charged with second-degree stalking and electronic stalking.

Preschool Openings

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

Andover's preschool program is full-day. Before- and after-school care is available. Children who will be 3 on or before Dec. 31, 2021, are eligible to attend.

For more information or a registration packet, call 860-742-7339 or download a packet from www.andoverelementaryct.org.

Library Friends Offer Scholarship

The Andover Friends of the Library is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an Andover high school senior. Applications are due May 2, and are available at the guidance office at RHAM High School and at Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6. Completed applications must be dropped off at the library only.

The applicant must be currently enrolled as a senior in any high school, use the scholarship to further his or her education, and hold a valid Andover library card.

For more information, call Janet McCall at 860-742-9764.

Library Friends' Membership Drive

The Andover Friends of the Library group has launched a membership drive/annual appeal.

To join this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which helps support Andover Public Library, donations are: \$3 senior/student, \$5 individual, \$10 family, \$25 business, \$150 lifetime, \$500 patron. Mail donations to Andover Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 117, Andover, CT 06232.

Membership forms are emailed to current and former members and are also available by visiting the library at 355 Route 6, or by calling 860-742-7428. Forms are also online at tinyurl.com/ayrsvpks.

Yard Work Help Available for Seniors

The AHM Youth and Family Services CHOREs Program is accepting applications from senior citizens age 60 or older from Andover, Hebron and Marlborough to utilize the CHOREs Program.

Teens will work two hours per job at a senior citizen's residence raking, weeding, picking up sticks, planting, etc. For complete program information visit ahmyouth.org, click on "Menu" and select "CHOREs Program." Applications can be found at Andover Town Hall.

Contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org for more information.

Open Call to Apply for Grant Funds

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established a \$100,000 Greater Together Community Fund for each of the 29 towns in the foundation's region, which includes Andover.

The purpose of the Greater Together Community Funds is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns, encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town. In 2020, Andover's Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee was selected. The current members are: Roger Bristol, Marianella Chalfant (co-chairman), Kirsten Erlandsen, Dianne Grenier (co-chairman), Suzanne Heise, Amy March, Selena Martin, Ariel Miner and Bill Penn.

Andover's Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee has released its first open call for project proposals. Up to \$10,000

will be awarded in grant funds to one or more proposals. All projects must benefit the residents of Andover. For further details on project guidelines and how to apply, please visit hfgp.org/Andovercf or contact Andover Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee co-chairman Dianne Grenier at 860-742-3033. Project applications or grant proposals will be accepted until June 1.

The Greater Together Community Funds also create an opportunity for organizations and individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to any of the 29 Greater Together Community Funds to support their towns. There have been several contributions to Greater Together Community Funds and all donations are welcome.

For more information on the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit hfgp.org or call 860-548-1888.

Preschool Screening

The Andover Board of Education will hold a screening Friday, May 14, for 3- and 4-year-old children living in town.

School staff will send home an age-appropriate questionnaire for parents to fill out about their children, with questions in the areas of speech, language, cognitive, and motor development.

To have your child screened, contact the director of special education at 860-742-7339 or maioranoh@andoverelementaryct.org.

Senior Citizen News & Notes

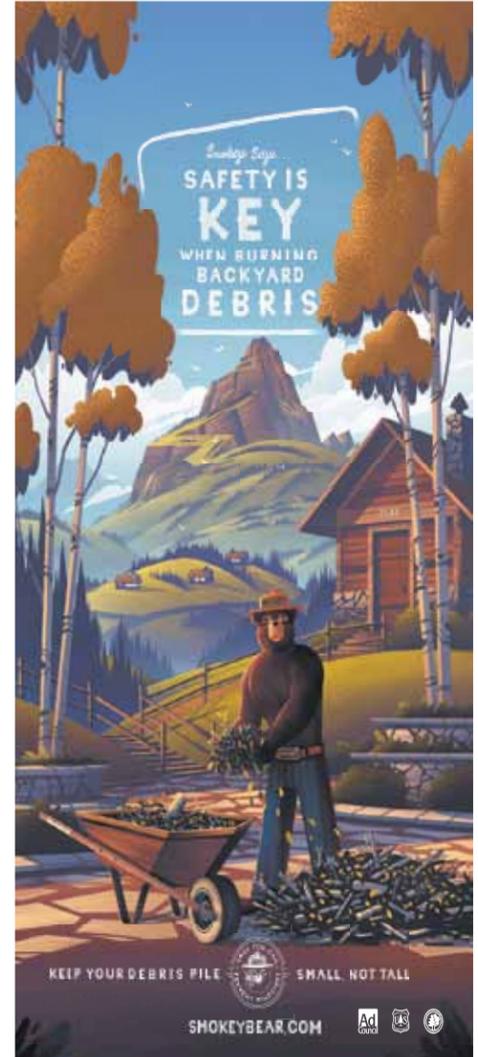
The following news items have been announced for Andover seniors.

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

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

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

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



With 30 years of personal and professional experience in the field of dementia care, Atwood Dementia Group offers a range of services from activities, brain health and cognitive strengths assessments to determining stage of dementia and caregiver coaching.

HOME VISITATIONS • SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS • TRAINING SEMINARS

860-798-0369
info@AtwoodDementiaGroup.com
AtwoodDementiaGroup.com

CTB-4-20



Health Care Services



Better Dental HEALTH



by George M. Mantikas, DMD

SELFIE EXAMINATION

The explosion in the popularity of selfies on social media has led a considerable number of people to examine and critique every aspect of the faces they put before the public. This self-examination has not only led many to undergo plastic surgery and skin-rejuvenation procedures, but also to consider cosmetic treatments that will make their teeth look whiter, straighter, and more appealing. Among the cosmetic dentistry procedures that are currently most popular among Baby Boomers, in particular, are tooth-whitening and dental implants. While the benefits of tooth whitening are obvious and immediate, dental implants have become an increasingly affordable tooth-replacement treatment for the preservation of natural tooth function and appearance.

Don't let the presence of under-developed, unevenly spaced, stained chipped, discolored, or otherwise less than perfect teeth keep you from smiling broadly in your selfies. There are many ways your dentist can use cosmetic dentistry to turn your smile into one you'll be proud to show. To learn about all the innovative cosmetic avenues toward a happier smile, please call us for an appointment. We provide complete, state-of-the-art oral care in a friendly, relaxing environment.

P.S. Unlike traditional dentures which lie on top of underlying gum and bone, dental implants are directly embedded in bone structure, where they help preserve the jawbone and prevent bone loss that leads to the look of an aging face.

George M. Mantikas, DMD, PC
The Ridge • 142 East High Street • East Hampton, CT 06424
860-267-6666 • www.DrMantikas.com

RE4-2-21



Dr. Steven Rafalowsky

Optometrist

6 Saner Road, Marlborough, CT

- Contact Lenses
- Eye Exams
- Children's Vision
- Fashion Eyewear
- Laser Surgery Consultation

Participating Provider of:

- Aetna Health Plan • Blue Cross • Cigna Health Plan • Connecticare
- United Health Care • Oxford • Medicare • Medicaid • TriCare and more

Day, Evening, and Saturday Appointments

860-295-8306

CTB-18-20

Stuart L. Jablon, D.P.M.

"BOARD CERTIFIED" Podiatrist – Foot Specialist

Our Office Is Now A ConnectiCare, United Healthcare, Aetna, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Blue Cross / Blue Shield, Cigna Participating Provider.

"MEDICARE ASSIGNMENT ACCEPTED"

Complete Medical & Surgical Treatment of the Foot

- Sports Medicine • Geriatric Foot Care • Diabetic Foot Care • Arthritic Feet
- Skin Conditions • Flat Feet • Heel Pain • Fractures/Dislocations • Sprains/Strains
- Bunions • Hammertoes • Infections • Fungus Nails • Plantar Warts

By Appointment Only: (860) 295-8791

9-B South Main Street, Marlborough, CT

www.stuartjablondpm.com



REB-05-20

Cover Story • Cover Story

★ **Veteran cont. from page 1**

Clark humbly said he didn't consider himself a hero.

Then, Vigil handed the flag to Clark. "Walter, I want to present this to you in appreciation for being part of the military," Vigil said.

Then, with tears in his eyes, Vigil said to Clark, "for that, I love you and I respect you; I appreciate you because as far as I'm concerned, you are living history."

Walter received the flag, also with tears in his eyes.

"It's beautiful," he said about the flag.

Clark's son, Thomas, said he is proud of his father, who has been a role model to his children and grandchildren. He said his father not only served in the military but also lived through the Great Depression, got married and provided a "great life" to his children.

Thomas noted that after his dad returned home, the family tried to ask questions about his time, but he never told them about the toughest things he saw. He only shared with them funny stories, or experiences that didn't hurt as much.

Then, in 2006, the family went to a WWII memorial, and that's when Clark opened up and told them some of the toughest experiences he went through while serving the country.

"It was such a horrible, horrible thing that he saw," Thomas said. "War was horrible, and he didn't want to share the war."

Thomas explained that, to his father, serving in the military was honorable, but what he lived during the war was not something he wanted to glorify.

"You couldn't ask for a better father, better role model, better person – one of the kindest human beings I've ever encountered," Thomas said of his father.

Clark's oldest granddaughter, Erin Clark, said that growing up she also knew her grand-

father had gone to war but had no idea of the extent of the events he lived until that 2006 visit to the memorial.

Erin described her grandfather as selfless, caring and someone that puts family first.

She said he has been a farmer for years. Clark and his late wife bought their Colchester home in 1951. The home was part of a 72-acre property. He was also a crane operator and helped build part of downtown Hartford.

Colleen Clark, Walter's youngest granddaughter, said her grandfather always talked about a German family that welcomed troops at their home with kindness.

She said she always thought it is "amazing" how he could find positivity in such an unpleasant situation.

"I always thought that was really, really special," Colleen said.

Colleen said Clark has been her best friend since she was a little girl.

She said one of the things she learned from Clark is to treat people with dignity and respect as "it's strong to be kind." She said that not assuming anything about anyone and being fair are also things she learned from her grandfather.

Vigil, who runs a music and sports combat entertainment promotion business, said he is "fascinated" by war and history, which is why he became interested in Clark's story.

"I support and respect all our veterans and always provide free admission to my shows and events to them," Vigil said.

He said he learned about Clark's military experience from his wife.

"Being a history buff, I decided to inquire about it from him, and was flabbergasted to learn about his experience in the war," Vigil said. "I felt that his story should be known, so I had a flag made to honor his service and will begin to continue this tribute to other vets that we have in our community."



Walter Clark is shown here surrounded by his family at last month's flag presentation. With him are, back row from left, Thomas Clark and Erin Clark; front row from left, Laura Clark and Colleen Clark.

Cover Story • Cover

★ **Restaurants cont. from page 1**

mission (EDC) in an emailed statement said the "easing of restrictions on restaurants and [other] small businesses is a hopeful sign that the health of our town and state are moving in an overall positive direction."

The commission went on to emphasize the importance of continued diligence, saying "we need to continue to wash our hands and wear face masks."

To support local businesses, EDC offered to local stores free adult and children's masks, a project the commission said it's "finishing up."

Chatham Health District Director Russell Melmed told the *Rivereast* on Monday that he counts himself among those who prefer dining al fresco.

Melmed said he finds the state's rollback reasonable, as it leaves the most critical elements of mitigation strategies intact, including signage reminding customers of COVID rules, limiting party numbers, distancing, mask wearing, and an 11 p.m. closure time.

Requiring food to be served with alcohol, staggering shifts and making ventilation improvements are all still included in the state's reopening plan. Seniors and other vulnerable groups are still being advised to "stay home and stay safe."

Melmed said the state is again seeing a rise

in COVID-19 cases. He said in this current rise and in surges past, contact tracing did not identify restaurants as outbreak hotspots.

He said there was certainly spread among given parties, but very rarely between different ones, or from staff to customers.

"When you go out, be more mindful of who you're sitting with than of the people across the room," Melmed said.

He said eating out with someone not in one's daily group of people poses an increased risk of spread.

Melmed said aside from the odd complaint, area restaurants and other businesses have all complied with pandemic protocols.

Melmed believes Gov. Ned Lamont will be more hesitant to reinstate capacity limits this time around but added that the governor has been willing to change course when presented with new data.

Melmed said if anything were to spur such an action, it would likely be an uptick in variant cases.

Melmed said there have been variants discovered in the area and across the state, spreading west to east from the international hub of New York to Connecticut, following a pattern similar to that of the pandemic's early days.

RHAM • RHAM

AHM Spring Programs

As a public charity serving Andover, Columbia, Hebron, and Marlborough, AHM Youth and Family Services' call to action, according to executive director Tressa Giordano, "since day one of the pandemic is that we are here for you." AHM is offering a variety of mental health, prevention, youth and family development, and juvenile justice programs this spring.

For senior citizens to schedule youth workers to assist with home projects through the CHOREs program, or for families to schedule an appointment for child, youth and family counseling, call the AHM offices at 860-228-9488.

For teens, young adults and families looking to attend the SMART Recovery Groups, visit www.ahmyouth.org for the schedule or call 860-228-9488.

For young families, AHM's Family Resource Center (FRC) will offer Play and Learn groups Thursdays, April 29-June 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at Veterans Park in Hebron (rain dates are Fridays at the same time). Fee is \$25 for the six-week session. There will also be a Wednesday session of the Play and Learn groups, from April 28-June 2, 10:15-11:15 a.m., at Gilead

Hill School. Fee is also \$25 for the six-week session. FRC will also host First Steps in Music Tuesdays, May 4-25 (with rain dates of June 1 and 8), 10:45-11:30 a.m., at Burnt Hill Park. Fee is \$60 per family. Lastly, KinderRHAMa preschool registration for the 2021-22 school year is open.

Check www.ahmyouth.org for details about spring youth theater for grades K-6, and our summer youth theater for grades 7-12.

AHM staff is also planning an in-person preschool summer camp and in-person Health Matters programs; check www.ahmyouth.org for updates.

Lastly, AHM is hosting, in partnership with Troop K, Marlborough Police and Marlborough Elementary School, the annual regional Drug Take-Back Event Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Marlborough Elementary School. This will be the first year it is held in Marlborough. The event helps remove unwanted medication from households, thereby reducing the chances those drugs are then abused. Drop off unwanted medication that day and it will be safely disposed of by state police.

RHAM • RHAM

Project Graduation Planning Underway

Parents of RHAM High School juniors and seniors are invited to join AHM Youth & Family Services' Project Graduation Committee as it plans this year's celebration.

For information and meeting dates, visit ahmyouth.org, click on "Menu" and select "Project Graduation," or contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org.

Youth Soccer Registration Underway

Through April 17, kids ages 3-16 can register for RHAM Youth Soccer. All skill levels are invited. Current COVID-19 guidelines will be in place.

Developmental players (U3-U8) will participate in small-sided scrimmages at Long Hill Field in Andover every Saturday morning. The Recreational teams for the U10-U15 girls and boys will compete against other Division 5 teams within the district. In addition to the practices and games, there will be a clinic offering additional skills training at Long Hill on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Comp team players are selected at tryouts held in early June for the next full year (fall/spring). The comp program is designed for more serious athletes who seek a higher level of competition and achievement. Comp teams will participate in a tournament in spring or fall and tend to play more games than the recreational program.

For more information or to register, visit clubs.bluesombrero.com/rhamyouthsoccer or find the club on Facebook at RHAM Youth Soccer.

AHM Offering CHOREs Program

AHM Youth and Family Services is taking applications from Andover, Hebron and Marlborough teens aged 14-18 for the CHOREs program.

Teens will earn \$12 per billable hour and will work up to two hours per job at a senior citizen's home; due to COVID-19, only jobs outside the home will be scheduled until further notice.

For more information, visit ahmyouth.org, click on "menu" and select CHOREs from the list of offerings. Seniors 60 years or older who are interested in this program should contact their town's senior center.

For more information, people may also contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org.

●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

YOUR AD
Should Be Here!

CALL US AT:
860-633-4691

●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

Like us on Facebook 
RivereastNewsBulletin

Osten Wants Piece of Biden's Infrastructure Plan

by Sloan Brewster and Karla Santos

State Sen. Cathy Osten (D-19) wants her district, including the towns of Hebron and Marlborough, to get a piece of President Joe Biden's estimated \$2 trillion infrastructure plan.

According to the *New York Times*, Biden was set to unveil the infrastructure plan Wednesday. The plan includes fixing 20,000 miles of roads, repairing bridges, eliminating lead pipes and service lines from water supplies and a long list of other job-creating projects, the article states.

In a phone call Tuesday, Osten said she wants her district to get a piece of the action.

The 19th District includes Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Marlborough, Norwich, Sprague and part of Montville.

Osten penned a letter saying as much to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and Congressman Joe Courtney. The letter was also signed by state Rep. Christine Conley (D-40), state Rep. Emmett Riley (D-46) and Kevin Ryan (D-139).

The letter highlights a list of infrastructure needs faced by eastern Connecticut towns, including Hebron and Marlborough.

"The Town of Hebron is looking to build a public works/public safety complex and needs \$30 (million)," the letter states. "The land has been purchased and initial plans have been designed."

In 2019, more than 100 voters at a lengthy town meeting agreed to the \$600,000 purchase of 89 acres for a new Public Works Complex.

The property, on John E. Horton Blvd., is tucked behind Colebrook Village and is part of the Village Green District, a 130-acre parcel behind CVS owned by Horton Brothers, LLC. It was appraised at \$630,000.

The initial plan, which must be vetted by voters, is for a new building for the Public Works Department, Town Manager Andrew Tierney said. Later, assuming voters approve, more buildings would be added including a fire department and police station and the site would be transformed into a Public Safety Complex.

Before any buildings can be put in, however, the infrastructure, including a road and sewers stretching from Colebrook Village to Kinney Road, must be put in place. The \$30 million Osten requested from the federal government would cover that.

Tierney said he estimates the public works building would cost between \$9 and \$10 million.

"What we would do is, the first thing would be to phase in the infrastructure, then concentrate on public works," he said, reiterating that voters must first approve the concept.

According to Director of Public Works Kevin Kelly, his department needs a new town garage.

Problems with the current facility include that employee parking is partially on another

property and cramped office space.

Also included in the letter is a request for \$1.5 million to establish an emergency shelter at RHAM High School.

The funds would cover a generator and upgrades to flow power through the school during outages, Tierney said.

Marlborough also has some projects Osten hopes will be funded.

"The Town of Marlborough is looking to make its well-used Richmond Library ADA (Americans with Disabilities) accessible with an expansion needing \$500,000 to complete," the letter reads. "In addition, fiber/broadband is needed for Town buildings including the senior center and adjunct fire station for connectivity \$5 (million)."

First Selectman Greg Lowrey told the *Rivereast* there are several broadband projects on the horizon. He said several buildings in town including the school, library, Town Hall and Fire Station One are currently served by fiber optic cable.

"Fiber provides a stable bandwidth," Lowrey said.

He is looking into providing fiber to several other town buildings, including the senior center, Fire Station Two and Public Works.

A second initiative proposes providing enhanced wireless broadband to underserved areas in the Blackledge River valley.

The town has also been working on making the library accessible.

Lowrey said the local building official and fire marshal are currently reviewing the plans and would be meeting with the architect this week.

The work is estimated to cost about \$526,000 and would involve installing an elevator and a new exterior staircase.

Town leaders had various discussions as they looked for ways to fund the project.

In November, the town was awarded a \$128,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant toward the project.

The town will match the funds with about \$398,000.

The work planned for the library would only make the building ADA accessible. Town officials still don't know when the entire second floor will be completed. Lowrey said he has proposed additional work on the project in the fiscal year 2022 capital budget.

Osten said she sent the letter because she's been paying attention to the president talking about the large infrastructure package and recalled the 1930s infrastructure program under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which she highlighted in the letter.

"That highly successful federal program put to work nearly nine million unemployed Ameri-

cans – nearly 7% of our country's population at that time," she wrote. "These hardworking Americans built 4,000 new schools, erected 130 hospitals, laid 9,000 miles of storm drains and sanitary sewer lines, built 29,000 bridges, constructed 150 airfields, and paved a quarter-million miles of roads."

Osten, who went from town to town, meeting with local officials in and out of her district to isolate infrastructure needs, said the projects she included were "not fluff."

"A lot of the projects I had in there were 40-year projects, several ones were 100-year," she said. "If we put money into them, we're doing something that lasts for decades."

She said smaller towns can't spread funds out for the years necessary to get this type of project done and would benefit from grants or bonding.

What's more, she said, every project on the list will create jobs.

Osten said funding the projects would cost \$300 million.

Fixing infrastructure is one of the best things for a community, the senator said. An additional perk is that many of the projects, such as sewer

upgrades, would be good for the environment,

"We have to have a better way of handling effluent and it also keeps that out of our brooks and rivers," she said.

Even repairing roads translates to an improved environment, she said, because when fixing roads drainage is also fixed.

Since writing the letter, Osten has received guidance from Courtney and will meet with town leaders in the next week or two to see if they can fill out forms he is requiring by the middle of the month.

"I said I really feel it's important to do these projects," Osten said.

She said that while some people say larger cities are poorer than small towns, eastern Connecticut has its share of poor communities.

In other news, Osten said she is currently working on the state budget, which includes \$244 million in surplus in the current year and an additional amount of more than \$500 million, "probably closer to \$600 million," relative to the volatility cap.

The money will be deposited into the rainy day fund, she said. Legislatures are looking to finish the budget in the next week or two.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Kristen Hubbard

Kristen Hubbard, 52, of East Hampton, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 27, at Middlesex Hospice. Born Aug. 1, 1968, in Binghamton, N.Y., she was the daughter of Marsha (Fish) Hubbard of East Hampton and the late Ray Hubbard.



Kristen loved bringing fun, comfort and joy to the residents of the then Riverview Children's Hospital in Middletown where she worked for 20 years. Years later, she would greet members and guests at the V.F.W. in East Hampton with a smile, a funny story or a joke. She was always ready to help a friend in need. She learned the love of sports from her Dad and it didn't matter who won as long as everyone had a good time.

In addition to her mother, Kristen is survived by her brother Reid Hubbard and his wife Jill and two terrific nieces, Jodi and Sophia, all of Georgia.

Friends called for a walk-through wake Thursday, April 1, at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton. Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Middlesex Health Hospice Program, c/o Office of Philanthropy, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457, or to the East Hampton Food Bank, 43 West High St., East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

East Hampton

Kathleen S. Matulis

Kathleen S. (Maxwell) Matulis, 71, of East Hampton, passed away Tuesday, March 23, at Hartford Hospital. Born July 18, 1949, in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late William and Antoinette (Petula) Maxwell. Kathleen had worked in the food service industry until her retirement.

Kathleen leaves to mourn her loss her daughter, Penny Bryzgel, Ed.D. and husband Todd of Moodus; her son, Raymond Matulis and wife Maria of Middletown; her two granddaughters, Julia and Alexandra Matulis; her former husband and father of her children, Paul Matulis and his wife Patricia of Florida; and her best friend, William Turner of Dayville.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Tuesday March 30. There was a service held that evening. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp at www.holeinthewallgang.org.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Hebron

Wilson H. Tyler

Wilson Henry Tyler of Manchester and Old Forge, N.Y., formerly of Hebron, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, after a short illness. He was born Nov. 22, 1947, in Little Falls Hospital, Little Falls, N.Y., to Alfred G and Elizabeth M. Thibado Tyler.



The family lived in Inlet, N.Y., during his early childhood and in 1956, after a short adventure out West, they settled on Adams Street, Old Forge, N.Y., in the house that he would always call home. Wil attended Town of Webb Schools. Wil was nominated for Boys State in 1964 and graduated with honors with the Class of 1965. He completed his studies at Utica College and Syracuse University, receiving his degree in engineering.

Wil was a special breed. One of the smartest men you will ever meet! Not only could he design anything, he could build it perfectly too, and he never failed to explain, in every detail, the what, why, and how. He loved his sweets, especially his mom's hermit cookies and vanilla ice cream.

In the early 1970s, Wil moved to Hebron to start his long and distinguished career of over 40 years at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. It was here that he met his wife, Dawn Clark. They were married June 4, 1988, in Essex. Just this year they moved to their current home in Manchester. Wil loved his family and was devoted to their well-being and was a constant presence in their lives, especially during his mother's and sister's illnesses.

Wil is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Dawn, of 32 years; his father-in law, John Clark of Southington; sisters-in law and brothers-in-law, Gail Clark and her partner Ted Koproski of Wallingford and Marcia Pilch and her husband Steve of Fitzwilliam, N.H.; a brother-in-law, John Graham and his partner Faith "Missy" Cooney of Old Forge, N.Y.; a niece, Kristy Rubyor and her husband David of Woodgate, N.Y., two great-nieces, Amy and Laura Rubyor, and his great-great nephew John, who always brought a smile to his face. Also surviving are his very special aunt Dora Burnett of Old Forge, N.Y., and uncle Bernard and his wife Brenda Thibado of Tennessee and Inlet, N.Y., plus his favorite cousin, shenanigans partner, and best friend, Tom Thibado and his wife Judy of Eagle Bay, N.Y. There are also many cousins who mourn his passing.

He was predeceased by his parents, Al and Betty; his sister, Sharon Graham; his nephew, Timothy J Graham; and his mother-in law, Marjorie Clark; as well as many aunts and uncles who were all there to meet him with open arms and much love.

Wil's memorial service will be held Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m., at Gilead Congregational Church, 672 Gilead St., Hebron. Masks must be worn at the service and social distancing will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Wil's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Gilead Congregational Church.

DOMINICK & SONS
MONUMENT WORKS, INC.

Monuments & Marker Sales & Service Since 1982

- Cleaning • Repairing
- Cemetery Lettering
- Custom Sandblast
- Pet Markers • Garden Stones

215 Lebanon Ave., Colchester
located w/ Colchester Florist

860-537-5783
For immediate service, call 860-917-7871

"A monument should cost no more than a family can afford."

Classifieds Pay

The Glastonbury Citizen & The Rivereast News Bulletin

Email your Classified Line Ad to sandy@glcitizen.com and call with your credit card number.

(We regret we cannot take ads over the phone)

YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!

Call: 860-633-4691

Like us on Facebook 
RivereastNewsBulletin

Obituaries continued

Columbia

Marilyn LeBel

Marilyn LeBel, 81, a longtime resident of Columbia, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, March 25.



Marilyn was a devoted employee of the Town of Andover clerk's office for over 20 years. She always had a special place in her heart for animals, and she was an avid lover of her award-winning Corgis and rescue pup Kyla.

Marilyn's passions were seeing the world, cuddling her pups, and living life the way that she wanted to. We will miss her smile, her silly jokes, knee-slapping laughter, and quirky Christmas gifts – you never knew what you were going to open!

What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls the butterfly. With every butterfly we see, we know you are still here with us.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah McNary (Arthur); her son, John LeBel; grandchildren, Jessie McGargee

(Eric), Lea Lee (Darren), Ryan McNary (Taylor); and five great-grandchildren, Keegan, Jayden, Jackson, Paxton, and Sophia.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents, Edward and Eva (Cooper) Eckert; sister, Carol Larson; and her love and travel companion, Pete Maneggia.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m., at Townsend Cemetery in Andover.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation Inc., 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

To sign an online guestbook, visit www.pot-terfuneralhome.com

Portland

Ronna Kuzminski

Ronna (Lynch) Kuzminski, 67, of Portland, passed away peacefully Monday, March 22, with her husband at her side. Ronna was born in Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 27, 1953. She was the daughter of the late Ernest and Mary (Le-May) Lynch. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School and the Hartford Conservatory.



She married her husband, David T. Kuzminski, and the two of them purchased the Connecticut Valley School of Music & Dance on Main Street, Portland, in 1983. Ronna taught dance lessons there to students of all ages for 29 years

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8 VIRTUAL HEARING ANDOVER, HEBRON, MARLBOROUGH

Meeting: meet.google.com/vtv-acpu-smx
Join by phone: (US)+1 941-451-2711
Pin: 391 625 741#
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:
 1. "TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021-2022."
 2. "TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2021-2022."
 DATED AT HEBRON, CONNECTICUT, March 30, 2021
 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8
 Stephanie Bancroft
 STEPHANIE BANCROFT, CHAIRPERSON
 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 8
 BOARD OF EDUCATION

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Andover's Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2021 to solicit comment on the application of 57 Hendee Rd., LLC to deposit fill and construct a single family home in a Flood Zone in accordance with Section 10.4.9 of the town's Zoning Regulations. The address of the proposed activity is 57 Hendee Road, aka Assessor's Map 28/Block 3/ Lot 12. The Public Hearing, which is to be held virtually on a web-site platform, can be accessed by following the directions below:
Join by Computer:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85600994380>
Join by Phone:
 +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 856 0099 4380
Passcode: 021725
 Comments may be submitted during the public hearing or, submitted to the Building Office located in the Town Hall, 17 School Road, or electronically to zoning@andoverct.org 24 hours prior to the hearing.
 Jim Hallisey
 Zoning Agent

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following Teleconference Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 P.M. ZBA members, the Applicants and Public will utilize Teleconference line.
 Teleconference Number 877 – 304 – 9269 / Access Code 423694#
 APPLICATION #ZBA-2-21 – Kyle & Stephanie Smigala (Applicant/Property Owner), 34 James Lane 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.c Rear Yard Setback, in order to construct a pool with a Rear Yard Setback of 18 feet where 50 feet is required.
 Interested parties can review the applications on the Town of Marlborough Website and submit testimony at the public hearing. Written testimony can be sent to Building@marlboroughct.net prior to the meeting.
 Alan Miller/ ZBA Chair

until she retired to be a grandmother.

In addition to teaching dance, she also taught preschool in Middletown and senior citizen exercise classes for the towns of Portland, Middletown and Cromwell for many years.

Despite her longtime battle with Parkinson's disease, Ronna continued to take walks, attend swing dancing nights with her husband and be active with her grandson.

She is survived by her husband, David, of 47 years; her daughter, Sarah Soboleski and son-in-law John of Glastonbury; her son, SSG David C. Kuzminski and wife SFC Adriane of East Hampton; her brother-in-law, John Kuzminski and wife Joan of Killingworth; and her sister-in-law, Carol Lunn and husband Howard of Charlton, Mass. She has a beautiful grandson, Bennett Soboleski, and also leaves behind many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

LEGALS

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7 pm on April 12, 2021 via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:
 • Application ZBA-21-004: Miguel and Julianne Roman, 51 Highland Terrace, to reduce the front setback from 50' to 10' to construct a 20' x 40' IG pool with concrete patio Map 18/ Block 44/Lot 23G-1
 Matthew Walton, Chairman

TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

The Historic District Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on April 12, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:
 1. **Town Green Improvement Project – Modify Certificate of Appropriateness (2021-01)** – To modify Certificate of Appropriateness (2020-02) for improvements of the Community Connectivity Program grant including renovation of the main path, erection of a new bus shelter and installation of new cast iron light posts, benches and trash receptacles on the Town Green.
 At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning and Zoning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).
 Historic District Commission
 Ellen Sharon, Chair

ADVERTISERS

The Glastonbury Citizen and Riverast News Bulletin will make every effort to see that all advertising copy is correctly printed. The publisher assumes no liability or financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising, but will reprint, without charge, that part of an advertisement in which an error may occur, provided that a claim is made within 5 days of publication. The liability of the publisher on account of errors in or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion. Also, the publisher takes no responsibility for statements or claims made in any advertisement, and will upon request, reveal the name and address of the person or persons responsible for placing any display advertisement, political or otherwise, except for "blind" box ads. The Glastonbury Citizen Inc. reserves the right to reject advertisements which it deems unsuitable for its publications. Every effort will be made to verify the legitimacy and propriety of all ads for the protection of our readers. *The Citizen* will take requests for specific placement of ads and will try to accommodate everyone's requests. *The Citizen* cannot guarantee specific placement.

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH LEGAL NOTICE

Residents in the sewer district in the Town of Marlborough are notified that the Benefit Assessment bills are due to the Marlborough Water Pollution Control Authority (MWPCA), April 1, 2021. The last day to pay without interest is May 3, 2021. Delinquent bills will be charged 1.5% per month reverting to the due date of April 1 or 18% per year. Minimum interest is \$5.00.
 Payments may be paid at the Marlborough Town Hall, 26 No. Main Street or mailed to MWPCA, Tax Collector, PO Box 29, 26 No Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447. There is a Drop Box to the left of the Town Hall door for payments, and payments can be paid at the Tax Collector's window. Normal office hours for the Tax Office are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. -7 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to noon.
 To keep everyone safe from the Coronavirus, please check the Marlborough website, marlboroughct.net, for updates for safe in-person Benefit Assessment payment protocol.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara C Murray, CCMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED! VINYL RECORDS/ALBUMS/LP'S: Rock, Heavy Metal, Hip-hop, Folk, Country, Jazz... all genres! I'll take any size collection! Will come to you. Call or Text 860-919-9010



Like us on Facebook **RiverastNewsBulletin**

EMPLOYMENT

CHAIR RENTAL AVAILABLE - GOOD HAIRDAY, 2 Independence Drive in Marlborough. Build your business with us! 860-467-6942. Call for details

HELP WANTED LANDSCAPING. Driver's license and mowing experience required. Good pay. Grundman Landscape, Colchester. 860-267-1510

MARLBOROUGH BASED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LOOKING TO HIRE A LABORER. For concrete work/light excavation. Experience a plus but not needed. Call 860-819-4821 to inquire.

COOK WANTED, part time weekends. Apply Winchester Cafe, Portland.

WELDER/FABRICATOR: Custom Sheet Metal Fabrication, light structural, min 5-10 yrs exp & SHEET METAL MECHANICS, APPRENTICES & HELPERS: Steady work, good benefits. Call for interview. 860-828-3762

CASHIER POSITION AVAILABLE at a gas station in Glastonbury. FT or PT. Will train. Please call 860-617-4349

SHEEHAN TREE REMOVAL IS A SMALL FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED TREE COMPANY BASED OUT OF EAST HAMPTON, CT. WE ARE LOOKING TO HIRE A TREE WORKER to assist in the daily operations. This is a part time position with the possibility of becoming full time. Having any experience is a plus but we are willing to train the right person. Must be physically capable of hard work and a willingness to be a team player. Having a positive attitude and being honest are two of the most important characteristics we are looking for. If you like working outdoors in all types of weather and enjoy doing a good job for the sake of doing a good job then this might be an opportunity for you. Pay is based on experience. Contact us if you're interested: sheehantrereemoval@gmail.com

LOCAL SEPTIC COMPANY LOOKING FOR DRIVER WITH CDL CLASS B LICENSE to pump septic tanks. State of Connecticut Sub Surface Sewage Cleaner's license preferred but not required. Starting pay \$21-\$28/hour plus benefits package. Call (860) 267-6102.

SKILLED CARPENTER WANTED FOR BUSY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO. 3-5 YEARS EXPERIENCE. Must have reliable transportation. \$18-\$22 per hour depending on experience. contact: JOHN@ADVANCECO.NET

COLCHESTER WINE AND SPIRITS IS LOOKING FOR PART TIME LIQUOR STORE CLERK. Must be 18 years old to work, must be able to work evenings, nights, weekends. Stop in to apply. Located next to Stop & Shop.

SHEET METAL MECHANICS, APPRENTICES & HELPERS: Steady work, good benefits. Call for interview. 860-828-3762

DELIVERY DRIVER NEEDED FOR BUSY AUTO PARTS STORE ASAP. Must have valid drivers license. Please apply at ehnapa@att.net

COOKS NEEDED – FT and PT positions available at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Call Tim at 860 633 5253.

PT CAR WASH ATTENDANT WANTED. Call Diamond Sparkle Car Wash in Colchester at 860-531-9182

CAR WASH ATTENDANT WANTED AT BUSY CAR WASH IN COLCHESTER. Call 860-608-6449 for details.

LanternEnergy
NOW HIRING!
Seeking motivated individuals to join our team!

- Home Energy Audit Technicians
- Insulation Installer Technicians
- Solar Installation Technicians
- Electricians

COMPETITIVE PAY • EXCELLENT BENEFITS TRAINING AVAILABLE

EMAIL INQUIRES TO:
info@lanternenergy.com
 HIC LIC#: 0622263 – ELC.0194682-E1

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Hearing

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on April 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following (contact the Land Use Department for location details):
 Application PZC-20-024: Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station for a proposed convenience store Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B.
 Application PZC-20-026: Long Hill Estates, LLC., Long Hill Estate Subdivision, for a Zone Change R-2 to C Map 06/ Block 12/Lot 8-1
 Application PZC-21-005: JCG Properties, LLC., 9 Middle Haddam Rd., for a 2- lot subdivision Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 5
 Application PZC-21-007: Atlantis Marketing, 157 Main St., 1 Colchester Ave., 5 Colchester Ave., for a zone change from R-2 to Commercial. Map 07A/Block 56/Lots 21, 22 and 24.
 Application PZC-21-006: James Marino, Deer Meadow, for a Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment Map 35/Block 95/Lot 7-44
 Ray Zatorski, Chairman
 Note* any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450.

Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Legal Notice - Public Hearing

The Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 7:00PM to hear testimony and comments on the following application(s):
 IWWC20-36: Erik Loteczka and George Correia, 26 Old Farms Rd (Andover, CT), application to construct a wetland crossing for a proposed driveway and new house construction.
 Directions to participate in the Zoom Meeting will be provided on the IWWC regular meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, and can be found here: <https://www.andoverconnecticut.org/calendar>
 Comments, questions or concerns may be presented at the public hearing or submitted in writing to the Andover Building Office, 17 School Road, Andover, Connecticut at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Any individuals who need access to a public computer can contact the Building Office at (860)742-4036 at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER REVENUE COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

To the taxpayers of the Town of Andover – the fourth installment of the taxes listed on the October 1, 2019 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Andover on April 1, 2021. Payments must be postmarked, paid online, or brought to lockbox outside Town Hall by May 1, 2021 to avoid penalty. Interest will be charged starting May 2, 2021 on all delinquent bills at a rate of 18% per year (1.5% per month) from the due date of April 1st, with a minimum charge of \$2 for each bill. All Tax bills under \$3 have been waived.
 Online credit card payments may be made at www.andoverct.org. Checks or money orders payments may be placed in the locked drop box at Town Hall. Payments by check or money order may be mailed to the Tax Collector's office. Failure to receive a tax bill will not invalidate the tax or any interest which may, by State law, accrue.
 Please refer to the Town website www.andoverct.org for Town Hall hours.
 If you have any questions, please contact our office at 860-742-4035, option 4.
 Eileen Curtin, Tax Collector
 Town of Andover
 17 School Road
 Andover, CT 06232

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED - LANDSCAPING

Must be 18+ years old & have a valid driver's license. Positions currently available within our commercial mowing division, construction, mason division, and general landscape maintenance. Foreman positions available. Good pay with overtime.

Thompson Landscape Improvement
Call 860-659-1438



CIT3-11-21

WANTED

C.N.A Senior Living CNA in Hebron CT

Colebrook Village - FT and PT positions are available for all shifts!! Must be compassionate, committed to resident center quality care, a team player and have fun while providing the highest level of hospitality in any senior living. This community has been COVID free and remains so!!

Must have a current Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate in accordance with state requirements. Please email: kcifaldi@colebrookvillage.com

CIT4-1-21

If You Are An Installer, There Is A Fabulous Opportunity Waiting For You!

Attention to Detail is a family owned business since 1999 in the automotive aftermarket industry. We are seeking two (2) **in-house installers** to join our team immediately. We are located at 195 Dekoven Dr. in Middletown, CT. Put your skills to work full-time with normal business hours. No nights or Sundays. Attention to Detail sells and installs Auto & Truck accessories such as Tonneau Covers, Side Steps, Trailer Hitches, Leather Interiors. Truck and Van Racks and Shelves and much, much more.

Please come down and fill out an application at 195 Dekoven Drive, Middletown, CT 06457

CIT11-5-20

Town of Marlborough Employment Opportunity Position: Highway and Fleet Foreman

Complete job description and application are available online at www.marlbroughct.net (> Departments, >Town Clerk), or in person from the

Office of the Town Clerk
PO Box 29
Marlborough, CT 06447

JOB SUMMARY

Engages in hands-on planning, organization and supervision of the highway maintenance crew in the construction, repair and maintenance of the Town's highway infrastructure and fleet vehicles to provide a safe well maintained, environmentally sound roadway network for the public.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

The skills and knowledge required would generally be acquired from a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent, and ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience in highway maintenance or construction work. Candidates must possess five (5) years of experience in supervising union and non-union employees and good interpersonal and supervisory skills. The position requires a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the operation and maintenance of heavy construction and maintenance equipment, or any equivalent combination of education and skills that demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the functions of the position.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Able to obtain a Transfer Station operator's certification within one year of employment.
- Possess a CDL Class B with endorsement N. (Restrictions E, F, K and L will not be allowed)
- Certification as a Tree Warden is preferred, or ability to obtain certification within one year of employment.

FILING REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates should submit a fully completed Application for Employment, Resume, and Cover Letter to:

Office of the Town Clerk
PO Box 29
26 North Main Street
Marlborough, CT 06447

The Town of Marlborough is an Equal Opportunity Employer We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, creed, religion, gender, national origin, disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status.

4TB 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16

WANTED

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Assisted Living

Colebrook Village - Looking for an LPN that wants to join a dynamic, talented, and dedicated team. Duties will include but are not limited to the following: providing care to our residents, speaking with physicians, families & supervising the C.N.A's. Must like to have fun at work. FT & PT, 2nd and 3rd shifts available.

Please email: kcifaldi@colebrookvillage.com

CIT4-1-21

TOWN OF HEBRON PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

The Town of Hebron is seeking a full time Parks and Recreation Director. This highly responsible, professional and administrative work involves planning, organizing and directing a fee-supported recreational and cultural program for the community including maintenance of parks, related facilities and capital projects. Bachelor's degree in business, agriculture or recreation and seven years recreation experience required. Salary range \$65,000 to \$72,500 DOE plus benefits.

Please send letters of interest, resume and Town of Hebron employment application to the Town Manager, Town of Hebron, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248, by April 30, 2021. For more details visit <https://hebronct.com/contact-us/employment/>. Position will remain open until filled. The Town of Hebron is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

1TB 4/2

CAREGIVER NEEDED

Non-medical, mostly companionship, meals & light housekeeping. Colchester. Part-time days. Great small caring agency. Must have caregiving experience, paid or non-paid & pass background check. Looking for long term employee. Mon-Sat hours. Older adults encouraged to apply. Immediate work. Call 860-967-0831

RES-18-20

Town of Marlborough Full-Time Maintainer Department of Public Works

The Town of Marlborough is accepting applications for the position of full-time Maintainer in the Department of Public Works. This is a 40 hour/week position, Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 3:30 pm., and offers a competitive starting wage and comprehensive benefit package. This is a Collective Bargaining Unit position.

The successful candidate will work under the supervision and direction of the Public Works Supervisor performing a wide range of facility, grounds and road maintenance duties. A complete job description and application is available from the Marlborough Town Clerk, or online at www.marlbroughct.net.

Candidates will be considered based on knowledge, skills, abilities and previous experience. Candidates will be required to pass a thorough background investigation and physical exam, including a drug screening. An application and current resume must be received by the Marlborough Town Clerk, 26 North Main Street, P.O. Box 29, Marlborough, CT 06447 by noon Friday, April 16, 2021.

The Town of Marlborough is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

4TB 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

TOWN OF ANDOVER CT VACANCY - MAINTAINER II

The Town of Andover is seeking applications for a full time Public Works Maintainer II. Starting salary is \$26.38 per hour. This is a Union Position included in the Local 1303-368 of Connecticut Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO and subject to all conditions. CDL license is mandatory. The job description and application for this position are available at www.andoverct.org.

To apply, send a completed application to the Office of the Town Administrator, Town Hall, 17 School Rd, Andover, CT 06232, Or email it to adminassistant@andoverct.org This posting will remain open until the position has been filled. EOE M/F

2TB 4/2, 4/9

Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Director

The Town of East Hampton is accepting applications for the position of Summer Camp Director. The Summer Camp Director will assist in recruiting, interviewing, training, and hiring camp counselors, and will supervise, coach, and mentor staff. This position is also responsible for promoting and marketing kindergarten through grade 5 programs, as well as organizing and managing orientation programs, and day-to-day setup of schedules.

Candidate must have strong organizational, computer, and public relation skills. CPR certification and first aid knowledge required. Certification by the American Camp Association preferred.

This is a seasonal position from May through August. \$17.00 - \$19.00 per hour depending on qualifications and experience, with a 40-hour workweek.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and employment application to the Town of East Hampton, Department of Human Resources, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424, by April 16, 2021 (or until filled).

Job description and employment application are available at www.easthamptonct.gov. EOE/AA/M-F.

1TB 4/2

WE ARE HIRING FULL-TIME MECHANIC

Must have small engine experience, your own tools, and the ability to lift 100 lbs. This is a full-time, 40+ hours per week job with uniforms, medical insurance & a 401k.

TO APPLY:
Call Tony or Cody at Gano's Power Equipment
860-537-3431



FULL TIME POSITION Packaging Department

Located in East Hampton, American Distilling is the world's largest producer of Distilled Witch Hazel Extracts. We are looking for Packaging Operators on and second shift (Monday through Friday 4:30pm - 12:30 am).

- Must be able to multi-task
- Must be comfortable working in a fast paced environment
- Must have attention to detail
- Mechanical ability a plus

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO:
careers@americandistilling.com
NO CALLS PLEASE.

RES-19-21

NOW HIRING!

WENTWORTH CONCRETE & CONSTRUCTION

860-819-4821

E-MAIL: WCCONSTRUCTIONLLC@YAHOO.COM
CT LIC# 0648345

Construction
- Yard Expansions
- Excavation
- Drainage
- Grading
- Driveways
- Installation & Repairs

Concrete
- Foundations
- Floors
- Sidewalks
- Steps / Porches

RES-26-21

Saint Clements
CASTLE & MARINA

Looking for motivated individuals to join our team. Currently seeking waitstaff, kitchen utility, maintenance and grounds/housemen positions. Every position is an integral part in providing an exceptional experience for our couples and guests! Must be available to work weekends and have a flexible schedule. Banquet venue experience preferred.

If you would like to be considered for employment please complete the Employment Application at:
www.saintclementscastle.com/employment

If you have further questions you can call 860-342-0593 or email:
eventmanagers@saintclementscastle.com

RES-19-21

DURHAM MFG Est. 1922

WE'RE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN OUR GROWING COMPANY

Available Positions:

- > Press/Weld Operators
- > Powder Painters
- > Assemblers
- > Packers
- > Coil Operators
- > Summer Workers

We offer:

- Competitive Wages starting between \$15 - \$20 depending on experience
- Paid Time Off
- 401k With Company Match
- Competitive Health Benefits
- Profit Sharing
- Continuing Education Program

Simply Scan To Apply:



860-349-3427 x7217 www.durhammfg.com
201 Main Street, Durham, CT



RES-19-21

REAL ESTATE

RENTALS

GLASTONBURY CENTER – 2 Bdrm \$1,390 Inc. Heat / Hot water. Excellent condition. Large 2 bdrm; Lvg room; 1 bath; large tiled kitchen with quartz & stainless range, fridge, dish, and microwave; hardwood floors throughout. Private parking lot; laundry in building; large storage area. Heat and hot water included. Perfect for someone looking for an immaculate apartment. \$1,390/mo. 860-798-7403.

LOOKING TO RENT A 2-BEDROOM HOUSE OR APARTMENT IN A 2-FAMILY. Looking for a place in Hebron/Marlborough/East Hampton or Moodus. Call Jerry (860)-597-0721. Leave Message

RENTAL LOT AVAILABLE IN JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA. Fits up to a 40ft RV. Walking distance to Private East Coast Beach. Looking TO RENT from Nov. or Dec 2021 until April or May 2022. ALSO AVAILABLE to rent April until May or June 2021. If interested please CALL 860-338-1368 and ask for LINDA.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT IN MARLBOROUGH FOR RENT. Newly renovated. Washer & dryer hookup. \$1000./month. Credit check and security deposit required. Available April 1. Call 860-993-2875

GLASTONBURY SIDE-BY-SIDE DUPLEX on nice street. 2 bedrooms with garage. Private office, gas heat. \$1350./month. Call 860-338-0023.



BOYDEN Real Estate CO

232 S. Main St., Colchester
860-537-9559

COMING SOON!

COLCHESTER \$414,900
19 Ashley Lane – Elegant Country Colonial w/ Contemporary Flair & Fine Custom Craftsmanship. Over 4.5 acres in quiet cul-de-sac w/ only a handful of homes in the development .3 beds 2.5 bath, 2 car garage 2 hours to NY & Boston.
For more info, text Nick Long 860-334-2868

COMING SOON!

COLCHESTER \$199,900
72 Windham Ave. – Highland farms 3 bed 1.5 bath duplex in a private area walking distance to amenities and town center 2 hours to NY and Boston.
For more info, text Nick Long 860-334-2868

STOP PAYING RENT!

PRESTON \$179,900
48 Route 2A – Location, location, location. Updated duplex halfway between Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. Direct water views of Hallville pond. Large eat-in kitchen, washer dryer hook-up in basement. Quality tenants in place. Property grosses \$2400/month.
Call Kevin to preview 860-884-3302

Our Listings Selling Full Price Under 30 Days! Inventory Low! Call today for market review!

860-537-9559

We'll pay you \$1000⁰⁰ to prep your home to sell!
**some restrictions apply; call for details*

Volunteer. The Benefits Are Extraordinary!

PROTECTOR'S ANIMALS

Extraordinary Benefits:
You'll feel really, really good!
You'll meet delightful dogs, fabulous felines, and some pretty special humans, too!

Volunteer Positions Day & Evening Hours:
East Hampton & Wethersfield facilities –
Dogs: walking; clean & feed; socialization
East Hartford facility –
Cats: clean & feed; socialization; medical & placement teams

860-569-0722
www.poainc.org

Your local friend in real estate

It doesn't matter what's been written in your story so far, it's how you fill up the rest of the pages that counts.

ANGELA ARESO

Better Service | Better Marketing | Better Results
Better Real Estate

860.883.9005
angelaaresco@sbcglobal.net
www.angelaareso.com

RE4-2-21

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL For Help Call 888-247-4401

If anyone refused to rent to you because of your source of income, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, religion, marital status, age, disability or because you have children, you may have been the victim of illegal housing discrimination. Contact the Connecticut Fair Housing Center.

Spring into Real Estate

For Real Estate Success Call Carolyn Kress
"Your Full Service Real Estate Agent"

- Free Market Analysis
- Staging
- Professional Photography/Aerial
- Marketing

Carolyn Kress 860-908-4716

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices | New England Properties

RE3-2-21

CARL GUILD & ASSOCIATES
THE FUTURE OF REAL ESTATE

 Allison Dillon 860-301-0955 abdillon@snet.net	 John Drury 860-466-0077 john@harrs.com	 Faith Farina 860-373-6993 faithfarina1@gmail.com	 Fred Ferguson 860-638-9362 fredfergusonct@gmail.com	 Patrick Florio 603-557-6663 patrickflorio@gmail.com	 Sharon Fox 860-805-6917 sharonfoxreal1@gmail.com	 Lynn Gardiner 860-729-1215 lyngardiner5@gmail.com	 Jay Gigliotti 860-235-3570 jgigliotti.cga@gmail.com	 Diane Gombieski 860-977-4857 gombieski@snet.net	 Matthew Gworek 860-882-8650 mgworekrealty@gmail.com	 Jim Harrington 860-966-9966 jim@harrs.com			
 Vanessa Aquino 860-778-5624 vanessaquinoct@gmail.com	 Angela Aresco 860-883-9005 angelaaresco@sbcglobal.net	 Peter Bates 860-823-8765 pjbtr66@gmail.com	 Kristie Benjamin 860-918-0165 kristiebrealestate@gmail.com	 Vikki Brothers 860-922-4141 vikkivild@gmail.com	 Gita Burzycki 860-682-2923 gitagrealestate@gmail.com	 Danielle Casey 860-202-6203 daniellecaseyhome@gmail.com	 Kamey Cavanaugh 860-398-0483 kameycavanaugh@gmail.com	 Deva Childs 860-796-7796 devachilds@gmail.com	 Laura Beth Collinson 860-262-2753 laurabethrealty@gmail.com	 Kira Coon 860-575-3177 kiramcoon@gmail.com	 Angela Crane 860-365-0342 angelacrane Realtor@gmail.com	 Hilary Culver 860-310-9715 hilaryculver@gmail.com	 Emily Cyr 860-805-0451 emilycyrrealtor@gmail.com
 Jeff King 860-710-1323 jeffkingrealtor1@gmail.com	 JP Landrey 860-559-5340 jplandrey@comcast.net	 Sandra Lindstrom 860-334-5815 sandrallindstromrealtor@gmail.com	 Mike Mallon 860-338-5037 mjmallon1@live.com	 Catherine McNarry 860-306-4436 catherinemcnarry@gmail.com	 Lynn Minnick 860-989-7267 lynnminnickrealtor@gmail.com	 Bill Nelson 860-395-9139 william.m.nelson@comcast.net	 Christopher Passera 860-657-6578 cmpassera64@gmail.com	 Filipe Pereira 860-990-9103 filipe@wemanagect.com	 Alex Pike 860-930-4164 alexpike Realtor@gmail.com	 Caitlin Reilly 203-667-7436 caitlinreillyct@gmail.com			
 Lauren Reis 413 896-3126 laurenreisrealty@gmail.com	 Preston Roth 860-662-0735 RothHomesRealty@gmail.com	 Barbara Royea 860-334-8714 BarbaraLovesHomes@gmail.com	 Koreen Ryan 860-250-6799 koreenryan1@gmail.com	 Kristina Segura 860-639-1681 seguractrealtor@gmail.com	 Jamie Smigel 860-759-9310 jamiesmigel.ct@gmail.com	 Candice Smith 860-917-4784 candicesmithproperties@gmail.com	 Tania Sones 860-918-5100 sonesrealtor@gmail.com	 Stacy Soracchi 860-534-0333 stacysoracchi@gmail.com	 Michael Varni 860-335-7380 michael@harrs.com	 Daniel Walsh 860-841-0183 danwalshsells@gmail.com			
 Candy Webb 860-377-7510 candywebbrealtor@gmail.com	 Cieara Yanaros 860-754-7048 ciearasellct@gmail.com	 Gladys Yeager 860-944-9772 gladysyeager@sbcglobal.net	<p>Carl Guild, Broker / Owner 860-539-5373 • carlguild@gmail.com 41 West High St., East Hampton • 121 Broadway, Colchester www.CarlGuild.com</p>										

RE2-18-21

TREE & LANDSCAPING

GARDNER TREE SERVICE-
Trees and shrubs cut or removed, mulching, planting/weeding and general cleanup. Family business since 1979. Quality work, dependable service. Free estimates. 860-324-3666

MASTER GARDENER- UCONN/ CT State Certified. Professional Gardening Care, Diagnosing Problems, Skilled Pruning/Trimming, Planting, Design, Mulching, Edging, Lawn Mowing. 30 Years Experience. Contact Thomas @ 860-267-7515

TOTAL LAWN CARE - Mowing, cleanups, planting, thatching aeration, dump runs and handyman services. Vet and senior discount. Call 860-342-2204, 860-638-8812

YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!

CALL US AT: 860-633-4691

KARLEYROSE Gardens LLC
— PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SINCE 2004 —
SPRING CLEANUPS – MULCHING, GARDEN RESTO
HEDGE TRIMMING, FOUNDATION PLANTINGS,
LIGHT LAND CLEARING, NEW LAWNS INSTALLED
35 YEARS HORTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE • LICENSED & INSURED
Text Dave 860-398-3719

DeLeo Fence
Custom Fences: Wood, Vinyl, Aluminum & Chain Link
Fence Repair
Quality Work at a Competitive Price
OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE
860-930-5492
FULLY INSURED • HIC #0657705

TREE REMOVAL
We Climb
Licensed Arborist on Staff
Seasoned Firewood
We Now Accept All Major Credit Cards • Fully Insured
C & C Lawncare – East Hampton
(203) 435-5355

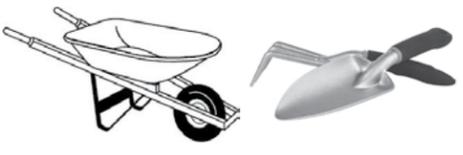
DB STUMP
Grinding & Land Management
860-205-3266
Free Estimates | Owner/Operator
Licensed & Insured
SERVING: Residential, Commercial, Municipal
Brush Cutting, Forestry Mulching,
Stump Removal
VETERAN DISCOUNTS

LAWNS-N-STUFF
LANDSCAPING SERVICES - SINCE 1990 -
MULCHING • SHRUB TRIMMING • TREE WORK/PLANTING • FERTILIZING • GARDEN INSTALLS
WALLS/WALKWAYS • DUMP RUNS/HAULING • MINI-EXCAVATING • DRAINAGE • PLOW DAMAGE REPAIR

LAWNS-N-STUFF
“WE DO MORE THAN CUT THE GRASS”
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL • FULLY INSURED
NOW SCHEDULING SPRING CLEAN-UPS
860-295-9692
Marlborough, CT

Like us on Facebook
RivereastNewsBulletin

Lawn Barber Lawncare, LLC
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LAWN CARE
• Yard Clean-Ups • Seeding & Fertilization
• Weekly/Bi-Weekly Mowing
• Hedge & Bush Trimming • Tree Service/Pruning
• Mulch Bed Maintenance • Snow Plowing/Ice Control
• Lawn Repair/Weed Control
FREE ESTIMATES INSURED
860-294-2864



TS MINOR ENTERPRISES
SPRING CLEAN-UPS
Lawn Maintenance
(Call before April 1 to receive 15% off your first mowing!)
Lawn Installation & Repair • Drainage & Excavation
Garden Maintenance & Installation
Brush Clearing • Walls & Patios
FULLY INSURED HIC# 0653158
860-716-0661

THOM'S STUMP GRINDING
Same Day Callbacks
Just prompt, reliable service at a reasonable price!
Any Location • Fully Licensed
Call Thom
860-656-6720

JIM'S TREE STUMP REMOVAL
Fast Service
Reasonable Rates
Free Estimates
860-267-9957

GUTTER CLEANING
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
LAWNS-N-STUFF
Marlborough, CT
Call **860-295-9692**
FULLY INSURED

Dorsey Construction
Spring Yard Cleaning
Gutter and Leader Cleaning
Painting • Powerwashing
Waterproofing • Landscaping
Concrete Work • Roof Repair
– Looking for new mowing accounts –
John Dorsey • 860-890-9884

Free Estimates & Quality Work
SHEEHAN TREE REMOVAL
Caring for you and your trees
EST. 2003
Fully Licensed & Insured
CT Certified Arborist
Removals & Trimming
sheehantreeremoval.com • 860-209-1233

LOUIE'S TREE SERVICE LLC
Owner Operated • CT Lic. Arborist S-4475
Free estimates • Fully insured
Fully Equipped & Skilled in all phases of tree work! Call us now and get the best price ever!
TOLL FREE **1-888-646-TREE**
Toll free (8733)
860-859-0069
Senior citizen & military discount LOCAL FIREWOOD FOR SALE!

Toper's Lawncare Plus LLC
(860) 295-0097
Tick & Mosquito Control Applied
Keep your family & pets safe this season!
Also Controls Fleas, Gnats, Spiders, Japanese Beetles & More
HIC.0600529

CALL JACK TODAY
• Landscaping • Commercial/Residential
• Property Maintenance • Weekly lawn care
• Spring and fall cleanups
• Walkways, patios, retaining walls
• Bobcat and excavation services
• Lot cleaning and tree removal
Call Jack for Free Estimate
(860)818-2773

SHORT ON TIME? TAKE THE SUMMER OFF AND LET US MOW YOUR LAWN!
CLARK'S LANDSCAPING
Now Scheduling Weekly Mowing Customers
Small Excavation Jobs with Mini Excavator or Bobcat
Call for Topsoil Delivery & Installation, Hydroseeding & All Your Landscaping Needs
Call 860-537-2945
Terence & Diane Clark FULLY INSURED ~ CT Lic. 562383

WOODLAND LANDSCAPING
FREE ESTIMATES
(860) 989-1014 Ask for Geno
PATIO SPECIAL!
15x15 Patio w/ Firepit \$3900
Stone Walls • Patios • Walkways
Lawn Mowing • Mulching • Spring Clean Ups
Get your free lawn mowing when you sign up with me!

DONDERO LANDSCAPING • LAWNCARE
A Full Service Stone & Landscape Company
Serving Hebron, Marlborough, East Hampton, Portland For 20 Years
Free Advice Tips on Layout & Design
CALL FOR SCHEDULING
Large Boulders? We can break them into usable wall stone!
Bluestone – treads, steps, pattern, patios, sidewalks
Arborvitae – dark American green giant, CT grown
Landscape Boulders, you pick
CALL FOR PRICING

Stone Work	Brick Work	Lawn Renovation	Spring	Maintenance	Tree Take Down
Retaining Walls	Walkways / Patios	Topsoil	Cleanup	Weekly Mowing	Yard Expansion
Garden Walls	Brick / Bluestone	Hydroseeding	Weeding / Pruning	Spring / Fall Cleanup	Stump Removal
Steps / Repairs	Relevel / Rebase	Grading Yard Drains	Mulching / Edging	Organic Fertilizing	Bush Removal

Top Soil • Crushed Stone • Mulch – FREE DELIVERY – 3 Yard Minimum
DONDERO LANDSCAPING 860-228-2003 FREE Written Estimates



TREE & LANDSCAPING

Lawn TECS SR LLC.
 Yard Grooming / Lawn Maintenance
 H (860) 295-1479 • C (860) 214-9923
 RLFrancks@comcast.net

Spring Is Near!

Start Scheduling Spring Cleanups & Mowing Today
 Now is the time to start thinking about your yard's mulching needs and trimming back overgrowth with the smell of spring in the air. Reseeding and fresh topsoil is beckoning your yard, so let's get started.

SERVICES INCLUDE: **Weekly/Bi-Weekly Mowing • Brush Removal • Downed Tree & Debris Removal • Mulch Installation • Light Moving • Light Hauling • Spring & Fall Cleanups**
 — CT LICENSED & FULLY INSURED —

86 JONES HOLLOW ROAD, MARLBOROUGH, CT

RYANS TREE SERVICE

Discounted Spring Rates Available, Call Now!
Group & Referral Discounts 10%

- **Hazardous Tree Removal** — We Climb or Bucket Truck Service
- **Lot Clearing & Yard Expansions**
- **Stumpgrinding & Grading** (including muddy driveways)
- **Firewood For Sale**

Accepting Most Major Credit Cards

FULLY INSURED State Lic. #SFPH000902 **FREE ESTIMATES**

Call 860-228-5009

The Stump Guy LLC
 860-770-9014 • 860-876-3750
 TheStumpGuyLLC@gmail.com

**STUMP GRINDING
 TREE REMOVAL**

FULLY LICENSED & INSURED HIC #0644464

PAUL'S & SANDY'S too, Inc.
 HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER

MULCH & STONE LOT

It's Time To Fix Your Driveway!
 Great products for repairing driveways including:
 3/4" Driveway Mix (aka process)
 3/4" Crushed Utility Stone
 1-1/4" Crushed Stone

Plus other sizes of Utility Stone available
 Pick it up or have it delivered!
 LOW DELIVERY MINIMUM

OPEN EVERYDAY INCLUDING SAT 8-6; SUN 9-6

93 EAST HIGH STREET - (ROUTE 66)
 EAST HAMPTON - (860) 267-0143

Shorts Landscaping LLC
 CT HIC Lic #0635384

**FULLY INSURED
 FREE ESTIMATES**

Weekly & Bi-Weekly Mowing
 Walks • Patios • Retaining Walls
 Light Excavation & Drainage
COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL
 — CALL STEVE —
(860) 917-5459

Serving Colchester & Surrounding Towns

PRZEKOPSKI SAND & GRAVEL

Septic Sand • Screened Sand
 Stone • Gravel • Fill
 Screened Top Soil

For Pick-up or Delivery Call
860-267-2194
 Pine Brook Road, Colchester

L&L Landscaping
 QUALITY WORK - REASONABLE RATES

Spring Clean-ups
 Dethatching/Shrub/Tree Removal
 Pruning • Brush Clearing • Mulch
 Stones • Sidewalk Edging • Patios
 Paver Walkways • Retaining Walls

Call Chris **30 YEARS EXPERIENCE**
860-644-2595

Has your garden gotten out of control?
 Too tired to maintain it on your own?
 Don't know where to start on your spring garden?

Garden Restoration by RnR Garden Angels

"Weeding out all your garden woes."

- Garden Spring Cleaning • Edging • Cut Backs • Soil Amendment • Fertilize • Mulch • Plant Division • Plant relocation • Dead Heading for continuous blooms • Garden Mapping • Plant Tagging • Weekly Garden Maintenance • Foundation Plantings • Pruning • Weeding • New Plantings • Garden Design • Garden Art from 100% recycled materials

RnR Garden Angels
 Call today for a **FREE** consultation
860.365.0504

Toper's Lawncare Plus LLC
(860) 295-0097

Property Maintenance • Landscape Design & Installation
 Tree & Shrub Planting & Removal
 Mulch & Decorative Stone Installation • Seasonal Cleanup
 Dethatching • Plug Aeration • Over-Seeding • Yard Expansion
 Lawn Installation/Repair Tick/Mosquito Control
 Mini Excavator Service Excavation
 Drainage Brush Removal including roots

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

HIC:0600529 Toper's Lawncare PLUS

LICENSED-HIC:0659245 & FULLY INSURED

Inspire Landscaping LLC
 letusinspireu@yahoo.com

Spring & Fall Clean Ups • Mowing
 Trimming of Bushes & Shrubs
 Small Hardscape

Dave 860-705-2540 Mike 860-710-1956

Butler CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
 Hubert E.

VISIT OUR HUGE STONEYARD FOR ALL YOUR SPRING PROJECTS

Pickup Trucks Loaded **Professional Courteous Drivers**
Experienced Friendly Staff **Open to the Public**

Premium Quality Topsoil, Mulch & Decorative Stone Saturday Opening Soon!

Route 66 • Portland, CT • 860.342.3880
 Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00-3:30

HOME IMPROVEMENT

STARKEY HOME REMODELING
 - Call today for a free estimate on all your interior and exterior needs. Roofing, decks, sheds, windows/doors, gutters, landscape services, porches, patios, framing, carpentry, siding, kitchens/baths, basements, flooring (tile, hardwood, laminate & vinyl), painting/staining, insulation, trim, etc. Locally owned. Licensed/Insured. James 860-573-3597.

GRAVEL, STONE, MILLINGS, SAND, MULCH AND TOPSOIL, 3 1/2 ton deliveries. Dump runs, single item pick ups. Call Tom for pricing. 860-228-7171.

RENE'S INTERIOR TRIM LLC
 -35 yrs of experience in all phases of carpentry. Some of the services we offer include: Crown Molding, Chair Rails, Window Seats, Bookcases, Entertainment Centers, Cedar Closets, Custom stairs, Pocket doors, Interior and Exterior doors, Radiator covers, Porticos, Mantles, Wheel chair ramps, New hatchways, Replacement windows, Sump pumps, Heat cables in gutters or on roofs, Wood decking changed to Trex, Attic stairs, Kitchen and baths, Water damage and rot repair of all kinds such as leaky roofs, doors, windows or plumbing fixtures. We do complete repair of drywall and plaster. We also combat the entry of mice and more. Call Rene (860)643-0428

MICHAUD HOME IMPROVEMENT & HANDYMAN SERVICE: Deck, windows, siding & odd jobs. No job too small. Licensed and insured. Free estimates. 860-228-2740. Lic#558101

CHARLIE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT. 20+ years experience. Basement hatchways, entry, interior, storm and garage doors. Decks, tiling, carpentry, porches, screening, drywall, ceiling fans, suspended ceilings and painting. Handyman Services. Guaranteed work. Call 860-463-9077.

DANNY ZERIO TILE - Custom Installation & Repair. Over 30 yrs. Experience. Fully insured. Free Estimates. 860-543-1224

D&A TILE: Free Estimates. Licensed and insured. All types of tile work, kitchens, baths. All work guaranteed. 16 years experience. Call 508-0893.

HANDYMAN SERVICES - All types of interior and exterior home repairs. From drywall to plumbing, painting to tile. Have a repair issue we are here to help. Old fashion service. Licensed and insured. Free estimates. Call Dan @ 860-917-3154

MANNY'S FINE WOOD FLOORS, LLC
 Sanding, Installation and Repair
 Refinishing Unfinished & Refinished Hardwood Floors
FREE ESTIMATES (860) 377-9990
 Lic. #085467 • Insured

UNITED POWERWASH & PAINTING
Interior / Exterior Painting
 • Commercial • Residential • Full Service Preparation
 • Minor Drywall & Ceiling Repairs
 — FULLY LICENSED & INSURED —
 Call Now For A Free NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE
(860) 608-8376

Columbia Sealcoat Co.
 COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL
Protect & Renew Your Pavement
Crack & Patch Repair
 FREE ESTIMATES
860-228-7171 LIC/INS

HOME DESIGNS BY BRUNO
 See Me Before You Build!
 3D Plans • Permit Plans
 Budgets
860-537-5345

ALL-WOOD FLOORING, LLC
 plus... STAIRS!
 Quality Installation, Sanding & Refinishing of Hardwood Floors & Stairs.
 CT Lic. #567284 / Insured
 Free Estimates
860-498-1060
 www.myallwoodflooring.com

G.A. OLSON & SONS HARDWOOD FLOORS
 Sanding, Refinishing & Installation
 Carpet, Ceramic Tile, Laminate & Vinyl Flooring
WE OFFER SHOP AT HOME SERVICE!
860-342-4323 PORTLAND, CT
 www.olsonflooring.com
 olsonflooring@sbcglobal.net
 HIC:0831991 A 4th Generation Family Owned Business

Alan Soucy 860-657-6462
 Home Improvement www.alansoucy.com
 Soucy Solutions...treating you right every time.

We Specialize In Creating New Kitchens & Baths
 From design to finish you'll love our work!
 If it's time to upgrade your kitchen or bath, visit us online for virtual tours of our projects.
 — Call Us Today for a FREE Consultation —

E.L. CONTRACTING
 — NO JOB TOO SMALL —
 Ed Loveland 860-680-1832 (C)
 EDL7@comcast.net
 License #609553
 COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL • FULLY INSURED

HOME IMPROVEMENT

MR. HANDYMAN
Home Improvement Professionals



• Residential & Commercial
• Prompt, Safe & Reliable
• All Household Jobs, Large or Small
• Professional, Insured & Bonded

Small Jobs as well as Bathrooms & Decks
Mr. Handyman of Glastonbury, Norwich & New London
norwich@mrhandyman.com
860-359-1776 • www.mrhandyman.com

FOUR SEASONS PAINTERS LLC
Interior/Exterior Painting

- Specializing in Wood, Aluminum & Vinyl Siding
- Staining, Powerwashing
- Carpentry, Replacement Windows & Home Improvements

Free Estimates, Insured
Kevin Greer 860-646-7760 Lic. # 574298
www.FOURSEASONSPAINTERS.net

KKS Construction
Property Maintenance Residential / Commercial

Carpentry – Roofing o – 860.633.6015
Windows – Doors c – 860.550.0932

Lic 0570333 / Ins - Est. 1995 kimsadlon@cox.net

Elliott Construction, Inc.
new construction, home improvements, roofs, decks, siding, windows, additions, renovations, interior painting

860.303.8265 elliotfflom27@gmail.com
in business since 1977 • licensed & insured

Alan Soucy ROOF REPAIRS
Home Improvement

ROOFING
Full Roofing Systems
Leaks • Rec Rooms • Bathrooms
Decks • Windows • Doors

860.657.6462 Lic# 0622777

R.J. Swider Contracting, L.L.C.
Specializing in Additions & Remodeling

860-228-3912
www.rjswidercontracting.com Ct. Lic.#541663

25 Years Experience

MARK'S PAINTING
860-267-4125

Freshen Up for Spring!
All Phases of Painting & Carpentry
Quality Interior Work
MARK PESZYNSKI
LIC. #563897

Swanson
Drywall and Painting

Michael Swanson, owner

Over 20 years experience making homes beautiful!

CALL: 219-575-0370
swansonpainting0916@gmail.com

PARKER PAINTING

Interior/Exterior • Powerwashing
Light Carpentry
Ceiling & Sheetrock Repair
Water Damage Repair

— FREE ESTIMATES —
LICENSED & INSURED **860-338-0156**

Bud Stula Home Improvement

Kitchen & Bath Remodels
Ceramic • Hardwood • Vinyl Floors
Carpet Restretching • Trimwork & Painting
No Job Too Small — HIC # 0632650 • Insured

Call 860.377.0380

SM WELCH
REMODELING SPECIALIST

860.295.1295

- ADDITIONS • BASEMENTS • DECKS
- DORMERS • BATHROOMS • SIDING
- GARAGES • KITCHENS • ROOFING

Certified Green Professional
Certified Aging in Place Specialist
smwelch.com • Insured • CT 607510

L&A MASONRY
HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC.

33 Cooper St.,
Manchester, CT 06040

860-378-9843 Obispo
860-477-7432 Alfonso

Kitchen/Bathroom Remodeling,
Walkways, Pavers, Stonework,
Painting, Decks, Fireplaces, Fire Pit

FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED & INSURED

Reliable Quality Workmanship

KC MASONRY

Stonewalls • Brick Walls • Bluestone • Steps
Fireplaces • Chimneys • Patios • Sidewalks
We can also do all Masonry Repairs!

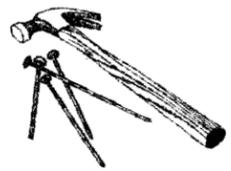
Free Estimates
Lic. No. 0604514 **KEN (203) 558-4951**

Licensed HIC# 0587738 & Fully Insured

STARR BUILDERS LLC

From Additions, Decks, Roofs & Doors to
Finished Basements, Siding & Floors

(860) 267-1496
starrbuilders@sbcglobal.net
Free Estimates



McNaughton Country Construction, LLC
Quality Construction – Affordable Prices

Additions • Decks
Water Damage Repair
Snow Damage Repair
Remodeling • Roofing

OVER 30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE
Call (860) 918-1694
License #HIC 0563225

PowerWashing Kings
Others wash, We Clean

Commercial / Residential / Condos

We Disinfect and Clean with a No Customer to Company Face to Face Contact.
Pricing Done Over Phone, We Clean...
You stay inside, payment by credit card or check through mail.
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL US!
We use "green" friendly solutions for best results.

Fully Insured **860-839-1000**
thepowerwashingkings.com

Portland, CT
License #HIC607594
Insurance • References

MANNING HOME BUILDERS Inc.

860-398-0936
www.ManningHomeBuilders.com

New Homes
Custom Kitchen & Bathrooms
Siding, Windows, Roofing, Decks

Rogers Home Services

Bathroom Remodels, Trim, Home Repairs
Carpentry, Interior Painting

Quality Craftsmanship at Reasonable Rates

jamie@rogershomeservices.com
www.rogershomeservices.com
FULLY INSURED – CT #574467
860-983-9537



CHARTER PAINTING & RESTORATION 52nd ANNIVERSARY
Family Operated

PAINTING / CARPENTRY
Interior & Exterior Painting / Carpentry
"With Attention to Detail"

- Home/Church/Historic Restoration – Int & Ext
- Since 1973 over 2300 aluminum side homes repainted
- Carpentry Services
- Water Damage
- Preparation Specialist – Menu Format Proposals
- Textured Ceilings/Removal of Popcorn & paper/Drywall & Crack Repair
- Hardwood Floor Finishing
- Powerwashing

Our loyal tradesmen have rejuvenated 1000's of Connecticut homes. LET YOUR HOME BE NEXT!

Call Jim or Christian Charter
860-646-7668
www.charterpainting.com
Email: Jimcharter952@gmail.com Insured #HIC.0619547

SPRING IS HERE!
Let Us Design & Build Your Dream Deck!

DESIGNER DECKS
ADDITIONS • SUNROOMS
WRAP-AROUND PORCHES

Give Us A Call For All Your Interior & Exterior Projects!

— EST. 1995 —

REINCKE BUILDERS & CARPENTRY
Call us for a FREE Estimate (860) 342-2806
Licensed & Insured • License #00556827



A BEST GUTTERS

Seamless Gutter Installation
White or Custom Colors
Leaf Relief Gutter Protection
Fascia Replacement
New Roofing

FOR A FREE ESTIMATE, CALL
(860) 537-0819
Visit us at www.abestgutters.com
Fully Insured • CT Lic# 0646855

COUGHLIN SERVICE CORP

Landscaping Services
Spring Cleanups
Landscape Design and Installation
Lawn & Landscape Maintenance
Patios, Walkways, Walls, Fire Pits
Porches & Decks
Mulching, Pruning & Top Soil

Insured **860 704-0425 #554630**

Gallicchio Builders
COMMERCIAL – RESIDENTIAL
Remodeling • New Construction
Additions • Plumbing
Property Management
Seasonal Cottage Opening/Closing

Anthony H. Gallicchio, Jr.
(860) 319-7772
Tonyg358@aol.com
4 Abbe Lane
East Haddam, CT



SERVICES

LAMINATING AVAILABLE AT THE CITIZEN: Protect your important documents, memorabilia, ID, Social Security, membership cards, photographs, menus, etc. The Glastonbury Citizen. Reasonable rates. Material laminated up to 18" wide. Call 633-4691 or visit the office at 87 Nutmeg Lane.

FLOOR SANDING AND REFINISHING: Custom staining and finishing. Repairing and laying of all wood floors. Free Estimates. James Gorman 647-9261

NO MOVE TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL: residential, commercial, moving labor, driver service, on-site moving, emergency moves, etc. Affordable, experienced, professional, efficient, 23 years of experience. Dump runs included. 860-518-8309

DUMP RUNS/LIGHT HAULING: Same day appointments available. Cleanouts-basements-garages, even the junk in the backyard. Call Mark @ 860-295-9692 or cell 916-9577.

WE DO DUMP RUNS/ODD JOBS: Deck and pool removals. Will remove junk from your basement, garage and attic. Trucks, Bobcat and dump truck available. 860-209-5146

CHIMNEY MAINTENANCE: Cleaning, Caps, Dampers, Flashing, Furnace Liners and more. No nonsense, no sales pitch - just the work you want done. 35 yrs. actual experience as the owner of Glastonbury's local chimney service. William Allen 860-633-1033

DCT, LLC
Light Excavation & Grading
 Bush hogging • Topsoil & Stone Delivery
Walkways & Patios
 Drainage Work Curtain & Yard Drains, Gutter Tie Ins
Stone & Gravel Driveways
Flat Concrete Work
860-228-0556
860-604-6477
 CT Lic. 0566119 & Insured

Brilliant Basement Waterproofing, LLC
 Fully Transferable Limited Lifetime Guarantee!
 Sump Pumps, Pumps Eliminated in Most Homes.
 Deal Direct With Owner - No Middle Man, Yard Drainage
 HIC. 0653192 • CALL US
860-598-8091
 * written details available upon request
www.brilliantbasementwaterproofing.com

JOSEPH BUDNICK State Licensed
Plumbing & Heating
 Quality work at reasonable rates.
 Any Size & Type of Work
 Service • Remodel • New Work
 Energy Efficient Boilers, Furnaces and Water Heaters
 Quick Response
 FREE Estimates **860-559-7028**



Snow Septic Repair, LLC
 — FREE ESTIMATES —
 A fully licensed & insured specialist of sub surface waste water disposal systems for residential & commercial properties.
New Installations • Real Estate Inspections
Repairs • System Diagnostic Services
Soil Testing • Video Camera Pipe Inspections
 Over 20 Years of Professional Experience
 Guaranteed Pricing & Warranties Available
SnowSepticRepair.com • 860-221-8735

FRANKLIN Painting LLC
 Your Neighborhood Painters
Call NOW for a quote on:
 • Custom Interior / Exterior Painting & Staining
 • Cabinet Refinishing • Light Carpentry • Textured Ceiling Repair & Re-painting
 • Color Consult w/ each project
 Our Professional Painters Are Full-Time Bonded Employees, NOT 'Subs'.
 Member, PDCA Residential Forum
877-646-7774
www.franklinpainting.com
 HIC #570442

Classifieds Pay
 The Glastonbury Citizen & The Riverast News Bulletin
 Email your Classified Line Ad to sandy@glcitizen.com and call with your credit card number.
 (We regret we cannot take ads over the phone)

JOHN LACY PAINTING
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
 Quality Craftsmanship
 Insured
 Free Estimates
40 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Walls - \$159
18' x 16' avg. room
860-416-8354

RADON TESTING & MITIGATION
Air & Water Fully Licensed & Insured
 A. Douglas Thibodeau, L.L.C.
 Michael D. Thibodeau, Owner/Manager
860-978-1513
 21 Portland Road
 Marlborough, CT 06447
doug21@comcast.net
www.radonabate.com

PROMISED LAND EARTHWORKS
 Licensed & Insured P7 License
 *Excavation *Land Clearing *Drainage
 *Concrete *Retaining Walls *Waterlines
 *Foundation Prep *Septic Install
860-335-0247
PromisedLandEarthworks.com

Caso's HVAC, LLC
 Heating • Cooling • Installation • Service
 Natural Gas Conversions
 We Install High Efficiency Heating & Cooling Equipment (HIGH EFFICIENCY BURNS LESS FUEL)
 Specializing in Boiler Repair, Central Air, Hydro Systems, and Sheetmetal for new and existing homes.
We Offer Maintenance Contracts
 Residential & Commercial • Over 20 Years Experience
 CT Lic# 51 394141 **(860) 267-5851** Insured

FULLER PAVING & GRADING
 • Reclaiming • Residential • Commercial
 Save \$ on in place recycling of your old pavement creating a great base to pave on.
FREE ESTIMATES
 See us on the web www.fullerpavingct.com
 195 Jones Hollow Rd., Marlborough, CT
860-295-9566
 Established 1990 ~ Proud of Our Great Service Record
 FULLY INSURED • CT LIC. # 0537749

Wellis Painting
 Where Quality Still Counts
 EST. 1986 - Lic# 568591
Ceiling Repair Specialists
(860) 652-9259
 SPECIALIZING IN:
 All phases of Painting
 Custom Textured Ceilings
 Sheetrock/Taping
 Water Damage

HYDROPURE
 Water Treatment, LLC
 — SALES • SERVICE • REPAIRS —
WATER SOFTENERS • FILTERS
REVERSE OSMOSIS • UV UNITS
 Treat For: Iron, Manganese, Bacteria
 Hardness, Low pH, Sulfur, Nitrates
 Sediment, Taste & Odor Removal
www.hydro-pure.com
info@hydro-pure.com
 Lic #PLM280191
860-537-1949

Like us on Facebook
[RivereastNewsBulletin](https://www.facebook.com/RivereastNewsBulletin)

AIR FLO MECHANICAL LLC
Installation & Service Available
 Specializing in Natural Gas & Propane
 Oil to Gas Conversions
 Central & Ductless AC • Furnace • Boilers
 Pool Heaters • Water Heaters • Sheet Metal
 — FINANCING AVAILABLE —
 CT Lic #393394 **860-989-5079**
 BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS
 MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC COOLING & HEATING
 DIAMOND CONTRACTOR

CHRIS'S DUMP RUNS AND EXCAVATION
 One Call Does It All!
 Dump Runs, Tree Removal
 Commercial & Residential Excavation
 Driveway Repairs and more
 — MARLBOROUGH, CT —
860-912-8817

AAA Electrician Services
 FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS
 Residential & Commercial Wiring
Don't Pay the Big Company Prices!
 Service Upgrades, New Construction, Remodels Additions,
 Outlets & Lights Added, Generators, Kitchens
 Installation of Roof Deicing Systems
 LICENSED — No Job Too Big or Too Small — INSURED
 Call Shawn **860-759-6652**
www.tripleaelectrician.com
 ELC. 0193730.E1

DURASEAL Contractors
Driveway / Asphalt Sealcoating
 — COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL —
 Hot Crack Filling, Asphalt Patching,
 Line Striping, Catch Basin Repairs
 Free Estimates — Senior Discounts
 Prompt Courteous Service — Our 26th Year
 LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED — HIC 580383 FULLY INSURED
 OFFICE **860.537.1943** CELL **860.617.0280**

TAYLOR PAVING LLC
 "Original Owners Since 1985"
Driveway Problems?
 Now Scheduling for Spring
FREE ESTIMATES
 On Your Asphalt Paving,
 Graveling, Stone, Drainage
 and Excavation Projects
CALL NOW:
(860) 537-1379
(860) 334-5135
 Owner Pricing
 All Work Guaranteed
 Local & State Specs
 Alan & Chase Taylor, Father & Son owned — CT Lic. #562442

Chatham Property Services
 NOW OFFERING
Lawnmower / Snowblower
 oil changes • blade sharpening
 pre-end of season service
Pickup/Delivery Available
ASK FOR TED
860-918-1731
 CT LIC. #0608517

Asphalt Solutions
Sealcoating
Crack Filling
Paving
 Free Estimates
SPRING SPECIAL!
\$100 OFF
Call Tyler 860-333-0070
 Major Credit Cards Accepted — Licensed & Insured HIC 0657488

SERVICES

TUTHILL ELECTRIC
 Family Owned Local Electricians specializing in service changes, generators, remodels, outlets, lighting and more!
 www.Tuthillelectric.com 860-395-7638
 FREE ESTIMATES • Fully Licensed & Insured E1 #0197601

Franklin Davis Lic. # HIC 0635952
DAVIS PRO Painting
 Interior & Exterior Painting - Custom Wall Finishes - Ceiling Repairs
 Deck & Patio - Carpentry - Gutter Cleaning - Power Washing
 Home Remodeling - Free Estimates - Fully Insured
860-573-6860

ADMasonry
 ALL TYPES OF MASONRY
 Patios • Walls • Paver Driveways
 Stone for Pools, Patios, Decks
 Stone & Bluestone Brick & Pavers
 Free Estimates • CT Lic. #602717 • Insured
 — GLASTONBURY BASED —
860.657.9185 29 Years Experience

PLUMBING & HEATING
 from dripping faucets to all your major plumbing/heating needs
 Water Heaters • Zoned Heat
 Boiler Replacement
 Bathroom Remodeling
 Call Leo at 860-267-2354
 Lic. # P204015H389727 Insured



15% OFF
 OR
\$10⁰⁰ OFF any order of \$60⁰⁰ or more
Take-Out Only
 Please present coupon when ordering. Excludes Happy Hour. Not to be combined with any other offers. Valid thru 4/15/2021.

Winter is behind us now! Spring is in the air!
Time to clean up the yard and clean the septic tank. Now is time to call!
 We Provide Detailed Septic Inspections For New Home Buyers

Suburban Sanitation Service
 — WE OFFER 24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE —
(860) 267-6102
 Mention this ad for \$10.00 OFF your next cleaning

QUALITY SEAFOOD
 Take Out • Catering • Gift Certificates
 — DINING ROOM NOT OPEN YET —

179 Linwood Ave., Unit #D, Colchester, CT
860-537-6888 Fax 860-537-1678
 Open: Sun.-Thurs. 11AM-10PM Fri. & Sat. 11AM-10:30PM • Lunchtime 11AM-3PM
www.ichibancolchester.com

SMARTER APPLIANCE AND MATTRESS
 199 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, CT
860-531-2363 YouTube f i
 Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-6; Fri & Sat 9-5; Sun 10-3
www.SmarterAppliance.com

Speed Queen KitchenAid
 Whirlpool MAYTAG AMANA
 Profile VIKING LG
 FRIGIDAIRE GALLERY Electrolux

Ask us about our Exclusive Rebate Programs!
SHOP LOCAL - SAME PRICES, BETTER SERVICE

Take 12 MONTHS NO INTEREST
on all purchases \$499+
 SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL

CHILDCARE

INFANTS, TODDLERS pre-enrolling at Our Children's Place Glastonbury. 1 opening per month April-December 2021. Call 659-4766 for appt to see our wonderful center, meet our exceptional staff and see our educationally enriched programs. Family Discounts. ourchildrensplacechildcare.com

YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!
 Call us at: **860-633-4691**

FOR SALE

CLEANING

WOOD FLOORS- Questioning whether your wood floors really need sanding? Have existing surface finish deep cleaned, revitalized. The best alternative to the mess, odor, time, expense of sanding. Vinyl kitchen floors stripped/refinished. References, insured. Since 1977. William Agostinelli, 860-704-8486.

CHRISTINE'S CLEANING
 COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL
 Building Maintenance Services. Economical Rates & Prof. Skills. New Customer Discount Available.
860-798-7961

A&M SERVICES TO CLEAN YOUR HOUSE, OFFICE, CONDO,
 we are insured. Special spring offer when you show us this ad- 50% off first cleaning. 860-778-6292

Spring Is Here!
 Your windows can be ready for you to enjoy the scenery.

- Window Cleaning
- Screen Repair

Akerlind Home Services
860-918-0181
 Locally Owned & Operated since 1985!
 craig.akerlind@gmail.com

Free Estimates Senior Discounts

SEASONED FIREWOOD - \$150. cord, cut and split, 16-18" lengths. FREE delivery East Hampton only 860-267-8148

END ROLLS OF NEWSPRINT. Great for art projects, wrapping and packing, table coverings for public dinners, etc. The Glastonbury Citizen, 87 Nutmeg Lane (off Oak Street). 633-4691.

4 SALE - 8 HORSE LOG SPLITTER, \$400. Timberline 26" mountain bike \$200. Homelite super XL chainsaw. \$100. Misc. Harley parts pre-twin cam. Call 860-537-0591

AUTOMOTIVE
 2003 FORD F-350 DIESEL 7.3L 4X4, 176K with Fisher V Plow installed. \$10,490. Includes Salt Dog rear sander. Oversized rims and tires. Call 860-368-8844.

Like us on Facebook
 RiverastNewsBulletin

SECOND BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP RE-OPENING
 Sat., APRIL 10, 2021
 9 a.m. to noon

Marlborough Congregational Church
 35 South Main Street

COVID safety protocols in place. Masks required.

Portland Exchange Offering Scholarship

The Portland Exchange Club is offering the \$1,000 John W. Goodrich Scholarship to any Portland resident senior going on to a higher education institution after graduation.

When determining the winner, the club will consider community service, academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities. Applications are at the Portland High School counseling center and at www.portlandexchange.org/john-w-goodrich-scholarship. Deadline to apply is April 17.

Town to Remove Trip Hazards

During the week of April 5, the town will remove trip hazards (1/2"-2") along the sidewalks on East Main Street and Highland Avenue.

A contractor will shave the lips and uneven areas that have been identified. Many areas, however, cannot be shaved, the town said, and will need to be replaced when funding is made available.

Red markings (numbers) have been placed on the areas to be repaired. The town asks property owners to keep these areas clear so that work can be completed.

Virtual Tour of CT Wine Country

All are invited to take a virtual ride through Connecticut's wine country and learn about the state's more than 40 wineries Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m., via Zoom.

In this program, offered by Portland Library, is Michelle Griffis, nicknamed by friends as "The Nutmeg Nose," will discuss the array of wineries in Connecticut. She will also share dining options which include vineyards with on-site cafés, food trucks, and BYO picnic options.

There is a Zoom link on the library webpage, www.portlandlibraryct.org. The ID is 8603426777 and the passcode is Portland.

For more information, call the library at 860-342-6770.

No Brush Pick-Up This Year

Due to the extensive brush pick-up that was done after Tropical Storm Isaias, the town will not be doing brush pick-up this year. It will resume pick-up in spring 2022 and will then continue every other year.

Residents with a permit may bring brush to the Transfer Station. (Permits may also be purchased there.) Brush must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and will be charged based on weight.

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 or full program descriptions, 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.

AARP Income Tax Assistance: A reminder for those people with appointments: When arriving for your appointment, remain in your vehicle; a volunteer will come out to obtain your paperwork.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: For Portland residents age 65 and up, there are several ways to register for the vaccine. To start the process, go to dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine; call Connecticut's Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224, seven days a week, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; or call Info Line 211. Due to high volume, hold times may vary. You may also go to the AARP website, at www.aarp.org/CTvaccine, or call Middlesex Health at 860-358-7050.

T'ai Chi & Qigong with Tom Cushing: The new session runs through April 22 and classes are held Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m., via Zoom. Cost is \$40 per session, payable to Portland Senior Center. Call the center to register.

Bocce, Anyone?: Bocce is coming soon to the Route 17 park, on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., weather permitting. Open to both men and women. Call the center if interested.

Light Aerobics: Class will start Monday, April 12, weather permitting, and will be held Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., outside at the Route 17 park. If interested, just show up at the park.

Spring Fling Concert: Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m., via Zoom, with singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, therapeutic musician and member of the local band "Seat of Our Pants," Caro-



Trinity Episcopal Church will host an outside Stations of the Cross today, Good Friday, April 2.

Stations of the Cross

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., will host an outside Stations of the Cross today, Good Friday, April 2. The stations will be set up on the church green on the corner of Main and Spring streets until Saturday afternoon.

This will be a self-guided tour to read the Stations or listen to the pre-recorded readings that can be accessed at Trinity's website, trinitychurchportlandct.org. The readings can also be accessed online to listen to at home.

The church will also be open for prayer or meditation from 2-4 p.m. Good Friday.

For more information, see the church website at or call the office at 860-342-0458.

Scholarship Offered by Garden Clubs

Applications are now available for a \$500 scholarship being offered by The Garden Clubs of Portland.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Portland and has been accepted at an accredited college or post-secondary school, and plans to pursue a major in one of the following fields: agronomy, botany, city planning, conservation, environmental studies, floriculture, forestry, horticulture, land management, landscape design, plant pathology, or an allied subject. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0.

The scholarship is funded from the proceeds of community activities of The Portland Garden Club and The Portland River Valley Garden Club. The review committee will consider the applicant's academic record, ability to articulate career goals, and their recommendations. Financial need could be part of the decision.

Applications are available at the guidance office at Portland High School, 95 High St., or at Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave. Completed applications must be submitted on or before April 10.

For more information, call 860-685-0593.

lyn Brodgerski. The concert will include some seasonal favorites, classic tunes as well as some of her original songs. She will also give a brief history lesson on the Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer, and play a variety of songs. Zoom link is at tinyurl.com/273k898d.

Coupons for Troops: The program revolves around cutting manufacturer's coupons, which will then be donated to overseas and domestic military families. The military will accept coupons up to six months past their expiration date. If interested in helping, contact the center. Anyone who has coupons not being used may drop them off at the senior center; call the center to make arrangements.

AARP Smart Driver Virtual Course: This is a pilot program; therefore, there is no date set yet. Instead, the senior center is putting the word out to see if there is enough interest. Fee will be \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Contact the senior center if interested.

Watercolor Lessons with Bivenne Staiger: Classes will start May 11 at the Riverfront Pavilion or 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.

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.

Church to Offer 300th Anniversary Event

The 300th Anniversary Committee of the First Congregational Church in Portland invites all to stop by the Memorial Garden gazebo at the church, 554 Main St., on Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m.-noon, to view pictures of the oldest church in town.

Founded Oct. 25, 1721, the church history is also the early history of the town of Portland, which was incorporated in 1841. The Rev. Daniel Newell was the first minister and he along with the other 28 original members are memorialized with their names and dates of birth and death on engraved pavers that line the walkway to the gazebo. This new church became the Third Church of Middletown in

the newly-formed Society of East Middletown.

Available for purchase at the April 3 event will be a recently-published book, *The History of the First Congregational Church of Portland*, and a special-edition Woodbury pewter ornament. Cost of the book is \$20 and the anniversary ornament is \$12. Also for sale will be a special line of photo greeting cards made by church member Diane Burgess.

Attendees should wear a facemask and maintain social distancing throughout this event. For more information, call Nancy Johnson at 860-342-4098.

Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church is offering several opportunities for worship during the Lenten season.

Evening services, or "Compline," are livestreamed to Zion's Facebook page at 7 p.m. each Wednesday and then posted on the YouTube the following day.

Sunday morning worship services are posted on YouTube after 9 a.m. Bulletins for each service are available on the church website at zionlutheranportland.org.

Easter services are: April 2: Good Friday – Tenebrae service posted on YouTube at noon.

April 4: Easter Sunday – Virtual worship

St. Mary Church News

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church is located at 45 Freestone Ave. The church office can be reached at 860-342-2328. Office hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, visit www.stmaryportlandct.org.

Easter Schedule: Good Friday, April 2: 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m., Passion of the Lord (livestreamed); Holy Saturday, April 3: 10 a.m., Blessing of Easter food in the church hall; 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass (livestreamed); Easter Sunday, April 4: 8:30 a.m. Mass (livestreamed); 10 a.m. Mass; 11:30 a.m. Mass. Pastor is the Rev. John Antonelle.

Faith Formation Program: Classes are 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.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Indoor/Outdoor Athletic Skills Clinics: Parks and Rec. is offering Baseball Speed and Conditioning clinics and Basketball Skills/Vertical Jump clinics. Each will be broken up into three different groups (grades 2-4, 5-6 and 7-8). Clinics begin in April. For more information, including dates, or to register for free trials, visit the website.

Zumba with Val at the Riverfront: Wednesdays, April 14-June 2, 6-7 p.m., at Riverfront Park. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$50, or \$8 per week drop-in fee. There will be a free trial class April 7; registration required.

Tai Chi for Long Life: Wednesdays, April 7-May 26, 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays, April 10-May 29, 10-10:45 a.m. Classes will begin on Zoom, but will move outdoors once the instructor and the class believe the weather is warm enough. Fee: \$40 for each eight-week session. Contact Parks and Rec. if you are interested in drop-in registration.

Second Chance Babysitting Course: Thursday, April 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., held at A Second Chance's Durham facility. This course includes CPR and AED for training for adults, children and infants. Participants will be CPR, First Aid and AED certified for two years by the American Heart Association. Fee: \$80. All participants will receive an American Heart Association Pediatric Book that reinforces all the topics covered in the course.

Dance with Miss Alicia: Outdoor dance programs at Riverfront Park return the week of April 19. Registration is open for six-week classes in Tap/Ballet (Ages 3-6, and 5-8), Creative Movement (Ages 2-4), Rhythm Works Integrative Dance (Ages 3-7 and 6+), and Cardio Dance Exercise (Ages 7-10). Prices vary. Parks and Rec. is also accepting registrations for adult programs, including Dance Exercise Class, Stroller Fitness, and Tap Exercise. These six-week classes start the week of April 19 and

cost \$66.

Virtual ASL Beginner Class Spring 2021: Mondays, April 19-May 24, 5:30-6:15 p.m., via Zoom, for ages 5-12. Children will learn the American Sign Language alphabet and corresponding words, including basic words and phrases such as colors, numbers, family members, etc. Fee: \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents.

Junior LEGO Masters Challenge: Tuesdays, April 20-May 25, 4-5 p.m., via Zoom, for grades K-5. Each week, kids will have a one-hour session to build and solve a unique story challenge. A new challenge is presented each week. Use pieces from your own LEGO collection, or purchase a 2-pound bag of assorted LEGO for \$20 that is yours to keep. This bag will be available for curbside pickup at the Parks and Rec. office. Fee: \$100/residents, \$133/non-residents.

Virtual Paint Night: Thursday, April 22, 7-9 p.m., via Zoom. Each participant will receive a canvas board and paints for the evening. Paint brushes can be purchased for an add-on fee of \$5. If you have your own brushes, this is not required. Fee: \$22.

Skyhawks – MultiSport (Baseball, Basketball and Soccer): Saturdays, May 1-22, at Riverfront Park. This class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years. Fee: \$79. Schedule: 9-9:45 a.m. for age 2; 10-10:45 a.m. for age 3; 11-11:45 a.m. for ages 4-5.

AbraKadoodle – Storytellers in the Park: Starting Thursday, May 6, Parks and Rec. will offer an outdoor art enrichment program with AbraKadoodle at Riverfront Park. Make Art that tells stories about cultures from around the world. Fee is \$65. Time is 9:30-10:15 a.m. for ages 2-3; 10:30-11:15 a.m. for ages 3-5; and 4-4:45 p.m. for ages 5 and up.

Children's Programs at Cragin Library

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

Baby Activity Videos: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. There will be book suggestions, baby bounces and more. Often, activity bags will be available at the children's circulation desk to accompany the videos. The library is located at 8 Linwood Ave.

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

AARP's Con Artist Playbook

AARP and Cragin Memorial Library will offer "AARP Fraud Watch Network: Con Artist Playbook" Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

Learn how to avoid being victimized, as well as tools to share with friends and family. This virtual conversation will not be recorded. To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/jmm6kjuw.

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

Live Well Workshop Conference Call

Colchester Senior Center is starting the Live Well Program Monday, April 12, at 2 p.m., via conference call, with Vickie Han and Nancy McAuliffe from the Chatham Health District.

This is a free six-week program that teaches techniques and strategies to those who are living with, or may be caring for someone with ongoing health conditions like diabetes, depression, heart disease, arthritis, pain, anxiety, and others.

Space is limited. Call the senior center to register at 860-537-3911.

"Welcome to Medicare" Virtual Fair

The Colchester Senior Center will have a "Welcome to Medicare" Virtual Fair Wednesday, April 7, at 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the CT CHOICES Program, this virtual fair will help those new to Medicare make their initial enrollment decisions. Medicare experts will go over eligibility, enrollment, and coverage options, as well as answer individual questions.

Registration is required; call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more info or to register.

Honor Roll

The following Colchester students made the Norwich Tech Honor Roll for the second quarter of the 2020/21 school year:

Grade 11: High Honors: Jaron Zimmitti
Grade 12: High Honors: Benjamin Petrosky, Thomas Russell, David Wyatt.

For any missed names or other changes, email nthrlis@gmail.com with name, grade and level of honors. This is not affiliated with the school.

Grant-Subsidized Preschool

Colchester's School Readiness Program is offering grant-subsidized preschool for the 2021-22 school year – and is seeking Colchester residents who want a five-day-per-week program but may find it difficult to pay for preschool.

For the application and more information, go to colchester3.org/school-readiness.

President's List

Veronica Krystofik of Colchester made the President's List for the winter 2020-21 semester at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga.

Krystofik is a freshman at the college. She is the daughter of Ron and Donna Krystofik and a 2020 graduate of Bacon Academy.

Fire Calls

From March 21-27, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 44 calls: 31 emergency medical calls, 13 fire/fire-related calls, and one motor vehicle crash (a two-car crash). Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, four; wires down, one; gas leak, one; CO call, one; structure fire, three (Marlborough, East Hampton, Colchester), brush fire, one; appliance fire, one.

Medical: sick person, five; difficulty breathing, five; fall injury, five; unconscious, six; lift assist, one; mental disorder, five; allergic reaction, one; cardiac distress, two; overdose, one.

CHFD provided mutual aid six times last week – twice to East Haddam and once each to Marlborough, East Hampton, Hebron and Lebanon. It did not receive any mutual aid last week.

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

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

St. Andrew Church News

St. Andrew Catholic Church holds weekly Mass Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. The church is located at 128 Norwich Ave.

Social distancing remains in place; pews are sectioned off to maintain six feet, in all directions, between individuals and/or households. Available seating is clearly marked. Seating is limited to 100 people per Mass. The only entrance to the church is on the parking lot side.

Face masks covering both nose and mouth are required of all parishioners. Parishioners should also bring and use hand sanitizer.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice.

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



Cadets Take the Plunge... On Feb. 20, Troop K State Police Cadets Ryan Abousama, Madison DiFrancesca and Asheigh Michaud participate in the Chill for Change fundraiser at YMCA Camp Ingersoll in Portland. The event raises money to help send kids to camp. The Cadets have used the camp during warmer weather to meet outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on becoming a State Police Cadet, call advisor Mindy Johnston at 860-465-5468.

Westchester Church News

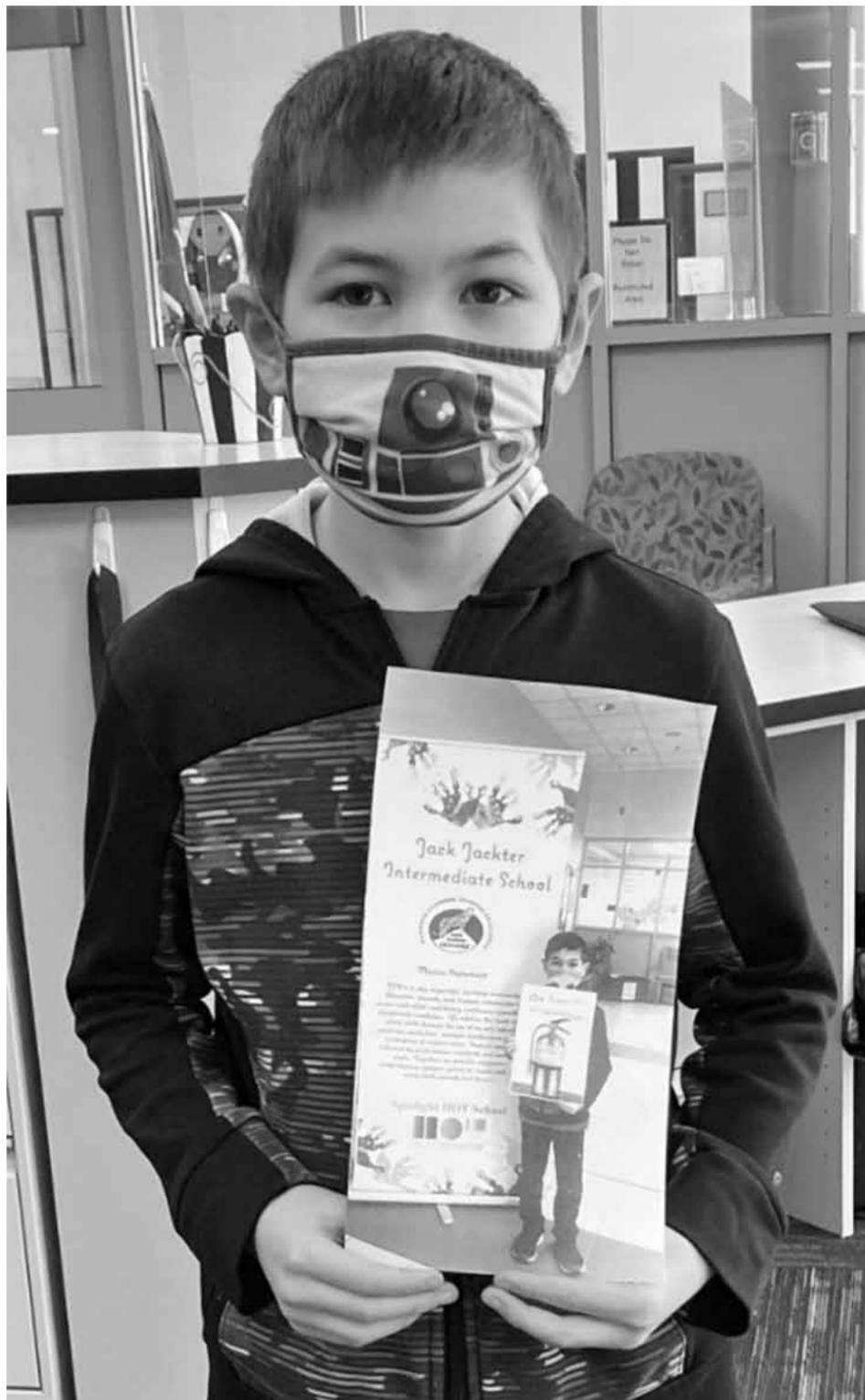
Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds in-person worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Services are also available on Zoom; visit westchesterconchurch.org for login info.

Due to COVID-19, pews are labeled for safe physical distancing, masks are required, 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 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. Email westconchurch@gmail.com or call 860-267-6711 to request Sunday School items.



The Winning Poster!... Jack Jacter Intermediate School students participated in the annual CT Fire Prevention Poster Contest in December. JJIS announced this week that fifth-grader Benjamin Romasanta's poster has been selected as the grade five winner for all of New London County! Ben's poster will be included in the 2022 Connecticut Fire Prevention Calendar. Congratulations, Ben!

Be prepared, not scared.

Considering the number of disasters that have occurred in the past decade, chances are you'll experience some sort of emergency. Between school, sports and other activities, chances are you won't be with your kids when it happens.

Ready.gov/kids has the tools to make preparing easy and even fun, so your kids can feel...

Prepared, not scared.

Go to
www.Ready.gov/kids
 and talk to your family today.

