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The Students Have Spoken!... Recently, all fourth-graders at Jack Jackter Intermediate School in Colchester were given the opportunity to design the 2021-22 student agenda cover. Students submitted their artwork which were then numbered and displayed for all to see. All third- and fourth-graders then voted for their favorite design. Kyra Walter's submission was chosen as this year's winner. Second runner-up was Genevieve Kukich and first runner-up was Carleigh Maher. Kyra's cover design will be featured on every JJIS student agenda. Pictured in the front row are, from left, Genevieve, Kyra and Carleigh. In back are JJIS Principal Elise Butson and Assistant Principal Jennifer Reynolds.

Marlborough Selects New Superintendent

by Karla Santos

As it gets ready to say goodbye to one superintendent, the Marlborough school system is preparing to say hello to another – Holly Hageman of Glastonbury.

The Board of Education named Hageman the new superintendent at its May 6 meeting. She will start in July, replacing outgoing superintendent David Sklarz, who retires at the end of June.

After 11 years at Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School, Sklarz is retiring in June and Dr. Holly Hageman, of Glastonbury, will be joining the district in July to replace Sklarz's role as a superintendent.

Hageman was appointed to the role on May 6, during a special Board of Education meeting.

For the past seven years, Hageman has worked in Regional School District 17, which covers the public schools of Haddam and Killingworth. She is currently the superintendent of the district.

Hageman said she is excited and honored to have been appointed and noted she is ready to get to know the Marlborough community.

"I'm just really excited to be located within the school and to be that much closer to children," Hageman said. "[I'm] looking forward to being in classrooms and seeing the children when they enter the building and seeing them learn and grow as they move through the grades."

For Hageman, applying for the position made sense as she said she's a former elementary school principal and she enjoys focusing on elementary education. In addition, she said that she is at a stage in her family life and career where becoming a part-time superintendent is a

good fit. She explained that being part-time can help her have a good balance between being a devoted educator and caring for her family.

"Being able to fully commit to the school while also caring for my family was a pretty important part of this decision to leave where I am working full-time," she said.

Hageman has a doctoral degree from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree from Wesleyan University.

Prior to working in administrative roles, Hageman was a teacher for 13 years. She has been an administrator for 21 years; 10 of those in roles such as assistant principal and principal; and 11 years in central office administrative roles such as assistant superintendent and superintendent.

She said she is looking forward to serving Marlborough's elementary school in the "best ways possible" to benefit the children.

"My hopes are to contribute in all of the appropriate ways from a superintendent perspective [and] to continue to have Marlborough Elementary School be a wonderful place for children to learn and for families to see their children aspiring and growing," Hageman said.

One of the things that Marlborough Elementary teachers and staff enjoyed about working with Sklarz is the relationship they had with him.

When the search committee was looking for a superintendent to replace Sklarz upon his retirement, they were looking for someone who could continue the legacy of having a good relationship with the school community.

"I would definitely want to continue that strong relationship," Hageman said. "It is part of my reputation to be very much a people person, a strong communicator [and] strong listener."

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Selectmen Talk Senior Center, Sunshine

by Jack Lakowsky

Mary Pont, the director of youth and senior services in Portland, told the town's Board of Selectmen last week the pandemic has made the past year difficult for many – but that seniors have been especially challenged.

"They've basically been locked in their houses and staying there," Pont said of Portland's seniors.

"We also know many are starting to get restless," Pont continued. "Now that many are vaccinated, they want to start getting back together."

Pont said the Chatham Health District recently gave the go-ahead to area senior centers to begin cautiously reopening their doors.

On Monday, Chatham Health Director Russell Melmed told the *Rivereast* that nearly 100% of seniors 65 and older in the Chatham towns of Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlbor-

ough, Portland and East Haddam have received at least one dose of a vaccine, allowing him to comfortably suggest senior centers may reopen.

Melmed said unvaccinated seniors should continue to avoid group settings.

The board gave Pont the okay to move forward last week.

With these blessings, Pont told selectmen she is prepared to have a soft reopening for the Waverly Senior Center.

An official date hasn't been set, Pont said, but one will be decided soon.

"It's been a very long year," Pont said. "Hopefully we can move forward with a soft reopening, we can get those doors unlocked."

Pont said several factors make the reopening "soft," including that seniors must register for activities so center staff can track the amount of people in the building at a time.

Pont said staff will clean between groups,

and scheduling will be so groups don't overlap. Masks will still be required, Pont said.

"Right now, there are no drop-ins," Pont said. "We need to know you're coming."

Pont knows local seniors will miss the center's snack times and coffee hours, but right now, those are a no-go. There won't be exercise programs either, Pont said.

Pont anticipates that seniors will range on a spectrum between being "gung-ho" to get out of the house and being more cautious at first.

Pont said right now, the center cannot by law require seniors to have their COVID-19 vaccine to enter the building.

"Groups are going to have to self-police," Pont said. Pont pointed out that a high percentage of area seniors have their vaccine.

Board Democrat Lou Pear acknowledged that the town cannot require a vaccine for par-

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Flags Over East Hampton

To the Editor:
On Mother's Day the flags were reinstalled on the Eversource poles along the town's two parade routes, Main Street, throughout our downtown center and along Route 151 in the historic district of Middle Haddam. Soon we are also going to expand our program to Cobalt Center. This program, which is not supported by your tax dollars, occurs through those that so generously donate to the Flags Over East Hampton fund drive. We annually have a goal of \$2,000 but, due to the number of storms we weathered last year, our goal this year is \$2,500. I am hopeful your generous support in the past will allow us to reach our goal and continue a program that the Town of East Hampton's residents have come to appreciate.

A very special thank you to the East Hampton Fire Department who once again assisted with the installation of the flags this season. The Flags Over East Hampton Committee could not continue this very worthwhile project without the fire department's help. Those interested may want to consider making a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone who served our country proudly in the armed forces.

Please make your check out to "Flags Over East Hampton," c/o the Town of East Hampton, and send your donation to the attention of Renee Bafumi, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Your donation will assist the committee in maintaining this worthy program.

**Kevin M. Reich, Chairperson
Flags Over East Hampton Committee**

What a Coincidence

To the Editor:
Two issues ago I wrote that President Biden's cancellation of the Keystone Pipeline was a bad idea. This past week, Colonial Pipeline was "hacked" by hackers in Russia and held for ransom. I don't know if they're sure yet, as of this writing, how much of the pipeline is back up and running; I can't watch TV all the time.

But, the point is it happened, and in the middle of winter, people may be cold or even die. Can Biden guarantee a quick fix? If he guarantees a quick fix, he's in Never Never Land, and should be impeached for endangering U.S. citizens. Biden does not hold a PhD in any electronic engineering field; you voters better remember this and take it to heart.

And, for what it's worth to some of you "know it alls," Texas has refineries but not as much oil as you may think. The north slope may be crucial down the road, until we get green somewhere down the road, but Biden has his "blinders" on.

**Sincerely,
Lambros Lambrinides – Portland**

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Fair Housing Thanks

To the Editor:
The leadership of the Portland Social Justice Coalition would like to extend our gratitude to all who participated in our event on April 29 – Fair Housing Matters: A Whole Community Conversation. We are especially grateful to our Portland resident panelists: Barry Rodgers, Naji Chester-Payne, and Mary Dickerson, Portland's Development Planner, who spoke alongside Robby Hill of Desegregate Connecticut with moderator Jeff Pugliese from the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce. Barry and Naji also serve on our Fair Housing Committee and helped to plan this event. Mary shared many ideas and resources throughout the planning of the event as well.

The team of volunteers who planned this event worked behind the scenes for months to make it a success. Susan Bransfield was a huge support for us throughout this process! Janet Nocek of Portland Library eagerly stepped up to help us co-sponsor along with the Town of Portland. Dave Kuzminski and Nick Dawson were instrumental with providing tech support.

Finally, thank you to our community for showing up to listen and take part in this conversation! We had 61 participants and we are so proud that our town and neighbors are invested in learning and growing together. We look forward to hosting future events and opportunities for meaningful education and dialogue. If you missed the conversation, the recording is available on the Portland CT YouTube channel. For anyone who is interested in learning more about the Portland Social Justice Coalition, email portlandsocialjustice@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Hibino – Portland

Arizona

To the Editor:
We all know this isn't a recount. Democracies don't recount ballots three months after an election is certified, in secret, with no accountability for the methodology with vague private funding by a company, Cyber Ninjas, that has never participated in voting before. This is a just to continue the big lie about voter fraud. Volunteers also signed non-disclosure agreements. So, they can't tell the press if they see any voter fraud, such as using blue and green pens? Which they are. Shut them down now.

Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough

Honored by Re-Election

To the Editor:
Thank you to everyone who voted for me for re-election to the Andover Planning and Zoning Commission in our May 3 election. Thanks for coming out to vote, or arranging for an absentee ballot. I am honored, and will continue to thoughtfully help carry out the work of the commission.

Leigh Ann Hutchinson – Andover

The Party of Trump

To the Editor:
The Party of Trump is a Party of Liars, ignorers of truth, election deniers. Flip-flopping Lindsay, McCarthy, Scalise, soul-selling suck-ups on genuflect knees, in abject adoring of Dear Leader Trump who treats each man as a stupid chump. Do we now say "so long" to the old GOP or "heil" to the tyrant of the new POT?

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

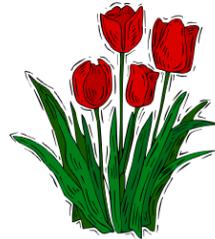
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Dear Andover Residents:
I would like to sincerely thank all of you that voted for and supported me in the May 3 Andover election.

I am excited to have won a seat on the Board of Finance with your votes! This truly shows that hard work, commitment, effort, and being present at important meetings has truly paid off and was rewarded during this past election. I will continue to do what I have been doing for the last 16 months by being very involved, and now it will be in an official capacity. I look forward to joining the other members on the Andover Board of Finance and working hard to do my part in trying to keep Andover's taxes stable while treating all decisions and issues in a fair and objective way.

Thanks again.

Joanne Hebert – Andover




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New Gas Tax?

To the Editor:
Now more than ever, lawmakers should be working to reduce the overall cost of living in a state that remains stubbornly expensive for too many: a recent report found only four other states outrank Connecticut in their overall tax burden.

Unfortunately, a new proposal is making its way through the legislature that could push our state's ranking even higher.

Labeled the "Transportation and Climate Initiative" (TCI) and endorsed by Gov. Lamont and Connecticut Democrat leaders, it would impose a new emissions tax on fuel suppliers to combat climate change and fund environmental justice programs.

Like the state and federal gas taxes, which are already passed along to consumers at an added cost of 55.23 cents per gallon of gasoline, it's expected that the true cost of the TCI tax will inevitably be paid by drivers.

And despite the claims of its supporters, there's no telling how TCI's costs will be "capped" at no more than an additional 5 cents per gallon of standard gasoline. In fact, if you look at California's experience with an emissions tax, that increase can rise as high as 61 cents in added surcharge when you fill up your tank.

Instead of shoring up our ailing Transportation Fund or funding improvements to Route 6 and other state roads, this money is largely going to constructing electric vehicle charging stations and public transportation in the cities. That's right; the same electric vehicle owners who won't be bearing any of the costs of this new gas tax will be directly reaping the benefits.

As the 2021 session continues, I will be urging my colleagues to oppose this new tax on Connecticut drivers, and I would encourage you to share your opinion with the legislature by visiting cthousegov.com/StopTheGasTax.

Sincerely,
State Rep. Robin Green
R-55th District

Note: The 55th Assembly District covers Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough.

Exchange Club Thank You

To the Editor:
On Friday, May 7, the Exchange Club of Portland held its annual Charity Golf Tournament. The Exchange Club would like to thank the golfers, volunteers for their help and support. The Exchange Club would also like to thank the sponsors of the tournament:

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Thank you,
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Well Done

To the Editor:
To Christopher Congden, regarding his missive on meat, his statement on steaks, his paean to pork, his report on ribs, there is only one thing this correspondent – a member of the vegetarian cabal (meetings second Tuesdays of the month at the Cancel Culture Club) – can say: "Well done!"

Sincerely,
Scott Sauyet – Andover



Bound for Bowdoin.... Grant Collins, a 2020 graduate of Portland High School who is currently completing postgraduate studies at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, recently celebrated National Signing Day by committing to play baseball next year at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. Collins played centerfield for the 2019 Shoreline Champion Portland Highlanders. The championship was the first ever for head coach Richard Borg and the Highlanders, who had their 2020 campaign canceled due to COVID-19. Grant currently plays center field at Choate. He expects to focus his studies at Bowdoin in either international relations or journalism.

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Canceling 'Mother' & 'Father'

To the Editor:
We might just have celebrated the last Mother's Day. The same fate may be in store for Father's Day.

With gender inclusivity among progressives' goals to completely transform America, gender-specific words like "mother" and "father" must go.

In their stead, gender-inclusive terms are being considered: terms like "gestational" or "birthing-parent" to replace "mother," and "non-gestational" or "non-birthing-parent" to replace "father."

Hallmark better be prepared to revamp their greeting cards.

It remains to be seen what the replacements will be for baby's first words "mama" and "dada."

The madness will end only when sanity is restored to government.

Peter Kushkowski
"Almost Heaven"
Portland

Senior Center

To the Editor:

I had the pleasure of serving on the first Colchester Commission on Aging, over 50 years ago. Our few programs and TVCCA meals took place in what was essentially a barn, behind the Hayward House. In time what had been Bacon Academy's Arts and Science building became available and we were able to move to this larger building, but one which required many improvements. With help from TVCCA, grants, and help from the town, gradually the building evolved to what it is today. (It seemed we could never get the roof from leaking, but our lively seniors jumped over puddles).

In this more spacious setting attendance grew, numerous new programs were offered, transportation became available. Our first transportation was an old station wagon which we shared with the public health nurses during the day, while the dog warden used it after hours. Now you see a shiny Senior Bus picking up seniors to come to the center, or doctor appointments, or shopping.

As more services, trips, and programs were offered, so did attendance. We are bulging at the seams. How exciting it will be to have a new state of the arts building to serve not only our senior population, but also other groups in town. Let's all get out and support this greatly-needed, exciting new senior center.

Nan Wasniewski – Colchester

Note: Wasniewski is vice chair of the Commission on Aging, but said she is speaking as an individual.

Correction

In the story on plans for the eventual replacement of a bridge on Old Colchester Road in Hebron, the body of water the bridge crosses was misidentified. It is actually Raymond Brook.

The *Rivereast* regrets the error.

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Scientists are funny creatures. They get excited about stuff that leaves the rest of us just kind of shaking our heads.

Most recently the community of space geeks was positively giddy over the opportunity to fly a toy helicopter on Mars. ("Let me try it! Let me try it! No, no, it's my turn!").

The cost of this "fun with science" experiment? \$85 million.

Do you know how many baking soda school science project volcanoes you could make for \$85 million? I don't either. But I bet it's a lot.

It occurs to me that scientists are a fickle lot. It was only a few years ago that these brainiacs were dancing in the streets after a \$79 million experiment that determined there was actually water on the moon. In that "fun with science" adventure they gleefully crashed two rockets into the moon, then examined the resulting plume of debris for good old H2O.

You may recall the gaggle of elated scientists posing by a stack of large blue cooler jugs during a news conference to demonstrate just how much water had been detected. Personally, I think it might have been more appropriate to pose by a toilet bowl to symbolize the \$79 million they'd just flushed down the toilet, but I got a D in science in the 7th grade so maybe I'm a bit jaded.

Scientists, of course, view the \$79 million water search as a bargain. They say the presence of water on the moon would make it easier to set up a base camp for astronauts, supplying drinking water and a key ingredient for rocket fuel. (This was while kids in Flint, Michigan, were drinking water laced with lead, by the way.)

On the other hand, how can you put a price on the sheer fun of shooting a couple of rockets into the moon? And, of course, you have to consider the political implications. For one thing, it really puts the North Koreans in their place. As you've probably noticed, every once in a while, when they feel ignored or get their nose out of joint, the North Koreans will fire a missile over Japan into the ocean. Then they smugly sit back and bask in the attention they get. I would suggest that even those crazy bastards have to realize that shooting a missile into the ocean is Mickey Mouse stuff compared to us practically blowing up the moon to get a glass of water.

As for flying a helicopter on Mars...well. In your dreams Supreme Leader.

Meanwhile, I can't help but notice that it's been over 11 years since this landmark discovery of water on the moon and we have yet to establish a base camp for astronauts. As for using moon water to manufacture rocket fuel... If scientists can make rocket fuel out of water, why they hell are we paying \$3 a gallon for gasoline?

Just sayin.'

But perhaps it's a good thing that scientists have lost interest in colonizing the moon. For one thing, it sounds expensive. I mean, if you really must go camping in some Godforsaken landscape, Afghanistan is cheaper and a lot more accessible. Also, like the moon, Afghanistan has no significant oil reserves or girls schools or legitimate government.

One major difference, of course, is that no one on the moon will be trying to shoot you just because you go to a different church, and there is something to be said for that. Also, there's always the possibility that scientists will find something really useful on the moon—like limburger cheese, for instance.

As for buzzing around Mars with an expensive toy helicopter, I'm sure it's a bunch of fun. But unless they find Jimmy Hoffa's body or something, I have to remain skeptical about the practical value.

Jim Hallas

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Andover Budget

To the Editor:
Kudos to the town leaders for having an in-person town meeting. It was well-attended and Board of Finance Chairman Marc Brinker made an excellent presentation. The budget was accepted now it moves on to the town vote. It needs to be defeated!!

The town portion of the budget is “bare bones” – 1.8% increase. The elementary school has significantly decreasing enrollment yet the spending is going up 4.5%. While I applaud our new superintendent and her staff for keeping the school open all but 10 days and with COVID rules, it should be reduced.

The biggest issue is the capital projects which instead of actually being addressed keep getting kicked down the road. The seniors in Ando are overdue for a senior center. The AES bonding final payment is next year \$93K. We have bridge issues with Bunker Hill and Long Hill. It’s time to bond the senior center. There is \$447K in the account with another \$50K going with this year’s budget. With this slow movement, it will be years before we break ground.

Two referendum questions: 1) senior center; 2) bridge and road repairs.

We are a very low bonded town. If this budget gets approved, we keep delaying important needs and will keep getting yearly 1 to 2 mill increases. Defeat the budget and the first selectman and the Board of Finance can address these issues.

We the seniors have supported every school project; it’s time to support our project. At least let the taxpayers decide which projects they are willing to fund.

Interest rates are low and construction costs will not be going down anytime soon.

Don Denley – Andover

Our Lives Matter

To the Editor:
After attending the Planning and Zoning meeting it was obvious that the vast majority of people do not want an expansion of the gas station. At the end of the meeting, however, the lawyer representing the business that purchased the adjoining properties cited that other businesses won their cases in court because the economic development plan of the town suggested business expansion in particular areas would be beneficial. He said it really is not a popularity contest. Think about what that means.

That means that the town economic development plan paid for by the citizens has more power than the people. This is how the Democrats in Hartford are taking away our right to live in an area governed by and for the people.

Don’t our lives matter? Don’t zoning laws matter? Not if you vote for Democrats.

As vice-chairman of the East Hampton Republican Town Committee, I am demanding an immediate change to the town of East Hampton economic development plan.

The lawyer cited the plan so the plan must be altered. As for providing a good reason for our Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the application for a zoning change it is very simple, the economic development plan suggests business growth but not specifically a gas station expansion so the zoning request is denied.

Let the lawyers sue the town while we the people adjust our economic development plan. Doing so will prove to all that the Democrats really don’t care about us. They do not really care what we the people think or want in our own community.

Shame on all of you who voted for Needleman and anyone who is a Democrat in Hartford. You now know what they are really doing, taking our rights as citizens away from us.

Sal Nucifora – East Hampton

Note: Nucifora is vice chair of the Republican Town Committee, but said he is writing as an individual.

Wake Up, Vote No

To the Editor:
I feel like I’ve been sleeping and just woke up. Our bridges are failing, roads need repair, dead trees everywhere. Our current town budget has underfunded these items and snowplowing for this upcoming year in an effort to keep taxes down. Kudos to them for trying. Unfortunately, the school of 153 kids (+30 pre-k students, which we are not supposed to be paying for) is costing us \$4 million. That’s \$26K/student per year. We don’t even know what it’s all being spent on because the school budget has not been thoroughly presented to us. We cannot wait another year to fix this problem.

Wake up, people, and vote no!

Marcie Miner – Andover

Collins Needs to Resign

To the Editor:
The Hebron budget was presented and approved, so why hasn’t Selectmen John Collins resigned? The *Rivereast* reported on March 12, 2021 that Collins will depart the Hebron board once the budget process was complete. John Collins was quoted as saying, “I’m going to be resigning at the end of budget season with the hope that we can catalyze change and to hopefully make way for someone that is more the future of Hebron than me.”

Well John, budget season is over and yet you haven’t resigned! Have you changed your mind? Could you possibly be trying to stack the Democratic Town Committee meeting so that you get re-endorsed to run again? Do the great citizens of Hebron really want someone like Collins to be their selectman? Someone who can’t work alongside their peers without having outbreaks? Someone who spends the town money on legal fees to attempt possible defamation against other town employees? Someone who can’t even work with fellow party members? I for one know that Hebron can elect someone better than Collins. I ask that the Democratic Town Committee think hard on offering Collins a re-election bid. Do you really want to tell the town that he is your best option for selectman?

Collins has shown us all how he attempts to bully other members of the board, and how rude and condescending he can be to town employees, members of the board of selectman and even to other town board members. Collins’ fellow party member Marc Rubera even said that Collins needs to be more respectful of others. Rubera stated in a meeting that Collins is demeaning, and assassinating people’s character or intelligence during meetings. I encourage everyone in Hebron to ask Collins to stand down and follow through with his statement that he will resign.

I ask the Democratic Town Committee to think long and hard about the message you would be telling the town if you support Collins’ re-election bid. Think about the message that you are sending not only to our voters, but to our children. Do you want them to see a bully re-elected?

Daniel Smith – Amston

Is it 1984?

To the Editor:
I had heard of George Orwell’s book *1984* but had not taken the time to read it until now. Recent events in our country prompted me to read both *1984* and a companion book, *Animal Farm*.

Both books provided us with warnings about what societies may become should we allow ourselves to submit to social conformities and governmental overreach. *Animal Farm* was written in 1945. *1984* was published shortly thereafter in 1949. They were penned during the post-WWII years as the author warned us of what might happen should we fail to learn from the recently defeated totalitarian regimes, which brought the world to the brink of destruction.

I would strongly encourage everyone to read these books and fear that they were very prophetic. Hopefully we will have the courage to resist succumbing to the fate depicted in these tales.

Over 70 years ago we were warned of the dangers of handing too much authority over to individuals and to the government. We must not allow Orwell’s prophecy to become reality, but we are not far from that becoming the case.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough

Note: Hjulstrom is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but said he is writing as an individual.

Reopening Schools Safely

To the Editor:
The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) earmarked substantial one-time funds to enable schools to reopen safely for in-person learning. Reopening safely includes making the necessary improvements to school HVAC systems so that students and staff are breathing clean air—free of airborne infectious diseases. A recent, freely accessible Lancet COVID-19 Commission Task Force report (“Designing infectious disease resilience into school buildings...”) provides schools with “evidence-based guidance for healthy building-level interventions to reduce risk of airborne infectious disease transmission.”

Examples include upgraded filters in HVAC systems, portable HEPA air cleaners in classrooms, UV technology and open windows when possible. Technologies and strategies not recommended are also discussed. More guidance is available from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

The report states, “Buildings play a critical role in minimizing, or conversely exacerbating, the spread of airborne infectious diseases.” In addition, the health and learning benefits of making these improvements would last long after COVID-19 is no longer an issue.

I hope those in charge of reopening our schools will use the Lancet Commission report and one-time ARPA funding to make the necessary improvements in school buildings so that schools can reopen safely for in-person learning.

Bill Sullivan – Portland

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Middle School Honor Roll

Portland Middle School has announced the honor roll for the third marking period of the 2020-21 school year.

High Honors

Grade 8: Sydney Allen, Emily Bernard, Logan Binnington, Elizabeth Bustamante, Amelia Dietrichsen, Paige Fitzgibbons, Jordan Harley, Kayla Johnson, Megan Kasperowski, Skyler Keoppen, Catalina Koji, Alina Kroeber, Isabella Levesque, Raymond Lin, Annabelle Maruschock, Nicholas Oliva, Claire Palma, Morganne Pineda, Gracie Roberts, Anna Stone and Parker Thompson.

Grade 7: Elizabeth Barr, Aiden Burrus, Brady Daggett, Lillian Gaetani, Gerry Hall, Rita Lin, Cade Modon, Ryan Modon, Delaney Poach, Nathan Quesnel, Allison Tine, Madeline Vardon.

Honors

Grade 8: Aidan Anthony, Gabrielle Arnold, Frederick Bailey, Matteo Brousseau, Laurel Carroll, Joshua Cruz, Landon Currie, Lukas Day, Emily DeRing, Abigail Doncet, Nicholas Dumais, Emelia Eckert, Nathan Green, Christopher Hamel, Caden Hennessey, Samuel La-

Malfa, Jack Larson, Cassidy Maruschock, Ty Mazzotta, Owen McGinley, Savannah Meketa, Sarah Mucinkas, Christopher Myers, Elizabeth Nedobity, Aidan Peterson, Avery Quesnel, Michael Rambarose, Ava Randazzo, Brianna Renaud, Octavius Richard, Elliott Rowland, Ella Royea, Madelyn Varano, Bryan Velasquez-Diaz, Caitlin Walsh, Elizabeth Windnagle, Summer Wright, Maryn Yost.

Grade 7: Conor Adanti, Joseph Amendola, Joseph Angersola, Cristina Austin, Peyton Black, Breckin Burke, Hayden Burke, Hailey Bustamante, Aaron Ciarleglio, Laila Coleman, Maksim Connolly, Cole Coppolino, Adam Dean, Lucas DeMatteo, Jayden Dorsey, Ryan Farley, Audrey Farmer, Evelyn Hair, Elizabeth Hanna, Theresa Hunter, Corbin Jacobson, Logan Kehoe, Daniel King, Joshua King, Cameron Lopez, Caleb MacKay, Leana Mierzejewski, Eunice Ngunjiri, Patrick O’Rourke, Natalie Orlich, Romeo Overton, Evan Piacente, Logan Prince, Brody Quinn, Emelia Rowland, Noah Sardinkas, Kiley Scott, Andrew Sobieski, Cate Stone, Jack Sundell, Grace Thrasher, Mara Tuttle, Evan Vieira-Deschene, Ethan Wells.



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Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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Golf Workshops with Gerry D'Amora: Junior Workshop: The youth golf clinics for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 have returned. The May clinic will meet on four Saturdays starting May 15 and costs \$85, and the June clinic will meet on four Tuesdays starting June 8 and will also cost \$85. Call Parks and Rec. to save a spot.

Boat America – Online Boating Safety Course: May 17, 18 and 24, 6:30-9 p.m., via Zoom. Fee: \$60; additional participant fee is \$55 each.

Yoga at the Riverfront: Thursdays through June 10 (started May 6), 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Riverfront Park, for ages 18 and up. Fee: \$80/residents, \$85/non-residents.

Community Garden 2021: All are welcome to grow their favorite vegetable, flower or herb. The garden is located in Bransfield Park on Rose Hill Road. Gardeners can purchase a 10x10 plot for the summer for \$30. Plots are limited; register online or contact Parks and Rec. as soon as possible to reserve one.

Virtual Paint Night: Thursday, May 20, 7-9 p.m., via Zoom. The theme is Van Gogh Sun-

flowers. Each participant will receive a canvas board and paints for the evening. Fee: \$22. Paint brushes can be purchased if needed for an additional fee of \$5.

2021-22 Kids Blast: Parks and Rec. is taking applications for this afterschool program for Portland kids in grades K-5. The program is based at Brownstone Intermediate School. Applications are at portland.recdesk.com. For more information, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

Summer Quest: June 28-Aug. 16. Programs include Kiddie Kamp (ages 3-5), Summer Quest Base Camp (grades 1-6), and Teen Adventure (grades 7-9). Kiddie Kamp location will be announced; the other two are at the Portland high and middle school complex. More information is at portland.rec.desk.com.

Skyhawks: Registration is open for summer sports camps, such as Mini-Hawk, Sports and Games, Tennis, Track and Field, and Flag Football with USA Football. These programs start in July, but register soon.

Art Enrichment Program with Abrakadoodle: Parks and Rec. is accepting registrations for a Paws Claws & Hooves Art Camp with Abrakadoodle Aug. 23-26, from 9 a.m.-noon, at Riverfront Park. This program is for ages 5 and up and costs \$135. Aug. 27 is being held as a rain date.

Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is now open for weekly daytime activities only; registration is required for every program. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8-11 a.m. A mask must be worn at all times and social distancing is required. No food is currently allowed. The building will be closed from noon-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday for sanitizing.

There is a new "Scan-In" computer system called "MySeniorCenter" which will help the center track attendance and register for programs. The center is holding a naming contest for the new system; it would be called "Mr. _____." Submit your suggested last surname and, if chosen, you will win a gift certificate to a local restaurant in town.

Unless noted, the following programs are being offered at the center. To register, call 860-342-6760.

Light Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Route 17 complex (weather permitting).

Bears on a Journey Group: Meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to make teddy bears for cancer patients. The group is in need of a variety of tasks, such as sewers, cutters, stuffers and more. Every few months, the group then travels to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center to deliver the bears.

Watercolor Lessons with Bivenne Staiger: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Email bivenne@yahoo.com for full details for the six-week session.

Coupons for Troops: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. The program revolves around cutting manufacturer's coupons to be donated to military families. The center is also looking for coupons to be donated; they can be up to six months past their expiration date. Drop coupons off at the center Monday-Friday by calling 860-342-6760.

Setback: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Bocce: Wednesdays, 1 p.m., at the Route 17 complex (weather permitting).

Tai Chi: Thursdays at 10 a.m., via Zoom. Fee is \$40. Call the center to register.

Knit & Stitch: Thursdays at 10 a.m. Knit, crochet or do embroidery work. All are welcome.

Scrabble: Thursdays at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Social Duplicate Bridge: the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Call the center if interested.

Cans-4-A-Cause: Cans and bottles for this project may be dropped off at the center Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the side entrance at the top of the steps. For more information, call the center or email Jeff directly at myjakjeff@gmail.com.

Medical Rides: The center is providing seniors and disabled with rides to the doctor. Fee is \$5 per person. Try to give a two-week notice for a ride. Masks are required.

Foot Care: Offered at the center the fourth Tuesday of each month. Appointments are available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; call the center to make one. Fee is \$35, cash or check.

Voters Easily Pass \$36.15 Million Budget

by Jack Lakowsky

Just about a tenth of the town's registered voters headed to the polls Monday to cast their ballots on the proposed \$36.15 million 2021-22 town budget – and the vast majority of them votes 'yes,' sending the spending package to an easy victory.

The budget passed 506-184. The 690 voters represented a 10% turnout – about on par for the town's most recent budget referendums. While there was no referendum last year, due to COVID-19, in 2019 about 9.75% of taxpayers turned out for the first budget vote – it took two tries to pass the budget that year – whereas 9.1% showed in 2018.

Still, First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield noted that, of those who were there Monday, most of them seemed to like what they saw.

"We had a good endorsement by those who voted," Bransfield told the *Rivereast* Tuesday morning. Votes were cast between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Portland Middle School.

The total budget is about \$905,000 more than the 2020-21 budget.

Bransfield received from voters a general government 2021-22 budget of about \$14 million, an increase of about 3% over the 2020-21 town budget.

The Portland Board of Education will spend \$22.2 million, about a 2% increase over the current spending plan. The federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) stimulus money allowed the school board to reduce their original request to voters by about \$233,000.

Bransfield on Wednesday said the ARP money allowed the town to reduce its request by a similar amount, about \$200,000.

On Tuesday, Bransfield said the stimulus money also helped lower the increase in the town's mill rate, which went up 0.63 mills to

35.01, about a 2% increase.

A mill is \$1 tax per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Based on the 35.01 mill rate, taxes paid on a home assessed at \$250,000 would be \$8,753.

In Portland, the value of a single mill is valued at \$847,523, according to town budget information.

The town's Board of Selectmen unanimously approved this budget request in its April 7 meeting. The selectmen will vote to officially approve the new mill rate at their May 19 meeting.

In a March public hearing on the budget, Bransfield said the COVID-19 pandemic very much influenced the budgeting process.

Complete budget information is available on the town's website, portlandct.org.

Items in the newly adopted budget included new body and dashboard cameras for Portland police, a new tanker for the fire department, a new dump truck for public works crews, Chromebooks for students between grades from grades 5 through 12, and a new full-time senior center director, a position to take the "senior" half from the current director of Youth/Family Services position.

Bransfield said she is in the very early stages of looking to expand services at the Waverly Senior Center, an effort the new director position, and possibly grant money, will aid.

In an email, Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton said it took a team effort to prepare a budget during the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, but that district officials rose to the challenge and Portland schools are in a good position for the coming fiscal year.

"We are grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the community," Britton wrote.

PHS Students Receive Leadership Awards

Portland High School students Hannah Brunk and Mia Quesnel were recently recognized by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) with a Student Leadership Award. Students are nominated to receive this award by their school principal.

The awards program, presented annually by CABE, honors students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills, a willingness to take on challenges and commit to a project, the capability to make difficult decisions, the ability to work with others, understand issues clearly, honor a commitment, and to exhibit diplomacy and a concern for others.

Both students were introduced to the Board of Education at this week's meeting by Board Chairperson Sharon Peters and Superintendent of Schools Charles D. Britton.

Brunk's teachers describe her as an eager learner, motivated and goal-oriented person that thrives academically in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, she participates in a range

of athletics and extra-curricular activities. She is captain of the varsity girls' basketball team, a member of the girls' soccer team, and also participates on the golf team. Brunk is also a member of the A Cappella choral group. She volunteers throughout the Portland community.

Quesnel also has a strong academic record, often participates in class discussions and has earned High Honor Roll status. As an athlete, she has participated as a member of the varsity soccer team. She is the sophomore class vice president and a member of Class Act and Student Senate. She also volunteers for the Town of Portland and local area businesses, and lends a hand to her teachers at Portland High School.

'Fill a Public Works Truck' Event

Portland Public Works and the Portland Lions Club will hold the third annual "Fill a Public Works Truck" next week event at Adams Market.

The goal is to raise funds for Portland Food Bank. Due to COVID-19, organizers are not asking folks to purchase actual bags of food this year but will raise funds by selling "virtual bags of food" in the same increments, \$5, \$10 and \$20, with all the proceeds going to the Portland Food Bank.

The event will run at Portland Adams Hometown Market from Sunday, May 16, 2021 through Saturday, May 22. One of the Public Works trucks, along with members of the Portland Lions Club, will be there on Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Garden Clubs' Plant Sale

Portland Garden Club and the Portland River Valley Garden Club will hold their annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 15, in the parking lot at 265 Main St., next to the Town Green and Police Station. The sale will run from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. or whenever all plants are sold.

Many of the plants will be perennials from the gardens of members of the two clubs. There will also be an assortment of annuals, ground-covers, herbs, and vegetable plants for sale. The sale will also feature a variety of gently-used garden related items.

Admission is free, with all proceeds benefiting the garden clubs' projects. Masks and social distancing rules will apply. Rain date is Sunday, May 16. For more information or to donate plants, call Sue at 860-685-0593 or Amanda at 860-262-0036.

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Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., has announced the following. Registration required unless noted. For more info and full program descriptions, visit www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

Library Reopens: Face masks for those over the age of two, social distancing and use of sanitizer upon entering are required. Browsing is allowed and walk-ins are welcome, though appointments are recommended, as the number of visitors is limited. Call ahead to book an appointment. Computers and wireless access in the building are available by appointment. Curbside delivery of requested items continues; call the library, or reserve items online.

Open Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Curbside Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (extended hours on Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.); Friday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Holiday Closing: The library will be close Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.

Museum Passes: Many area museums and attractions are now open and the library offers several passes for free or discounted admission. To reserve a pass, go to the library website and click on 'Museum Passes' or call the library.

2020 Federal Tax Forms: Forms and instructions are available at the library; forms are due May 17 this year. Come into the library to get them or request curbside delivery.

Youth Programs: Online Storytime: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. through June 8, via Zoom. Registration is required for each week; space is limited.

Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., is holding services inside on Sundays at 9 a.m. COVID-19 safety protocols are followed, including safe distancing and wearing masks. More information is at trinitychurchportlandct.org.

On Sunday, May 23 only, the church will celebrate Pentecost with The Church of the Holy Trinity, 381 Main St., in Middletown, at 9:30 am.

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.

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

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. Worship services are held each week on the church's YouTube channel. Virtual church school is offered weekly.

To join church mailing lists (both email and regular mail), email first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net or call 860-342-3244. For more info, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit the church website

Red Cross Blood Drives

There will be American Red Cross Blood Drives Tuesday, May 18, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the VFW, 20 N. Maple St., and Tuesday, June 8, from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, 47 W. High St.

Those who donate May 18 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps five. Those who donate June 8 will receive a limited-edition T-shirt, while supplies last.

Appointments can be made by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

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Teen Program: Teen Summer Volunteer Opportunities at the Library: Need community service hours? The library is looking for volunteers going into grades 7 and up. Interns will be expected to attend an online training session Monday, May 24 at 3:30 p.m., and follow COVID-19 safety guidelines while working, including wearing a mask and social distancing. Intern duties will consist of event preparation and assistance and the registration and reporting of readers' progress with summer reading. Come into the library to pick up an application if you are interested or download one at www.portlandlibraryct.org/teens. Applications must be received no later than May 21.

Adult Programs: All held via Zoom. Join through the Zoom link on the Library webpage. The ID is 8603426777 and the Passcode is Portland.

Mystery Lovers Book Club: Tuesday, May 18, 1 p.m. *Still Midnight* by Denise Mina will be discussed.

Eco-Safari of the Connecticut River Watershed: Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. Conservation biologist Jim Arrigoni, from the Connecticut Audubon Society, will lead a virtual tour of the Connecticut River watershed. This program is supported by the Friends of Portland Library.

Portland Forum: Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m. *Lost Kingdom: Hawaii's Last Queen, the Sugar Kings, and America's First Imperial Venture* by Julia Flynn Siler will be discussed. Books are available at the library.

Seeking Sites for New Trees

The Jonah Center for Earth and Art, a local environmental nonprofit organization, is looking for sites to plant new trees in Portland, funded by the organization's Replace Our Trees Fund.

Property owners who wish to receive a new tree at the Jonah Center's expense are asked to call John Hall at 860-398-3771 or use the "contact" tab on the Jonah Center's website, www.thejonahcenter.org to send an email.

Memorial Day Parade Coming

Portland's Memorial Day parade will take place this year – albeit with social distancing.

This year's parade will take place Sunday, May 30. The parade will take place rain or shine. Sgt. Daniel Clark, "The Singing Trooper," will return to commemorate this day and perform on Main Street.

The parade will assemble at Victoria Road at 1:30 p.m. Moving vehicles or floats should assemble at 12:30 p.m. Step-off will be at 2 p.m.

The procession will stop for a brief ceremony at the Civil War monument on Bartlett Street, it will continue down Main Street as usual. A reviewing stand will be stationed at the Brownstone Intermediate School. The pa-

rade will then turn left on Waverly Avenue, left onto East Main Street, and right onto Fairview Street, ending at Veterans Memorial Park.

Details about no parking and road closures for the day will be announced in the weeks ahead.

Registration forms may be picked up at 32 East Main St.

For more information, contact parade organizer Sara Sterry Rutter at 860-342-2815 or 860-250-2041, or email [ssterryrutter@yahoo.com](mailto:sssterryrutter@yahoo.com).

Also, for continually updated information, visit and 'like' on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/PortlandMemorialDayParade.

Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., is planning to hold outdoor, in-person worship this Sunday, weather permitting, in the upper parking lot behind the church. Because of continually-changing conditions, check the church website, zionlutheranportland.org, for the most current information.

Attendees should wear a mask and bring their own chair. The church building will not be open for restrooms or other reasons. Attendees should also use caution in the parking lots as they will both be used for entering and exiting the church grounds. If the weather is questionable, cancellations will be announced by email and on the church website.

A recording of each week's service is posted

online by 9 a.m. the following Monday. Search "Zion Lutheran Church Portland CT" on YouTube and on Facebook. Bulletins for each service are on the church website.

Evening services, or "Compline," are livestreamed to Zion's Facebook page at 7 p.m. each Wednesday and then posted on YouTube the following day.

Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor. The community is welcome to all worship services and special events. Call the church at 860-342-2860 to be added to the weekly email blast.

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

Second-Hand Prose Bookshop

The Friends of the Portland Library group has a large collection of cookbooks, fiction, romance, teen and children's used books as well as puzzles and DVDs in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop, open at the library, 20 Freestone Ave., during regular hours. Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs are 50 cents each and puzzles are \$2 unless marked otherwise.

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

Also, FPL will accept donations of puzzles

and DVDs only on Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m.-noon, in the Mary Flood Room of the library. Due to a lack of space for sorting books, the Friends cannot accept donations of any books at this time but anticipate collecting books in the early fall in preparation for the annual Fall Book Sale.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, such as the library's museum pass program, children and adult programs, and the Library's DVD collection.

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Middletown Group to Perform *Matilda* at PHS This Summer

by Jack Lakowsky

The Portland Board of Education last week unanimously voted to let the Middletown Stage Company (MSC) use the Portland High School auditorium this summer.

The independent theatre company normally performs at Middletown High School but due to renovations there, MSC needed a new venue this season.

In a Monday interview, Middletown Stage Company Artistic Director Ali Sinicrope said she and her leadership team reached out to several area districts. Portland Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton was the first to reply, offering MSC a stage.

"We're super excited Portland decided to take us in," Sinicrope told the *Rivereast*. "We knew it would be rough with [COVID-19] restrictions and weren't sure if other districts would want us."

Sinicrope has been artistic director at MSC for 10 years.

Sinicrope said when the group first heard Middletown High would be renovating, there was "a little panic," but said she and her colleagues are "pretty resourceful" and confident they'd find a solution.

Given that the pandemic stopped all MSC performances last year, Sinicrope said it was especially important to run a show this year.

At the May 4 Portland Board of Education meeting, Britton said the state told school and town officials everywhere to make summer 2021 active and engaging to help recover what was lost last year. Renting the auditorium to a summer program that Portland residents can enjoy and participate in meets that standard, Britton said.

As of now, the performance arts camp is set to begin June 21. Performances of *Matilda: The Musical* are set for July 15, 16 and 17, all at 7 p.m. MSC is hoping to add an early matinee show on July 17 as well, and is awaiting approval from the Chatham Health District.

Based on the 1988 Roald Dahl children's book, *Matilda: The Musical* opened in England in 2010, with lyrics and music by Tim Minchin, and script by Dennis Kelly. After a success-

ful run in London's West End, it transferred to Broadway in 2013, where it won multiple Tony awards, including one for Kelly for Best Book of a Musical. The show closed on Broadway in January 2017, after more than 1,500 performances. A film adaptation is in the works.

Sinicrope said MSC chose *Matilda* because it allows for roles of kids aged from toddlers to teens.

Normally, MSC has three groups of performers, divided by age, with a different performance from each group. This year, due to COVID-19 precautions, kids will be in a single group.

MSC also has a 70-person cast capacity limit due to COVID-19 precautions. Pre-pandemic, Sinicrope said MSC would enroll as many as 175 kids.

There are some other unknowns heading into the season, Sinicrope said, but right now, she's just glad to be able to put on a performance at all.

Per order by Gov. Ned Lamont, most of the state's pandemic restrictions will be eased or will go away on May 19, except for mask-wearing. Due to this, and following further talks with Chatham Health, MSC will choose what restrictions can be expected at showtime, both for performers and for the audience.

"We're going to follow whatever guidance is given to us," Sinicrope said.

Sinicrope said she hopes to have indoor performances with full set and full cast but said she and the other directors will approach the show with a flexible plan. She said MSC is willing to have an outdoor performance, and whether in or out, the show can be streamed for viewers at home.

If need be, Sinicrope said MSC can use a minimal set to help open space for onstage social distancing.

Sinicrope said there are transparent face masks available for performers, which would be especially important for lead roles.

Sinicrope also hopes to put on one or two of those show-stopping ensemble numbers audiences so enjoy.

Ticket prices are also yet to be set, Sinicrope said.

A precaution already in place, Sinicrope said,

is that MSC was unable to hire back a full crew. Sinicrope said this was "a real bummer."

"My partners and I are constantly going back and forth on different situations, like, 'If this happens, we'll fix it this way,'" Sinicrope said. "We're all brainstorming the easiest ways to meet restrictions. It's challenging for sure."

The Middletown Stage Company is independent, Sinicrope said, and its shows feature performers and crew from Portland, East Hampton, Middletown, Glastonbury, Cromwell, Ellington, Wethersfield and Guilford.

Sinicrope said MSC performers and backstage crew work very hard to rehearse a full musical performance in just three weeks.

"During a camp day, they probably don't spend more than 20 minutes sitting down," Sinicrope said.

Sinicrope said kids aren't allowed to use

phones during camp time.

Sinicrope said theatre is a craft that "brings people together." She said many kids who start MSC as shy and reserved gain confidence from the experience.

"A lot of people find a home with us," she said. "It makes us so happy when a parent comes to us saying their child has changed and become more confident."

Sinicrope said many kids are involved with MSC from pre-K through high school graduation, and that the company has a 90% retention rate year-to-year.

Sinicrope said although roles for *Matilda* are largely filled, MSC is always looking for more involvement.

For more information on MSC, email middletownstagecompanyct@gmail.com or visit middletownstagecompany.org.

Food Share Truck
Portland Food Bank, 7 Waverly Ave., will host the Food Share Truck Monday, May 24, at 1 p.m.
This will be a drive-thru event; enter on Freestone Avenue at the library and exit onto Waverly Avenue by the senior center.
For more information, call the food bank at 860-342-6795 or the senior center at 860-342-6760.

Knights to Award Scholarships
Knights of Columbus Freestone Council 7 will award three \$1,000 scholarships this spring to any high school senior from Portland who is furthering their education at a college, university or technical school. The application is available at the area high schools or by requesting an application at scholarship@rsitg.com. All Portland residents graduating this year are eligible.
The Knights' monthly Dinners 2 Go was successful enough for the Knights to be able to continue the funding of their annual scholarships for the fifth year.
Deadline for applications is May 25; awards will be announced in June.

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 town.
Entries will be accepted through May 17, and the top three winners will be announced May 27 at an awards ceremony on Zoom. Each winner will have the option of performing their poem during the ceremony.
The winning poems will be compiled with other top entries and published; the book will be added to the catalog of Portland Library and put on display.
For more information, visit portland.reccdesk.com or contact Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757 or adionne@portlandct.org for help submitting your poem.

Free Paper-Shredding Event
The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a paper-shredding event Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the East Hampton WPCA, 20 Gildersleeve Drive, East Hampton. The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes Portland and East Hampton.
Residents may bring up to five bags or boxes of confidential paperwork for shredding; no commercial paper and no books, cards, magazines, etc. Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste for more information.

Renters' Rebate Program
Select people are able to apply for Renters' Rebate; the period to apply runs through Sept. 30.
People are eligible if they have been a state resident for at least one year and were either age 65 or older on Dec. 21, 2020, or 50 and over but the surviving spouse of a renter who was eligible at the time of death. People may also qualify if they are under the age of 65 but eligible for permanent total disability benefits under Social Security. Qualifying income guidelines must be met.
Strict guidelines will be followed for appointments, and masks must be worn. Call Mary Pont at The Waverly Center in Portland at 860-342-6760 to make an appointment.

Resident Receives Award
Eastern Connecticut State University's English department recently recognized students at its English Night awards ceremony. Julia MacKinnon of Portland was among the students honored.
MacKinnon, a senior majoring in English, received the Award for an Outstanding Future Educator. This award goes to a student who has achieved academic excellence while completing a double major in English and early childhood, elementary or secondary education in order to prepare for a career in teaching.

CT Trails Day Returns
After missing last year due to the pandemic, CT Trails Day is returning Saturday, June 5 (rain date June 6) -- and to celebrate there will be a guided walk that day from 10 a.m.-noon on the Portland Air Line Trail.
The trail opened in 2018, and follows the New York to Boston original railway. On the walk, information will be provided about the area, the history of the "Air Line," the "Ghost Train" and plans for the future of the trail. Masks and social distancing are required (families and small groups can remain together). Two groups are planned for the day, with a short distancing separation between them. This is a wide gravel flat trail. Total distance of walk is four miles. This hike is sponsored by the town's Air Line Trail Committee.
Registration is required and opens May 20. For more information or to register please go to: Ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend.

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Vandals Hit Veterans Memorial Park Twice

by Sloan Brewster

Over the weekend, vandals pounded holes in the sinks in the women's restroom at Veterans Memorial Park with what officials believe was a hammer.

Hebron Town Manager Andrew Tierney, in a phone call Wednesday, said the sinks were completely trashed.

"They must've had a hammer or rock or some large object," he said. "They have holes in them. They're huge."

Tierney said he believes the destruction took place sometime between Friday and Sunday, timed exactly with the first time the restrooms have been open to the public since the beginning of the pandemic. The park is located on Wall Street (Route 316), across from RHAM High School.

He said that until last weekend, the bathrooms were closed due to COVID-19 regulations; now they are left open for Little League use and must be cleaned daily.

"It was the first weekend for the bathrooms to be opened," he said.

The damage was reported by someone from the local Little League.

It's not the first time vandals have hit the park in recent months, Tierney said.

Last month, the skate park at Veterans Memorial Park was painted with graffiti and boards on the ramps were torn up, the town manager said. Deemed unsafe since the incident, the area has been closed since.

Veterans Memorial Park "is getting hit quite heavily with vandalism," Rich Colarco, director of Parks & Recreation, said in a phone call Wednesday. "We've had different forms of vandalism over the course of time."

Colarco said the destruction at the park had waned until last month's hit on the skate park. He said the ball field has also seen some damage with people ripping shingles off the dugout.

Colarco said he received a text from a resident about the damage to the restroom and went to the park to check out what happened Monday morning. When he arrived, he found the damage was quite extensive.

"They literally destroyed the women's bathroom," he said of the vandals.

He said officials at this time have no idea who may have done the damage, but are looking into it.

The restroom is currently closed and a portable restroom has been installed.

Colarco echoed Tierney's assertion that the destruction appears to have been caused by a

hammer.

"It's just sad," he said. "It's unbelievable what they did."

On Wednesday, Colarco said he was planning to meet with a plumber to look over the destruction and determine the cost for repairs.

"Our plan is to get that back running," he said.

As far as what the future plans are for the skate park, neither Tierney nor Colarco were certain.

The Parks & Recreation Commission will be taking up the conversation at its meeting next Monday and, according to Colarco, may form a study group to look into how much damage there is and what steps need to be taken to fix it.

Once the commission has an idea of what needs to be done, it will report to the Board of Selectmen, Colarco said.

Overarching questions include if the repairs should be part of a total renovation in the commission's five-year plan for the skate park, which is now more than 20 years old – or if doing the fixes before the renovation would be cost-effective, he said.

Tierney had a different take entirely.

"I'm going to fix the bathrooms, but the jury's still out on the skateboard park," Tierney said. "Maybe kids are hanging out there; maybe we have to rethink what we do there to attract kids."

Colarco said the park is used daily. Besides the skate park and ball field, there's a 1.9-mile loop around Veterans Memorial Park that circles around the Loveland Road neighborhood behind the shopping center where Ted's IGA is located.

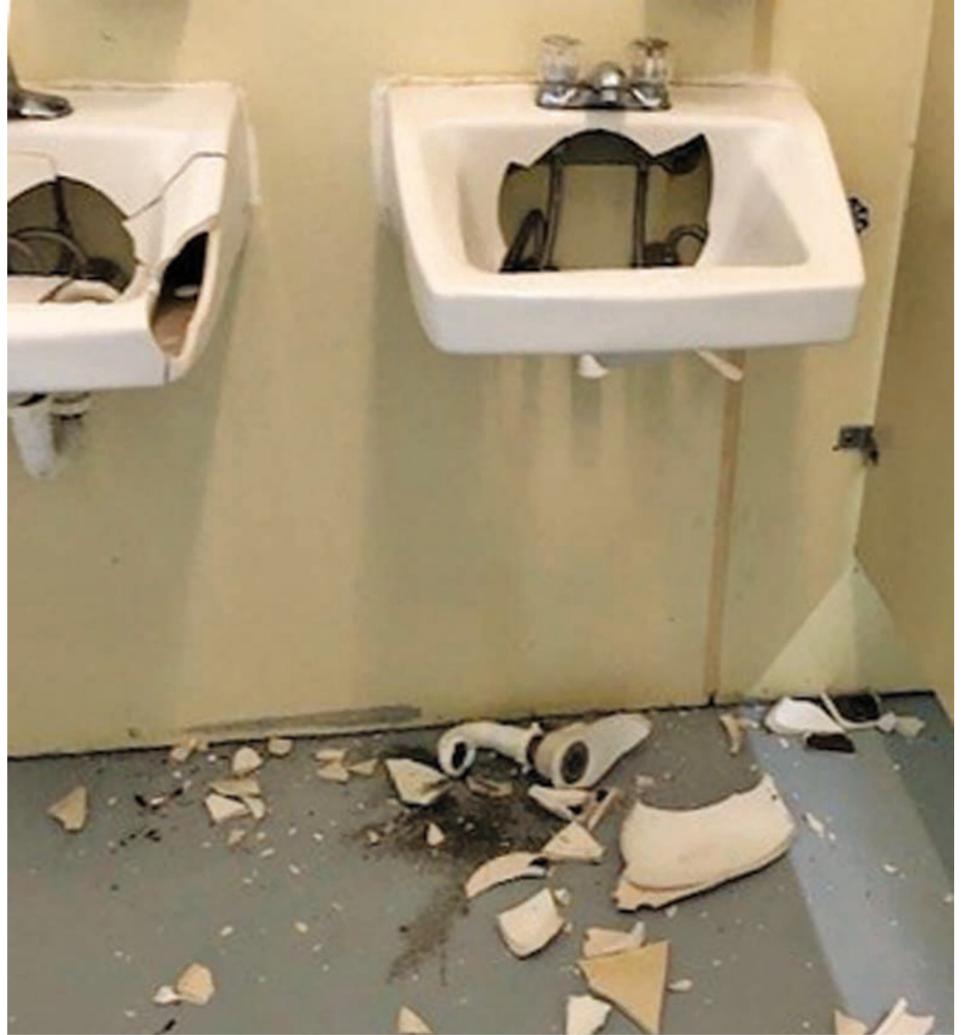
"People walk there every day," he said.

The trail was renovated and cleared last summer and, several years ago, the ball field was expanded for tournaments after the Lions Club donated a legacy grant to the town for the purpose. Work was also done recently on the playscape at the park, including leveling it and adding more chips to the ground beneath it.

Resident State Trooper Darrell Tetreault, in a phone call Wednesday, said police were looking into both incidents, including reviewing footage from two security cameras at the park – one facing the ball field and one that gets a view of one of the ramps in the skate park.

Tetreault described the damage to the skate park as "just complete destruction."

He said he believes the destruction may have been caused by a juvenile, possibly associated with RHAM middle or high school. He said police have a couple leads on possible suspects.



Police are looking for vandals who took a hammer or hard object to the sinks in the women's restroom at Veterans Memorial Park last weekend.

Tetreault said troopers are trying to get footage of the vandalism to the restroom.

have had to shoo kids away after hours.

"They tend to congregate there after dark," he said.

He said the park is closed after dark and some troopers have called him to let him know they

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

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

Milestone Moments: Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Activity bags will be available for many sessions.

Tag Sale May 15

Westchester Congregational Church will hold a Tag Sale Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m.-noon, at the parsonage, located at 98 Cemetery Rd. Wear your mask and plan to be physically distant from others.

Donations of good-quality usable items can be dropped off on the parsonage porch before May 14. No clothing, large appliances or large furniture can be accepted.

Baby Storytime Sign-Ups: Tuesdays, June 1-29, 10:30 a.m., at Cohen Woodlands. Best for ages birth-2 years. Registration required and space is limited; registration opens May 3. Weather cancellations will be listed on Facebook. Physical distancing will be required and masks will need to be worn upon arrival, departure, and any time being socially distant isn't possible.

Foodie Fun: Pool Krispie Treats: Saturday, May 15, 10:30 a.m., for kids and teens. Pick up the Take & Make Bag and watch the video on the social media channels.

Farm Puppet Take & Make Craft Bag: Monday, May 17, all ages.

Popsicle Take & Make Craft Bag: Monday, May 24. Decorate a paper Popsicle.

Fire Calls

From May 2-8, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 35 calls: 31 emergency medical calls and four fire/fire-related calls. Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, three; structure fire, one (Hebron).

Medical: sick person, five; difficulty breathing, three; fall injury, four; cardiac distress, four; abdominal pain, two; mental disorder, four; medical alarm, one; lift assist, two; unconscious, four.

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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.

William J. Johnston Middle School has announced its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

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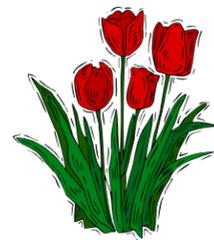
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This multimedia program will include a PowerPoint presentation outlining messages given by God, Jesus, Mary and various saints, as well as other secrets. Each person who attends will receive a reference document containing notes from the evening. The evening will also include music and the opportunity for individual prayer with team members.

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Finance Board Member Blasts Police Commissioner

by Karla Santos

Colchester Police Commission Chairman Jim Stavola said he was recently attacked via Facebook by Board of Finance member Andreas Bisbikos – but Bisbikos is denying those claims.

Nevertheless, Bisbikos said he has a lack of faith in Stavola – and in First Selectman Mary Bylone.

Stavola said that in the Facebook attack, which he said he was provided by a citizen who read it on the social media outlet, Bisbikos mentions a lack of trust in Stavola, due to previous questionable behavior.

Stavola provided the *Rivereast* with the Facebook comment that was allegedly written by Bisbikos.

“Local officials perpetuate fear to sell a narrative,” the comment states. “The board blanket trusted you, not the evidence. Why would I trust you since you were removed as commissioner for charter violations? The police department is deplorable. He always supported additional police. This is not true; he wanted a new police department not additional police since the crime rate is down.”

Bisbikos said he also feels attacked and claims those are not his words. He provided the *Rivereast* with a comment he said he did write on Facebook, which he said was in response to something someone else wrote.

“You blanket trusted the police commissioner,” Bisbikos’ comment states. “Did you know he was removed from the police commission before for a charter violation? If you did your homework, you would have picked up on the numbers and their discrepancies.”

Stavola was recently involved in a presentation in which the needs of the Police Department were being highlighted. The presentation included statistics showing the amount of work the department handles and issues such as a lack of police officers were discussed.

Bisbikos said his Facebook comments refer to his lack of trust in Stavola due to his 2009 removal from the Police Commission after he disseminated information without permission from the first selectman.

Stavola, on the contrary, told the *Rivereast* his only intention during the recent police presentation was to inform the citizens of the town of why more police officers are needed.

“Neither the first selectman nor I have received complaints about my presentation other than it was professional and factual,” Stavola said.

Although Stavola’s name is not mentioned in Bisbikos’ Facebook comment, Stavola said he knew who Bisbikos was referring to.

“This is all about a personal attack on my character and integrity,” Stavola said. “To suggest that I am not fulfilling my obligations as chairman of the Colchester’s Police Commission over an incident that occurred more than 13 years ago is absurd. Please note, when I was re-appointed to the Police Commission in January 2020, I was unanimously voted in by the Board of Selectmen and the existing Police Commission.”

Bisbikos said that, because of the 2009 incident, he doesn’t “trust anything [Stavola] says at face value,” Bisbikos said.

“Because he had credibility issues in the past he might say something, but it’s important that I do my due diligence to determine if what he’s saying is accurate,” Bisbikos said.

Stavola is currently working with the Police Commission and other town boards to help address needs in the police department including staffing and vehicles.

Bisbikos said he also lacks trust in First Selectman Mary Bylone, who also officially serves as the town’s chief of police.

Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* about data points from the Board of Finance budget workshops, where he said discrepancies and data were being discussed.

He said information provided in a previous year budget book does not entirely match that in the current year’s budget book.

An example of that can be seen in a screenshot of the 2018-19 budget book that Bisbikos provided to the *Rivereast*. It states that in 2017 there were 1,427 motor vehicle warnings. But a screenshot Bisbikos said is from the 2020-21 budget book states that in 2017 there were 30 motor vehicle warnings.

“It would be nice to understand why the numbers do not match,” Bisbikos said. “It’s unacceptable that you go from one year to another and the numbers don’t match.”

Bylone said she recently learned of the discrepancy in the two budget books – and said the person who had put the 2017 statistics in the 2018-19 budget book was no longer an employee of the town.

Bylone acknowledged the numbers that were published were incorrect, but stressed that she doesn’t think that it was done on purpose.

“Nobody really knows what happened,” she

said, and added it could’ve been a cut-and-paste error.

Bylone said that to address that issue, moving forward, town employees will cite the source where the information came from when publishing budget books.

Bisbikos mentioned other trust issues he has with transparency. He said that this year Bylone failed to communicate to the Board of Finance about increases in the budget for town hall employees.

Bylone explained the Board of Finance is responsible for approving the budget and is not involved in the day-to-day operations of running the town. She said there are contracts that govern increases for employees and noted those contracts are approved by the Board of Selectmen.

According to Bylone, the town works with various unions, and some of those union contracts have non-negotiable rates. There are other union contracts that have a salary range. She said for that kind of contract, the town can’t pay below or above the salary range.

“That’s a contractual obligation,” Bylone said.

Bylone again noted it’s something that has to do with the town’s day-to-day operations, which the Board of Finance is not involved with – and which is why, she said, she didn’t feel there was a need to communicate the increases to the finance board.

However, she said if the board is interested, she can start to send it a list of new hires with their starting salaries. She stressed she has nothing to hide.

Bisbikos reiterated he did not send the Face-

book comment that Stavola is attributing to him – nor does he agree with it.

“The way I’m interpreting it is that I feel that the officers and those doing their job are deplorable, and that is not what I stated,” he said.

“That false statement being attributed to me, that’s not accurate,” Bisbikos added. “People are trying to attack me for being an honest person, for my political affiliation and my resolve to ask the tough questions.”

Bisbikos said the “false statement” is a “character assassination, and that’s unacceptable.”

Bisbikos again alleged, though, that based on his 2009 removal from the Police Commission, “Mr. Stavola presents a significant credibility gap.” He said the commissioner falsely attributing a comment to him is a “demonstration of the credibility gap concern I have about him.”

Climate Today and in Earth’s Past

Cragin Memorial Library will present “Ch-Ch-Changes: Climate Today and in Earth’s Past” Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

Tom Reershemius from the Yale Peabody Speakers Bureau will delve into the record of climate through Earth’s history to find evidence for past changes, and ask what – if anything – is different this time.

This session will not be recorded. To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/45u69tc. For more information, call 860-537-5752.

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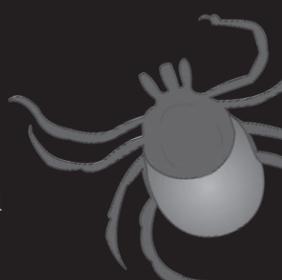
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Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. For full descriptions, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center. Also, the center has reopened. Refer to the senior center newsletter to see if programs are being held in-person, virtually or via conference call. The center will be closed daily from noon-1 p.m. for the disinfection of the building.

Monday, May 17: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program on Zoom, Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; no Learn to Sign with Ruth today; 2 p.m., Communities of Strength on Zoom; 2 p.m., Live Well.

Tuesday, May 18: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi on Zoom; 10:30 a.m., Book Club; 11 a.m., Adult Coloring; 1:30 p.m., Conference Call Bingo.

Wednesday, May 19: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program on Zoom; 10 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at Air Line Trail, Sit & Be Fit Video; 10:30 a.m., Charitable Crafts; 11:45 a.m., Welcome Back Lunch-To-Go; 2 p.m., Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body on Zoom.

Thursday, May 20: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; noon, Chair Massage; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet; 1:30 p.m., Step by Step Painting.

Friday, May 21: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit Video, Reel Friends Movie Club – *Book Club*; 10:30 a.m., Highlighting Colchester History on Zoom; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; 1 p.m., Celebrating Older Americans Month on Zoom;

1:30 p.m., Bingo.

International Cooking Demo on Zoom: Wednesday, May 26, 1:30 p.m. Follow along at home or simply watch a demonstration on how to prepare dolmades, or stuffed grape leaves. Call the senior center to receive a recipe and shopping list. Samples will be available at the center after the program. Registration required.

Memorial Day Picnic Lunch To-Go: Friday, May 28, 11:45 a.m. Harry's Place will cater a lunch featuring choice of hamburger, cheeseburger or hot dog, with fries and onion rings on the side, and some patriotic party favors. Meals are \$5 each. Registration with payment due May 21.

Blood Pressure Clinic: First Tuesday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Call 860-537-3911 to schedule an appointment.

Knit & Crochet: Thursdays at 1 p.m. All are welcome; use the center materials if you don't have your own. Registration required.

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

Reel Friends Movie Club: Fridays at 10 a.m., catch a movie with friends. Every month will have a different theme; theme for May is "Aging". See page 5 of the monthly newsletter for the full list of movies. Registration required.

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

Top Dog Contest and Registration

The town will hold its 29th annual "Top Dog" Contest, with the top prize the number one dog tag from the town clerk's office, and a basket donated by John Gagnon's Pet Resort.

To enter the contest, you must register your dog for the 2021-22 license year. Return the application with payment by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26. The drawing will be held May 28, and the winner will be notified. The application can be found at colchesterct.gov.

A copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate and, if it is not listed on the rabies certificate, a current spay/neuter certificate must be included. Checks/money orders should be made payable to Town of Colchester. License and tags will be mailed after the normal registration

period begins June 1.

Mail applications to Town Clerk, 127 Norwich Ave., #101, Colchester, CT 06415. Applications may also be returned to Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., via the drop box outside the building; returned in person at the town clerk's office at Town Hall, or emailed to dogowners@colchesterct.gov. Email can only be done with a credit/debit card and there is an additional \$2 convenience fee to use the card.

License year runs July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Cost for spayed/neutered dogs is \$8, and for non-spayed/non-neutered, cost is \$19.

For those who don't wish to enter the Top Dog contest, the normal registration period begins in June.

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.

Pews are labeled for distancing, masks are required and hand sanitizer is available. 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 items. 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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for 2021-22 is open to children who turn 5 by Jan. 1, 2022.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/d7t8hvxx. Once forms are completed, parents/guardians will need to schedule an appointment with the Board of Education office by calling 860-537-7267.

Soccer Club Fall Registration

Online registration for the Colchester Soccer Club 2021 fall season (mid-August through October) is now open. Register by May 31 to avoid a \$50 late fee. Visit colchestersoccer.org and login, or create a new account, to find registration options. Email Tim Daniels with any questions at president@colchestersoccer.org.

The Recreation League is open to players from PreK-12th grade looking to play soccer in a fun, supportive environment based on equal participation. Practices and games are held in town, with grades 2 and up participating in game play against other Colchester teams within their age division. CSC is still seeking a parent volunteer for the 3rd/4th Divisional Coordi-

nator in the Rec. program. If interested in this position, contact Bill Beeler at vp.recreation@colchestersoccer.org.

The Travel League is open to players from ages U9-U14/U15 who are seeking a more competitive experience based on maximizing player development. This league involves local travel for games, multiple away tournaments, additional costs, and increased time commitment. If interested in the Travel program, register players by May 15 so registrations can be reviewed. Travel player evaluations will be on an as-needed basis this year due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

Gardening for Frogs & Toads

All are invited to join Cragin Memorial Library Thursday, May 27, at 6 p.m., via Zoom, as Margery Winters from Roaring Brook Nature Center explains how to make your garden more amphibian-friendly.

This program is sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club, Colchester Land Trust, and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/k4fncdw. The library does not record virtual programs.

For more information, call 860-537-5752.

Ahavath Achim News

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

Friday night Zoom service, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday morning Zoom service, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Talmud class, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom; Tuesday, Kabbalah class, 8 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.

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.

While the building remains closed to the public, there is in-person Sunday worship at 9 a.m. each week. Attendance is 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 is also broadcast each Sunday via Facebook Live.

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

Polish Dinner, Polka Music

St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St., will have a special homemade Polish dinner Sunday, June 13, and people can either get the food to go or stay, dine on the club pavilion, and listen to live polka music by The Maestro's Men.

Dinner includes pierogis, golumpkies, kielbasa, and rye bread with butter. Dinner will be available from 1-2:30 p.m. only, but music will be performed from 1-5 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 and must be purchased in advance, at the club, on Monday-Friday after 4 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday after noon. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

Celebration of Dot Mrowka

All are invited to Hop Culture Farms and Brew Co., 144 Cato Corner Rd., Sunday, June 13, from 3-5 p.m. to honor the late Dot Mrowka and her lifetime of work to the Colchester community, as well as her state and national contributions.

Tickets are \$25 and include a donation to the Dot Mrowka Scholarship fund and one free beverage. Food is available for purchase, or you may bring your own snacks.

Tickets may be purchased online (www.colchesterdemocrats.org), at the event, or by calling Rosemary Coyle at 860-267-8515. Donations to the Dot Mrowka Scholarship may also be made by calling Coyle.

Norton Park Gifts

All are invited to become part of North Westchester history and the new Norton Park at 348 Westchester Rd. in Colchester on the site of the former C.H. Norton Paper Mill along the Jeremy River.

People can purchase an engraved brick (two sizes) for the commemorative walk or an engraved granite capstone to be placed on the low walls of the former mill for additional seating. The installation of these items will be in Phase 2 of the project, likely in 2022.

The purchase of these park commemorative items is tax-deductible. In addition to the donation acknowledgement letter, a certificate for the gift purchase may be requested with the order.

To download the Norton Park Gift fundraising flyer and form, go to www.colchesterct.gov/norton-park-committee. The flyer link is in left green margin. Information about the park, its design and a public forum presentation may be found on the same site.

'Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body'

Kristopher Sortwell, MSW, CBIS, eastern region director of education and outreach for Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, will present "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" via Zoom Wednesday, May 19, at 2 p.m. This is sponsored by the Colchester Commission on Aging.

Sortwell will discuss research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Call the Colchester Senior Center for the Zoom link at 860-537-3911.

Giving Garden to Start Season

The Colchester Giving Garden will soon start its ninth season of growing and donating fresh vegetables. All produce grown is donated to the town food bank and area soup kitchens.

This is a volunteer-run entity, and no experience in gardening is necessary to volunteer. Also, organizers are accepting monetary donations to help improve and expand the garden. Donations can be recognized with a written note if desired.

For more information on volunteering or donating, email colchestergivinggarden@gmail.com.



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Handwriting Winners... Jack Jackter Intermediate School students recently participated in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest, and three student submissions were selected as state grade-level winners. They are third-grader Genevieve Kukich and fifth-graders Emma Verruso and Adrina Ruzsala. Students received a certificate, journal and engraved medallion badge as rewards for their efforts.

Shredding Old Tax and Personal Records
 Boy Scout Troop 72 will host a shredding event Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, in the parking lot of Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., to allow people to safely shred confidential medical and financial records.
 Cost is \$5 for a bag the size of a plastic grocery bag and \$10 for boxes the size of a case of copy paper. A bulk price can be negotiated for larger quantities of records. Proceeds support Troop 72.
 Contact Al Letendre at letendrej@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Resident Honored
 Eastern Connecticut State University's psychological science department held its Psi Chi Induction Ceremony and Honors Recognition on April 30. Combining the years of 2020 and 2021, the ceremony inducted 53 students into the Psi Chi International Honor Society for Psychology and recognized 18 students for distinction.
 Among the students recognized was senior Maddy Bodley of Colchester. Bodley, who majors in psychology, received high distinction in 2020.

Police News
 4/25: Melissa Elizabeth Orlando, 36, of 316 Linwood Cemetery Rd., was arrested and charged with second-degree breach of peace and third-degree assault after an alleged "minor domestic disturbance" with a family member, Colchester Police said.

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.

Parks and Rec. Summer Day Camp
 Parks and Recreation will hold its Summer Day Camp June 28-Aug. 20 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. People may also call 860-537-7297 for more information.

Cragin Book Club
 The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, May 24, at 6 p.m., at the library, 8 Linwood Ave. Jane Harper's *The Dry* will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk.
 If the weather is good, the club will meet at the Colchester Giving Garden, which is located behind Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave. Bring a chair. If the weather is bad, the club will meet via Zoom. To register for the Zoom link, go to tinyurl.com/4yvkmxb9.
 This free program is open to the public. For more information, call 860-537-5752.

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Colchester Cares Makes Donations... Colchester Cares members collectively donated \$2,300 to three different causes in Colchester for their second quarter round of 2021 giving. The group donated \$1,150 to the Colchester Parks and Recreation summer camp scholarship fund, and \$575 to Colchester Senior Center. Also, the group will donate \$575 to a Bacon Academy senior who will attend a four-year college or university in the fall. Colchester Cares is a group that pools donations and gives to local causes every quarter. Learn more or get involved by visiting www.colchestercares.org. In the photo at left, Colchester Cares founder Kim Talarczyk is shown at right, presenting a check to Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn, and in the photo at right, Talarczyk, presents a check to Patty Watts, director of Colchester Senior Services.

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Grab-and-Go Meals Offered

Through the end of the school year, Colchester Public Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students and children 18 and younger; meals include entrée, fruit, veggie, and milk. Pick-up is at Bacon Academy, in front of the auditorium doors, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m. For more information, contact nutrition coordinator Leanne Ranheim at 860-537-9421 ext. 381 or lrnheim@colchestercert.org.

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 is in place; pews are sectioned off, and available seating is marked. Attendance is limited to 100 people per Mass. The only entrance to the church is on the parking lot side. Hand sanitizer, and face masks covering both nose and mouth, are required of all.

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.

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing guidelines are followed. Call the church 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, call the church.

Power of Prayer: If in need of prayer, 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.

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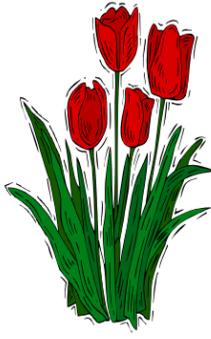
Teacher, Student Honored... Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5095 recently presented its East Hampton High School Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year awards. From left are VFW Department of Connecticut State Surgeon Lou Carillo, Voice of Democracy winner Benjamin Fields, Teacher of the Year Geoff Lucas, Commander Roger Anderson and VFW Eastern Conference Chairman Bob Bailey.

Class of '67 Reunion

East Hampton High School's class of 1967 will celebrate its 54th class reunion Saturday, June 12, at 5 p.m., in the Piano Room at The Dublin, 42 E. High St. Cost will be "pay as you

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Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is closed, but 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., via Zoom. Register online. Next date is May 17.

Celebrate Older Americans Month/Communities of Strength: Friday, May 21, 1-2:30 p.m. Cindy Eastman, author of *Flip Flops After Fifty: And Other Thoughts on Aging I Remembered to Write Down*, will be featured in this virtual event, sponsored by Connecticut Healthy Living Collective and AARP. Call the senior center for more info, or register at tinyurl.com/vzrkvsw.

Movie Group via Zoom: Tuesday, May 25, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Zookeeper's Wife* will be discussed. Register online or call the center.

Lunch on the Patio with Staff: Twice monthly, the center will draw two names to join two staff members for a free lunch outside. Call to submit your name or register online.

Creative Crafts/Acrylic Pour Pots Part 2: Wednesday, June 16, 1 p.m., outside at the senior center. Plant cuttings from the senior center plants into pour pots made the previous month. Space is limited; register online.

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

Volunteer Shopping: If interested in having a volunteer shop for you, call 860-267-4426 or email [jewling@easthampton.gov](mailto:jewing@easthampton.gov) for more information.



There will be an Open House at Autumn Ridge, the CT Draft Horse Rescue (113 Chestnut Hill Rd.), Sunday, May 23, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. From left are Bob the draft mule, Julia Lanfear, Beau the Belgian, Maureen Morin, George Simon, Maren O'Sullivan and Amanda and Cassidy Irwin. Photo by Ashely Kubi.

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. For more information, Zoom links, and full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary.

Library Hours: 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. The library is waiving all fees and fines.

Virtual Afterschool Programs: Programs are at 4 p.m. over Zoom. Registration required. Schedule: Monday Funday, for grades 6-8, May 24; Fribrary, for grades 4-5, May 28.

Science Explorers: Project Bags for Grades 2-5: Tuesday, May 18, 10 a.m. Explore science with a take-home project bag. This session will explore different animal-related topics, including camouflage and animal tracking. Registration is required; you will be notified when kits are ready for pickup.

Teen Art Studio - Collage Portraits: Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, for grades 6 and up. Create a self-portrait with magazine clippings. This program includes a project bag with the necessary supplies, including magazines. Bags will be available to pick up the week before the event. Check your email for notification and the Zoom program link.

Adult Programs: Book Club: Via Zoom Tuesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m., or Thursday, May 20, at 2 p.m. *Gods of Jade and Shadow* will be discussed. Copies available for check-out at the circulation desk. Register online.

Pots with Pizzazz: Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn how to brighten shady spots and create focal points for vistas. Register online.

Draft Horse Rescue Open House

All are invited to celebrate the fourth anniversary at Autumn Ridge, the farm for the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue (113 Chestnut Hill Rd.) Sunday, May 23, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free.

There will be vendors, raffles, and food by Drafty Donuts. Parking will be in the hayfield or along the street, if needed. This event is rain

or shine. CDHR is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as those heading to slaughter. For more information, visit www.ctdraftrescue.org or [www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue](https://facebook.com/ctdraftrescue), or email ctdraftrescue@aol.com.

Police News

5/6: Brenda Pulaski, 65, of 43 Quiet Woods Rd., was arrested and charged with failure to drive right and operating under the influence, East Hampton Police said.

Also, from May 3-9, officers responded to six motor vehicle crashes and five alarms, and made 28 traffic stops, police said.

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 and safety protocols. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger.

Puppet Ministry: Each Sunday, the church's Puppet Ministry features Digger the Dog and friends from Farmer M's Red Barn to help Cowger explain the message topic.

Bible Study: Hosted by Cowger every other Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m., via Zoom. All are welcome.

Barbecue Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru Takeout Event: Saturday, June 12. Watch for more info.

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

Life is a Cabaret, Old Chum

The East Hampton High School music department will present its annual Cabaret Night Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m.

This evening of music will be held outside. Tickets will cost \$10 and will be sold before and during the event. Musical acts will consist of solos and small ensembles performing a wide range of music.

Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds Sunday services via Zoom each week at 10 a.m. Sunday school is on pause until the fall. Bible study, followed by Compline, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m., also via Zoom.

The Rev. Ann Perrott is Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard oversees Children's Ministry, and Martha Alimi is the music director. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call the church at 860-267-0287 or visit www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Adult and High School Pickup Soccer: Tuesdays through June 1, 6:30-7:45 p.m., at East Hampton High School. Fee: \$10 to drop in.

Morning and Afternoon Adventure: This before and after school program at Memorial School has availability.

Cardio Kickboxing: Mondays through June 2, 4:45-5:30 p.m., at the Sears Park gazebo. There is a \$15 drop-in fee each week.

Running Camp for Middle Schoolers: Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 11, 6-7:30 p.m., at the EHHS track, for grades 6-9. Fee: \$80.

Nerf Blaster and Fairy Garden Camps: June 21-25 at Memorial School, for grades K-3.

Nerf Blaster meets 9-11 a.m. and is \$100; Fairy Garden meets 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and is \$110.

STEAM Camp: June 21-25, 9-11 a.m., at Memorial School, for grades 2-3. Fee: \$110.

Track and Field Clinic/Camp: June 21-25 at the EHHS track. Fee for 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. is \$250, and fee for 8:30-11:30 a.m. is \$150.

Sears Park Summer Camp: June 21-Aug. 3, at Sears Park. Fee: \$165.

Just Being Me: July 12-16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Memorial School, for ages 8-14. Fee: \$180.

Animal Exploration: July 19-23, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Memorial School, for ages 4-9. Fee: \$110.

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

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EDC Embraces Local History with ‘Bells on the Bridge’

by Jack Lakowsky

Jase Doane, a member of the town’s Economic Development Commission (EDC), on Tuesday said during a trip to Paris, he visited the city’s famous love-lock bridges, where sweethearts fasten padlocks to bridge fencing.

“Those struck me,” Doane told the *Rivereast*. “It made me think about East Hampton, our history of bell [manufacturing]. I thought, maybe there’s something we can do with bells here, attach them to a bridge like in Paris.”

Doane was also inspired by the Bridge of Hope in Buffalo, N.Y., where people hang bells to commemorate cancer survivorship.

Doane described the concept to the East Hampton Town Council in its Tuesday meeting. The council unanimously embraced the idea, giving EDC clearance to move forward with initiative.

Doane said EDC’s goal is to use this project to bring tourist dollars to local businesses, and to make a charming, lasting town attraction.

Currently, EDC is eyeing the Main Street bridge near the East Hampton Public Library. Observant commuters may have noticed three bells already strung to the bridge by steel zip-

tie. Doane strung these up a month or so ago as a test to see if hanging bells there would be viable in the first place.

Doane checked his starter bells before the meeting, and said they show no signs of weathering, damage or movement.

This could be the first step in Doane’s achieving a broader goal: to put the Main Street bridge on the map, to make it a destination sought by people statewide.

When – and if – the initiative begins, locals would buy cowbells at Belltown retailers. A marker to write a “Good Luck” or otherwise well-wishing message will be included with the package.

Doane has already collaborated with the owner of Bevin Bros. Manufacturing, a bell maker on Watrous Street. He told the council he’s also spoken with the owner of the gift shop Willow, on Main Street, who loved the idea.

Doane also mentioned the idea to Willow customers, many of whom, he said, told him they would have bought some on-the-spot.

Doane said EDC is confident in the public’s interest. The commission still has a few more

details to work out, including a marketing plan and a launch time. Doane said the bells’ full lifespan also needs to be determined.

Doane said he hopes to see the plan launched within the next month.

Doane said EDC originally wanted to use the Air Line Trail bridge, but that bridge is state owned, so that wasn’t possible.

EDC hopes customers and retailers will do this independently. He said as the initiative furthers, EDC wouldn’t want to over-police it. Its primary role would be promotion and generating public interest.

Doane said there isn’t much EDC could do if someone wants to hang their own bell.

The plan right now is to have bells in six different sizes, in either red, white, or blue.

Town Council Vice Chairman Dean Markham advised a bit of town or EDC oversight, saying

that, due to the multicolored options, customers should be given a design scheme or other kind of guidance, so the patterning isn’t haphazard and chaotic.

Town public works director Matt Walsh said customers should be informed bells can be removed, because of damage, weathering, or inscription of something distasteful.

Council member Mark Philhower was enthusiastic about the idea, saying it’s a win-win for residents and local shops.

To the statement that EDC can’t police if someone hangs a different kind of bell, Philhower said if a bell of valuable material is used, it likely won’t dangle for very long.

Council Chairman Pete Brown recommended using sturdy plastic ties to avoid rust discoloration of the bridge.

Congregational Church News

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., holds in-person services at 10 a.m. each week. All are welcome. Masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing are required. Services are still available via Zoom; visit cc-eh.org to access.

Sunday school classes have also resumed in person.

The Teen Youth Group will next meet Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, to help with cleaning up the church grounds. Grades 6-12 are welcome.

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

Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

The Belltown Garden Club will hold its annual Perennial Plant Sale in conjunction with the East Hampton Congregational Church’s Open Air Market Saturday May 29. The plant sale will run from 9 a.m.-noon.

There will be a variety of perennial plants as usual, but the club said it had no specific details at this time. For more up-to-date information, look for East Hampton Belltown Garden Club on Facebook, as the club will add plant names as the sale nears.

Social distancing will be practiced and masks required. For more information, text Hollye Thomas at 860-986-1240. Also, any nonprofit or community group that would like to be contacted at the end of the sale for leftover plants should also text Thomas.

EHHS Botany Plant Sale

The East Hampton High School Botany Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the patio area at the front of the high school, beside the greenhouse. The high school is located at 15 N. Maple St.

A variety of annuals, perennials, and vegetable plants will be available for sale, all grown by the students. Varieties include:

calendula, coleus, celosia, geraniums, marigolds, Mexican sunflower, Shasta daisies, lavender, lupine, poppies, zinnias, large leaf Italian basil, beefsteak and Roma tomatoes, hot stuffing peppers, sage, parsley, broccoli, red cabbage, green cabbage, cucumbers and dill.

Social distancing and masks required. Bring your own tray to carry plants.

Free Paper Shredding Event

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a paper-shredding event Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the East Hampton WPCA, 20 Gildersleeve Drive, East Hampton. The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes Portland and East Hampton.

Residents may bring up to five bags or boxes of confidential paperwork for shredding; no commercial paper and no books, cards, magazines, etc. Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste for more information.

Haddam Neck Memorial Day

After not having a service last year – the first time without a service since World War II – the Haddam Neck Cemetery Association will again hold a Memorial Day Service Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m., at Rock Landing Cemetery.

New flags will be put on all veterans graves along with local residents donating flowers. A veteran of the Vietnam era will be the speaker.

Children are encouraged to decorate their wagons or bikes for prizes. Ice cream and cookies will be served after the service.

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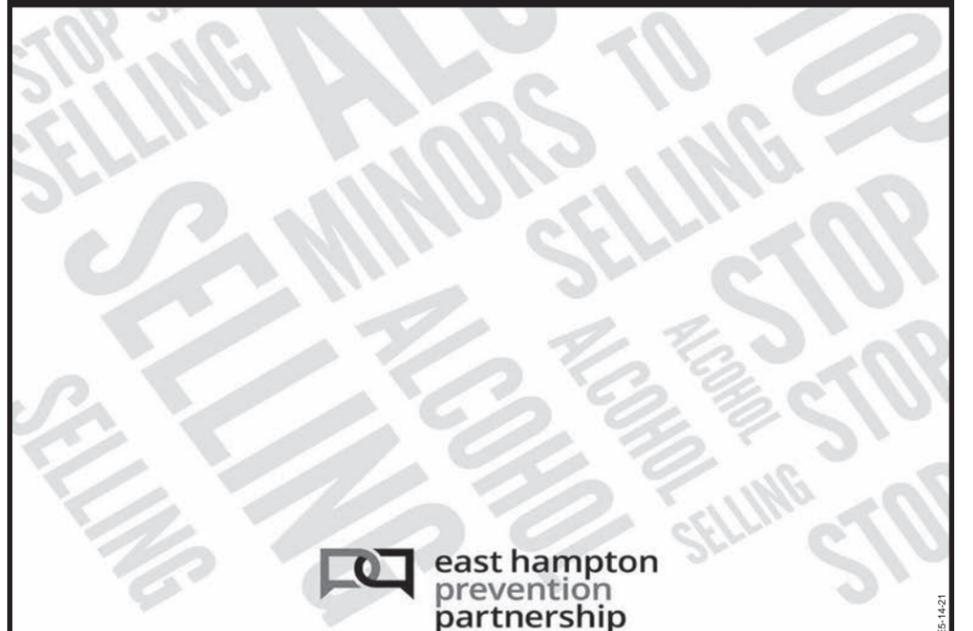
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Draft Horse Rescue Rummage Sale

CT Draft Horse Rescue will hold a Rummage Sale Saturday, May 15, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the rescue, located at 113 Chestnut Hill Rd.

Swap Consignments in Portland has donated clean women's clothing in sizes XS to XL, accessories, and children's clothing to be sold to benefit the rescue. Prices are \$2 per clothing item and \$2 and \$4 for other items. CDHR volunteers have also donated items for a tag sale.

Shopping bags will be supplied or you may bring your own. In compliance with COVID-19 restrictions, social distancing will be observed, attendance will be limited and patrons and staff must wear face coverings.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue.

Save the Date for Tag Sale

Applications for the Town-Wide Tag Sale, sponsored by the Chatham Historical Society, are now available.

Applications are available at East Hampton Public Library and at the town clerk's office at Town Hall. Tag sales are held at the applicant's own yard on Saturday, June 19, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be some spaces available on the museum grounds at 8 Bevin Blvd.

For more information, call 860-267-4732.

Water System to be Flushed

The Royal Oaks Water System will be flushed from Tuesday, May 18, through Thursday, May 20.

The town said its water department periodically flushes its water lines to ensure that the valves are in good working order and to maintain water quality. Flushing will be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There may be a temporary drop in pressure and possible discoloration of the water during flushing operations. Discoloration is not harmful and should clear up quickly, the town said. Customers are advised to avoid using washing machines, dishwashers or other water using devices during flushing operations.

After flushing is complete, running the cold-water faucet for five minutes will help to clear discolored water, the town said. If discolored water or low pressure persists into the next day, call the water department at 860-267-2536.

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Red Cross Blood Drives

There will be American Red Cross Blood Drives Tuesday, May 18, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the VFW, 20 N. Maple St., and Tuesday, June 8, from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, 47 W. High St.

Those who donate May 18 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps five. Those who donate June 8 will receive a limited-edition T-shirt, while supplies last.

Appointments can be made by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Hootenanny for Horses

There will be a Hootenanny for Horses at Autumn Ridge, the CT Draft Horse Rescue (113 Chestnut Hill Rd.), Saturday, June 5, from 6-9 p.m.

There will be farm tours from 6-7 p.m. and live music from 7-9 p.m. Performers are Mary Ellen Cowles, Ken Stroebel, Joe Gilbert, and Karen Stein and Lance Grandahl. The musicians are acoustic singers/songwriters and play their own material as well as covers from Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, The Low Anthem and more.

Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are allowed. Tickets are limited, and are \$25 per person (free for kids 10 and under) and must be purchased online at www.ctdraftrescue.org/hootenannyforhorses. More information and COVID-19 protocols are also on the website.

Digger's Family Fun Day

Haddam Neck Covenant Church invites all to Digger's Family Fun Day Saturday, May 22, at 1 p.m. There will be a puppet show with Digger, his barnyard friends and Farmer M, a petting zoo and various crafts including children making their own puppet.

RSVP by May 14 by calling the church office at 860-267-2336 or emailing officehnc@sbcglobal.net.

Epoch Arts Summer Session

Epoch Arts is bringing back its in-person summer session in July; this year there will be two weeks of offerings, based on ages: July 19-23 for grades pre-K-5, and July 26-30 for grades 6-10.

Both sessions will feature breaks in outdoor classrooms. Class sizes will be small, social distancing regulations will be followed and masks are required. Classes are held at 27 Skinner St.

Space is limited. For full details and to register, visit www.epocharts.org/classes-registration.

E-Mail Letters

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

Haddam Neck Fair to Return

After missing last year due to the pandemic, the Haddam Neck Fair is returning – and will be held over Labor Day Weekend, opening Friday, Sept. 3.

Rated as a Major Fair, this is a country and agricultural fair that has many events similar to those of a hundred years ago. There will be traditional events such as cattle and beef shows, goat and sheep contests and poultry and rabbit classes. Pulling contests for ponies, horses and oxen will be held, as well as pulling contests for tractors and trucks, and even a pedal pull for the kids.

Other events include photo and baking contests, a quilt contest, spinning and weaving, arts and hobbies, a dog agility competition, a

baby show and a general store for purchasing items produced entirely in Haddam Neck by Haddam Neckers.

Contests offered all three days will include skillet throwing, redneck strongman and beard contests, and a variety of events for children. Live music will play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Bandstand, and a 5K road race will run Sunday morning. In addition, there are rides, concessions, traditional fair food and walk around entertainment.

The fair will abide by any COVID-19 regulations in effect at the time.

Additional information is available at haddamneckfair.com.

Honor Society Inductee

Eastern Connecticut State University recently inducted Annie Audige of East Hampton into the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society. This international honor society recognizes accounting, business administration, business information systems and finance majors.

Audige is a senior majoring in business administration.

CCEH Spring Market

The Congregational Church of East Hampton will hold its annual Spring Market Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., on the church grounds at 59 Main St. The market will include vendors, crafts, tag sale, plant sale and food, and the Belltown Garden Club will be selling annuals and perennials.

Masks will be required as well as distancing. Sanitizer will be available.

For more information or to reserve a vendor spot, call Lisa at 860-918-1170.

Golf and Yoga Outing

The East Hampton High School Sports Boosters Club will hold its annual golf and yoga outing Thursday, June 24, at Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam.

Various options for participation in the golf tournament and yoga session are available. Registration and sponsorship information is available at ehsboosters.com or by calling Chris at 860-227-9941.

Paintings by Carole

Marlborough artist Carole Jeffries will exhibit her artwork in the new gallery space at East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, through May 28. All are invited.

Information will be at the gallery if you wish to purchase or commission a painting by Jeffries.

Volunteers Sought to Serve

The town continues to look for volunteers to serve on various boards, commissions and agencies. Groups with vacancies for either full members or alternates are:

Arts & Culture Commission, Clean Energy Task Force, Conservation-Lake Commission, Design Review Board, Ethics Commission, Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency, Library Advisory Board, Middle Haddam Historic District Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Applications are available in the Town Manager's Office at 1 Community Drive or at www.easthamptonct.gov/home/pages/volunteers-needed.

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 recognizes people and teams that have "made a significant impact to the athletic landscape of East Hampton."

The induction banquet will be Friday, Nov. 5, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. For more information or to submit a nomination, email Tom Seidl at seidlt@sbcglobal.net.

RTC Wants You

The East Hampton Republican Town Committee is looking for people to run for the Board of Education and Town Council in this fall's election.

The RTC meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Robert's LakeHouse. For more information contact Chairman Russell Bonaccorso at 203-464-4292 or ehctgop@gmail.com.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds weekly services at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday, with fellowship following. Communion blessings are held; participation only requires a piece of bread. All are welcome; log-in information is at www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH.

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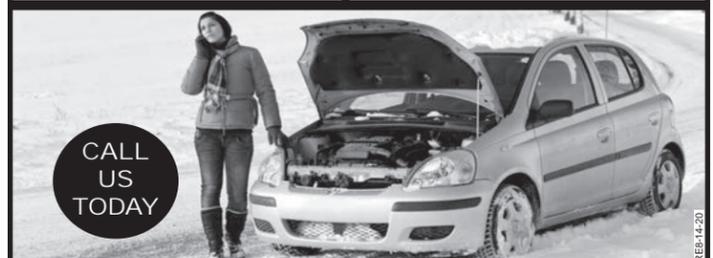
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Asklar Appointed to State Fire Council

by Karla Santos

Selectman and Fire Marshal Joe Asklar was recently appointed by Gov. Ned Lamont to be a member of the Fire Marshal Training Council, an achievement that recognizes Asklar's long career as a fireman.

According to Asklar, the council is composed of a group of individuals coming from different walks of life with the purpose of advising the State Fire Marshal and the Code and Standards Committee in regards to the training for fire marshals across the state.

"I was flattered when I was asked to do it," he said.

Asklar was appointed to the council in March, and learned via a letter from Lamont.

The letter states that Asklar will be a member of the committee "for a term coterminous with my term, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer."

Asklar said that, prior to the appointment, a state representative asked him if he would be interested in joining the council, and Asklar said he would be.

He said that because of his knowledge as well as his experience in the field for over four decades, he felt he could contribute in helping new fire marshals go into public safety with proper code knowledge and with a good understanding of what to do in specific situations.

"After 40 years of experience, you know what's good, what works and what doesn't

work," Asklar said.

He explained the next step is for the council to call a meeting to set the agenda for the next year or couple of years.

Part of what the council will decide is what their expectations will be from other fire marshals in the state.

In addition, the council must ensure firefighters are being trained in the latest technologies regarding code and alarm systems along other safeguards.

"We have to bring everybody to a certain level of education, to a certain level of training," Asklar said. "And it is the responsibility of the council to make sure that all of the fire marshals in the State of Connecticut receive the best training possible."

In addition, the council members are part of the hearing process that determines if a fire marshal should continue with his duties or be decertified.

Asklar graduated from the State of Connecticut Fire Marshal School in 1980, becoming a State certified fire marshal.

He said he has been a member of the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department since 1978.

Asklar said he feels honored to have been appointed, which is also a recognition of his extensive career.

But for Asklar, the appointment means more than just recognition; he said the most significant part is being able to pass on his knowledge to new firefighters.

He noted that people tend to forget that the job of a firefighter goes beyond putting a fire out.

"Fire prevention and education [are] absolutely huge," he said, and added that most fatal fires in the country are because of a human error or because of a deficiency within the building.

Asklar explained that part of what fire marshals do is put an emphasis on those two things as well as educating to ensure buildings are as safe as can be.

Fire marshals must maintain 90 hours of continuing education over a three-year period.

"It's going to be my job as a part of that council to make sure that the information that they learn within those 90 hours is up to speed and the best we could provide," Asklar said.

First Selectman Greg Lowrey said he is "impressed" with his colleagues in town government.

Asklar serves the town as a selectman and as fire marshal. Lowrey noted that Amy Traversa also serves in two roles within the town – selectman and assistant registrar.

"I applaud their willingness to serve in multiple capacities in town," Lowrey said of his fellow selectmen. "The state level recognition received by Joe is a testament to his demonstrated availability and experience."

Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, is closed to the public, but many services still being offered. For more information and full program descriptions, call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info. The building will reopen to the public at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 1.

Curbside Pickup: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The **book drop** is open for returns. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

The Bobcat: Connecticut's Secretive Wild Animal: Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Certified Master Wildlife Conservationist Paul Colburn will present. Learn about the natural history of bobcats in the state, including an overview of habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction, and current research efforts. Mountain lions will also be discussed.

Kids Take and Make Kit: Kids ages 3-12 can make arrangements throughout May to pick up a kit that includes a nature notebook, collection container, nature print activity, and a twig-weaving craft. Available while supplies last.

Through Their Eyes: Museum of the American Revolution Virtual Tour: Monday, May 24, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Join the Museum of the American Revolution (located in Philadelphia, Pa.) for this virtual museum tour. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Bedtime Stories: Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-8. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Restoring a Beauty: The Molly Brown House Museum: Monday, June 7, at 6:30 pm. Join staff of the museum (located in Denver, Colo.) for a virtual program about historic restoration. Molly Brown was a philanthropist, activist, and survivor of the RMS Titanic.

Marlborough Lions 'Round the Lake 5K

The Marlborough Lions will hold their annual 'Round the Lake 5K Road Race on Sunday, May 30. The race, now a registered 5K, will utilize electronic timing and computerized race results. The race starts promptly at 10 a.m., with a staggered start to space out the runners.

Appropriate social distancing will be implemented. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course which circles Lake Terramuggas.

Entry fee is \$25, or \$50 package for groups of immediate family members participating in the race. Proceeds will support the Lions and their charitable donations.

For more info or to register, or if interested in being a sponsor, contact Lion Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or TGReiser@comcast.net, or Jean Paul Bolduc at 860-295-9150. Registration forms are also at various locations in town, including Liberty Bank, and people can also register at www.plattsys.com.

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Twenty Years Photographing the Air Line Trail

by Karla Santos

Many walk the Air Line Trail because it allows them to stay active with a view, but Marlborough resident Stan Malcolm does a little more than just walk – he photographs the natural habitat that surrounds the trail, from the most colorful of sunsets to the smallest of insects.

According to Malcolm, his Air Line Trail photography venture started in 2001. He had been walking the trail for exercise purposes – but just walking was “getting boring.”

“I decided to take my camera with me,” he said. “The camera made [walking the trail] much more interesting.”

Malcolm later wondered what he was going to do with all the pictures he took, and decided to create a website.

“Things just grew from there,” he said.

Malcolm said he initially was going to keep up the picture website for only a year – but he decided to continue. He said the site is now filled with more than 26,000 pictures that he has taken over the last 20 years.

He explained he appreciates his connection with nature when he takes these photos as he is an entomologist by training and has a doctorate degree in evolutionary biology.

“I enjoy being out in nature; seeing things, identifying things and sharing all of that,” Malcolm said.

Although the website is mainly about the scenic images, Malcolm also has some information in it, including a brief description of the Air Line Trail, captions where he identifies the subject in the photo, directions to the Air Line Trail and more.

And while the photos are mostly on the website, Malcolm has also exhibited them at gallery shows, including shows hosted by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the state Department of Transportation (DOT).

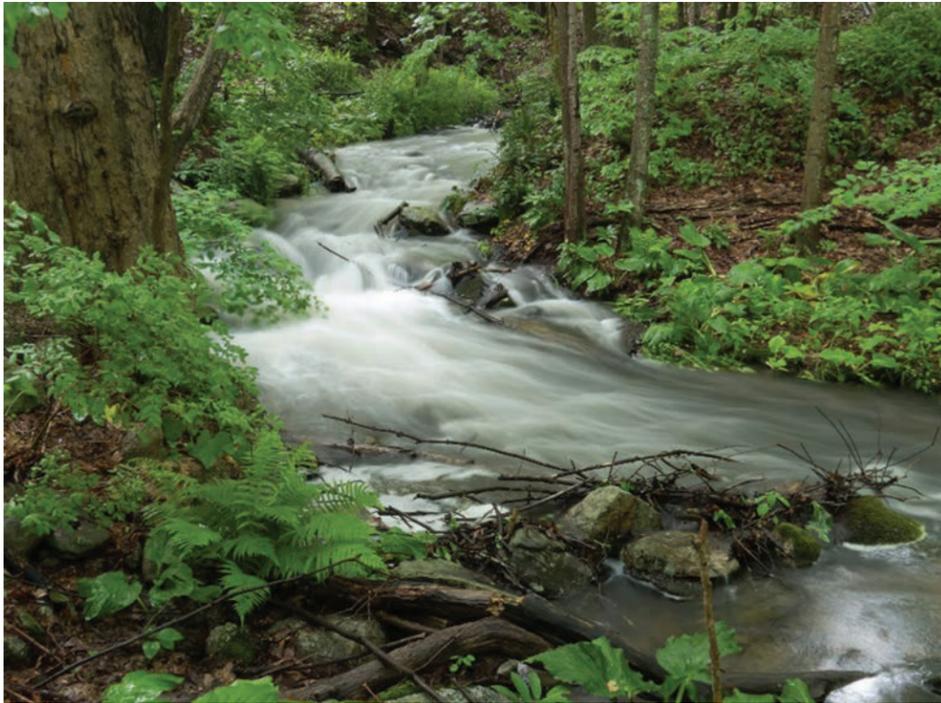
He said he has received positive feedback from the community.

Malcolm said his favorite part about the photos is taking them and being able to share them.

“You can think of it as a picture diary of what’s happening on the trail at any time of the year; it’s always changing,” he said.

Malcolm said the fact that he chose the Air Line Trail for his photography work was just a coincidence. He said he had been walking the roads in Marlborough for exercise, and a friend suggested to him that he start walking the Air Line Trail. He tried it and found it “so much nicer” than walking on the roads.

According to DEEP, the Air Line Trail is on what used to be a railroad line, stretching from New York to Boston. The rails are gone, but those who traveled on the train got to see the same landscape that those who visit the park enjoy today. The Air Line Trail can be accessed



Resident Stan Malcolm has spent the past 20 years taking photos of everything he sees on the Air Line Trail – from the most colorful of sunsets to the smallest of insects. Pictured at left is the stream at the Route 85 trailhead, which Malcolm photographed in 2013, and at right is a Baltimore Oriole, which Malcom caught on camera earlier this month. Photos courtesy of Stan Malcolm.

from multiple towns and it offers a variety of natural wildlife features such as woodland, a marsh, a waterfall and more.

“There’s a lot going on out there,” Malcolm said.

Malcolm lives in Marlborough and walks sections of the Air Line Trail in Amston, Hebron, East Hampton, Colchester and Lebanon.

He said his goal is to make the trail more known, accessible and more enjoyable.

He explained that the trail is something that most people can hike or bike and that his website gives individuals a way to know what they are seeing when they use the trail.

“I’m an advocate for the trail,” he said. “I’d like to see more people out there.”

As part of his trail advocacy, Malcolm is a member of the Air Line State Park Trail Task Force, a group that has representation from people in the 12 towns along the trail. He said the task force is trying to build better bridges between trail users and the towns that surround it.

Malcolm said they have worked on designing improvements for the trail, including signage and that the goal of the taskforce is to serve people visiting the trail by providing more information that will help them get to know and enjoy the trail.

Russ Smiley of Marlborough also walks the trail and is familiar with Malcolm’s photography work.

He said in an email that Malcolm’s website is a “treasure,” as it has many attributes that may make it unique in its documentation of the Air Line Trail.

Smiley, who has been a nature photographer for six decades, explained that from the trail, people can see birds, reptiles, mammals, insects, sunsets, the moon in many phases, flowering trees and shrubs. Malcom has compiled continuous documentation of that environment since 2001, helping trail users get familiar with it.

“From the frigid desolation of February, the improbable return of red-wing blackbirds in late winter, the emerging of reptile and avian hatchlings in early summer, the turning of fo-

liage in autumn, and the onset of first snow, visitors to [Malcolm’s] website can ‘feel the place,’” Smiley said.

Smiley said that when he found Malcolm’s website, it motivated him to take his own photography “up a step.”

“I know it takes a lot of skill and innate artistry to take photos of the same locations year after year and yet produce imagery that never became routine or trite,” Smiley added. “Indeed, life is cyclic, repetitious – yet [Malcolm] captures the cycles with care, creativity, and sincere interest: and it is personal.”

Malcolm’s website is at www.performancevision.com/airline/index.htm.

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.

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

Zumba: Thursdays through June 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m., virtually and in the conference room at Fire Station No. 2. There is a \$12 drop-in fee each week.

Youth Programs: Netto Summer Day Camp: June 21-Aug. 13 at Blish Park, for grades K-7. All campers are supervised by counselors and lifeguards trained in CPR/first aid. Registration is \$175/residents, \$185/non-residents.

Skyhawks Basketball Camp: June 28-July 2 at Blish Park, for boys and girls ages 5-12. Ages 5 and 6 meet 9 a.m.-noon, and ages 7-12 meet 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fee for ages 5 and 6: \$129/residents, \$139/non-residents. Fee for ages 5-12: \$155/residents, \$160/non-residents.

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball): July 6-9, 9 a.m.-noon, at Blish Park, for ages 4-10. Children are broken into two age groups – one for ages 4-6, and one for ages 7-10. Fee: \$109/residents, \$114/non-residents. There will also be a session Aug. 2-6, 9 a.m.-noon at Blish Park, for ages 4-6. Fee for that camp is \$129/residents, \$134/non-residents.

Skyhawks Sand Volleyball Camp: July 12-16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Blish Park, for ages 10-14. Fee: \$140/residents, \$145/non-residents.

Skyhawks Flag Football Camp: July 19-23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., for ages 6-10. Fee: \$140/residents, \$145/non-residents.

Horseback Riding Lessons: For ages 5 and up. Days and times are flexible. Fee: four lessons for \$175/residents, \$180/non-residents.

Community Shredding Event

The Conservation Commission will host a free Community Shredding Event Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m.-noon, at the Town Hall parking lot, located at 26 N. Main St.

Residents interested in shredding their personal records are welcome to participate; no commercial documents, please. There is no cost to participate, but residents will be asked to show a picture ID. Food donations for Marlborough Food Bank are welcome.

Watercolor Classes at Arts Center

The Marlborough Arts Center announces that in June, local artist Mary Horrigan will offer watercolor classes in painting flowers. Classes will meet Thursdays, June 3-24, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fee is \$120. A registration form can be downloaded and printed from www.marlborougharts.org, and a check can be mailed to the Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447.

Once the class is confirmed, a materials list will be sent to registrants. For more information, email Horrigan at mehorrigan@comcast.net.

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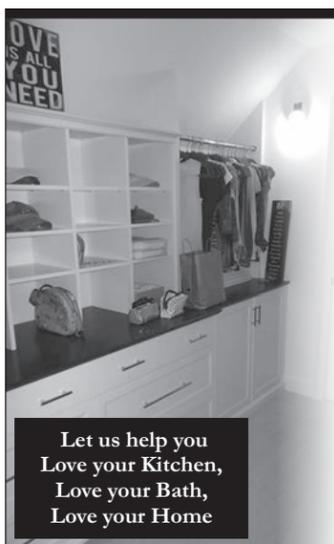
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Budget Referendum to Take Place Next Tuesday

by Sloan Brewster

After several voiced concern with elementary school spending, Andover voters last week sent the proposed \$12.66 million 2021-22 town budget – a \$120,661 or .96% increase over the current year – onto referendum.

Of the 71 votes tallied, 49 were in favor of sending the proposed spending package to referendum and 22 were against it. The referendum will be held next Tuesday. Voting will take place from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. at the community room at Town Hall.

Board of Finance Chair Marc Brinker, who gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the numbers before opening the floor to speakers, started on a light note, getting a laugh from the assembly.

“I know this is a little unconventional, but I’d like to start with a story,” he said.

He went on to say that he had worked at the Mark Twain House in Hartford for many years and one year, the maintenance guy installed an alarm system with a panic button and posted a notice when it should be used.

“Warning – for emergency only: fire, flood or budget developments,” Brinker said, the sigh read, eliciting a bout of laughter.

The overall budget numbers, according to Brinker, translate to 36.97 mills, a 1.36 mill increase from the current 35.61 mill rate.

Based on the new mill rate, Brinker said homeowners of a house assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$5,175 in local taxes.

Brinker broke the spending package into four main components: town operations, Andover Elementary School (AES), AES bonding and RHAM.

The \$3.46 million request for running the town reflects a 1.6% increase over the current year.

The \$4.08 million request for Andover Elementary School Budget represents a 4.5% or \$175,608 over the current year.

The school’s \$93,000 in debt service, which is bonded by the town, represents a \$3,548 or

3.67% decrease from the current year.

“The good news is that retires,” Brinker said. “You will no longer have that debt next year.”

RHAM’s \$30.65 million budget, which was approved at referendum last Tuesday, reflects a 1.67% or \$501,991 increase over the current year but, due to a reduced number of local students in the school’s population, comes in with a 2.1% levy reduction for Andover.

Andover, with 223 students, must pay \$5.12 million, a \$108,054 reduction from the current year.

“We are still paying more per student this year than we were before,” Brinker cautioned.

Brinker further broke town spending into separate parts – operations and capital.

The \$2.48 million town operations request marks a \$56,892 decrease from the current year’s \$2.54 budget, he said.

The \$850,000 Capital Improvement Plan request includes \$50,000 toward the future community center; \$75,000 for the Fire Department; \$110,000 for the Public Works Department; \$300,000 for roads; \$50,000 for tree removal; \$120,000 for the Bunker Hill Bridge; \$100,000 for bridges and culverts; and \$45,000 for building maintenance.

Brinker said roads, bridges and culverts in town sorely need fixing, as infrastructure has been all but ignored in past years. In addition, there are nearly 1,000 dead trees that have to come down lest they fall during storms and lead to more power outages.

Brinker also talked revenue, including \$186,000 from the state not included in the budget and used exclusively on roadwork. He also advised folks that there was a \$67,928 reduction in the state’s Educational Cost Sharing grant, bringing it from \$2 million to \$1.93 million.

Brinker told voters the grand list has gone up, which will offset some of the tax increase and that the finance board had opted to use \$225,000 from savings to offset it further. He

said the town has tapped into savings for the past two years to keep taxes lower.

This is the last year it can be done, as after the withdrawal, the account will be at 10% of the overall budget, he said.

“That’s the target,” he said. “That [money] is not going to be available for next year.”

Speakers voiced concerns about the high price they will be paying to cover the expense plan.

Resident Georgette Conrad said she was concerned taxes would be going up a mill and that there was also a revaluation underway that will conclude with home values also going up – meaning tax bills will be even higher.

Town Administrator Eric Anderson said home values would not be raised until the reval is completed, which will not be until next year. He said the value of automobiles is on the upswing right now, however.

School Spending Complaints

Resident Donald Denley, after applauding Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau for keeping kids in the classroom this year, balked at the 4.5% increase proposed for Andover Elementary.

“I think a 2% spending increase is more than reasonable,” he said

Denley also asked how much money had been set aside for the new community center the town is planning to build.

Anderson said \$447,000 was in the account

currently and the budget proposal includes setting aside an additional \$50,000 toward the project.

“I’d like to see a little more allocated,” Denley said.

He said his other concern was that the town does not put enough into roadwork and the fixes down are just a “Band-Aid for the roads.”

Resident Marcie Miner asked for more transparency from the local school district and said she felt there was “space to reduce the budget.”

Bruneau said she was proposing low class sizes because the pandemic closed preschools, and children who “have not had socialization” will be entering classrooms for the first time in the fall.

She said masks will make it even more challenging, as the children will not be able to read faces.

“I am not a person who’s opposed to large class sizes, but you have to look at the kids,” Bruneau said. “I’m just asking you to trust us for another year.”

“There’s all kinds of lines where people could help save,” Miner replied. “It’s not all about class size.”

Resident Joanne Hebert, newly elected to the Board of Finance, also said there was room for cuts in the school budget.

In the end, despite having the ability to make cuts to the overall budget, voters passed it as presented.

Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following news items have been announced for Andover seniors. If you want to attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register.

Senior Lunches: Fridays at noon. To attend any of them, call Palazzi. Seniors will have lunch outside on the deck at Robert’s Lakehouse in East Hampton on May 28. On June 4, they will have lunch outside at the gazebo area. Cost is \$5 per person. On June 11 and 18, lunch is at Andover Pizza, outside at their picnic tables, with umbrellas to provide protection from the sun. Cost is \$5. On June 25, the seniors will go to Elizabeth Park to see the roses at peak season. Transportation will leave Andover at around 10:30 a.m. Following the park visit, there will be a stop at Jimmie’s Pizza in West Hartford for lunch. Call Palazzi for details and reservations.

Bingo: Seniors will play Bingo Wednesdays, June 2 and 16, at 12:30 p.m., in the Town Hall community room. Call Judy Knox at 860-643-

6824 to sign up. Reservations and masks required.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: All are eligible. If you need a ride, call Palazzi.

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

Shopping: Transportation is available 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.

Craft Fair Participants Sought

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, invited local artisans to participate in the church Craft Fair Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

High-visibility 10x10 spaces are available on the lawn. Spaces are \$20; fee is non-refundable.

Call the church at 860-742-7696 and leave your contact information for an application.

Senior Tag Sale Rescheduled

The tag sale to benefit the Senior Luncheon Program, planned for May 22, has been rescheduled to September. The date will be announced soon.

Donations are still being accepted; call Carol Lee 860-989-6988 to donate items.

Election Story Correction, Clarification

In a story in last week’s issue on Andover’s municipal elections that were held last Monday, Steven Nelson, who ran for and won a seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission was listed as a Democrat. Nelson, while endorsed by Andover Democrats, is unaffiliated.

The *Rivereast* regrets the error.
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Also, as a point of clarification, Gerard Cremé, who ran for a seat on the Board of Education and Zoning Board of Appeals, did not lose the ZBA seat. Cremé withdrew from the running in the ZBA race after Monday’s election and before a recount that took place Tuesday.

According to Town Clerk Carol Lee, Cremé gave her a letter on Tuesday, May 4, waiving his right to a recount. Because of that, the numbers in that very close race were not recounted. Lee apologized for not mentioning that when delivering the election results to the *Rivereast*.

Residents Sought for Town-Wide Tag Sale

The annual Town-Wide Tag Sale will be held Saturday, June 26 (rain date June 27), from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – and participants are sought.

Residents who would like to be included and have their address listed on the tag sale map should send a check for \$10 payable to Town of Andover and mail it to: Town Clerk – 17 School Road – Andover, CT 06232. Residents should include a list of items they will have for sale.

Information and payment are due June 21. Proceeds benefit the Andover Senior Luncheon Program.

Anyone who would like to have a tag sale but doesn’t want to have it at their home can call Andover Congregational Church at 860-742-7696, to rent a space on the church lot.

Reflective Address Markers

Reflective address markers will be available to Andover residents at no charge Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Andover Volunteer Fire Department on School Road.

Yard Work Help Available for Seniors

AHM Youth and Family Services is accepting applications from Marlborough senior citizens age 60 or older to utilize the CHOREs Program.

Teens will work two hours per job at a senior citizen’s residence doing outdoor chores. For complete program information, go to tinyurl.com/cws6bdmd. Applications are at Town Hall.

Contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org for more information.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER REFERENDUM TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in the Town of Andover are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said Town on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 for the following purpose;
To adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
The location of the polling place is as follows:
Community Room of the Town Office Building - 17 School Road – Andover, CT
The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Absentee Ballots are available in the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone who is eligible to vote in the Town of Andover who will not be able to vote in person at the polls.
Dated at Andover, Connecticut this 6th day of May, 2021.
Carol H. Lee
Town Clerk

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Town of Andover, Ct. Taxpayers!!

We need to start paying attention to how tax dollars are distributed and spent!

FACTS:

The town has over a \$4 million dollar roadwork backlog and 40% percent of our roads are either rated as poor or failing. We have almost 1000 dead trees along our roads that if not dealt with are going to cause property damage, widespread and extended power outages, and possibly deaths. We have two failing bridges and three failing culverts that if not dealt with will result in permanent road closures until they are repaired.

Yet almost 80% of our tax dollars go to the RHAM and the Andover Elementary School budget. Currently on a per student basis we are spending \$800,000 more than Hebron and \$1,000,000 more than Marlborough to educate our K-6 students at AES!

The high level of spending at AES is creating town wide infrastructure issues that will cost us more \$\$\$ in the very near future if we don't look AND ACT now on the items mentioned above that need to be dealt with!!!

We have a right and a responsibility to ask for a FAIR use of our tax dollars put into the Town of Andover Budget and a FAIR use of tax dollars to educate our children!

Some More Facts to Consider:

1. AES is one of the most expensive schools in Connecticut.
2. AES has lost over 100 students in 8 years but has never reduced their budget.
3. Our Superintendent has been quoted numerous times saying and promising “No layoffs”.
4. AES does not have a formal detailed budget posted or available for public review. They are basically asking us for a blank check and to “trust us” with over \$4,000,000 of our money!
5. While the town Administrator provided the requested town budget reduction scenarios to the Board of Finance, the Superintendent of AES ignored their request for reduction scenarios claiming the budget is “bare bones” without providing an actual detailed budget for the BOF or public to review.
6. Many of the classrooms at Andover Elementary School have 11-12 children in them while neighboring towns that outperform us have class sizes of 23-28.
7. We have three kindergarten classes planned next year when we can easily have two and still be at the state average of 17-18 students per class saving over \$100,000 in costs alone.
8. We are the only school in Connecticut with planned small kindergarten classes’ under the state average. This goes against the advice of other local Superintendents with 20 or more years experience in Education while our Superintendent has only one year of experience! Who really knows better?



As a Town of Andover taxpayer you have a voice! A budget vote! We need to send a message to Andover Elementary School to create reductions and efficiencies in their budget and get our per pupil spending in line with neighboring towns.

VOTE NO May 18! Polls are open from 6am-8pm

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Colorful Flowers to Attract Monarch Butterflies

by Sloan Brewster

A wash of colorful wildflowers will attract monarch butterflies and other pollinators to an area along the Hop River Trail in Andover.

On Tuesday, Carrie Compton of Andover informed the Board of Selectmen she has already dug ditches for plants for a way station for monarch butterflies along a Center Street section of the rail trail. She pleaded with the board to keep mowing in the section to one mow's width along the perimeter and at the back edge of the space so flowers within the embankment could grow to full height.

Compton, who spoke during the selectmen's virtual meeting, aims to create a way station for monarch butterflies there. She said the area in question was not grass but wildflowers attractive to the orange beauties and other pollinators.

"All of this is going to be purple and white and pink and yellow with wildflowers that are already in the soil," she said, pointing to a photo of the spot.

She indicated where the leaves and stems of the growing buds had been chopped when they were last mowed and asked that the mowing desist. Her plans to add plantings and create a way station will not make sense if the rest of the area is shorn, she insisted.

Rather, she wants the whole area transformed into part of a migration route for monarchs and other butterflies.

"I don't want to create an oasis in the desert. I want that whole apron of land to remain unmowed, except for the perimeter" she said. "We need all of those wildflowers that are already in the soil. They're there; they're just never allowed to bloom."

First Selectman Jeff Maguire said he would meet Compton at the site at some point to get a better understanding of where exactly she wanted the mowing to cease, so he could coordinate the plan with mowers.

Compton said the way station she was crafting is an experiment and if it is not a success, mowing could resume.

"I'm sure it will be a successful experiment. If you bring any color to that hill, it will make me happy," Maguire said. "And if you do anything that makes Eric [Anderson, town administrator] not have to worry about maintenance of that hill, he will be happy as well."

Compton clarified that she was not referring to the hill, but the embankment, where, "in the old days" the railroad depot stood.

In a phone call the next morning, Compton said she happened upon a way station for monarchs while in Maine five years ago.

A garden she saw was filled with monarchs and others butterflies, she said. "It was absolutely fantastic."

In talking with the gardeners, she learned they had put in plantings, including milkweed, to attract butterflies and had created the garden

specifically to entice them.

When she returned home, she did the same thing in her garden, planting swamp milkweed in the wettest area and watching it lure monarchs to the space.

Every year, after butterflies lay eggs in August, the resulting caterpillars form chrysalises where they slowly metamorphose into the next generation of winged creatures. Compton collects the caterpillars, brings them indoors and tends them until the butterflies are able to emerge.

The caterpillars, she said, are a delicacy among other insects, such as wasps.

"You can have hundreds of eggs in your garden and you might get 30 caterpillars and you end up with two butterflies," she said.

So she widens the odds for the budding creatures' survival by making a home for them in a five-gallon bucket with milkweed, a covering of grass at the top and water at the bottom of the container.

"After a number of days, I can see the caterpillars forming their chrysalises," she said. "And then they get thinner and thinner and you can see the wings of the butterfly forming."

One day, they crack the protective cases open, and begin to use their wings, flapping around until they take flight.

That's when she lets them go so they can begin their migration to Mexico.

During their long journey they require nectar to keep strong. Compton said last year, she watched the pollinators moving from her yard, following the roads in search of the next swath of wildflowers from which to garner nectar.

She decided where the rail trail picks up on Center Street was a good spot to create a way station for them as it's wide, bright and accessible.

"They're always looking for flowers and the rail trail in that section is continually open," she said. "It's a path for them as well."

The spot is easy for Compton to get to with water and tools as well, so last summer she approached selectmen and was given permission to create the way station for the butterflies.

This week, on Tuesday, she held an educational session at the site, showing locals what she is doing and giving them ideas on how they can draw butterflies to their properties with just the right plantings.

"There needs to be lots of places for the monarchs to feed," she said. "All those nectar producing plants are necessary. They will lay eggs on nothing but milkweed and then the nectar producing wildflowers are necessary because they need nectar when they are adults."

Compton said she is planting two species of milkweed – common milkweed and butterfly weed, which she said is a dramatic orange color and attracts monarchs and will add good contrast to the meadow she hopes to establish.



A monarch butterfly alights on nectar-producing flowers in Carrie Compton's Andover garden, where she planted all manner of flowers to attract the orange winged insects.

"I know if I plant the milkweed the monarchs will come," she said.

While the milkweed is for the "egg-lings," for the adult butterflies Compton will plant nectar producers, including lavender hyssop, mountain mint, which she said is "a tremendous attractor of all the pollinators, very, very appealing for them," woodland sunflowers and purple cone flowers.

The blossoms will bloom throughout the summer and should provide a constant supply

of flowers for the butterflies. In addition, if the section surrounding the plantings is not mowed, "it will also provide millions of wildflowers," she said. She said she has already seen some flowers sprouting, including clover, bird foot trefoil, achillea, goldenrod, asters and bedstraw.

"If we let them get to their full height they will bloom," she said. "The monarch way stations will attract the monarchs, but the rest attract all sorts of pollinators, so they form an ecological unit."

Teens Sought for CHOREs Program

AHM Youth and Family Services is taking applications from Andover 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, contact Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org, or visit ahmyouth.org, click on "menu" and select CHOREs from the list of offerings.

Adult Show & Tell

Andover Public Library will host a session of Adult Show & Tell Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m., via Zoom.

Do you have an interesting talent, hobby, or collection in which you think others would be interested? Then you're invited to come share it. There's no need to sign up in advance. Contact the library for Zoom login info at 860-742-7428 or andoverctpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Gardens to Bloom Between Town Hall and AES

by Sloan Brewster

As part of the quest to get a bronze certification from Sustainable CT, the local committee is planning to put community gardens on a plot of land near town hall.

Cathy Palazzi, chair of Andover's Sustainable CT Committee, said she formed the committee last fall after getting the go-ahead from the Board of Selectmen. Monday, at the board's regular monthly meeting, she apprised selectmen of the committee's endeavor to get bronze certification.

Sustainable CT is about community involvement, she said.

"The object is, what we're looking for is, to involve the community," she said.

One way the committee is hoping to pull the public in is through community gardens.

Committee member Abbie Winter, liaison from the Andover Farmers Market, presented the idea to selectmen via a PowerPoint presentation.

The plan, which selectmen approved, is to install gardens – in time for next spring's planting season – on a 56-foot by 10-foot plot between Town Hall and Andover Elementary School, behind the parcel where the community center is being planned.

Winter said she had applied for a grant from the Environmental Professionals Organization of Connecticut to cover the cost for materials to build raised beds. She said she would also apply to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for a grant to pay for such things as topsoil, cover crop seed, fencing and compost.

When Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville offered her manure, she enthusiastically said she would take the fertilizer.

Palazzi, in a phone call Wednesday, said based

on public interest in plots, the area where the gardens will be could be expanded. The initial square footage will be enough for 10 to 11 four-by-four-foot plots, she said.

"We're starting small; we want to see how it goes," she said.

There will also be an educational component and Palazzi said she was planning to get two plots to turn over to Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau, who will try to get Andover Elementary students involved.

"So they will come and tend the garden," Palazzi said.

The plots will be available to the public for a rental cost, which has not yet been determined and Folks who rent them will be able to grow vegetables or herbs or other plants and will be responsible for weeding and other upkeep.

"It will be a community garden that will be attractive," Palazzi said.

According to Winter's timeline, this summer, rudimentary beds will be built out of logs for the first phase of the project.

"This allows for flexibility should the garden need to move in case of a change in plans or unpredictable factors with the construction of the Senior Community Center," she said.

The goal is to have the garden laid out, built and full of soil in the first year, Winter said. Cover crops will also be planted in the first year to improve the topsoil.

Community engagement will include outreach to find volunteers to help set up the garden and plant cover crops, she said. The committee also hopes to have educational and social events around the gardens this coming summer and fall.

Winter said by next spring folks will be able

to rent plots and plant their crops in time for the growing season.

"There are a lot of people in town, who, let's just say want to grow tomatoes," Palazzi said. "This is their opportunity to grow that or herbs or whatever."

Other local boards involved in Sustainable CT include the Conservation Commission, which is working with member Carrie Compton on a butterfly way station next to the Hop River Trail on Center Street, Palazzi said. Compton is also in the early stages of planning a labyrinth in town, which is something the committee would also like to get in on.

Mike Burke from the Andover Lake District has submitted information on various events, including a litter walk it held last month.

AES is getting kids involved with the committee as well, though that part is still in the plan-

Farmers Markets Held Monthly

The Andover Farmers Market is held the first Wednesday of each month through October, from 4-7 p.m. each week, outside at First Congregational Church on Route 6. The market includes farmers, bakers, a food truck and music. Face masks required.

The final market will be Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Spring Tag Sale

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold its Spring Tag Sale Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call the church at 860-742-7696.

ning phase, Palazzi said.

The committee also includes a representative from the Andover 175th Anniversary Committee, which is planning a big celebration in town in 2023 and local veteran Gerry Wright is keeping the committee informed about the unveiling of the Agent Orange monument on June 5.

"That is part of equity, it's bringing your town together," Palazzi said.

Palazzi said she researched what Sustainable CT was all about for about six months before reaching out the selectmen for permission to form the committee.

She said she feels confident it will have enough future, past and current activity to receive the bronze certification.

PTA Craft Fair

The Andover Elementary School PTA will host a craft fair Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the school parking lot. Masks are required. The fair will feature crafters from across the state.

Scholarship Available for Andover Students

Andover Elementary School is now taking applications for a scholarship which is being offered to any Andover student.

Applications for the Andover Education Association and the Andover PTA Annual Scholarship may be obtained from the RHAM High School guidance department or by contacting Andover Elementary School at 860 742-7339.

Applications are due May 28.

Obituaries

Colchester

Bonnie Claire Rebillard

Bonnie Claire Rebillard, 71, of Colchester, passed away Monday, May 3, at Apple Rehab in Colchester. Born Nov. 27, 1949, she was a daughter of the late Edward V. and Helen (Holaj) Hayden and sibling of her late brother Sterling Hayden.



Bonnie was a graduate of Bacon Academy High School in Colchester. In 1988, she graduated from UConn with a bachelor's degree in sociology. After graduating, she went to work for the state of Connecticut as a social worker, until a car accident in 1993 forced her into early retirement.

Bonnie was a woman of faith and was a member of the Colchester Federated Church. In her spare time she enjoyed curling up with a good book or working on her newest crochet project.

She is survived by her son, Eric Rebillard and fiancée Jane Garner, of Moosic, Pa.; daughter, Stacy Peake and son-in-law Neil Peake of Houston, Texas; sister, Joyce Hayden of New Hampshire; grandchildren, Dorseylane Rebillard, Eric Rebillard Jr., Connor Brown, Baylor Brown and McKenna Peake; great-grandson, Jaxson Brown; numerous nieces and nephews; and other extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made in Bonnie's name to the Colchester Federated Church.

Care of private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

Michael Frank Varni

Michael Frank Varni, 67, of East Hampton, passed away Tuesday, May 11, at his home. Born Sept. 18, 1953, in Hebron he was the son of the late Louis and Madeline (Higgins) Varni.



Michael had worked as an upholsterer for Farmatron in Farmington until his retirement. Michael was a quiet man who believed in treating others as he wanted to be treated. He would drop everything to help someone in need.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Michael J. and Lisa Varni of Moodus; his daughter, Kristina Adams of East Hampton; brothers, Randy Varni of North Carolina, Louis Varni and wife Mary Kaye of East Hampton, Kenneth Varni and wife Susan of New York; sisters, Laurie Turner of Moodus, Mary Yarrow of Moodus; and his two grandchildren, Olivia and Logan Varni.

He was predeceased by his former wife and mother of his children, Penny Tarsi, and his sister, Carol Varni.

A private graveside service will be held in Marlboro Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to East Hampton VFW Post 5095, 20 North Maple St. East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Colchester

Patricia B. Adams

Patricia B. Adams, 84, of Colchester, passed away Friday, May 7. Born April 16, 1937, in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Seward and Marie (Zaleski) Buck.



Patricia was a 1955 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown. In 1973 she married her husband, Frank Adams. Patricia worked at Middlesex Mutual Assurances in Middletown until 1975 when she left to work as a bookkeeper for her husband's construction company. In her retirement, Patricia and Frank would travel back and forth between Connecticut and Florida where she was able to enjoy her deep appreciation for the ocean and the serenity that came from being on the beach.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Adams; her children, Troy (Denise) Nicholson, Gail (James) Kingsbury, John (Helene) Adams, Carol (Mary) Adams, Karen (Nick) Zoccoli, and Frank Adams Jr; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her brother, Walter Buck, and granddaughter, Felicia Baber.

Funeral services will be held privately, according to her wishes.

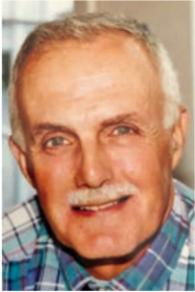
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to any charity that benefits Alzheimer's disease.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Paul Albert Bates

Paul Albert Bates, 74, of Colchester, passed away suddenly at his home Monday, May 10. Born in Putnam Oct. 12, 1946, he grew up in Thompson and was the son of the late George F. Bates Jr. and Theresa (Bellavance) Bates.



Paul was a proud veteran, having served active duty in the U.S. Army and then completing his 20-year enlistment as master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He then went on to work for the Town of Glastonbury as an electrician in the maintenance department and most recently retired as an electrician with IBEW Local 42.

He married his beloved wife, Maria Slusarczyk, in 1992 and they made their home in Colchester. Paul was a hard-working man whose labor of love was caring for the land and animals where he lived on Deer Creek Farm. Paul and Maria raised and rode horses for many years and his love of animals also included his pet dogs and cats.

Paul will be remembered with love by his wife of 29 years, Maria; his son, Jeremy Bates and his wife Beth of Vernon; his daughter, Melissa Gilgun and her husband Daniel of Billerica, Mass.; his grandchildren; five brothers, George "Tom" F. Bates III of Virginia Beach, Va., James A. Bates of Dayville, Timothy E. Bates of Putnam, Brian G. Bates of Waterford, and Kevin J. Bates of Putnam; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held privately, according to his wishes. Donations in his mem-

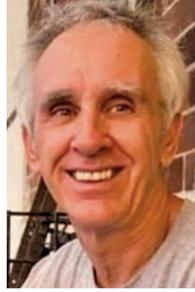
ory may be made to the animal rescue of one's choice.

Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

John M. Charpentier

John M. Charpentier, formerly of Wethersfield, passed away suddenly Monday, April 26, of a heart attack. He was born in Hartford, son of the late John H. Charpentier and Regis (Fitzmorris) Charpentier. He graduated from Wethersfield High School and Amherst College.



John was a free spirit with many interests. John had a variety of jobs but his true passion was golf. He was a golf caddy on the PGA circuit for many years as well as a caddy in regional tournaments. This enabled him to travel extensively and make many friendships throughout the country.

John is survived by his siblings: Ellen Charpentier of Tolland, Amy Knous (husband Fred) of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Carol Charpentier Pace (fiancé William Luckey) of Portland; a nephew, James Pace (girlfriend Dana Baio) of Wethersfield; and several cousins. He also leaves numerous friends, many in the golfing community.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

Those that wish may make a donation in his memory to The First Tee, 55 Golf Club Rd. Cromwell, CT 06416.

East Hampton

Robert Frank Weinzierl

Robert Frank Weinzierl, "River Bob," 63, of New Port Richey, Fla., and East Hampton, passed away Thursday, March 11, at his home in Florida. He was the son of the late John and Mary Beerle Weinzierl.



Bob lived a fast-paced life, graduating Gulf High School in 1974 and the University of West Florida in 1978 with a BA in political science and criminal justice, with plans of attending law school. His true gift was his ability to connect with anyone and his magnetic personality. He took a job in the insurance industry and soon had his own very successful insurance agency. Bob was an awesome salesman and was always on the job, even when out socially, and would always be available for his clients. He left the insurance business and became a driver for various ride service agencies driving his mostly elderly passengers to medical appointments, soon becoming their favorite driver. He always delivered them on time, entertained and safely to their destination.

Bob was a kind and generous man and always helped out those less fortunate than himself when he could.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his brother John "Jack" Weinzierl and his wife Nina of Rockingham, Vt., and East Hampton.

He is survived by sisters, Mary Loos and her husband George of East Hampton and Theresa Havens and her husband Ralph of Colchester, and his ex-wife, Candy Smith.

During his elementary school years he, along with his parents, were some of the original "snow birds," driving from Florida to spend the sum-

mers in East Hampton. He spent the summer of 1972 in Germany visiting family in Bavaria.

Bob enjoyed his life in Florida living on the river and always had a boat available for fishing or just enjoying life on the water in the Gulf of Mexico with friends and family. He had a love for mustangs, motorcycles, boats and dune buggies, having owned several through the years as well as racing hydroplane boats in the one-liter class for several years on the local circuits around the Tampa Bay area.

He will be missed by his many friends, relatives, cousins, nieces and nephews from Florida, Vermont, Connecticut, California and Michigan who were always entertained by his colorful stories of past adventures and misadventures.

Interment will be at the White Birch Cemetery in East Hampton Saturday, May 22, at 11 a.m.

Colchester

Timothy D. Riley

Timothy D. Riley, 64, of Colchester, passed away Tuesday, April 27, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Tim was born Dec. 14, 1956, in Sharon, the son of the late Lawrence C. Riley Sr. and Helen Murphy.



He worked as a commercial dispatcher for Amenia Sand and Gravel as well as A. Aiudi & Sons in Plainville. He was a longtime resident of Colchester, where he lived with his partner, Lisa Bertisch, and raised two children, Matthew and Lauren Riley.

He was an avid softball player and bowler, and he also enjoyed refereeing basketball games around the state with the IAABO organization. Tim spent most summers umpiring in Colchester for the local men and women's adult softball league where he made friends with everyone he met. He was an avid cyclist around town and loved any and all dogs, especially his own.

Tim is survived by his children, Matthew Riley and Lauren Riley, both of North Carolina; his former companion of 25 years, Lisa Bertisch of North Carolina; his brothers, Lawrence C. Riley Jr. of Falls Village, Kevin Riley of Lakeville; two nephews, Patrick and Kyle, along with two nieces, Alissa and Kara.

He is predeceased by his sister, Sandra Marie Anderson, and nephew, Todd Anderson.

Family viewing was Saturday, May 1, at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, Millerton, N.Y., followed by a graveside service at Hillside Cemetery in Sharon.

To send a condolence, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

For those that wish to leave their condolences, or to write about their favorite memory of Tim, please visit legacy.co/2S4ILTZ.

Hebron

Reagan Szurek Service Information

Services for Reagan Leigh-Marie Szurek, 40, of Hebron, who passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, will be held Saturday, May 22, directly at the Church of the Holy Family in Hebron. Burial will follow in the New Hebron cemetery.

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

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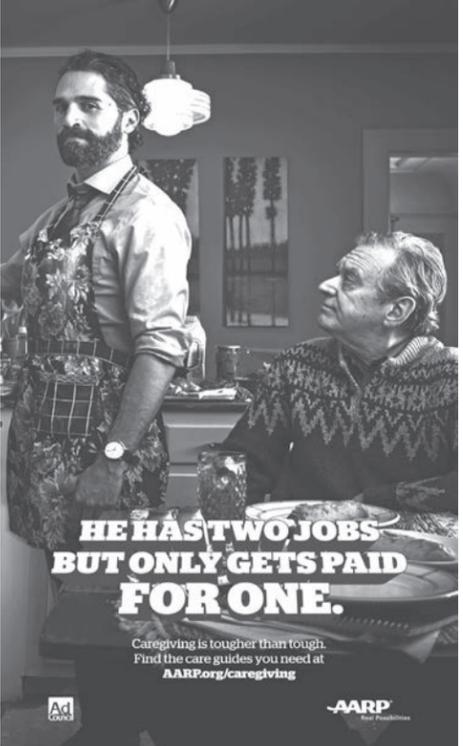
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ticipation in center programs but said the board and the center should indicate in some way a strong recommendation to get one, an opinion echoed by board Republican Rick Sharr.

In a Monday phone call with the *Rivereast*, Pont said that, no matter what, safety is the ultimate goal, accomplished through continued precaution and listening to the guidance of Chatham health.

Pont said currently, staff is reaching out to groups who used to run activities at the center, gauging their willingness to return. Scheduling, and exactly how many programs will run, will be determined after this first step.

Not everything has stopped, and some programs are already slated to come back, Pont said. Waverly's popular Bears on A Journey, a teddy bear drive program, has been run out of members' homes, Pont said in the meeting.

The center's knitting group has been meeting outdoors when weather permits, said Pont.

Pont said Waverly and other Chatham region senior centers are modifying plans made last year, which had to be tabled as the virus surged.

Senior centers will perfect these plans as they reopen, Pont said.

"Our prime concern is safety," Pont said. "We need to keep an eye on traffic. We're going to ease into it."

Of local senior vaccine rates, Pont said "things around here look good."

Solar Energy Project

Also at the selectmen's May 5 meeting, First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield and the board set a public hearing and town meeting in which taxpayers will vote on whether the town should move forward in installing a solar energy array at the town transfer station.

The land slated for the array is a former landfill, Bransfield explained, and is currently inert and unproductive.

Because of its former use, there are few options for the land's use.

Bransfield said the project reduces Portland's carbon footprint, aligns with state goals and, over the proposed 20-year agreement, will generate \$1 million in revenue to the town.

The private company proposed to run the array, DSD Renewables of Schenectady, NY, will pay this money in lieu of property tax.

The selectmen set the public hearing and town meeting for May 26 at 6:30 and 7 p.m., respectively, in the Buck-Foreman Community Center (police building), 265 Main St. They will be in-person.

Before that, the town's Planning and Zoning Commission must okay the project at its May 20 meeting. Zoning must make sure the project complies with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

If DSD's bid is approved, maintaining the property will no longer be the town's responsibility, saving money, Bransfield said.

There is no cost to the town, Bransfield said. Product the array produces can go to locals, as well as all over the state, Bransfield said.

"This is a great opportunity for clean energy in Portland," Bransfield said. "It will make us a clean energy leader in the area, and if we see this through, it'll be quite a feather in our cap."

After the hearing and meeting, and assuming voters approve the work, the project will be presented at Eversource's June 11 Shared Clean Energy Facility (SCEF) auction, where the utility decides what clean energy projects to fund through the SCEF program.

Bransfield in a Tuesday phone call with the *Rivereast* said if Eversource doesn't fund the work, the town must revisit and rebid the project entirely. She said, based on talks with consultants and her general experience in applying for money, the town's application is likely to be approved.

Bransfield listed other energy efficiency efforts in town, including light replacements at Brownstone, Valley View and Gildersleeve schools, as well as a reduction in natural gas use in these buildings.

Solar panels are soon to be installed on Brownstone's roof, saving the town electricity costs. Groundwork for this project is done, Bransfield said, and construction will begin in earnest when kids aren't in school.

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★ *Superintendent cont. from page 1*

er. And just to continue in Dr. Sklarz's footsteps in that regard is something that I greatly look forward to and feel very comfortable with."

She said she is looking forward to getting to know all of the teachers, staff, board members, parents and students.

Hageman is scheduled to start the new job in July. Prior to officially starting, she plans on meeting with the school administration to help make the transition smooth.

Sklarz's venture at Marlborough elementary will conclude at the end of this fiscal year.

The superintendent search attracted 17 applicants. The list was narrowed down to seven candidates that were able to participate in a first round of interviews. There were three finalists, and the Board of Education, which served as the search committee, selected Hageman as the new superintendent.

According to Board of Education Chairman Wesley Skorski, the members of the board worked collaboratively to come to an agreement in terms of who they were going to select as the new superintendent.



Holly Hageman

Skorski said they also obtained input from teachers, parents, and the school administrators to ensure their voices were heard during the selection and interview process.

Skorski noted the most challenging part was selecting the candidates to interview as they were "all very good."

"The interview process was very long including several nights of Zoom interviews to get to the finalists," Skorski said, and added that the board interviewed the three finalists in-person, which was the first time many of them saw each other in person in a long time.

Skorski said that, overall, he is "very happy" with the outcome.

When it comes to Sklarz, Skorski said the school and board are "lucky" to have had his leadership for as long as they did.

"He has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and is a true leader," Skorski noted. "He believes in the mission of the school and he gets so much joy from seeing the children every day."

Skorski told the *Rivereast* one of the things Sklarz will be remembered for is his approach to the annual budget.

"When crafting the annual budget, I will not ever forget his mantra and overriding principle, if there were ever cuts or reductions that they be 'furthest from the classroom' – a true testament to his legacy at Marlborough Elementary School," Skorski said.

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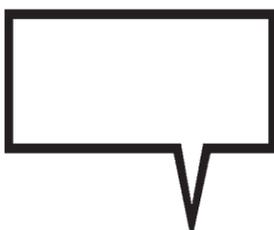


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LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Planning Commission at its meeting of May 4 2021, took the following action:
APPLICATION APPROVED; PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:
Application #01-21 – Erik Young (Applicant/Property Owner) – 351 So Main St. – 2 Lot Subdivision.
Dated at Marlborough, CT this May 12, 2021.
Mark Stankiewicz, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR 1TB 5/14

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PATRICIA VALE 2TB 5/7, 5/14

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a Regular Meeting at 7 pm on May 10, 2021 via Virtual Meeting (Zoom), to consider the following:
• Application ZBA-21-005, Philip Rea, 63 Blue Heron Drive, to reduce the side setback from 25' to 23' to construct a 12' x 16' deck Map 24/Block 64/Lot 20-11. Approved
Matthew Walton, Chairman 1TB 5/14

TOWN OF COLCHESTER PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

At its meeting of May 5, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decisions:
1. McDonald's Corporation – 375 South Main St Site Plan Modification (2021-006) The Commission **APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS** McDonald's Corporation Site Plan Modification (2021-006) for a second drive-thru lane with reduced parking and improved queuing at 375 South Main Street; All modifications/conditions are on file in the Planning Department. A copy of this notice has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.
Planning and Zoning Commission
Joseph Mathieu, Chair 1TB 5/14

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Objections must be filed by: 06-22-2021
EMILY R ALFELD 2TB 5/14, 5/21

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Action

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission held a regular meeting on May 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:
• Update to Subdivision Regulations Sec. IV.10- Notification Requirements – Approved as modified effective May 6, 2021
• Application PZC-21-011: Big Sky Dream, LLC., 101 Main St., Site Plan Modification for parking, landscaping and bay area Map 06A/Block 57/Lot 2. Approved
• Application PZC-21-008: Po's Rice and Spice, 97 Main St., Site Plan Modification Map 06A/Block 57/Lot 1A. Approved
Ray Zatorski, Chairman
Note* any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450. 1TB 5/14

LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Sections 503(f) and 506 of the Town Charter, and Section 7-163e of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Portland Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the Buck Foreman Community Center to consider public comments and questions, both orally and in writing, on the proposed lease of the Portland Landfill, located at 39 Sand Hill Road (the "Landfill"), for the development of a commercial-scale solar photovoltaic array. The public hearing will be followed by a Special Town Meeting to consider and vote upon whether to enter into a binding option agreement with DSD Renewables, and execute all necessary documents, including a lease with DSD Renewables, necessary for the development of the solar project. A copy of the proposed Special Town Meeting resolution is available for public inspection on file in the Town Clerk's office and online at www.portlandct.org.
Dated this 11th day of May, 2021
Attest: Susan S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman 1TB 5/14

LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Portland, Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified that Pursuant to Section 503(f) of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held by the Board of Selectmen on May 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Buck Foreman Community Center to consider and vote upon whether the Town shall (1) enter into a binding option agreement, (2) execute an affidavit of site control, and (3) enter into a long-term ground lease in support of the development of a commercial-scale solar photovoltaic array at the Portland Landfill, located at 39 Sand Hill Road (the "Landfill"), as described below:
ITEM 1. To Approve and Authorize the Town of Portland, acting through its First Selectwoman, to enter into a binding option agreement with DSD Renewables to lease the Landfill to develop a commercial-scale solar photovoltaic array thereon. The binding option to lease is for a term of up to three (3) years, with payments to the Town of \$2,000 for the first year, up to \$2,500 for the second year, and up to \$3,000 for the third year. This binding option agreement is a required element of DSD Renewables' application to the state's competitive Shared Clean Energy Facilities ("SCEF") Program.
ITEM 2. To Approve and Authorize the Town of Portland acting through its First Selectwoman, to execute an affidavit attesting that DSD Renewables, through the binding option agreement, has appropriate control over the Landfill, in support of DSD Renewables' application to the state's competitive SCEF Program. This affidavit from the Town, as the landowner, is a required element of DSD Renewables' application to the state's competitive SCEF Program.
ITEM 3. To Approve and Authorize the Town of Portland, acting through its First Selectwoman, to enter into a lease with DSD Renewables, for a term not less than twenty (20) years, to develop a commercial-scale solar array on the Landfill, if DSD Renewables is successful in the State's competitive SCEF Program.
A copy of the complete resolution to be voted on is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at www.portlandct.org.
Dated this 11th day of May 2021
Attest: Susan S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman 1TB 5/14

Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Duly Authorized Agent of the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission APPROVED on May 5 2021, the following applications:
Application #IWWC 21-06 - Richard Froehle, 109 Lakeside Drive- Enlarging parking area, constructing a stone wall to replace a railroad tie wall, and walkway construction within the 200-foot Upland Review Area of Andover Lake.
The above decision may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at www.andoverconnecticut.org. 1TB 5/14

Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Duly Authorized Agent of the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission APPROVED on May 10 2021, the following applications:
• Application #IWWC 21-05 - Timothy Gilmore, 191 Long Hill Road - Cutting of trees and removal of stumps within the 100-foot Upland Review Area of an intermittent stream.
The above decision may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at www.andoverconnecticut.org. 1TB 5/14

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Conservation Commission at its meeting of May 3 2021, took the following action:
APPLICATIONS CONTINUED; PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:
Application #16-20 – Bill G. Jonbalaj (applicant) 21 Austin – HGB LLC (Property Owner) South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road – Special Permit – Village Cluster Residential Planned Development. A public hearing is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 7pm.
Application #03-21 – Town of Marlborough (Applicant) – Park Rd – Reconstruction of boat launch. The application is continued to May 3, 2021. A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 7pm.
APPLICATION CONTINUED; SITE WALKS SCHEDULED:
Application #06-21 – Hartford Building LLC / Ruth and Jesse Wagner (Applicant / Property Owner) construct 10' x 19'10" seasonal cabana on lakefront property. A site walk is scheduled for June 7th at 6:15 pm.
APPLICATION APPROVED:
Application #04-21 – Kyle & Stephanie Smigala (Applicant/Property Owner), 34 James Lane - Residential in-ground swimming pool within 50' of wetlands.
Application #05-21 - Jones Hollow Associates, LLC (Applicant/Property Owner) – 382 Jones Hollow Rd. – Congregant living facility, residential care home.
Dated at Marlborough, CT this May 12, 2021.
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Yvonne Bolton, Chair 1TB 5/14

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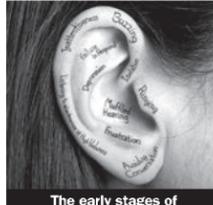
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