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Local and state leaders were outraged when Portland Board of Education Chairwoman Sharon Peters and Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton were depicted as Nazis on a large sign posted outside Brownstone Intermediate School on Sunday. The sign was displayed as part of a protest against the continued mask mandates at Portland public schools.

## School Officials Depicted as Nazis

by Jack Lakowsky

Protestors decrying the Portland school board's recent decision to continue pandemic-mitigation strategies put up a sign Sunday equating both Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton and Board of Education Chairwoman Sharon Peters to Nazis.

The sign was erected Sunday outside Brownstone Intermediate School on Main Street.

Last week, the state eased its COVID-19 precautions. But at a recent Portland Board of Education meeting Britton and the board, based on guidance from the state, decided to continue with masking and social distancing through the end of the school year.

The state requires unvaccinated people, including children, to wear masks.

Peters and Britton were depicted with red Swastika headbands and a "Hitler-style" mustache.

A "Make America Great Again" flag, flown by followers of former president Donald Trump, was attached to the sign.

Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, who according to local police was also a subject of protestors' ire, said Portland Police are investigating who put up the sign.

Bransfield told the *Hartford Courant* that Portland officers will work with state police, who have more experience with such matters, and that she is unsure if a criminal investigation has been opened.

The Portland Board of Education issued a statement on Monday reading that it has consistently been guided throughout the pandemic by the state Department of Public Health and the state Board of Education.

"[There] have been those who disagreed with the decisions we have made," the board wrote. "They have voiced their criticisms [at board meetings] respectfully."

The board wrote it fully understands its choices affect people's everyday lives.

"A year ago, the board released a statement concerning the murder of George Floyd," the board continues. "Now, as then, the board condemns all acts of bigotry and hatred."

Bransfield said her office received no notice of the protest. She said receiving notice is standard procedure, exemplifying last summer's Black Lives Matter and Back the Blue marches. Organizers of both notified the town, Bransfield said.

"This is not about protesting," Bransfield told the *Rivereast* on Monday. "This is simply hateful, and so disrespectful. This was near a school where young children attend."

Known details are currently slim, the first selectwoman said, adding that local police have yet to release information about their investigation.

"[The sign] looks professionally made," Bransfield said. "This was a planned act."

Whether this was done by a district parent is unknown, and the town needs to determine what charges, if any, would be brought, said Bransfield.

In a Monday email to the *Rivereast*, Britton said his initial reaction was disappointment.

Britton said throughout the challenges of the pandemic, Portland students, staff and parents have proven cooperative and resilient.

"As a result of cooperation and resilience, we have maintained fully in-person [classes] See Nazis, page 19

## Agent Orange Monument Installed in Andover

by Sloan Brewster

A monument honoring those afflicted by Agent Orange has been erected at Andover's Veterans Memorial Park.

The monument went up Monday morning under the glow of a bright sun.

Resident Gerry Wright, the Vietnam War veteran who organized the installation and designed and had the monument built, was present. He directed staff from Nolan's Hamden Monument Company as they removed the base and monument from a truck with a crane and carefully set the stones in place.

As each stone was set down, a crew member gently smoothed and dusted the shining black granite.

After the monument was installed, Wright sat in silence for several minutes, gazing with glistening eyes in seeming disbelief at the memorial.

The following day, in a phone call with the *Rivereast*, he said he hopes future generations get the message the monument is sending.

"That monument will be a reminder forever that this had better not happen to any other generation or the next generation better take heed of what happened to us or it'll be done to them," he said.

### Inspiration for the Monument

The monument remembers veterans who died from or have ailments caused by Agent Orange, an herbicide or defoliant that contains the contaminant Dioxin and was sprayed over Vietnam by the U.S. military.

The black granite front has an orange and yellow heart with a C-123 airplane, like the ones used to spray the chemical over Vietnam. Inscribed around the heart are the words, "Agent Orange, in memory of all those who died because of this chemical. Please pray for those veterans who continue to suffer because of it. Remember their sacrifice."

"The Agent Orange heart just pops," Wright said after returning to the park Monday evening.

The back of the monument depicts a detailed

laser etched scene of the war in Vietnam and even has a tiny rendition of Wright, spraying the chemical, which was one of his duties while he was there.

Wright, who spent two tours in Vietnam, has health issues because of the toxin.

During motorcycle tours of the country in 2018 and 2019, he has gotten petitions in favor of and rallied the U.S. government to pass a law to get treatment and disability for veterans exposed to the contaminant, but whose ailments have been all but ignored.

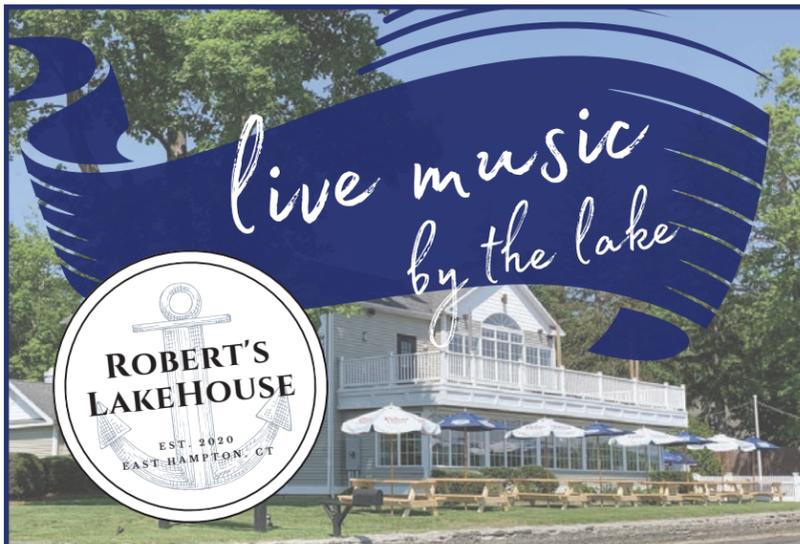
He was inspired to build the monument during his 2018 motorcycle tour when he saw a similar memorial in Ennis, Texas.

The monument was paid for by donations. The ongoing sale of bricks, which will form a walkway at the park, paid for all the ground-work at the site, leaving no expense to the town or taxpayers, Wright said. He expects the bricks

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### Mark Your Calendars!!

To the Editor:  
Mark your calendars! Colchester residents who support education and want to see our town thrive need to attend the annual budget meeting Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m., at Bacon Academy.

At this meeting, people looking to reduce the Town and BOE budgets before they head to referendum may make a motion to do so. We cannot let this happen.

The proposed tax increase stands at 0.7 mil, just 2% above current levels. First Selectman Mary Bylone originally proposed a budget that addressed unmet critical needs of the town and it has already been cut significantly. The Board of Education budget, even with reductions in state funding, stands at an increase well under 3%.

Please attend the Town Meeting to ensure that further reductions do not occur. This scenario must be stopped. Our town cannot afford to move backwards as the world awakes from the pandemic.

Sincerely,  
Monica Swyden – Colchester

### Supports Town Budget

To the Editor:  
I'm writing in to support the new Colchester town budget. The modest increases will ensure Colchester continues to be a great city. 2020 was a challenging year with a flat budget. Now that the country is opening up, and the economy is starting to recover, small investments match that optimism and set us up for a bright future.

I also wanted to praise Mary Bylone for the way she handles contentious meetings. Her leadership keeps the conversation as productive as possible, and her transparency from her Facebook page, the town newsletter, and more keeps me well informed. She's had some tough challenges to deal with.

There seems to be a loud minority who'd rather spend time pontificating than getting any substantial work done. A letter in last week's paper seemed to celebrate these individuals. I remember one of them bombastically proclaiming a missing link on the website meant an utter lack of accountability and transparency by the government! It turns out somebody made a simple mistake, and everybody needed to relax. In my experience, you can't trust people that jump to grave conclusions and intentional malice to make rational and thoughtful decisions.

John Farrell – Colchester

### Family Extends Thanks

To the Editor:  
The family of the late Dorothy (Ploszaj) Mrowka extend our sincere thanks for the massive outpouring of love, prayers and support as well as food, floral tributes, Masses and contributions received since her passing on April 29.

In addition, we would like to recognize with heartfelt appreciation the following organizations and individuals who went above and beyond to help make the funeral services so fitting and meaningful – simple yet elegant:

St. Joseph's Polish Society and Kitchen Committee; St. Andrew Church, the Rev. Marek Masnicki, the Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Colleen Puscas and Wayne Mohrlein; Colchester Florist; Colchester Democratic Town Committee; Colchester Democratic Women's Club; the Town of Colchester; Colchester Grange No. 78 and the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester.

To all who joined with us during the funeral services to mourn her passing, cherish her memory and celebrate her life – thank you from the depths of our hearts! May she live on through us all.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Dorothy Mrowka  
Colchester

### East Hampton Zone Change

To the Editor:  
Wednesday, June 2, the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will vote on the proposed Main Street zone change from residential to commercial for the construction of a new Food Bag gas station and drive-thru eatery.

This proposed zone change has been before the board in various forms since September of 2020. During that time public comment and opposition has continuously grown with no letters or speakers from the town in favor of the change.

Public comment for the proposed change was closed at their meeting on May 7 and now the fate of Main Street and the approaches to the old center of town lie in the hands of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The citizens of the town have voiced their concerns and opposition. The businesses of the old center have voiced their opposition. Members of state historic preservation groups have voiced their opposition. The closing response of the developer was that when sewers were installed on Main Street all the small-town charm of East Hampton was gone, so this development is appropriate.

People of the town hope that the P&Z commission will listen to their community and adhere to the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. Maintain the zoning as it currently is and in the town plan.

Kenneth Dodson – East Hampton

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**Fascinating**

To the Editor:  
I just read the article entitled exploring ancient mills of Hebron in the May 21 Rivereast. Fascinating! I just wanted to say thank you to the author and to Jeff Kirkam, who led the tours, for sharing this history!

**Patty Rufini – Andover**

**We're at a Turning Point**

To the Editor:  
When the history of the Republican Party is written it will reflect on a people educated enough to believe what they were taught, but not informed enough to question what they learned. A people duped into electing a succession of charlatans, opportunists and grifters, each worse than the last. For decades the Republican strategy has convinced the people to vote against their own interest, by using race, gender and religion to distract them. They starved federal agencies to the point they became weak and ineffective, then blamed them for being weak and ineffective. The media was transformed from watchdogs into lapdogs and ultimately, labor unions and the courts were kept completely out of the affairs of business. In the process, the Republican Party became a national Frankenstein of paranoia, racism and contradiction. A political ideology convinced that voter suppression, sedition, mask-shaming and corporate tax evasion are forms of patriotism, and not selflessness. This is the consequence of 40 years of failed policies, science denialism and religious fanaticism. The modern Republican Party is a mockery, who are more than willing to mount an insurrection and set a fuse to civil war to satisfy apocalyptic fantasies. The battle, therefore, is not between Democrats and Republicans. It is between those who care and those who don't. America is at a turning point; protect our elections from totalitarian suppression, and hold this authoritarian regime responsible for their lies, sedition and crimes. Or do nothing and ignore the fact the Republican Party attempted to overturn a legitimate election and dismantle their own democracy in order to protect a vulgar, dime-store Mussolini in a red hat. The Republican Party can no longer be trusted. They barely gave up power in 2020 and should we give them another opportunity, they will never relinquish it again.

**Joe Stevens – Hebron**

**The Big Lie**

To the Editor:  
Shades of Marjorie Taylor Greene: Anti-Semitic, anti-maskers display Nazi imagery in front of Brownstone Intermediate School.

The Big Lie continues in so many ways. In the 2016 primary, when asked if he would support the Republican Nominee, Trump said only if he were the nominee; during the 2016 election, he said that if he did not win it would be because of vote-rigging. Now, despite 50 state certifications he has fomented an insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, and continues his lies.

The Party of Trump is a cult of true believers bent on destroying our democracy. Meanwhile, Putin smiles.

**Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland**

**Supports School Budget**

To the Editor:  
The Colchester BOE came to the table in February the spirit of collaboration. The budget was lean and brought CPS back up to pre-pandemic levels following last year's cuts.

Since then, the BOE has continued to negotiate – seemingly against ourselves. After presenting a no-frills budget, the first thing asked is to cut \$275k from it. From where? Of course, it comes from the least painful spot: long-term planning.

No one wants to cut teachers and programming – these are the elements that make our schools what they are. And especially not following a pandemic when our students and staff need our support the most. Unfortunately, any further reductions make this impossible and that is when we start to lose the good stuff. We are regulated by law to a certain level of education; sadly, it is always the good stuff that ends up on the chopping block.

And sooo much “good stuff” emanates from our schools. Our kids are out in the community partnering with senior center or cleaning up near Cragin Library. Our kids are excelling in science and technology and representing Colchester at the state and national levels. Our kids are developing manufacturing skills at BA that give them careers. With our support, our kids can do anything.

Sure, we can “make do” again – but how long does making do hold before you start following behind? We have asked our students and staff

to make do for long enough. It's time we start showing them that they are a priority and worth the investment.

Please attend the in-person-only town meeting this Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. (Bacon Auditorium), moving the budgets to referendum. Then vote Tuesday, June 15!

**Amy Domeika – Colchester**

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

**Tag Sale Thanks**

To the Editor:  
The Andover Congregational Church would like to thank all the folks who donated to or attended their Tag Sale on May 15. The Tag Sale was a tremendous success thanks to all your contributions. Special Thanks go to St Columba/Holy Family Church, Andrea Slusarz and Armen Mickalak for their generosity.

**Beth Lundberg  
Fundraising Team Chair  
Andover Congregational Church**

**Free Phone Calls**

To the Editor:  
Our state legislators want to give our prisoners “free” phone calls. First of all, these calls are not “free” if we taxpayers are to pay for them. If this were to pass, this will cost CT taxpayers \$4.5 million in 2023 and a similar amount every year thereafter. Being that taxpayers will be footing the bill on this, shouldn't they have a say on this?

Isn't a prisoner incarcerated as punishment for his crime(s)?

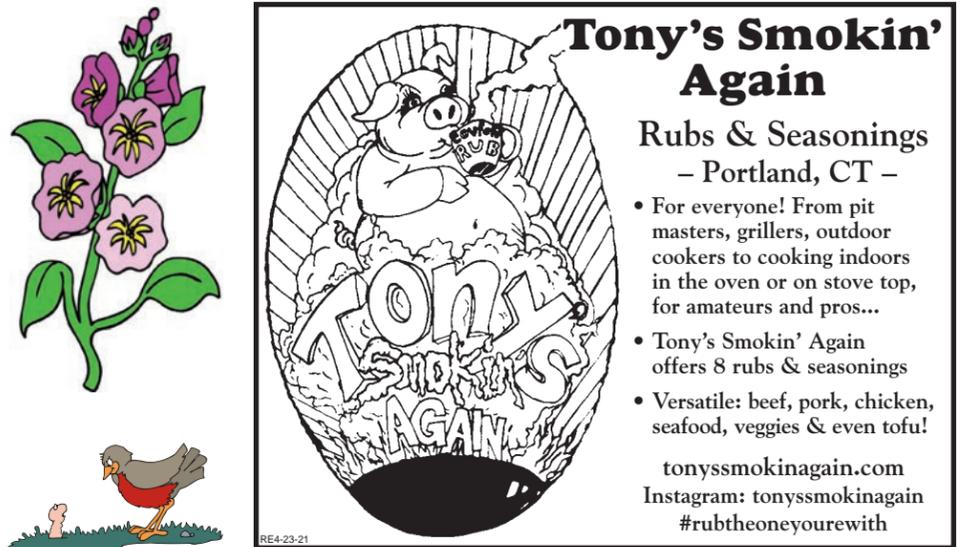
Are free phone calls considered as punishment or are they a benefit?

Who would benefit the most from this? Our legislators! If our prisoners were not allowed to vote, do you really think our legislators would be proposing this? Do you believe our legislators care more about their constituents or themselves? Give this some thought. Then contact your legislators and tell them your feelings on this.

I already did!

**Frank Blume – Colchester**

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

What happened in Portland last weekend at Brownstone Intermediate School was abhorrent.

While I personally disagree with those protesting mask mandates at the town schools, it's possible to do so without dressing up school officials to be Nazis.

In case you somehow have missed hearing about it, protesters at the school on Sunday erected a giant poster labeling Portland Board of Education Chairwoman Sharon Peters and Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton a "disgrace to [the] Portland school system."

Accompanying the text were two photos of Peters and Britton, altered to give them Hitler mustaches and swastika headbands.

That's just absurd, and incredibly offensive. Maligning hard-working local officials like this is just inexcusable. Hitler is frequently referred to as "history's greatest monster" for a reason. The list of reasons to compare someone to Hitler is extremely, extremely short – and requiring kids to wear facial masks is not on it.

First of all, as I've written here in the past, the science has been clear on masks, and how they protect not just your health but the health of others. If you're vaccinated, can you go mask-free? Sure, but therein lies the problem: most kids aren't vaccinated yet.

The Associated Press reported earlier this week only about 14% of the nation's 12- to 15-year-olds have been vaccinated. According to the news site Axios, Moderna is still in trial phase of the COVID-19 vaccine in ages 12-17. The Pfizer vaccine had received an FDA emergency use authorization for 12- to 15-year-old kids earlier this month, however.

Now, the Pfizer vaccine had already gained approval for use in teens 16 and older, and as a result, the numbers are better among 16- and 17-year-olds. For that age group, 34% have received their first shot and 22% have received both.

However, for younger kids, ages 2-11, there's not approval for a vaccine yet. Pfizer plans to apply for emergency use for this age group in September, NPR reported last week, and Moderna is in the trial phase for kids.

So, simply put, there is no vaccine yet for young kids, and for ages 12-17 the rate of those vaccinated is fairly low. Things will no doubt pick up by the fall, but for now they're just not really there, so continued mask use in schools is completely justified – particularly at Brownstone Intermediate School, which covers grades five and six.

But, beyond all that: even if you disagree with the efficacy of masks, don't describe those enforcing the rule as Nazis or compare them to Hitler. For requiring people to wear masks? It's just absolutely beyond the pale.

In a letter to the editor this week, Portland resident Ryan Curley writes of the incident: "We can do better." He's right; we absolutely can – and we absolutely should.

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Here's an interesting fact the Portland American Legion Auxiliary alerted me to this week: this year marks the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary naming the poppy its official memorial flower.

The Auxiliary bestowed this honor on the poppy at the Auxiliary's 1921 national convention in Kansas City. Over the years, I'm

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**Helping Out for Playground...** On Saturday, May 22, both the RHAM girls' and boys' high school lacrosse teams volunteered their time to improve the playground and surrounding area of My Sister's Place in Hartford. My Sister's Place is a homeless shelter that provides services to women and their families in need. A representative from the nonprofit gave a short talk about the shelter to the students and how it impacts those who find themselves without a home.

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### Thanks for Flags

To the Editor:

The St. Patrick Church Guild of East Hampton has placed American flags at the gravesites of veterans buried in St. Patrick Cemetery. We honor their memory and are very grateful for their service to our country.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped in this project.

St. Patrick Guild  
East Hampton

### We Can Do Better

To the Editor:

Like you, I was disgusted by the hateful imagery used in front of the Brownstone Intermediate School this past weekend. A display featuring Nazi symbols has no place in the Portland community.

I proudly stand in support of the superintendent of schools, the chair of the board of education, and the entire Board of Education. Their jobs have not been easy and they have tackled the many challenges of the pandemic admirably.

There are plenty of ways to voice disagreement without resorting to personal attacks.

We must be better than this as a community.

Ryan Curley – Portland  
Candidate for First Selectmen

### Correction

In a story in last week's *Rivereast* entitled "East Hampton Library Wins State Award," ECO Coffee House in East Hampton was incorrectly referred to as "C & O Coffee."

The *Rivereast* regrets the error.

### Well Done in Challenging Year

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Portland Superintendent of Schools Britton and Portland BOE Chair Peters for a job well done managing the Portland Schools through a challenging, crazy year and half.

The unfortunate display in front of the Brownstone school this weekend was way off the mark, to put it politely. Criticism comes with the public servant territory, but that was beyond the pale.

The two of you (in fact, the entire Portland BOE, staff, and faculty of Portland schools) have stepped up repeatedly during a stressful time and deserve kudos.

Thank you,  
Andy Bauer – Portland

### Thanks from Arts Center

To the Editor:

The Marlborough Arts Center would like to thank the communities, near and far, for their generous contributions to our annual Winter Tag Sale, held outside this year on May 1 on our beautiful grounds at 231 North Main Street in Marlborough. We had a huge response from all who donated a wide range of goods for the sale, and also a huge response from those who came to buy. Both exceeded our expectations. Every one of you helped make this a successful fund raiser.

A special thanks goes to the volunteers who gave freely of their time and energy to set up and clear. Speaking for the Board of Directors and our membership, we sincerely appreciate your support of the Arts Center and hope to see you at other events this year as pandemic regulations continue to ease.

Fran Terase, President  
Marlborough Arts Center

## Bulletin Board

"I've been thinking of writing a great American novel," I informed my wife recently. "That's nice," she said.

"But I don't know what to write about."

"Most novelists base their stories on personal experience," she suggested.

"Well, that seems simple enough."

*The Adventures of Sven Winchester (Chapter 1)*

The incredibly handsome and charismatic Sven Winchester returned from a strenuous trek to the mailbox at the end of his driveway and threw his lithe, somewhat potbellied (in an attractive sort of way) self down on the living room couch. The only sign of his recent exertion was a slight bead of sweat clinging unnoticed to his highly intelligent but mostly hairless brow.

While suffering a (hardly noticeable) degree of physical erosion, this was more than compensated for by his undeniable personal magnetism. A modest man (some might say humble to the point of saintliness), he was completely oblivious to the fact that he was virtually irresistible to medium-sized dogs and nearsighted old women shopping for pomegranates. In fact, he was completely oblivious to a lot of things. He was convinced his wife kept a detailed list somewhere around the house, but he wasn't quite sure where it might be beyond the fact that she seemed able to access it at very short notice.

Now, searching through the couch cushions for the TV remote, he found a stray pistachio nut. It was true, he thought to himself with typical profundity: Good things do come to those who wait. However, when he went to open the pistachio nut, he found it was one of the ones that isn't openable—the kind that people like him put back into the bag for other people to deal with. Not having a bag, he dropped it back down in the couch cushions, fearing that if he tossed it on the floor, someone might trip over it and suffer a serious brain injury or, worse yet, feel compelled to ask what it was doing there. He was like that. Always thinking of others, however briefly.

Turning on the TV, he tuned in to one of those cable news shows that are actually more "argumentative entertainment" than news. A woman from some foundation was hotly disparaging "apathetic people" who spend their time lounging around on the couch, eating potato chips and minding their own business as being part of "the problem." She was a little vague about what "the problem" might be, but he got the impression that it might have something to do with daring to disregard the extreme importance of whatever it was she had to say at any given moment.

He wondered if she'd shut up if he got up off the couch and went and joined the Peace Corps. Maybe he could get assigned to a country digging wells that supplied life-giving water to the inhabitants. That way maybe the people wouldn't get so thirsty when they were running around in the desert killing medical workers who were trying to give polio vaccines to children.

In the end, he decided to stay on the couch. He saw no particular reason why the people shouldn't just dig their own damn wells. He wondered if the woman on TV was right and apathy was "the problem" or if he was just being reasonably skeptical. He turned that question over in his mind for a moment and finally decided he really didn't care one way or the other. He just wanted to be left alone.

The End.

"That's really...ah...really... different," observed my wife.

"Maybe I should throw in some sex to spice it up," I suggested.

"No! Oh, no! No, no. It's fine just the way it is."

"Maybe a huge white whale."

"Sure. A whale. But no sex. Absolutely no sex."

As she made her exit I saw her shake her head and mumble to herself, "Sven Winchester?"

Soon to become a household name, I dare say.

Jim Hallas

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**Senior Center Info**

To the Editor:  
The Colchester Senior Center Building Committee has now posted onto the Town of Colchester website information regarding the new proposed senior center. The committee would like to invite all Colchester residents and taxpayers to visit the webpage and get some valuable information regarding the new center.

Please go to [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov) to access the town's home page. In the middle of the page you can click onto Senior Center Building Project and it will bring you to the Building Committee's main page. There you can take a virtual flyover tour of the proposed center and you can get information as to why build a new center and the proposed project timeline. You can also click on one of the information bars on the upper left hand corner and see the informational bulletin which will be mailed to all households in the future as well as the floor plan, the presentation that was made to the boards of selectmen and finance, the project history and the proposed design.

As more information becomes available, we will continually update the website.

If anyone has any questions, they can send an email to: [seniorcenterbuildingcommittee@colchesterct.gov](mailto:seniorcenterbuildingcommittee@colchesterct.gov). We monitor the site and someone will get back with an answer to any questions.

The committee meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m., and all residents are invited to attend.

**Anthony Tarnowski,  
LEED AP Chairman  
Colchester Senior Center  
Building Committee**

**DTC Statement**

To the Editor:  
This Sunday, May 23, Portland witnessed an abhorrent and horrific display of hate speech that equated Dr. Charles Britton, superintendent, and Sharon Peters, chair of the Board of Education, to the Nazi regime.

The Portland Democratic Town Committee condemns these hateful signs that were placed outside of Brownstone Intermediate School today. The viewpoints and actions taken by these individuals are dangerous and do not reflect the values of our Portland community.

We strongly support our Board of Education and superintendent for their leadership. They have been doing all they can during a pandemic to keep our children safe.

**Shelly Nolan, Secretary,  
on behalf of  
Portland Democratic Town Committee**

**Move Budgets Forward**

To the Editor:  
Colchester Public Schools (CPS) have done their share by absorbing significant reductions to our bare-bones budget to keep the mill increase as minimal as possible. The original CPS budget was a 2.79% increase that represented "no-frills/needs only". This was reduced by the Board of Finance by \$275k + the pending ECS reduction of \$364k, leaving CPS at 1.24% or a \$500k increase – a 0.8-mill increase when combined with the town.

As a reminder, CPS needed approximately \$500k to get back to level-funding due to cuts made in FY2020. Our schools have essentially received level funding for the 2nd year in a row, during the biggest education crisis of our lifetimes.

The reality is, although this is a hard hit, we need to move forward.

American Rescue Plan Act funding is a blessing, but not a blank check. These funds will help off-set some, but not all of these reductions. Thankfully ARPA can help to purchase technology, repair HVAC systems, and move along some long-range plans. But overall we're not properly funding these plans, and the impact of this will be felt in the coming years. The goal of ARPA funding is to "transform" education. How can we transform education if we're using the funds to off-set steep reductions year-over-year?

CPS will do their best to make reductions that do not impact programming, but we need your help to ensure this budget is not reduced further.

We need to pass these budgets and get back to business. CPS needs months to plan for the 2021-22 school year and although it seems crazy... August is only three months away! So please, attend the in-person only Town Meeting, Thursday June 3, 6:30 p.m., at the Bacon auditorium to move the budgets to referendum. Then vote on Tuesday, June 16th!

**Jessica Morozowich – Colchester**

*Note: Morozowich is a member of the Colchester Board of Education, but said she is writing as an individual.*

**We Need to Move Forward**

To the Editor:  
Colchester residents will have the opportunity to attend an important town meeting on June 3rd (6:30 p.m.) at Bacon Academy. Both the town and school budgets will be presented. If you have been attending Board of Finance meetings over the past few months, you will have seen the many hours of conversations and BOF votes. At this point, the proposed School budget has been reduced by \$275,000 plus the impact of the ECS reduction of \$364,000 leaving the budget at a 1.24% increase over the previous budget year. To get down to the 1.24% increase, the school district has had to "dig deep" using savings and postponing spending on needed projects and materials.

This will be the second year in a row that due to reductions to the proposed budgets, funding will not be allocated to the "Capital Reserve." Capital Reserve funds are used for school repairs and necessary improvements.

Federal Grant funds (ESSR and American Rescue Plan Act) cannot offset all of these reductions. Guidance is slowly coming out regarding ARPA suggesting that a portion of the ARPA grant can be used to pay for a portion of Capital needs such as HVAC and Technology. The question is, with this proposed School budget, will we have the funds to replace students' lost learning? The Goals of this year's School budget are to "Support Students; Sustain, Maintain, Strengthen and Balance". Current staffing levels must be maintained and enhanced. Instructional and operational programming in the district must be maintained to continue to provide an outstanding learning environment.

Colchester's strength lies in our ability to work together to support great schools. Please help us do that by showing up to the Town Meeting on June 3rd. Although this budget is greatly reduced, we need to pass it and move forward.

**Joanne Rose – Colchester**

*Note: Rose is a member of the Colchester Board of Education but said she is writing as a private citizen.*

**Doggie Poo**

To the Editor:  
Hi. I have never owed a dog and to be honest I am afraid of dogs because of dog bites in my past. But I do love to watch them. But I also love our town of Portland. Over the years as I take walks, I see discarded doggie poo bags along the road. A few weeks ago, I was driving home and a couple walking their dog discarded two doggie poo bags in the storm drain across from Gildersleeve School. This past Sunday, as I was leaving First Congregational Church, there was a doggie poo bag on the top of the entrance walkway into the church.

I appreciate those that pick up the poo but you need to be responsible and bring the bags home and discard in your garbage cans. Do not dispose along the streets, at churches or in storm drains. Yuck. Thank you for your consideration.

**Ann Labby – Portland**

**Appalled**

To the Editor:  
Portland Social Justice Coalition stands in support of our school leadership and against all forms of hate speech. We desire our community to be a safe place – in our schools, where our administration follows state guidelines to keep students protected from COVID-19, and in our streets, where residents should be free to travel down Main Street without witnessing Nazi imagery. We are appalled at the signs which were displayed in front of Brownstone Intermediate

School on Sunday depicting district leaders with swastikas and Hitler-esque mustaches. Comparing our school officials to perpetrators of genocide simply because they are following state and national guidance based on science, trivializes the Holocaust and causes re-traumatization for the Jewish community and other groups who have been historically targeted by Nazi ideology.

These signs are damaging to our school leaders, our students, and our entire community. Even more disturbing, many people in our community are defending the signs on social media. There seems to be a lack of understanding or lack of regard for the fact that a swastika is a hate symbol and should never be displayed in public, especially in front of a school. We ask our community members and our neighbors to stand together and reject all of these dangerous views and any hatred that exists in Portland. We encourage all town officials, businesses and organizations to publicly reject this hate speech, because we are stronger together. It is even more important this week, on the anniversary of George Floyd's murder.

PSJC will continue to provide safe spaces, education and resources to the community. To join us, email [portlandsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:portlandsocialjustice@gmail.com) or find us at [facebook.com/PortlandCTSocialJustice](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandCTSocialJustice).

**Elizabeth Hibino, on behalf of  
Portland Social Justice Coalition**

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sure you've seen veterans selling poppies, in various places; I know I have. According to the Portland American Legion Auxiliary, funds collected from the poppy donations are used for the rehabilitation of veterans; for the welfare of families of veterans; to help pay for some expenses for the hospital and field service volunteers (such as uniforms and transportation); and other items and services benefiting veterans, particularly those in the

VA hospitals.  
On Sunday, Auxiliary members will line the Portland Memorial Day Parade route, seeking donations for the poppies – which are made by veterans in veterans' hospitals. If you see one, why don't you offer a donation and pick up a poppy? You'll be glad you did.  
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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](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org) or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

**Library Reopens:** The library welcomes visitors; no appointments are needed. Walk-ins are welcome. Masks for those over the age of 2, and social distancing are required. However, there is a limit to the number of visitors at one time and patrons are asked to keep visits brief. Computers and wireless access in the building are available by appointment. "Curbside delivery" of requested items continues; call the library or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available.

**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.

**Youth Programs: Online Storytime:** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. through June 8, via Zoom. Registration is required for each week; space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance. A Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of each program.

**Adult Programs:** 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, June 15, 1 p.m. *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides will be discussed.

### Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

**Tai Chi for Long Life:** Saturday, May 29, 10-10:45 a.m., at Riverfront Park. Contact Parks and Rec. if you are interested in drop-in registration.

**Zumba with Val at the Riverfront:** Wednesday, June 2, 6-7 p.m., at Riverfront Park. Fee is \$8. Register online. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

**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](http://portland.recdesk.com). For more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

**Quick Start Tennis:** Mondays, June 21-July 26, at the Portland High School tennis courts. Schedule: Grades K-2, 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 6:15-7 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 7-7:45 p.m. Fee: \$70 for Portland residents/\$80 for non-residents.

**Slamma Jamma:** Slamma Jamma basketball is returning the week of July 26. This week-long, half-day basketball camp is for grades 3-9.

**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](http://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.

**Summer Concert Series: Summer Concert Series:** Portland Parks and Recreation and the Brownstone Quorum are bringing back the annual series. Tentative dates are Tuesdays, July 20-Aug. 10. Donors to the series include Liberty Bank, The Flood Law Firm, Gildersleeve Spirit Shop, Portland Automotive, Jarvis Airfoil, Portland Home and Hardware, Budget Blinds of Middletown, Gotta's Farm, Charlie's Water Wagon, a donation in memory of Skip Wagner, Portland NAPA, Water & Sewers Specialties, Portland Memorial Funeral Home, Portland Dairy Queen, Portland Discount Liquors, and Moore Brothers Inc.

**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.

### Parade Route for Sunday

Portland's Memorial Day parade will take place Sunday, May 30. The parade will assemble at Victoria Road at 1:30 p.m.; floats should assemble at 12:30 p.m. Step-off will be at 2 p.m.

The parade will continue onto Waverly Avenue, turn left on East Main Street, turn right on Freestone Avenue and end on the field of Veteran's Memorial Field. Units will march on down into the field of Veterans' Memorial Park off Fairview Street. All units will march to Veterans Memorial Park for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

The procession will stop for a brief ceremony at the Civil War monument on Bartlett Street and finish behind the Portland Town Hall. There will be a reviewing stand in front of the Brownstone Intermediate School.

The parade grand marshal is John B. Sterry Sr., a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Korean Conflict in naval aviation. He served on a patrol bomber in Iceland, Germany, Scotland, Puerto Rico and other overseas location in Squadron VP-10.

The American Legion Color Guard will lead the parade. Former U.S. Marine and retired Massachusetts State Police officer Sgt. Dan Clark – a.k.a. "The Singing Trooper" – will be performing this year. The musical units will be the Portland High School Band, Middletown Pipe Band, UConn's Conmen A Cappella Group, along with the Sphinx and Pyramid Temple.

The parade will take place rain or shine. The parade is organized and overseen by The Portland Memorial Day Parade Committee. Committee members will serve refreshments to the marchers immediately after the benediction.

Ceremonies at the cemeteries will be held preceding the parade, between noon and 1 p.m. Ceremonies will be held at Swedish Cemetery, Center Cemetery, Trinity Cemetery, St. Mary's Cemetery, and Indian Hill Burial Grounds.

Last-minute registrants should call Sara Sterry Rutter at 860-342-2815 or 860-250-2041 to participate in this year's tribute.

### RTC Cornhole Tournament

The Portland Republican Town Committee will present a Cornhole Tournament and Family Fun Day Saturday, June 12, at Portland's Riverfront Park. Check-in begins at 1 p.m., and tournament play starts at 2 p.m.

The tournament is single-elimination/bracket format. Players can bring their own standard bags; no double-sided/pro bags are allowed. Cost is \$60 per team. Registration deadline is June 6, though there will also be in-person registration on June 12 if the tournament is not sold out.

Bring your own lawn chairs, lawn games and beverages. There will also be crafts and activities for children, karate lessons provided by Michael Pelton, and a food truck will be on site.

For more information, email Tim Lavoy at [goppportlandct@gmail.com](mailto:goppportlandct@gmail.com) or Ryan Curley at [ryanjcurly@gmail.com](mailto:ryanjcurly@gmail.com).

### KoC Takeout Dinner

The Freestone Council Knights of Columbus will serve a takeout roast pork dinner Wednesday, June 2, at the Church of Saint Mary, 45 Freestone Ave. Servings are from 4-6 p.m.

The June dinner will include roast pork, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables and apple sauce for \$10 or \$30 for a family portion. Proceeds support the Knights' charitable giving.

No preorder is necessary. On the day of the meal, chefs are available at 860 342-2713 for any questions. For home delivery of dinners, call John McNickle at 860-342-1415.

### 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](http://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](mailto:zion.lutheran@snet.net) or visit [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org).

### 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.

Appropriate sites are within or near the town center where trees will improve a streetscape, shade a sidewalk or other pavement, be visible to the general public, and where the property owner or tenant can take responsibility for watering.

Property owners who wish to receive a new tree at the Jonah Center's expense may call John Hall at 860-398-3771 or use the "contact" tab at [www.thejonahcenter.org](http://www.thejonahcenter.org) to send a message.

### 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.

### Transfer Station Seasonal Hours

In response to customer requests, the Portland Board of Selectmen has approved seasonal hours for the transfer station, on a trial basis. From June 8-Oct. 1, hours will be:

Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The scale closes 30 minutes prior to closing.

### Singers Wanted for a Special Opportunity

The Portland-based Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords group is looking for singers to participate in a 20th anniversary musical tribute to the heroes of 9/11 at the Bushnell in Hartford on Sept. 11, 2021.

Rehearsals start Tuesday, June 8, from 6:45-9 p.m., at the Rev. Msgr. M. Davitt Fox Parish Center, St. Francis Church, 10 Elm Street in Middletown. No auditions necessary. New members will be accepted through June 22.

For more information, visit [vocalchords20.org](http://vocalchords20.org)

### Grace and Mercy Church News

Grace and Mercy Family Ministries Church, 13 Waverly Ave., has announced a modified Sunday worship service schedule. From June through August, the Sunday morning worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

### Church to Celebrate 300 Years

On Saturday, June 5, from 1-3 p.m., the 300th Anniversary Committee of the Frist Congregational Church is hosting an event to share the work being done by Dean Soucy and church member Darlene Rice on their property located at 311 Brownstone Ave. Rain date is Sunday, June 6, at the same time.

This will be an open house-type event; people can come at whatever time they like. A short history of the Portland quarries will be given at 2 p.m. by Bob McDougall of the Portland Historical Society.

Parking is available in the lot across from their gate or at the Riverfront Park. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Masks and social distancing are optional. Church history books and ornaments created for the 300th anniversary year will be available for sale.

### 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.

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.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, go to: [Ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend](http://Ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend).

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### Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is now open for weekly daytime activities only; registration is required for each program, so center staff can keep track of the number of people in the building. 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 communal 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 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:** Thursdays, 1 p.m. All are welcome.

**Bocce:** Wednesdays, 1 p.m., at the Route 17 complex (weather permitting). Call the center in the morning if you plan on attending.

**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, crotchet or do embroidery work. All are welcome.

**Scrabble:** Tuesdays 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.

### Town Clerk Seeking 'Top Dog'

The Portland town clerk's office is accepting donations of canned dog and cat food as part of its annual contest to determine which dog will wear the No. 1 dog tag for the upcoming year. The canned pet food collected will go to the Portland Food Bank, for those in temporary need.

To enter, donate cans of dog or cat food when registering your dog by June 30. For each can donated, your dog will earn a ticket for a drawing to be held at 10 a.m. July 1. The first three tickets

chosen will receive the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 dog tags.

All dog owners must obtain a license or renew their current licenses no later than June 30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The state-mandated registration fee is \$8 for a spayed or neutered dog, \$19 for a non-spayed, non-neutered dog and a current rabies vaccination certificate.

More information can be found at [www.portlandct.org/dog-licenses](http://www.portlandct.org/dog-licenses).

### 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.

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

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



### Ribbon-Cutting of Labyrinth

The Brownstone Quorum will hold a ribbon-cutting event for the recently-completed labyrinth in Riverfront Park on Sunday, June 13.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 2 p.m., at the landscaped space just down the main trail, to the right of the bathrooms. This part of the event will feature three special guests, beginning with Gary O'Neil, a Wangunk Tribe member, who will lead a Native American blessing on the site. After brief words by Quorum members and local officials, Bill Ludwig and Judith Clinton, both local labyrinth facilitators, will share their perspectives of labyrinth uses and community meaning.

After the formalities, the celebration will continue at various locations within the park. Ludwig and Clinton will lead separate walks through the Labyrinth based on their own experiences. Quorum members will be available to answer questions or welcome new members in the pavilion, where an ongoing slideshow of the development of the Labyrinth from start to finish will be running. This collaborative effort is truly something to reflect upon, demonstrating what is possible when citizens of varied backgrounds work together.

There will also be live musical entertainment and snacks available at the pavilion, as well as labyrinth informational handouts and some limited-edition prints of the Portland Labyrinth



**A ribbon-cutting event for the recently-completed labyrinth in Riverfront Park will take place Sunday, June 13, starting promptly at 2 p.m.**

available for purchase. Bill Ludwig's book *Chasing Labyrinths* will also be available for purchase. Two copies have been donated to the Portland Library, so residents can explore more about how these facilities have evolved and where they are located in both Connecticut and Rhode Island.

### 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.

Worship on Sunday, May 30, will be held outdoors adjacent to the Memorial Garden behind the church. This Memorial Day service will honor the memory of veterans who have died in the service of their country. The history of the church is filled with members who served in the military during wartime. As part of the Memorial Day service, the Rev. Jane Hawken will share stories of some of these fallen sol-

diers, as well as history of the Portland Civil War Monument, which is nearly 150 years old. The brownstone monument is located across the street from the church's entrance, at the corner of Main and Bartlett streets. The service will be available on YouTube on Sunday afternoon, for those who wish to worship virtually.

The Missions Board and members of the church will provide a meal for Streetfire Ministries in Middletown on Saturday, May 29.

To join church mailing lists (both email and regular mail), email [first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 [www.firstchurchportlandct.org](http://www.firstchurchportlandct.org).

### Honor Those Who Fell: Wear a Poppy

Members of the Portland American Legion Auxiliary will be offering Memorial Day Poppies this month.

Auxiliary members will also line the parade route on May 30, seeking donations for the poppies - which are made by veterans in veterans' hospitals.

Funds collected from the poppy donations are used for the rehabilitation of veterans; for the welfare of families of veterans; to help pay for some expenses for the hospital and field service volunteers (such as uniforms and transportation); and other items and services benefitting veterans, particularly those in the VA hospitals.

The poppy was made the memorial flower of the American Legion Auxiliary at the 1921 National Convention in Kansas City. All are encouraged to wear the poppy as a personal tribute to the deceased veterans and to honor the living veterans as well.

### Giant-Sized Games at Library

Portland Library patrons can now borrow a giant yard game for their outdoor party or gathering. Patrons can reserve giant-sized versions of Jenga, Connect 4, Yardzee and Yard Farkle.

The yard games can be borrowed for free for three days and must be reserved in advance through the Museum Pass link at [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org). Games must be picked up and returned inside the library during the hours the library is open. If not returned on time, borrowers will be charged a late fee of \$10 per game.

For more information, call the library at 860-342-6770.

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# Finance Board Cuts Budget in Anticipation of Stimulus Funds

by Sloan Brewster

After making some tweaks, the Colchester Board of Finance agreed to send a \$15.87 million town spending plan – a \$718,657 or 4.74% increase over the current year – to town meeting.

The board, which approved the budget at a meeting last Wednesday, also agreed to send a \$41.827 million education spending plan to town meeting.

The board cut \$358,022 in one-time expenses from the town budget proposal in expectation it will be able to fund them through the approximately \$4 million the town will receive from the recent federal stimulus.

First Selectman Mary Bylone called the grant a windfall.

Bylone, in a phone call Tuesday, said that while there are still “unknowns” about how the money can be spent, the finance board decided to remove some one-time costs from the budget with plans to fund them when the federal rescue funds are received.

“We’re still not 100% clear whether they will all be eligible,” Bylone said.

She said officials would be participating in a webinar today, Friday, with folks who will interpret the wording of the act and help determine how the money can and cannot be spent.

Bylone said she would have preferred to wait until officials knew more about the spending limitations but wanted to get the budget out, which she said had been delayed by a week already.

If some of the items on the list end up not eligible for the stimulus funding, she said she was told the finance board would approve taking money from the town’s general fund to cover them.

Bylone said she told the finance board at its meeting last week that the items on the list were all needs.

“I said this is not a wish list,” she said. “I’m not changing the needs.”

Bylone said many of the items were projects the town has been putting off “year after year” and that it was time to fund them.

“At some point, you have to take a stand,” she said.

The cuts include \$42,155 for a police cruiser; \$17,069 for a power stretcher for the fire department; \$14,000 to fix the roof on the pavilion at a local park; \$30,000 for a roof on the youth center; \$15,000 for a rooftop heating unit;

\$60,000 for basketball courts; \$53,000 for field irrigation; \$25,000 for repairs to the exterior of the library; \$12,500 for a new file storage system; \$57,973 for playground equipment; and \$15,000 for an affordable housing plan.

Before the finance board got down to its calculations during last week’s virtual meeting, it opened the floor to speakers from the public.

Resident Russell Melmed, who is also director of the Chatham Health District, was first to take the opportunity and said he wanted the budget to be sent to referendum “as presented.”

Resident Vince Rose echoed the sentiment.

“This represents a tremendous amount of work,” Rose said. “I think it’s important to move it forward to get it voted on and to get it adopted.”

Before voting on the cuts, finance board members had some back-and-forth discussion about how the stimulus funds could be used.

Bernard Dennler said it would be great to get the mill rate down by using the funding “in a way that goes with the spirit of the bill.”

“Towns across the state are struggling same as us and trying to get a handle on how it can be used,” Mike Egan said.

He said the town could dole out the money to cover expenses, such as refurbishing the basketball court, that would not be repeated every year.

Mike Hayes said the funding was “a golden opportunity” and “a once in a lifetime opportunity” and “a once in a lifetime opportunity”

and called it “money from heaven.”

Andreas Bisbikos spoke of how other towns in the country were planning to use stimulus funding, and said the town could use it on parks and that one community was expecting to use it for police cruisers.

“There’s a whole bunch of other items that aren’t even in this budget that they could be used for and some of these communities are being very creative,” Bisbikos said.

Maggie Cosgrove, the town’s chief financial officer, urged caution in selecting the items they planned to pay for with the stimulus funds.

“If you slip up on any rule that puts you in a situation that you have to pay the money back,” she warned.

The town meeting will be held at Bacon Academy and will be the town’s first in-person meeting since the state shutdown due to COVID-19.

Last year, when Gov. Ned Lamont issued an executive order that let municipal boards of finance approve local budgets sans voting by residents, a lot of people complained, Bylone said. She hopes they all come out and take their chance to vote this year.

“We’re hoping that people will seize the moment and let their voice be heard,” the first selectwoman said.

The referendum on the budget will take place Tuesday, June 15, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m., at Town Hall.

## 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. Programs taking place via Zoom are indicated with a (Z).

**Monday, May 31:** Senior center closed for Memorial Day.

**Tuesday, June 1:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Senior Golf League; 9:15 a.m., Blood Pressure Clinic; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi (Z); 1 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Wednesday, June 2:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program (Z); 10 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at Air Line Trail; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10 a.m., adult coloring.

**Thursday, June 3:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne (Z); 10 a.m., Sittercize (Z); 10 a.m., Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga (Z); noon, Chair Massage; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet, 1 p.m., Dominoes.

**Friday, June 4:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10 a.m., Reel Friends Movie Club – *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*; 10:30 a.m., Hearing Screening; 11 a.m., Yoga (Z); 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Garden Club:** Monday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. The club will meet the first Monday of every

month at the senior center to maintain the front and side gardens. All are welcome. Rain date is June 14.

**Pet Therapy:** Monday, June 14, 10 a.m. All dog-loving senior center members are invited to visit “Stitch,” a certified therapy dog, with her owner, Colchester First Selectman Mary Bylone.

**Sit & Be Fit Video:** Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. Registration requested.

**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. Every month will have a different theme; the theme for June is “The Great Outdoors.” Registration required.

**Learn to Sign with Ruth:** Mondays at 11 a.m. This introductory course requires no previous experience and will teach you the basics of how to communicate using sign language.

**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.

## Renter’s Rebate

The income-based Renter’s Rebate program has returned – and this year, Colchester Youth and Social Services has two options for people to complete their application.

People may schedule a time and wait outside or in the lobby while CYSS completes their application, or they can drop off, mail or email the paperwork.

Appointments will be Monday through Wednesday and can be made by calling the office at 860-537-7255. If mailing or dropping off, the address is at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415. To email, send to: socialservices@colchesterct.gov.

After CYSS completes the paperwork, it will contact people for a signature and to return any documents.

Necessary paperwork: Proof of all rent and utilities paid in 2020; proof of income; a 2020 tax return, if filed; and a proof of energy assistance grant.

For more information, call 860-537-7255.

## 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 westchestercongregation.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 westcongregation@gmail.com or call 860-267-6711 to request Sunday School items.

## Children’s Programs at Cragin Library

The following programs are offered for children at Cragin Memorial Library. While the library is currently open, it is not hosting any in-person programming. For more information and full program descriptions, call the children’s department at 860-537-7201. The library is located at 8 Linwood Ave.

**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.

**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. 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.

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

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**New StoryWalk Book...** A new book, *My Happy Year* by E. Bluebird, has been posted at the StoryWalk at Ruby & Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands, 96 MacDonald Road. A StoryWalk combines physical activity with reading as the pages of the book are transformed into signs on a trail inviting children and their caregivers to read as they move along the path. The StoryWalk is free and open to all, provided by Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester Garden Club, Colchester Land Trust, Colchester Wildlife Habitat and the Collaborative for Colchester's Children. Pictured are AJ, Grant and Ellie Tiezzi enjoying the new book.

### 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.

### Resident Graduates

Simone Francoeur of Colchester recently graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

Francoeur graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience and behavior.

### Fire Calls

From May 16-22, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 41 calls: 30 emergency medical calls, seven were fire/fire-related calls, and four motor vehicle crashes (all single-car crashes). Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, five; trees down, one.

Medical: sick person, 10; difficulty breathing, five; fall injury, four; cardiac distress, one; abdominal pain, two; mental disorder, three; unconscious, three; seizure, one.

CHFD provided mutual aid three times last week – twice to East Haddam and once to Hebron – and did not receive any.

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

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

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# Longtime Superintendent's Assistant to Retire

by Jack Lakowsky

"Superintendents come and superintendents go, but a district will always be fine if they have a Rosemarie Smith, who is caretaker of all in the central office, and in all the schools."

East Hampton Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith said this heartfelt comment at a Monday Board of Education meeting, where it was announced that Rosemarie Smith's venerable 36-year career as administrative assistant to the superintendent has come to a close.

Smith's retired life will begin in early June, she told the *Rivereast* Wednesday morning.

She's already sampled what's in store for her; she said she recently took a few days off to enjoy the company of visiting family, and during her interview was enjoying a sunny morning on her porch.

"I thought, 'I can get used to this,'" Smith said.

Smith said she will spend her free time with her grandkids-who she expects will take liberal advantage of her swimming pool.

She also plans to spend more time with her mother in Pennsylvania. Her mother, a senior, has also inspired Smith to begin some volunteer work.

"I'm looking to do something with seniors because I know it gets tough," Smith said. "Especially when someone lives alone, they may need some assistance, and it can be hard to get help. If I could buddy up with someone, help them if they need help, that would make me happy."

Smith started in 1985 – a year Ronald Reagan was in the White House, and Belltown's William O'Neill was governor of Connecticut.

One of the most notable of her years in the position was her last.

"Nothing [during the COVID-19 pandemic] was run of the mill," said Smith. "Things changed daily, depending on feedback from the governor and state Department of Education."

Smith said the pandemic has been the most demanding challenge of her career.

Smith said navigating the pandemic's challenges required flexibility- a skill her job already required. It was her favorite part of the job which, she said, never stagnated or got boring.

Smith said Paul Smith's leadership was also key in getting through the pandemic.

The biggest changes for East Hampton, and in districts across the state, came in the after-



**Veteran of the East Hampton schools' central office Rosemarie Smith's 36th year will be her last, having decided to retire to spend more time with family, and to focus on some volunteer work.**

math of the 2013 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Smith said.

She said after that tragic shooting, schools ramped up security.

"All the security went into schools, we had to bulletproof the windows," Smith said. "The buildings were locked up tight."

No matter what changes occurred during her career, Smith said, she never stopped loving the work.

Smith is a key behind-the-scenes player in many school services.

"If we ended up with a bus stuck in snow, we'd need to call Public Works for a plow right away," Smith said, adding that memorizing who to call in any of the countless situations that can arise in a workday is key for the job.

"It's not something with a manual," Smith said.

Chief among the assistant's duties is as a rock to the superintendent.

"Upon my arrival in 2016, I was the next person to keep in line," the superintendent said in the school board meeting. "And that she has done."

Paul Smith said he "immediately" realized that Rosemarie Smith was someone who knew and loved the history of both the district and the town.

"One other thing that has been common throughout those years is her role as caretaker, psychologist, advisor and confidante to many superintendents – many, many superintendents," Smith said.

When asked for one or two favorite memories of her career, Smith said there were simply too many to name.

## 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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## EHHS Spring Concert

The East Hampton High School music program will hold its spring concert in front of the high school, 15 N. Maple St., on Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. This is the school's first full band/chorus performance since February 2020.

Bring your own chairs for seating. Note: If rain is forecast for this event, the concert will be livestreamed on the East Hampton Public Schools website, <https://www.easthamptonps.org>.

## St. Patrick Tag Sale Coming

St. Patrick Church, located at 47 W. High St., will hold an outside tag sale Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Organizers are not taking donations this year; do not drop any items for sale.

## 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](http://www.easthamptonct.gov/home/pages/volunteers-needed).

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

## 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](https://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:** The pastor will host a Zoom Bible Study Thursday, June 3, from 7-8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Contact the church office for a Zoom invitation. All are welcome.

**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](http://www.hncovenantchurch.org).

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# East Hampton Public Schools Top Ten Students of the Class of 2021



East Hampton High School is pleased to announce the Top Ten students in the graduating Class of 2021. The Valedictorian is Alexander Nikolov. The Salutatorian is Danielle Adams.



**Alexander Nikolov**, son of Deborah and Stoyko Nikolov, is the valedictorian of the Class of 2021. As a junior, Alexander received the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Mathematics and Science and the Shoreline Conference Outstanding Junior in Mathematics Award. Alexander was named a National Merit Scholar Commended Student and was recognized as a National Rural and Small Town Recognition Scholar based on his exceptional PSAT and SAT scores. A musician, Alexander was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society as a sophomore. Alexander plays the saxophone in the school band and Jazz Band and, according to the band director, leads by example with his quiet determination and absolute focus. He is a four year member of both the Interact Club and the French Club. Additionally, Alexander is an athlete who has competed as a member of the varsity soccer and track and field teams. In his junior year, Alexander was inducted into the National Honor Society. This fall, Alexander will be moving to Boston to attend Northeastern University, where he plans to study computer engineering and computer science.



**Danielle Adams**, daughter of Sandra and Evan Adams, is the salutatorian of the Class of 2021. As a junior, Danielle was the recipient of both the Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award and the Gettysburg College Book Prize. She was also inducted into the National Honor Society. Danielle is a four year varsity athlete in soccer, basketball, and track. Known for her leadership abilities, Danielle was named senior captain of the soccer and track teams, recognized as a CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete, and won the CABA Student Leadership Award. Danielle is a talented artist and was awarded the CAS Art Award this year. Danielle has volunteered her time to the Interact Club, served as an officer for the Spanish Club, and is the treasurer of the Class of 2021. This fall, Danielle will attend the University of Connecticut, where she was accepted into the honors program and has signed a National Letter of Intent to run track and field for the university. She is proud to be able to pursue her athletic dreams while being able to further her education goal of becoming a Physical Therapist.



**Angela Mercaldi**, daughter of Joanna and Michael Mercaldi, is ranked third in the Class of 2021. As a junior, she received the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal and as a senior the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Angela is a four year member of the Spanish Club (including serving as head of fundraising), two year member of the Interact Club and Principal's Advisory Board, and one year member of the Student Council and Student Advisory Club. As a junior, Angela was inducted into the National Honor Society. Angela served as volleyball captain and was recognized as First Team Shoreline Conference. She helped lead the basketball team to two consecutive undefeated seasons and Shoreline Conference titles and was named First Team All State and First Team Shoreline Conference. Sophomore year, Angela broke two school records in the long and triple jump and set a Shoreline Conference record in the girls' triple jump. This fall, Angela will attend the University of New Haven, where she will compete on the track and field team and study mechanical engineering. She hopes to work as a software developer for Google.



**Robert R. Balda**, son of Amy Thompson Balda and Robert P. Balda, is ranked fourth in the Class of 2021. As a junior, Robert was the recipient of the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing medal and was inducted into the National Honor Society. A well-rounded student and leader of the Class of 2021, Robert has been a class officer all four years, is a three year member of the Spanish Club, Business Club, and Interact Club, and spent much time participating in varsity athletics. Robert has competed on the high school varsity boys' soccer, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field teams. Outside of EHHS, Robert has participated as a player and served as a coach for the East Hampton Soccer Club. During the summer of his sophomore year, Robert travelled to the Dominican Republic through Global Leadership Adventures. Additionally, he has served as the student representative for the East Hampton Board of Education since sophomore year and works at Marlborough Pizza. This fall, Robert will attend Northeastern University in Boston, where he plans to study Business Administration and Economics.



**Sam Gibson**, son of Eric and Stacey Gibson, is ranked fifth in the Class of 2021. As a junior, Sam was awarded the Rensselaer Medal for his outstanding abilities in math and science and was inducted into the National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He is a member of the Spanish Club, Voices, the Student Advisory Board, Business Club, and the Asian Culture Club. Sam is a varsity athlete, excelling in cross country and boys' tennis, where he was named captain during his senior season for both teams. Sam is on the State Advisory Council on Education, a leader in unified sports, and has volunteered for the RHAM special olympics. Sam's capstone project "Book's to Go!" is one of his proudest accomplishments. He collected and donated over 800 bags of books to children across the community. Sam was awarded with the 2020 Friends of Education award for his efforts with this drive. In the fall, Sam will attend Roger Williams University, where he was recruited to play tennis and was accepted into the honors program and an accelerated MBA program.



**Emma Field**, daughter of David and Karen Field, is ranked sixth in the Class of 2021. As a junior, Emma was inducted into the National Honor Society. That same year, she was the recipient of the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences. Emma has been actively involved in the Spanish and Interact Clubs for all four years of high school. Additionally, she has been on the class officer board for three years, originally as the class historian and then as vice president in both her junior and senior years. Emma was named team captain on the volleyball and track and field teams after four years of dedication and hard work. Emma enjoys volunteering her time to the Special Olympics, where she has participated through the school's extracurricular program and also on her own. Emma will be attending Sacred Heart University in the fall, where she was accepted into the Pell honors program. She will be studying nursing to work towards her career goal of becoming an advanced practitioner registered nurse. She plans to specialize in either pediatrics or ER/Trauma.



**Abigail Wilson**, daughter of Emily and Joshua Wilson, is ranked seventh in the Class of 2021. As a junior, Abigail was a recipient of the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Mathematics and Science and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Abigail is an integral part of the EHHS music department, playing the piano in the Jazz Band, singing alto in the Voices a capella group, and playing clarinet for four years in the Concert Band. Abigail is her section co-leader in band and participated in the 2020 Southern Regions Music Festival. Not surprisingly, Abigail was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society as a sophomore. Abigail has performed in four shows over the last three years with the Drama Club. Her favorite role was the Stage Manager in Our Town. Additionally, Abigail is a two year member of the Spanish Club, a four year member of the Interact Club, and a two year volunteer for Relay for Life. She has been a competitive swimmer since age twelve. Abigail will attend Vassar College in the fall where she is undecided on her major.



**Ted Zhao**, son of Wen and Ming Zhao, is ranked eighth in the Class of 2021. As a junior, Ted was the recipient of the Clark University Leadership Award. That same year, Ted was also inducted into the National Honor Society. A four year member of the East Hampton High School varsity basketball team and a three year member of an AAU travel basketball team, Ted has also volunteered as a referee and coach for youth basketball at a local camp. Additionally, Ted is a member of the track and field team and is a three year Interact Club member. Some of Ted's volunteer activities include babysitting during PTO meetings, making cards for children who are in the hospital, and directing traffic at events. Additionally, Ted is the founder of the Asian Culture Club at East Hampton High School. This fall, Ted will attend the University of Connecticut, where he will study engineering. Ted's career goal is to pursue either mechanical or biomedical engineering. He intends to work to create new technologies to improve people's quality of life.



**Tyler Robinson**, son of Maria Robinson and Arthur E. Robinson III, is ranked ninth in the Class of 2021. The recipient of the Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity award in his junior year, Tyler is well-known for his talent and passion for the arts. Tyler sings tenor in the concert choir and in Voices a capella singing group. Described as a "rock star with digital music" by his choral teacher, Tyler has his own Soundcloud music channel and composes his own music. Tyler is most proud of his two solo performances in high school — once at a talent show and then at a homecoming dance — in which he performed his original music. In addition to his passion for music, Tyler is a four year member of the high school boys' soccer team. This fall, Tyler will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology, where he was accepted into the performing arts scholar program. Tyler plans to major in mechanical engineering while continuing to pursue his passion for music on the side.



**Kathryn Arndt**, daughter of Heidi Rozie and Augie Arndt, is ranked tenth in the Class of 2021. In her junior year, Kathryn was awarded the Suffolk University book award as a student who exemplifies commitment to her education and school community. Kathryn has been a key member of the girls' varsity tennis team all four years of high school. She started her high school tennis career as a doubles player and worked her way up to not only playing singles, but earning the number one spot as a senior. As a freshman, Kathryn was named "Rookie of the Year." In her senior year, she was named captain for her leadership on the tennis team. In addition to her academic and athletic accomplishments, Kathryn works part time at a local grocery store. Kathryn is grateful for her family and is most proud of being a role model to her little brother. Next year, Kathryn will attend Western New England University where she is excited to study psychology. Kathryn hopes to one day become a psychologist and work with therapy dogs.

# Award-Winning Group to Restore Hog Hill Cemetery

by Jack Lakowsky

Free pizza and refresher lessons on local history will be served at a cleanup and restoration of East Hampton's Hog Hill Cemetery on Hog Hill Road, an effort by a nonprofit called Rediscovering History.

The first cleanup will start at 9 a.m. and run till 2 p.m. on May 30, with another scheduled for June 6.

Pizzeria DaVinci Cobalt will donate pizzas to the May 30 event, to be enjoyed at a 2:30 p.m. picnic.

On Monday, founder of Rediscovering History and historical researcher Mike Carroll spoke to the *Rivereast* about his nonprofit, which has restored in several towns old, neglected, inactive cemeteries otherwise lost to time and nature.

Carroll said the artistry of gravestones sparked his interest in the work.

Local resident Margaret McCutcheon Faber was so impressed with Rediscovering History's work that she nominated them for an Award of Merit from Preservation Connecticut, a leading

organization in the state for "anything historical," Carroll said.

Faber will donate food to the June 6 cleanup, Carroll said in an email.

Carroll's nonprofit won the award.

"There's no money [from the award], it's a certificate of recognition," said Carroll. "But usually, bigger firms win these for restoring historical houses and landmarks. For us, a more ragtag group, this is huge."

Announcing Rediscovering's win, Preservation Connecticut said the small nonprofit is dedicated to addressing "an often-overlooked area of historic preservation: neglected and overgrown cemeteries."

Rediscovering History has grown quickly; Carroll said he began the nonprofit last October, and the operation has expanded to include a board of directors, and now has served several Connecticut towns, as well as a few in Massachusetts.

Carroll's inaugural cleanup was of a remote cemetery on a large property in Salem.

"It was completely overgrown," Carroll said of the Salem site. "Work hadn't been done in probably 30 years."

Carroll said the property owner was "up there in age" and unable to perform the physically demanding task.

"That's when the bulb went off," Carroll said.

Carroll said – though he was quick to point out this was "not to bash them" – that many towns often don't have money or interest in restoring old, smaller cemeteries, instead focusing on a "main," active site.

Carroll said to neglect these sites is to lose history to nature and disrepair.

"It's bringing a little history to the present," Carroll said. "I certainly don't know these buried people, but this is my way of doing research and educating people, of doing something charitable."

Carroll said after finding stones marked with dates from the 1750s, he came to believe that, although people's view of early settlers and colonists has evolved and is now more critical, it is still important to honor those who lived hard lives to establish the nation.

The oldest gravesite posted on Rediscovering's website is of one Captain George Holmes, born circa 1694, dying around 1759. Holmes lived in Colchester and is buried in Salem.

A tax collector in life, Holmes after his passing left each of his two daughters a feather bed and a cow, leaving his wife the estate.

East Hampton maintains Hog Hill well, Car-

roll said, so overgrowth is not an issue there. Rediscovering History will restore tarnished and faded stones, or right fallen ones.

Carroll said Faber alerted him to Hog Hill's maintenance needs.

Carroll said to start, he will contact town leadership or a given site's owner to get an okay.

Rediscovering History uses green-friendly biochemicals to clean, and holds itself to the National Cemetery Administration's Operational Standards and Measures, the same metric adhered to by maintainers of Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Although Carroll holds a high standard, he said the process isn't "authoritarian," and that his goal is for volunteers to have fun.

Carroll said he knows of people who, after joining a Rediscovering History cleanup, started regularly visiting and maintaining their local inactive graveyards.

Carroll said North Stonington is a standout with more than 130 cemeteries, the most in the state.

Sometimes, the job isn't so simple. Carroll said for a Preston site, a diagram had to be drawn and information sent to the state.

For volunteering and other information, visit [rediscoveringhistory.com](http://rediscoveringhistory.com), or the Rediscovering History Facebook page.

There is no parking at Hog Hill, so the group will post updates on parking to its Facebook page.



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### Town Meeting & Budget Referendum

The town meeting on the proposed 2021-22 town budget will take place at the Town Hall Council Chambers at 1 Community Drive on Tuesday, June 1, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be immediately adjourned with no other action to a referendum Tuesday, June 8, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m., at East Hampton Middle School. There will be votes on the proposed town and school budgets. Information on the recommended budgets is available at the town clerk's office and on both the town and Board of Education's websites.

Absentee ballots will be available in person at the town clerk's office, 1 Community Drive, during regular business hours from June 1-7. No mailing of ballots will be available.

### 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.

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# Local Parent Alleges Schools Mishandled Bullying

by Jack Lakowsky

Melissa Kochuk, parent to an East Hampton Public Schools student, last week reached out to the *Rivereast* to discuss concerns she had over the district's response to a physical altercation between her child and another student.

The incident occurred at the start of the month at East Hampton Middle School.

Kochuk alleged this was bullying, and said she is dissatisfied with the district's response.

According to Kochuk, her child believed they witnessed the second child steal something from another student, although whether the other student actually stole something was unclear.

Kochuk said, after her child's approaching them about the supposed theft, the second child slapped and punched her child.

Kochuk said she went to East Hampton police about the incident, to file assault charges against the other child. She said police reviewed school video footage, telling her it is unclear what exactly transpired between Kochuk's child and the other student.

Kochuk said police advised her to deal with school officials.

On Tuesday, East Hampton Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith said that, from the video, it does not appear Kochuk's student was punched – but he did acknowledge a physical incident and the fact that Kochuk is not satisfied with the district's response.

Due to student privacy laws, details Smith

could share for public record were limited.

“Our administrative team at the middle school has done a thorough investigation, and I trust them to make sure our schools are safe,” Smith said.

Smith walked through the district's usual steps in responding to incidents of bullying or fighting between students. Officials will review camera footage to see what happened, will interview students and have a discussion with parents.

“We are following state guidelines [on how to] investigate any situation,” said Smith.

Smith said Kochuk's child is back in school.

Kochuk said her child is scared of being near the other child. She said the other child's lunch wave was switched, but added she doesn't feel this was adequate, as her son still sees the other child in passing.

Kochuk said she has not spoken to parents/guardians of the other child. She alleged that, for discipline, the child only received a detention.

Kochuk said her son is still experiencing pain and is on soft foods. She said her son was slapped a few years ago as well, and that the school's response then also left her wanting.

Kochuk said her child as a baby had encephalitis, or brain inflammation, so head injuries are especially concerning.

## Goff House Concert Lineup

The board of directors for the Joseph N. Goff House Museum has announced the entertainment lineup for the 22nd annual Goff House Gazebo Concert Series. This year, the concerts will be held Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., from June 24-July 29.

There will be no rain location or bathrooms available during the concerts. Listeners should wear masks when arriving and leaving the shows and maintain six feet apart from other audience members. Picnics are welcome. Admission is free.

The band lineup is: June 24: T Ray, performing acoustic country, rock, folk and pop music from the 1940s to today; July 1: Centerline Band, performing a mix of rock and roll, country and blues; July 8, Mick and Vic Acoustic Duo, performing hits from the 1950s to present;

July 15, Flamingo Big Band, a 15-piece, all-female group of experienced professional musicians performing music from the swing era, with a sprinkling of rock, pop, rhythm and blues; July 22, 3 Gals 3, a vocal trio of three female Connecticut musicians who have been performing three decades of musical genres together for 15 years; July 29, Leaf Jumpers, performing rock hits of the 1990s through today, along with their own modern originals.

Reminder: Tax-deductible donations to help pay for the bands are being accepted now from \$250, \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25 levels (or any amount) and can be mailed to the Joseph N. Goff House, P.O. Box 337, East Hampton, CT 06424. Visit [goffhouseehct.blogspot.com](http://goffhouseehct.blogspot.com) for more information.

## Budget Voting

The budget referendum scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, will be held at East Hampton Middle School on Childs Road. All future referendums, elections and primaries will be at the middle school, unless otherwise noted.

Hours for voting will be 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Call the registrar of voters for more information at 860-267-6720 or [registrar@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:registrar@easthamptonct.gov). Regular office hours are Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Christ Episcopal 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](http://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com).

## From the Desk of the State Representative...

As Memorial Day, Flag Day and the Fourth of July approach, I hope you will join me in celebrating both the veterans of our community and those who have lost their lives in service to our nation.

To celebrate Flag Day, I will be collecting worn and tattered American flags for proper ceremonial disposal according to the U.S. Flag Code by the American Legion Post 156.

There will be a drop-off location at East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive. The drop-off location will receive flags until June 11.

In service of our veterans, I would also like to share several bills that we have passed so far this session that will benefit veterans and their families:

- HB 6483: allows military orders to be accepted as proof of residency for public school enrollment and establishes the “Purple Star School Program,” a program that provides support for military connected students;
- HB 5592: redefines “veteran” to include those released with “other than honorable” discharges based on certain qualifying conditions. This allows these veterans access to certain state-based programs that they were previously ineligible for;
- HB 5737: creates a statewide Veterans and Military Tourism Trail linking museums, memorials, battleground sites and historic sites relating to veterans and the United States armed forces.
- HB 6480: clarifies the state's responsibility to contribute towards the funeral costs of qualifying veterans.

I hope everyone has a safe and beautiful Memorial Day, and that we all take the time to reflect on those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we are able to do so.

For more information about the flag collection or any of the legislation mentioned, please reach out to me at [Irene.Haines@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Irene.Haines@cga.ct.gov).

Sincerely,  
State Rep. Irene Haines  
R-34

Note: The 34th District covers East Hampton, East Haddam and a portion of Colchester.

## Police News

5/14: Katie Cunningham, 32, of Southington, was issued a summons for improper use of a marker plate and improper display of a marker plate, East Hampton Police said.

5/16: Jacleen Lord, 34, of 4 Railroad Ave., was issued a summons for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, misuse of plates, operating without insurance and operating a motor vehicle with an expired license, police said.

5/18: Jason Alward, 49, of 11 Main St., was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

5/19: Tara Harrington, 36, of 10 Main St.,

was issued a summons for driving under suspension and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, police said.

5/21: Rohan Wong, 36, of 16 Serafin Terrace, was arrested and charged with violating a restraining order.

5/22: Brian Dones, 27, of Springfield, Mass., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and failure to drive right, police said.

Also, from May 17-23, officers responded to seven motor vehicle crashes, three alarms, eight medical calls, four hazardous conditions and 12 property checks, and made 46 traffic stops, police said.

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**Memorial Day Parade Canceled...** East Hampton VFW Post 5095 is canceling its traditional Memorial Day Parade, in order to “keep the East Hampton community safe,” the post said. The post encouraged residents to remember and honor local veterans by making a donation to Fowler-Dix-Park Post 5095, 20 N. Maple St., East Hampton, CT 06424 – and by displaying the American flag on Memorial Day. Pictured are Vietnam veterans from the VFW Post 5095 Color Guard.

### Senior Center Opening Back Up

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., will welcome participants who are pre-registered for programs beginning June 1. All participants must be registered for a program before entering the building. Most programs will be held outside unless there is inclement weather. Masks are recommended for participants who are not vaccinated or not comfortable without a mask.

Register online through [myactivecenter.com](http://myactivecenter.com) or by contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or [seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov). Normal business hours: Monday- Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center](http://www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center) for more information.

**Weekly Events: Bingo Hybrid:** Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m. For the June 1 and 8 events, folks who have been Zooming are asked to continue to do so. There will be 10 seats reserved at the center for those without computer access; the first 10 to sign up will be able play in person. The center said if it needs to re-evaluate the virtual component, it will do so June 15. Call or register online.

**Mahjongg:** Will meet and play outside for June, weather permitting, on Fridays, from 10 a.m.-noon. Call or register online.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursday, June 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The group will meet in-person, outside, weather permitting; otherwise, the meeting will be indoors and masks will be recommended. Register online.

**Yoga with Kitch:** The new summer session runs Wednesdays, June 2-Aug. 4, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Yoga will continue in-person, outdoors and virtual. Register online. The 10-week session costs \$20. Payment may be mailed to

the senior center; make check payable to the Town of East Hampton.

**Nature’s Everywhere Series:** Wednesdays, June 16, July 14 and Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss will lead a walk of the yard at the senior center, pointing out plants, birds and trees you may not have known existed. The first walk, on June 16, will meet in the upper parking lot. Attendees should wear masks and socially distance as needed. If you have family members that would like to join, let the center know. Class limited to 10 participants. There is some walking involved, short distances. Sign up through MyActiveCenter.com or call to register.

**Lunch on the Patio with Staff:** 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.

**Juneteenth, Celebrate Freedom:** Virtual event, June 25th, 1-2:30pm, via Zoom. Sponsored by Ct Healthy Living Collective and AARP. Call the Senior Center to receive the link.

**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.

### Rifle Salutes at Local Cemeteries

The East Hampton Fowler-Dix Park Post 5095 Color Guard and Rifle Squad will fire rifle salutes at local Cemeteries in East Hampton and Marlborough to honor all deceased veterans on Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31.

The Rifle Squad will deliver the traditional three volleys of rifle fire in salute, honoring the memory of veterans of all wars, who are buried at each cemetery visited. East Hampton’s cemeteries are home to the graves of veterans from America’s wars since 1776.

Approximate times for Sunday are: White Birch Cemetery, 9:10-9:20 a.m.; Jones Hol-

low Cemetery, 9:35-9:45 a.m.; Century Cemetery, 9:55-10:05 a.m.; Waterhole Cemetery, 10:25-10:35 a.m.; Tartia Cemetery, 10:40-10:50 a.m.; Skinnerville Cemetery, 10:55-11:05 a.m.; Old Young Street Cemetery, 11:10-11:20 a.m.; Selden Yard Cemetery, 11:25-11:35 a.m.; Hog Hill Cemetery, 11:40-11:50 a.m.

Approximate times for Monday are: VFW Post 5095, noon; Lakeview Cemetery, 12:05-12:15 p.m.; St Patrick’s Church Cemetery, 12:25-12:35 p.m.; Union Hill Cemetery, 12:45-12:55 p.m.; Middle Haddam Veterans Memorial, 1 p.m.

### 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 go,” with ordering off the menu.

A headcount is needed, so if attending call Rita at 860-797-1092, Lauralei at 860-424-2284 or GERALYN at 860-682-2067.

### Boy Scout Tag Sale

Boy Scout Troop 8 is hosting a Tag Sale, Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the East Hampton VFW Post 5095 Fowler-Dix-Park, 20 North Maple St. Proceeds support troop activities.

Masks need to be worn in the VFW hall, and all current social distancing guidelines apply (per BSA). Hand sanitizer stations will be provided.

Tag sale donations will be accepted Friday, June 4, from 3:30-7:30 p.m., at the East Hampton VFW. The Scouts request that items donated be clean and in good working condition. The Scouts cannot accept TVs, computers, printers, textbooks, encyclopedias, couches, cribs, car seats or mattresses. For more information, email [EHTroop8@gmail.com](mailto:EHTroop8@gmail.com).

### Red Cross Blood Drives

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, June 8, from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, 47 W. High St. Donors 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

### 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](http://cc-eh.org) to access.

Sunday school classes have also resumed in person.

For more information, visit [cc-eh.org](http://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.

### 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., with acoustic singer/songwriters Mary Ellen Cowles, Ken Stroebel, Joe Gilbert, and Karen Stein and Lance Grandahl.

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](http://www.ctdraftrescue.org/hootenannyforhorses). More information and COVID-19 protocols are also on the website.

### 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 sell 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.

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## Nominees Sought for Lake Smart Award

Owners of lake or watershed property are invited to have their property evaluated for a Lake Smart Award.

The East Hampton Conservation & Lake Commission (C&LC) started the "Lake-Smart Award Program" for property owners living on Lake Pocotopaug or in the surrounding watershed. Those that achieve seven requirements will receive a Lake Smart Award sign they can display on their property.

For more information or to be evaluated for

the award, contact: Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Department (860-267-7300 or [jhall@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jhall@easthamptonct.gov)) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Dept. (860-267-7450 or [jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)) or any members of the C&LC. An appointment will be arranged for a C&LC member to visit the owners and help them evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake Smart Award.

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Security was increased at the town schools on Monday following Sunday's protest, which, in addition to the Hitler-themed sign, also featured another one demanding to "unmask our kids."

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for the vast majority of the year," wrote Britton. "That a small group of people is distracting from our success sends the wrong message to the community."

Britton said he wants to instead show the district's appreciation and gratitude for the town's mindful navigation of the pandemic, which has helped schools keep kids in classrooms.

Britton said the assumption that he and Peters are the final decision makers for protocols in schools is "frankly, misinformed and ignorant."

"All public schools in the [state] adhere to guidelines established by the state [DPH] and Department of Education," Britton wrote.

Britton said Nazi symbolism is the "exact opposite of civil discourse," and that to use Nazi imagery "makes no sense and creates an environment of fear."

As a precaution, Bransfield, who is also the town's chief of police, boosted police presences at the town's five schools. This will continue through the end of the school year, she said.

Bransfield said it's possible the group chose Brownstone because of its prominent Main Street location.

Local groups, including the Portland Social Justice Coalition and Task Force on Solidarity, as well as leaders such as state Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33), state Rep. Christie Carpino (R-32), state Attorney General William Tong and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz have all decried the act, calling it hate speech.

Bransfield said on Sunday afternoon she received a call from Britton letting her know of the incident. Bransfield then dispatched local police.

Responding officers told Bransfield that, upon their arrival, they saw one person roll up a banner, gather their gear, and leave.

There are no available estimates on how many attended the protest, as it was not cleared with the town first, but the number is believed to be small.

"That's about all we know," she said. "This is nothing but a hateful action. I have relatives who during [World War II] fought the Nazis and the terrible things they did. This is hurtful, very hurtful, especially on a campus for children."

Bransfield said Portland is a town that embraces and encourages people to exercise their constitutional rights and is happy to provide an arena for discourse.

She said, for gatherings or demonstrations, it is standard for organizers to communicate with the town.

The United States Supreme Court has consistently ruled that local officials must be notified of sizable protests to allow for an efficient event and to avoid chaos.

"It just makes things safer for passersby and participants," Bransfield said.

According to the Library of Congress' online law library, the right to assembly is not absolute.

Although restrictions cannot be arbitrary, governments can restrict the time, place, and manner of the assembly, so long as constitutional safeguards are met.

"Such time, place, and manner restrictions can take the form of [permits]," the website

reads.

The database also states that in the U.S., organizers "of a public assembly must typically apply for and obtain a permit in advance from local [police or town officials]."

In Portland, the town doesn't require a permit, per se. Bransfield said the process is a bit more informal, but that most if not all demonstration organizers notify the town.

If an assemblage is to be on private property, certain factors can make it necessary to go through the town's Planning and Zoning Commission, Bransfield said.

She said she doesn't consider Sunday's protest a mass gathering and reemphasized that freedom of speech is sacred in Portland, but that acts like this won't go over lightly, and will be investigated.

Bransfield said, if she were able to ask those responsible for the Nazi board a question, she'd ask them why they felt the need to deface school leaders who, Bransfield said, are guided in their decisions by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the state Department of Public Health (DPH) and the local Chatham Health District.

Bransfield said statements from the Board of Selectmen are forthcoming.

Bransfield said state leaders, like the lieutenant governor, have joined in solidarity to condemn the sign. Bransfield spoke with Bysiewicz, as well as a state attorney, both of whom pledged their support to Portland.

"Hitler killed 11 million people, including 6 million Jews, in one of the worst human rights atrocities known to man," said Tong in a joint statement with several officials. "Masks are safe, effective, and save lives. There is no comparison and to draw that false parallel is hateful, ignorant and repugnant."

"This is an anti-Semitic and offensive act of intimidation," said Bysiewicz. "I stand in strong support of the Portland superintendent and the Portland Board of Education in protecting the health and safety of students, teachers, and their families."

"There is no place in our society for this type of offensive imagery," wrote Rep. Carpino in the statement. "I [strongly support] civil discourse and open dialogue, but I condemn hate."

Sen. Needleman wrote that any reference to "Adolf Hitler or the Nazis has no place in our political discourse."

"Whether you disagree over policy, you do not bring this kind of hate to the very campus and classrooms that educate our children," Needleman wrote.

Two candidates for the upcoming Portland first selectman race, Democrat Jim Tripp and Republican Ryan Curley, rebuked the display in statements.

In a Tuesday follow-up call, Bransfield said equating "esteemed leaders" to Nazis is a "hit below the belt."

"I'm very proud of our community for speaking out against this," Bransfield said. "Everyone has the right to comment on and protest policy; what I am disgusted and unhappy with is the targeting of specific people with antisemitic hate. It's so repulsive."

## Rototillers Wanted!

The East Hampton Community Garden committee is in the process of preparing the garden land. There was a clean-up day May 8, attended by many, and landowner Kevin Kiely harrowed the property – and now the property is ready to be rototilled.

All are invited to come this Sunday, May 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or until the work is done. The area that needs attention is 50' x 100'.

The plan for Sunday is:

Start with the garden templates, space them for walkway and insert four numbered stakes

for each plot. Continue across the field. Rototillers follow behind, and till up each of the plots. They then begin laying cardboard or newspaper on pathways. Use a wheelbarrow, or provided tarps or buckets, to spread mulch on paths

Bring a rototiller (or borrow one), wheelbarrows, shovels, box cutters and as much cardboard and newspaper that you can, organizers said. Email [pjoslyngreenwald@gmail.com](mailto:pjoslyngreenwald@gmail.com) for more information.

The majority of the produce grown in the garden will be donated to the Food Bank.

## Dean's List

Daniel Bendzinski of East Hampton made the spring 2021 Dean's List at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C.

Bendzinski, a junior, is a ministry and leadership major.

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Gyanna Russell of East Hampton made the winter 2021 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

## Community Garden Created

The Parks and Recreation, Rotary Club and Belltown Garden Club of East Hampton have collaboratively created a community garden near Cranberry Bog, for the residents in town. Any interested person can sign up for one or more plots to grow food or annual flowers.

To inquire, visit [www.easthamptoncommunitygarden.com](http://www.easthamptoncommunitygarden.com) or call Parks and Rec. at 860-267-7300. There will be a choice of growing produce for your own family with the option to donate surplus harvest to the East Hampton Food Bank, or growing a garden dedicated to supplying fresh vegetables to the food bank. Volunteers for working in the dedicated food bank plots are always welcome.

## 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](http://www.epocharts.org/classes-registration).

## Barbecue Chicken Takeout Event

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., will host a barbecue chicken dinner drive-thru takeout event Saturday, June 12, by reservation only. Some outdoor seating is available by reservation.

This is the same barbecue chicken recipe the church has used at the Haddam Neck Fair for over 40 years. The dinner includes a barbecue thigh/leg chicken quarter, baked beans, coleslaw and corn bread for \$10. Cash only, please.

Call in your reservation to the HNCC office at 860-267-2336 and indicate your pick-up time: noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. Reserve a table if you would like outdoor seating. Order deadline is June 5. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH).

## 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](mailto:seidlt@sbcglobal.net).

## 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 [ehhsboosters.com](http://ehhsboosters.com) or by calling Chris at 860-227-9941.

## Chatham Historical Society News

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) has announced the following pieces of news:

**Town-Wide Tag Sale:** Saturday, June 19. Spaces are \$15. Applications are now available in the town clerk's office at Town Hall, and at East Hampton Public Library. Applications must be received by June 11, and make checks out to CHS. Locations will be shown on 300 maps handed out free to shoppers on June 19.

**Historic House Tour:** Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Six residences will be included.

**Museum:** Also, the historical society museum opens the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment; call 860-267-8953.

For more information about any of the above items, call 860-267-4732.

## Haddam Neck Fair to Return

The Haddam Neck Fair will take place over Labor Day weekend, opening Friday, Sept. 3.

Traditional events will include cattle and beef shows, oxen and tractor pulls, a baby show and even a dog agility competition. There will also be favorites like the skillet-throwing, redneck strongman and beard contests, as well as more traditional contests like baking and quilting.

There will also be a variety of events for children, live music Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and a 5K road race Sunday morning. Rides, concessions, fair food, and a general store featuring items made by Haddam Neckers, will also be featured.

The fair will abide by any COVID-19 regulations in effect at the time. Additional information is available at [haddamneckfair.com](http://haddamneckfair.com).

## Belltown Open Golf Tournament

The Congregational Church of East Hampton is seeking sponsors and golfers for the 15th annual Belltown Open Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. Proceeds will benefit the East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank. Cost is \$125/golfer for the four-person scramble event that includes cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

To register, contact John Tuttle at [tuttlekahn@gmail.com](mailto:tuttlekahn@gmail.com).

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### 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.

### Grant-Subsidized Preschool Available

Colchester's School Readiness Program is now offering grant-subsidized preschool for the 2021-22 school year. There are two school day options, at Castle and Colchester Elementary School.  
 The program is for Colchester residents who want a five-day a week program and may find it difficult to pay for preschool. For the application and more information, go to colchester3.org/school-readiness.

### Car Wash to Support Troop K Project

On Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the Troop K State Police Cadets Post 028 will host a free car wash at St Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St.  
 The Troop K Cadets have been raising funds to purchase and replace the State Police Troop K sign, which has been displayed in front of the Troop K Barracks in Colchester since the mid-1930s. If interested in becoming a sponsor, call advisor Mindy Johnston at 860-465-5468.  
 The sponsors of this event are: BJ's Wholesale Club in Willimantic, Colchester Mill Fabrics, DH Marvin & Son, Drs. Kierstein and DiFrancesca, Dunkin' of Colchester, Fresca Tequila Bar and Grill, Gano's Power Equipment, Harry's Place, The Inishmor Pub, Mark's United Auto Parts, Noel's Supermarket, Performance Physical Therapy, Rental Center of Colchester and Saint Joseph's Polish Society.

### 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 work for the town, 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.

### 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.

### Spring Market

All are invited to the Colchester Federated Church Outdoor Spring Market Saturday, June 5 (rain date June 12), from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the church, 60 S. Main St., in the back parking lot behind the white house.  
 There will be approximately 40 crafters and merchant vendors, as well as farmstand and rummage sale items. If you would like to be a vendor, contact elizabethringuette@gmail.com.

### Resident Graduates

Chelsea Gordon of Colchester, who is residing in Minamifurano, Japan, has graduated from the University of Michigan with her master's degree in foreign language teaching. Once she returns home to the United States next year, she plans on applying for her doctorate in linguistics.



**Cedar Supports for Giving Garden...** The Colchester Giving Garden was recently the recipient of cedar garden supports made and donated by Troop 13 of Colchester. The trellises will be used in the two gardens located at Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave. The garden is an all-volunteer run vegetable garden where all of the produce grown is donated to the town food bank and local soup kitchens. The Scouts present who were part of the building team are, from left, John Dalton, Garrett Schuth and Aiden Raulukaitis. The scouts who were not able to come to make the presentation but were part of the building team are Miller Brown, Cody Blanda and Joey Whitney. For more information about the garden or how you can join in, email colchestergivinggarden@gmail.com or check look for Colchester Giving Garden on Facebook.

### CPR Class

All are invited to learn CPR Monday, June 14, from 7-9 p.m. at the Andover Fire Department. Masks are required.  
 Cost is \$20 and includes use of training materials, CPR for Adult, Child and Infant, and AED training, choking and two-year certification from the American Heart Association.  
 Registration is required; to do so, call Deputy Chief Mindy Hegener at 860-706-3074.

### 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.  
 For more info and to register, visit www.colchesterct.gov/day-camps or call 860-537-7297.

### 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.

### Colchester Cougars Registration Open

Registration is now open for Colchester Cougars Football and Cheer. Residents of Colchester, East Haddam, Salem, Bozrah and Lebanon are eligible.  
 Cheer and tackle football for ages 6-13. Flag football is open for youth ages 4-5.  
 Visit colchestercougars.org for further information and to register.

### 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 AbundantLife.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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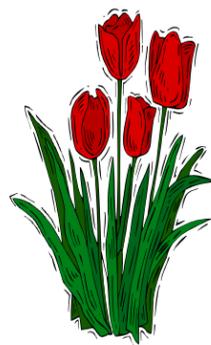
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### Animal Advocate Joins Realty Firm

Carl Guild & Associates recently announced real estate sales professional Crystal McGrath-Minta has joined the brokerage. Located in East Hampton and Colchester, the offices services clients throughout the central Connecticut region.

McGrath-Minta owns four businesses and is a Canterbury resident.

“We’re thrilled Crystal is now part of our Carl Guild & Associates family,” said Guild, broker/owner of Carl Guild & Associates. “She’s a recognized public figure, successful business owner and beloved animal enthusiast; her unwavering dedication to the well-being of our community will no doubt translate into success for buyers and sellers statewide.”

Born and raised in Boston, McGrath-Minta purchased her first home at age 19, and was a real estate investor and landlord. She moved to Canterbury in 2000, and opened her dog-related businesses in 2009.

“She brings to the team a strong background in building successful businesses and is adept at supervisory management and leadership,” Guild said. “Her background is ideal for the characteristics required to thrive in real estate.”

Added McGrath-Minta: “If someone needs something, they know they can come to me and I’ll do my best to help; whether it’s fundraising, dog rescues, dog fostering or finding a dream home, I’m always available for support and guidance.”

She added that Guild is “big in the community, with his scholarship program, local garden and other charitable initiatives, and that’s number one for me.” She also mentioned she’ll be



starting fundraisers for dogs using The Truck, Carl Guild & Associates’ complimentary moving truck available to all brokerage clients. She said she feels it’s the perfect vehicle to collect food and items she can donate to rescue organizations and animal shelters.

Moreover, McGrath-Minta is eager to work with Carl Guild & Associates.

“I’m excited to service the entire state and let buyers and sellers know I will absolutely come to them wherever they are,” she said, adding this note to her future clients: “I can’t wait to meet you and your fur babies soon!”



**Funds Through Flocking... Colchester Republican Town Committee Chairman Art Shilosky is shown presenting Holly Rozanski, program coordinator for Colchester Youth and Social Services, with a final check. The RTC Flocking Fundraiser for the CYSS emergency fund raised \$1,750 in total.**

### Supernatural Messages from Heaven

Deacon Michael Puscas will offer an adult education program on the subject of “Supernatural Messages from Heaven” Thursday, June 3, at 7 p.m., at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave. The program will be held in the church immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

### Ahavath Achim Chicken Barbecue

Congregation Ahavath Achim, located at 84 Lebanon Ave., will hold its annual chicken barbecue Sunday, July 11, from 3:30-6 p.m. Dinner includes half a kosher chicken, a baked potato, coleslaw, a roll and a dessert. Cost is \$16. The chicken is prepared with the same “secret” marinade that has been used for over 50 years.

The public is welcome to either use the drive-thru in the rear of the building, or have their dinner delivered free (in Colchester only). Call 860-537-2809 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on July 11 to arrange a time for in-town delivery.

### Resident Graduates

Joel Ingalla of Colchester recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in management studies from University of Maryland Global Campus.

### Kindergarten Registration

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

To register, visit [tinyurl.com/d7t8hvxk](http://tinyurl.com/d7t8hvxk). Once forms are completed, parents/guardians will need to schedule an appointment with the Board of Education office by calling 860-537-7267.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org) under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church’s Facebook page.

### Dean’s List

Alexander Perez of Colchester made the winter 2021 Dean’s List at Southern New Hampshire University.

### Resident Graduates

Kaitlyn Watts of Colchester recently graduated from The University of Tampa on Saturday, May 8. Watts graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in management.

### Grab-and-Go Meals Offered

Through the end of the school year in June, 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 [Iranheim@colchesterct.org](mailto:Iranheim@colchesterct.org).

### Honor Roll

The following Colchester students made the Norwich Tech Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 2020-21 school year:

Grade 11: High Honors: Jaron Zimmitti.  
Grade 12: High Honors: Benjamin Petrosky, Thomas Russell, David Wyatt.

For any missed names or other changes, email [nthrlisr@gmail.com](mailto:nthrlisr@gmail.com) with name, grade and level of honors. This is not affiliated with the school.

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### Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full descriptions or to register, visit [marlboroughct.recdesks.com](http://marlboroughct.recdesks.com) and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203.

**Adult Program: 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.

### Residents Graduate

Marlborough residents Dana Thralls, Alexa Gosselin and Joseph Marinacci recently graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

Thralls graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, Gosselin graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics degree, and Marinacci graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training.

**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.

### Outdoor Summer Concerts

Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., has outdoor summer concerts planned for June, July and August.

Concerts will be Saturdays at 2 p.m., with rain date the next day if needed. Bring your own seating, and plan for masks and social distancing. Concerts are free, but a donation of \$10/person is suggested. The schedule is: June 19, Deep Ellum; July 10, Handler and Levesque; July 24, Sal Basile; Aug. 28, Nick Catroneo.

### Congregational Church News

The 10 a.m. Sunday worship service at the Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located at 35 S. Main St., invites all to attend the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, May 30. The service will be in-person and reservations are not needed but face masks are required. The worship service will be led by Pastoral Intern Val Seaver.

The service will be also be livestreamed and can be viewed through the church website, [mcc.marlconchurch.org](http://mcc.marlconchurch.org).

Mission-giving in May goes to the AHM Mental Health Fund; send checks made payable to MCC, with "Second Quarter Missions" in the note line, to: P.O. Box 57, Marlborough, CT 06447.

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

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

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. The shop sells name-brand jewelry, handbags, seasonal, houseware, giftware and more. New merchandise is added every week. Donations are accepted during shop hours. Safety protocols are in place and masks are required. The shop continues selling on eBay at [bit.ly/MCCebay](http://bit.ly/MCCebay).

### 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 Terramuggus.

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](mailto: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](http://www.plattsys.com).

### Holiday Closing

The offices of Marlborough Town Hall, Public Works and Senior Center will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

### Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Marlborough American Legion Post 197 will host a drive-thru pasta dinner fundraiser Saturday, June 12, from 4-6 p.m., in support of the local Legion baseball program.

The event will take place at the American Legion facility at 128 East Hampton Rd.

Cost is \$10 per dinner or \$30 for the family deal of four. No reservations are required.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Tri-County American Legion baseball program, which this summer will sponsor four age-group teams that draw players from Andover, Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Lebanon and Marlborough.

The Tri-County teams (13U, 15U, 17U and 19U) begin their seasons in June and will play games this summer at Dunkin' Donuts Park, the University of Connecticut, Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y., as well as several other ballparks in the state.

### Republicans' Greeting Card Sale

The Marlborough Republicans are selling boxes of greeting cards. Each 30-card box costs \$30.

There are five different boxes available in a variety of assortments – covering such events as weddings, retirements, holidays, birthdays and more. The fundraiser ends June 4, and delivery will be 2-3 weeks after that date.

Checks should be made payable to the Marlborough Republican Town Committee. For an order form, visit [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com) under "Fundraisers." Boxes can also be ordered online for \$32.50 each, at <https://daycampaign.com/event/cardsforcause>.

For more information, contact Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763 or [ssolfi73@gmail.com](mailto:ssolfi73@gmail.com).

### President's List

Noah Dubitzky of Marlborough made the winter 2021 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

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### St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas, Pastor, John McKaig is deacon emeritus and the pastoral assistant is Holly Bangham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via the phone.

**Weekend Masses:** 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday. All are welcome. Masks are required, and there is an area for those who prefer to continue to be socially distant. Call the office for more information. Also, through June, each weekend's Mass will continue to be available on the parish website, [www.stjfisher.org](http://www.stjfisher.org), starting at 4 p.m. Saturdays.

**Weekday Mass:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Masks required.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Sundays, 4-4:45 p.m. Masks required.

**Community Outreach and Service:** Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring food or household donations directly

to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Also, the Community Garden to benefit Marlborough Food Bank is well underway. Other service opportunities are scheduled monthly; see the church website for details.

**Other Programs and Offerings:** For more information on such programs as adult or child faith formation, youth group, RCIA or Knights of Columbus, call the office, visit the church website, or look for the church on Facebook (Saint John Fisher Roman Catholic Church) or Twitter (@StJohnFisher\_CT).

### Resident Graduates

Meghan E. Kelly of Marlborough recently graduated summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

Kelly attended RHAM High School.

### 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](http://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.

**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.

**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.

### 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.marlbrougharts.org](http://www.marlbrougharts.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](mailto:mehorrigan@comcast.net).

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### AHM In-Person Programming

In-person programming is returning to AHM Youth and Family Services. For more information about any of the following go to [www.ahmyouth.org](http://www.ahmyouth.org).

**Summer Youth Theater:** AHM is partnering with Playhouse on Park to offer a Summer Youth Theater experience for grades 6 through students who graduated in 2020. Hebron, Marlborough, Andover and Columbia students are invited to audition for an in-person production of *Guy & Dolls*, which will take place July 24. To schedule an audition, contact Michael Hinton at [mhinton@playhousetheatergroup.org](mailto:mhinton@playhousetheatergroup.org).

**CHOREs Program:** This program helps seniors 60 and older in Andover, Hebron and Marlborough by sending teens to help with light yard work. AHM is accepting applications from teens ages 14-18 from the three towns to participate in the CHOREs Program. Teens will earn \$12 per hour and will work up to two hours per job at a senior citizen's residence; due to COVID-19 safety protocols, only jobs outside the home will be scheduled until further notice. For more information and applications – for both seniors and teens – visit [ahmyouth.org](http://ahmyouth.org), click on "Menu" and select "CHOREs Program."

Direct questions to Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext.31 or [jenniferb@ahmyouth.org](mailto:jenniferb@ahmyouth.org).

**Mental Health Services:** AHM is offering a variety of outpatient in-person and telehealth clinical services. The SMART Recovery Support Groups will continue to meet virtually, with in-person groups resuming soon. Call the office at 860-228-9488 or check the AHM website for more information.

**Family Resource Center:** For information and registration for FRC programs, visit [ahmyouth.org/programs-services/family-resource-center](http://ahmyouth.org/programs-services/family-resource-center).

### Schools to Provide Summer Meals

The RHAM middle and high schools will work with the Hebron elementary schools to provide summer meals to families.

Meals continue to be free to children ages 18 years and younger throughout the summer months. Meals will be distributed at RHAM High School's loading dock on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-9 a.m., starting June 21 and ending Aug. 30. Parents/guardians should check their email for a weekly sign-up form.

For more information, contact Kate Caselli at [kathleen.caselli@rhamschools.org](mailto:kathleen.caselli@rhamschools.org) or 860-228-9474 ext. 3710.

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### Hey, Take a Hike!

All are invited to join members of the Meshomasic Hiking Club on one of their upcoming hikes throughout the *Rivereast* area.

Hikes are offered year-round each week, both on weekends and mid-week. A list of June hikes – including hike leaders' names and phone numbers – is at [meshomasichikingclub.org](http://meshomasichikingclub.org).

The Meshomasic Hiking Club is a member-supported volunteer organization. Visit the website for more information or call Diane at 860-985-1861.

### Cadets Aiming to Replace Signs

The State Police Troop K Cadet Post 028 is raising funds to replace the State Police Troop K sign, which has been displayed in front of the Troop K barracks in Colchester since the mid-1930s.

The Post is seeking donations to help raise funds to replace the sign. Anyone interested in supporting this project can send their donations to: Troop K Cadets, 15A Old Hartford Road, Colchester, CT 06415.

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### Health Matters Programming

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Tai Chi: Thursday, June 17, 6-7 p.m., or Saturdays, June 5 and 12, from 10-11 a.m.; cost is \$9 per class.

Yoga: Tuesdays through June 15, 6:15-7:15 p.m., \$8 per class.

Life Expressions Décor Workshop: Thursday, June 10, 6-8 p.m., \$15.

For full activity descriptions and to register, go to [ahmyouth.org](http://ahmyouth.org) and select "Health Matters" from the drop-down menu.

Residents of Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia are welcome to register. Space is limited and COVID-19 safety protocol will be followed. Activities take place at AHM Youth & Family Services on Pendleton Drive in Hebron. Direct questions to Health Matters coordinator Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or [jenniferb@ahmyouth.org](mailto:jenniferb@ahmyouth.org).



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# Budget Fails at Town Meeting

by Sloan Brewster

It's back to the drawing board – again – for the Andover 2021-22 budget, as the latest proposed spending package, this time a \$12.49 million request, fell by a 58-51 vote on Tuesday.

The spending proposal was a decrease of \$43,338, or .34%, from the current year's \$12.53 million budget.

Members of the audience applauded and whooped when moderator Wally Barton gave the count.

"The motion is defeated!" Barton shouted over a screaming crowd of voters. "A week from tonight we will be back here for another meeting."

Tuesday's town meeting became necessary when a proposed \$12.66 million budget was shot down at a May 18 referendum by a 281-225 tally. That would have been a \$120,661, or .96%, increase over current year spending.

As per town charter, it's necessary for a proposed budget to be approved at town meeting before going to referendum. Last week's referendum took place after the \$12.66 million budget proposal passed by a 49-22 vote at a May 6 town meeting.

Following the referendum rejection, the Board of Finance cut about \$138,000 from the local Board of Education's proposed 2021-22 budget, bringing it to \$3.94 million, a \$37,608,

or .96%, increase over the current year's school budget. The additional decrease drew the ire of some town meeting attendees on Tuesday.

The finance board also cut \$25,000 from the request for general government spending, bringing that number to \$3.43 million – a \$28,108, or .83%, increase from the current year. The \$25,000 was taken from the town's capital expenses, specifically from the \$300,000 for roadwork, bringing proposed funding for roads to \$275,000.

"I don't understand why it has to be such a fight to increase our taxes by such a little bit," resident Caitlin Greenhouse said. "Did you guys just pick a number and say 'burn a bed and deal with it'?"

Board of Finance Chairman Marc Brinker said the board could only deal in numbers. He said the board could make cuts to the budget but that it was not in its purview to determine how the education board spends its money.

Brinker said the board cut the budget because it felt the 281-225 defeat at last week's referendum was a significant margin. He said that, based on comments from the initial town budget meeting, the finance board determined residents were concerned with the education board's spending plan, which at that point represented a \$175,608 or 4.5% increase over the

current year.

Many speakers decried the school board cut at Tuesday's meeting.

Before Tuesday's vote, Board of Education member Shannon Loudon, a former chairwoman of the school board, rallied the crowd – and said she anticipated the next referendum would draw triple the number of voters than the May 18 referendum.

"I am asking you to vote [against sending] tonight's budget to referendum," Loudon said. "I am asking you to send a signal to the Board of Finance that they went too far."

Loudon said that the town should take advantage of the estimated \$319,000 it will be getting from the recent federal stimulus package. Brinker said, per federal instructions, the funding could not be used to offset taxes, but Loudon disagreed with that interpretation. She said the funds cannot be used to lower taxes – a measure she claimed federal officials put into the plan to prevent elected officials from decreasing taxes in order to assure their re-election.

"We're not facing any lowering of taxes;

therefore, that \$319,000 is full game," she said. "Half of it can be used right now."

While the town will be getting \$319,000 in stimulus money, the school will be getting nothing, she said. But the proposed school budget increase was cut by \$138,000 after the May 18 referendum – or, as she noted, \$181,992 in total reductions made by the finance board since the Board of Education initially adopted its budget earlier this year. By comparison, she said, the proposed general government spending increase was cut by only \$25,000 after the May 18 referendum.

"That's not right," she said. "Please vote 'no.'"

In response to Loudon, resident Jeffrey Ballard made a motion to cut the education board budget by another 5%.

Resident Don Denley seconded the motion, but it ultimately failed, with 79 'no' votes and 34 'yes' ones.

Next Tuesday, June 1, will be the next round with another annual budget meeting at 7 p.m. in the gym at the elementary school.

## 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.

## Young at Heart to Meet

Andover Young at Heart will meet Wednesdays, June 2 and 16, at noon, at the Town Hall community room. Bingo will be played.

## Scholarship Applications Due

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.

## Dean's List

Rachel Calve of Andover made the winter 2021 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

## Garden Tour and Plant Sale

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Garden Tour and Plant Sale Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Four Andover area gardens will be open to the public.

Ticket price of \$15 includes the guided tour as well as coffee and breakfast pastries at the church prior to the tour. The plant sale, featuring perennials, will be held from 9 a.m.-noon at the church.

Leave a message for Donna at the church office, 860-742-7696, for tickets and any questions. A boxed lunch will also be available for \$6. Reservations are required for lunch.

## Veterans Monument Park Brick Fundraiser

The town is selling bricks for walkways to be installed at Andover Veterans Monument Park.

All are welcome to buy a brick to honor a veteran, living or deceased, or to show support as a civilian. All proceeds benefit upgrades to the park.

Brick order forms are available on the town website at [andoverconnecticut.org](http://andoverconnecticut.org) or in the town clerk's office at Town Hall, 17 School Rd.

# Wake Up, Andover!

- Are you OK with the school having an outdoor classroom while the town struggles to fix roads?
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Be at the Town Meeting: June 1 at 7pm

Cut the budget AES and send it to referendum. Stop the Bullies.

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## 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 or bring 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.

## Items Sought for Library Auction

The Andover Friends of the Library group will hold its annual auction in July, on a date yet to be determined. Organizers are currently looking for donations of gift certificates or items that can be added to gift baskets.

Call Carol Lee 860-989-6988 to arrange for pick-up of items or bring them to the Town Office Building.

## TOWN OF ANDOVER LEGAL NOTICE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in town meetings in the Town of Andover are hereby notified that the Annual Budget Meeting for the Town of Andover will be held at the Andover Elementary School in the Gymnasium – 35 School Road on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. For the following purposes:  
1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting  
2. To receive the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as prepared by the Board of Finance  
3. To approve a budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022  
4. Adjourn  
Copies of the Budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Voting by absentee ballot is not permitted for this meeting. Face masks are required for all attendees and 6 feet of social distancing per person except for those living together in a residential unit. Dated at Andover, CT this 27th day of May, 2021.  
Andover Board of Selectmen

## TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTION

The Andover Planning & Zoning Commission took the following actions at their Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2021:  
APPROVED:  
Application of Joseph Mott, 142 Wales Road. Application for a Site Plan approval to construct an attached accessory apartment in accordance with Section 4.11 of the Andover Zoning Regulations. Approved with conditions.  
DENIED:  
Application of 57 Hendee Road, LLC. Application for a Special Permit so as to allow for the deposition of material and construction of a single-family home in a Flood Zone in accordance with Section 10.5 of the Andover Zoning Regulations. Details of the above-referenced applications can be found on the Town of Andover's web-site ([andoverct.org](http://andoverct.org)) under Boards and Commission/Elected/Documents.  
Jim Hallisey  
Zoning Agent

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### Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Enter through the Narthex. Social distancing and masks are no longer required if you have been fully vaccinated.

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

**Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings via Zoom and at the church (observing CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and masks). To attend via Zoom, call the church and leave a message and church pastor the Rev. Rose Nilson will send you the meeting link.

**Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. CDC guidelines are observed and masks are required. The senior pantry is open every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.;

next date is June 2.

**Foodshare Van:** Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is June 9.

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

### 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.

Cover Story • Cover



**Billy Sarrell and Robbie Nolan, from Nolan's Monument Hamden Company, lower the Agent Orange monument onto the base at Andover's Veteran's Memorial Park ahead of next Saturday's unveiling ceremony.**

★ *Agent Orange cont. from page 1* will be laid next week, on June 3 or 4.

#### Unveiling

While the initial plan for the monument was to install it and then cover it until an unveiling next Saturday, Wright said it was already all over the media after the installation and so many people had seen it that he decided to leave it uncovered.

The plans for the June 5, 6 p.m., unveiling ceremony have not been changed, though. Wright said he would put a cover over the monument beforehand so it can be officially revealed that day.

Wright is planning a big affair around the unveiling, including veteran performers and guest speakers, army trucks and a 1968 Bell UH-1 Iroquois helicopter known as a "Huey." The helicopter, which Wright said will bring back memories for Vietnam veterans, will be coming from the Stratford Police Department and will be piloted by Retired Brigadier General Al Wilcoxon.

Wright said Wilcoxon will land it behind Andover Elementary School and fly it over the park as veterans make their way to the site during the ceremony, "so we can hear the sound of the Huey."

Paul Barry, from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 120 of East Hartford, will be the master of ceremonies. Guest speakers will be Congressman Joe Courtney; Linda Schwartz, former commissioner of the state Department of Veterans Affairs; Paul Bucha, a Medal of Honor recipient from Vietnam; Daniel McHale, Vietnam veteran and retired brigadier general; John Casey, Vietnam veteran and former Patriot Guard captain; and General Sar Phouthasack, a Vietnam veteran from the Laotian army that supported the American troops.

After the ceremony the 11th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, a Civil War reenactment group from Voluntown, will fire a salute and Taps will be played.

The town will be providing free hot dogs, hamburgers, water and chips between 4 and 6 p.m. and Tommy O, of Middletown, will play 1960s and 1970s music.

The Buy A Brick Program is ongoing. Visit www.andoverconnecticut.org/veterans-affairs to make a donation for a memorial brick to honor a veteran.



**Vietnam veteran Gerry Wright contemplates the Agent Orange monument he designed and had built after its installation at Andover's Veteran's Memorial Park Monday.**

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### Obituaries

Colchester

#### Brenda Rai Pigan

Brenda Rai Pigan, 68, of Colchester, passed away at Backus Hospital early Saturday morning, May 22, after a several-year courageous battle with multiple myeloma cancer. Her family was by her side through it all.



She was born in Shirley, Mass., on March 21, 1953, a daughter of the late Llewellyn Burton Whitney, who passed away when Brenda was very young, and the late Nancy Janet (Clement) Ray. She was also predeceased by her stepfather, Donald Ray Sr.

Brenda grew up in Hebron and graduated from RHAM High School. Her love of children brought her to a long and successful career as a Paraprofessional at the Gilead Elementary School in Hebron, where she truly enjoyed her work, a labor of love. She married her longtime companion and best friend, Donald Pigan, on April 2, 2011. The couple lived in Colchester where Brenda made their house a home with beautiful gardens and a place where their family and friends were always welcome.

Brenda was happiest spending time with her treasured grandchildren. They enjoyed boating together, going to the beach or to the pool at the marina in Niantic. In her spare time, Brenda was a talented artist and crafter who made wonderful artful items that will be enjoyed by many. Most importantly, Brenda will be remembered as a devoted family woman, whose selfless love will never be forgotten.

She will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by her husband Donald; her daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Scott Massey of Amston; four grandchildren, J. Austin, and Cole Massey, both of Manchester, Alexa, and Chase Massey, both of Amston; four siblings and their spouses, Donald (Laurie Ann) Ray of Lebanon, Michael (Joyce) Ray of Columbia, Patrick Ray of Scotland, Lori Ray Dumas of Florida; and many extended family members and friends.

A celebration of Brenda's life will be held at a later date, to be announced.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society to benefit Multiple Myeloma research: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or to benefit Autism Awareness: [www.myautism.org](http://www.myautism.org).

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

Hebron

#### Michael C. Plaszewski

Michael C. Plaszewski, 63, of Hebron, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Sunday, May 16, at Hartford Hospital. He was born to the late Frederick and Bertha (Farr) Plaszewski in Manchester on Aug. 17, 1957, and lived in Hebron for over 35 years with his beloved wife Jo Ann (Cote) Plaszewski.



Mike retired from the computer programming field after working on countless jobs across the east coast as a consultant. He loved to play the drums and listen to his collection of vinyl rock records. As a talented baker and cook, he brought joy to so many through his dinners and desserts from ever-changing recipes. Alongside a virtual community of friends, he also enjoyed engaging in a variety of mobile games.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Nicole Miller and Tara Plaszewski,

son-in-law, Michael Miller; sister and her fiancé, Joyce Mascena and Dan Carboneau; aunt Fay (Farr) Risley, with whom he had a close relationship; uncle William Farr and his wife Cynthia; nephews Mark Cote, Allan and Nathan Mascena and their families; and numerous cousins.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to a charity of your choice.

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

Colchester

#### Tracy Lee Capasso

Tracy Lee (Adams) Capasso, 51, of Colchester, beloved wife of Vito Capasso, passed away Saturday, May 22, at Hartford Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. Tracy was born in Hartford July 13, 1969, to Thomas and Susan (Abbot) Adams.



Along with being a beloved wife and mother, she was a dedicated volunteer at St. Elisabeth Seton Church, especially working with the children's summer program. Tracy will be remembered for her love of the beach, her creativity, and truly compassionate nature.

Besides her husband and soulmate of 35 years, Vito, she is survived by her children, Vito Jr. and his fiancée Jaime, Anthony, Vincent and Giuliana; her fur babies, Rosie and Baxter; her mother, Susan, and brother, Dean; as well as many aunts, uncles and extended family members.

Tracy was predeceased by her father, Thomas Adams, and her sister, Rebecca Jimenez.

The family received relatives and friends at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield, on Thursday, May 27. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish (St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 280 Brook St., Rocky Hill) on Friday, May 28.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Tracy's name to Hartford Hospital Cardiac Care Unit, 80 Seymour St., Hartford, CT 06102 or the American Cancer Society 825 Brook St. I-91 Tech Ctr. Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

Marlborough

#### Jane Catchur Donnelly

Jane Catchur Donnelly, one-time resident of Marlborough, gently passed away Tuesday, April 6, in Fletcher, N.C.

Her 88 years started in Denver, Colo., where she was a proud graduate of Denver University and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. Upon graduating, she went to Washington, D.C., where she met and married Edmund H. Donnelly in 1955. She was extremely interested in politics and was active in the Democratic Party wherever she lived. She was passionate about getting every able person registered to vote.

As well as a love of politics, Jane was an ardent Mets fan and would place her 1969 Mets book near the TV as inspiration for the team's success. She was an active member of the Hartford Chorale, loved choral music and a lifelong Episcopalian.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edmund, and her son, Andrew. She leaves behind her son Michael and his wife Sue, son John and his wife Correne, and daughter Virginia and her husband Sam. Jane was blessed to have two grandchildren, Samuel Eurich and Hilary Eurich.

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

The Colchester Planning & Zoning Department shall be holding a public information meeting on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 4pm, regarding the awarded Cemetery Road Recreational Trails Program Grant. The meeting will provide for a review of the grant and schedule of improvements. Meeting to be held via Zoom, for meeting link, please visit the Town's public meeting calendar at [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov)

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Zoom Public Hearing Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Zoning Commission and the Public should utilize the Zoom line. **To join the Zoom video meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/96125528861?pwd=MfDlV1podDM4TSs1SGJTRkdhbDVEZz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 961 2552 8861 **Passcode:** fp1ec6  
**Phone into meeting:** 1 646 558 8656  
**Meeting ID:** 961 2552 8861 **Passcode:** 436521  
**Note:** Phone in has its own passcode different from the video conference passcode.  
Application #Z-04-21 - Special Permit - Bill G. Jonbalaj (Applicant) 21 Austin - HGB LLC (Property Owner) - South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road - Village Cluster Residential Planned Development.  
Application #Z-07-21 - OM Village, LLC (Applicant) - Text Amendment - article 7A.F.e lot coverage.  
Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
LEGAL NOTICE  
Notice of Hearing**

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM to consider the following:  
• Application PZC-20-024: Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station with a proposed convenience store in the Commercial Zone, Section 5.2. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B  
• Application PZC-21-012: Reno DeNovellis, 11 Daly Rd., for a Special Permit per Sec. 8.4.M for a 900 sq. ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit Map 87/Block 26/Lot 9  
• Application PZC-21-009: Long Hill Estates, LLC., for a eight (8) lot subdivision on Long Hill Road Map 06/Block 12/Lot 8 Ray Zatorski, Chairman  
**Note\*** any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450.

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC HEARING  
June 1, 2021 6:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Town of Marlborough Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the proposed amendments to the Marlborough Town Charter as recommended and submitted by Marlborough's 2020 Charter Revision Commission including:  
Transmittal Letter  
Charter Revision Draft Report Dated April 7, 2021  
Amendment A  
Amendment B  
Opinion Letter Re: Fire Commissioners  
Sample Ballot questions  
These documents may be viewed on the town website homepage at [www.marlboroughct.net](http://www.marlboroughct.net).  
Dated at Marlborough, CT this 18th day of May, 2021.  
Marlborough Board of Selectmen

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**LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:30 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 (a) of the Town Charter, a special Town Meeting will be held by the Board of Selectmen on June 2, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room for the approval for the Town to enter into Energy Efficiency Services Projects:  
ITEM 1. To Approve and Authorize the Town of Portland, for the benefit of the Town's Brownstone Intermediate School (BIS), Valley View School (VV), and Portland High School (PHS), to enter into Municipal Loan Agreements with Eversource as part of Energy Efficiency Services Projects for the three locations. The loan agreements are expected to be for four (4) years. The total expected project costs are projected to be for BIS \$213,305; for VV \$169,917; and for PHS \$7,167. Eversource is expected to provide an incentive of \$130,592 for BIS, \$86,832 for VV, and \$2,817 PHS. Therefore, the loan amounts are anticipated to be \$82,713 for BIS, \$83,085 for VV, and \$4,350 for PHS. The monthly payments will be approximately \$1,724 for BIS, \$1,731 for VV and \$91 for PHS for 48 months. The project will be completed by Environmental Services Corporation (ESC) under the State Department of Administrative Services Contract #18PSX0104 (Energy Efficiency Retrofits and Energy Cost-Saving Services for Existing Buildings). The work at the BIS and VV will include a lighting upgrade to reduce long term utility costs, to make pipe insulation/blankets enhancements to reduce heat loss and to complete steam trap repairs and replacements to prevent excessive heat loss. The work at the PHS will be to add controls to the refrigeration units to assist at controlling temperatures within the units allowing for less energy consumption and replace the EC motors inside the refrigeration units with high energy efficiency motors to allow for less energy consumption.  
A copy of the 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](http://www.portlandct.org)  
Dated this 20th day of May 2021  
Attest: Susan S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Senior Center (17 School Dr.)**

The Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM. at the Senior Center (17 School Dr.)  
**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.**  
**Application #03-21 - Town of Marlborough (Applicant) - Park Rd - Reconstruction of boat launch.**  
The room capacity will be limited due to Social Distancing requirements and masks are mandatory for those who attend in person. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building /Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. All testimony and application materials will be available to the public on the Town Website, [www.Marlboroughct.net](http://www.Marlboroughct.net), under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2021 then Conservation Commission.  
Yvonne Bolton, CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via teleconference.  
**Teleconference Number 877 - 304 - 9269 / Access Code 423694#**  
APPLICATION #ZBA-3-21 - Lea Georgiades (applicant)/Diana Lucek (property owner) 19 Edstrom Road - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 2 a Front Yard Setback, in order to construct a porch on a single family house with a Front Yard Setback of 26 feet where 50 feet is required.  
Interested parties can review the application materials on the Town of Marlborough Website [marlboroughct.net](http://marlboroughct.net) then go to meetings & agendas click on Agendas then go to Zoning Board of Appeals. Written testimony should be sent at least 24 hours ahead of the public hearing date to [building@marlboroughct.net](mailto:building@marlboroughct.net), and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

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**TOWN OF PORTLAND  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION**

At the May 20, 2021 meeting, the following action was taken:  
**APPROVED Application #20-13:** 39 Sand Hill Road. Referral to the Board of Selectmen for lease of the Portland Landfill for the development of a commercial-scale photovoltaic solar array. Application of Town of Portland. Property of Town of Portland. Assessor's Map 22, Lot 11. Zone IP.  
**APPROVED Application #20-12:** 255 Main Street. Request for a Site Plan review for the renovation of an existing two story commercial building and a two story addition for use as a dental office with upgrades to existing landscaping. Application of Portland Dental Care, LLC. Property of Gletzakos Realty, LLC. Assessor's Map 28, Lot 21. Zone B3/TCVD.  
Dated at Portland, CT, this 24th day of May 2021  
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning Commission

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**Legal Notice  
Town Of Hebron Connecticut  
Water Pollution Control Authority  
Public Hearing  
June 8, 2021  
7:30 PM  
WPCA Public Hearing - June 8, 2021  
Tue, June 8, 2021 7:30 PM (EDT)**

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Notice is hereby given that the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town of Hebron shall hold a Public Hearing on June 8, 2021 Virtual Location at 7:30PM. This hearing will be to adopt the budget for year 2021-2022 and to propose the annual sewer use charge at \$510 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). The payment schedule is as follows: Use charges equal to one (1) EDU or less will be payable in full on October 1st, of each fiscal year; use charges greater than (1) EDU will be payable in two equal installments, the first payment due on October 1st, the second payment due on April 1st of each fiscal year.  
A copy of the Sewer Use Charge System; Sewer Connection Fees and EDU Schedule is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT.  
Clara O'Brien, Chairperson  
Water Pollution Control Authority  
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut this 25nd day of May, 2021

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING - June 3, 2021  
REFERENDUM - June 15, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Colchester and those qualified to vote at town meetings of said Town are hereby warned to meet for the Annual Budget Meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 6:30p.m., to be held at Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT for the following purposes:  
1. To consider and act upon the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget of the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$15,874,522 as recommended by the Board of Finance.  
2. To consider and act upon the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$41,827,055 as recommended by the Board of Finance.  
3. To adjourn said Annual Budget Meeting, pursuant to Section 7-344 of the Connecticut State Statutes and the Colchester Town Charter Section C-1105a.E, for a Referendum vote on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to be held at the Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT.  
Dated at Colchester, CT this 25th day of May 2021. Gayle Furman, Town Clerk  
Mary Bylone, 1st Selectman  
Rosemary Coyle, Selectman  
Denise Mizla, Selectman  
Taras Rudko, Selectman  
Denise Turner, Selectman

Budget Summary				
Revenues	FY 2019-2020 Actual	FY 2020-2021 Adopted	FY 2020-2021 Projected	FY 2021-2022 Proposed
Property Taxes	40,759,158	41,410,675	41,108,311	43,057,094
Intergovernmental - Town	417,373	388,656	438,685	393,250
Intergovernmental - Education	12,669,229	12,540,218	12,381,500	12,126,043
Charges for Services	494,649	506,000	525,230	512,000
Revenues from Use of Money	269,519	196,200	34,125	34,920
Licenses/Permits/Fees	989,146	736,650	942,518	862,810
Other Revenues	593,302	380,076	459,307	379,460
Use of Fund Balance	414,089	314,000	714,930	336,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>56,606,465</b>	<b>56,472,475</b>	<b>56,604,606</b>	<b>57,701,577</b>

Expenditures				
Expenditures	FY 2019-2020 Actual	FY 2020-2021 Adopted	FY 2020-2021 Projected	FY 2021-2022 Proposed
General Government	3,567,600	3,780,915	3,735,564	4,053,168
Public Safety	2,874,674	3,100,772	3,084,543	3,299,340
Public Works	3,325,588	3,686,622	3,644,785	3,862,014
Community & Human Services	1,594,794	1,691,056	1,592,260	1,702,017
Debt Service	2,075,164	2,075,164	2,075,164	2,075,164
Transfers to Other Funds	1,178,650	821,336	1,140,935	882,819
<b>Total Town Expenditures</b>	<b>14,616,470</b>	<b>15,155,865</b>	<b>15,273,251</b>	<b>15,874,522</b>
Education Expenditures	41,262,496	41,316,610	41,397,941	41,827,055
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>55,878,966</b>	<b>56,472,475</b>	<b>56,671,192</b>	<b>57,701,577</b>

Mill Rate Calculation					
	Education	Town	Debt Service	Transfers/Capital	Total
Appropriations	41,827,055	12,916,539	2,075,164	882,819	57,701,577
Estimated Revenue	12,459,103	2,524,380	0	336,000	15,319,483
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	29,367,952	10,392,159	2,075,164	546,819	42,382,094
Mills	22.97	8.13	1.62	0.43	33.15

	Dollars	Mills
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	42,382,094	33.15
Reserve for Uncollected Revenue (estimated 98.8% collection rate)	508,585	0.40
<b>Total Tax Warrant</b>	<b>42,890,679</b>	<b>33.55</b>

Grand List	1,259,592,300
2021-22 Proposed Mill Rate	33.55
Estimated Prorates	3,200,000
M. V. Supplement	19,000,000
2020-21 Mill Rate	32.84
Less Estimated BAA & adjustments	(3,500,000)
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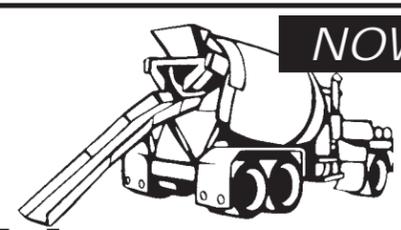
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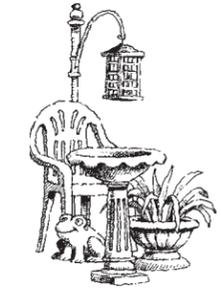
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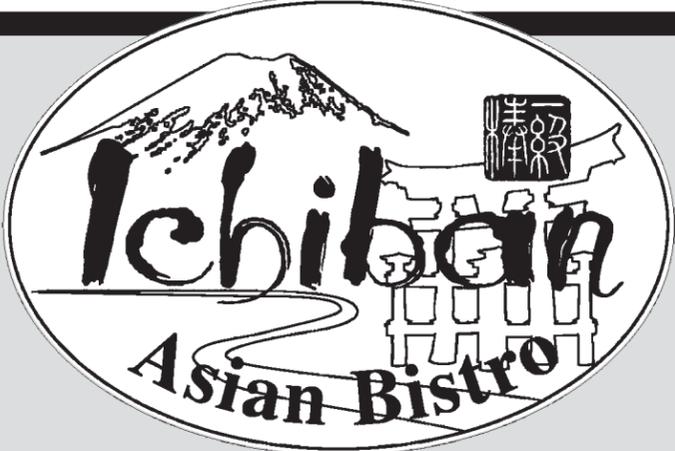
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