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**Bridging the Gap...** A new walking bridge graces Raymond Brook Preserve and is part of a plan to connect the Air Line Trail to downtown. See story on page 12.

## To Mask or Not to Mask

by Sloan Brewster

Arguments on both sides of the mask debate flooded the last Board of Education meeting in Hebron.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, masks have been required in schools and other public buildings. With the number of positive cases and hospitalizations rising throughout the state, Gov. Ned Lamont said Tuesday the in-school mandate would run at least through the end of the first month of school.

Parents who agree with the mandate as a necessity and those who oppose it have been vocal in the media; and, throughout the state, "Unmask our Kids" signs have been popping up on lawns.

At the Aug. 5 Hebron Board of Education meeting, there were so many emails – most on the subject of the mask mandate at local elementary schools – that board chair Heather Petit who normally reads such communications, shared the effort them with the other members of the board.

Petit said she randomly passed the emails around so everyone would have a stack to read aloud.

The emails – and speakers that followed – came from opposite directions, with many people pleading for an end to mask mandates and still others asserting their necessity.

Stefanie Cramer, whose email was read by Petit, said she worries about her three children, especially her 4-year-old. She said masks were not appropriate for 4-year-olds and was in favor of making masking optional for students.

"On so many levels, masking our children is not necessary any longer," she wrote.

Alana Quinto, PTA co-president, sent in an

email in favor of making masks optional for students. The email, which was read by school board member Joe Zuzel, said wearing masks was harmful to children's mental well-being and prevented them from reading people's faces, leading to loneliness.

"Let them be mask-less, free to breathe and see each other's faces," she pleaded.

Diane Morales, a mother of three, including two in elementary school, spoke of "freedom of choice" and said her 5-year-old son was "emotionally wrecked" and "demolished" last year because he was forced to wear a mask. She said she did not want to see children struggle for another year.

The other side was equally as emotionally charged, though, with its pleas for universal masking for students, pointing to it as a duty for their protection.

Nicole Matthews, who has a child entering second grade, spoke in support of a mask requirement for children. She said she had a hard time understanding the "anti-mask, anti-science rhetoric" and did not understand why anyone would oppose such a "simple, effective, proven method of reducing the transmission of COVID-19."

She said she had heard arguments including the inability to read emotions and CO2 retention but that she had not been presented with any sound evidence against mask wearing.

Dana Egan urged the board to retain a mask mandate for school children at least until the vaccine is available to them. She said wearing a mask was easy and harmless and "shows you care about other people."

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## Ambulance Service Again Pleas for Funds

by Jack Lakowsky

Members' exposure to and contraction of COVID-19, the purchase of a new ambulance, high turnover and lack of new volunteers are dire needs the East Hampton Ambulance Association (EHAA) must meet to keep operating.

So said Donald Scranton, chief of the association, at an Aug. 10 meeting of the East Hampton Town Council.

Scranton in April wrote a letter to the council requesting that the EHAA get \$600,000 of the town's \$1.2 million allotment from the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) package. The money, if awarded, would be used to pay first responders who would have 24/7 availability.

Scranton did not return requests for comment on this story. In addition, Town Manager David Cox was on vacation this week.

At last week's meeting, though, Scranton said he has not heard back from the council

since April.

Council vice chair Dean Markham pointed out that the council has established a subcommittee to look into how to spend the town's stimulus money. They'll be combing through requests from each town department.

Scranton, along with EHAA Deputy Chief Tom Donnelly, said the service currently gets no money from the town, adding that the town "deserves a properly funded agency."

Donnelly said the EHAA wants to keep its current independent model, and to not add to the burden of local taxpayers. He said a town-owned service could cost as much as \$400,000 per year – and that's without employee benefits, and only accounting for one crew.

The Town of Haddam, Donnelly said, is paying \$350,000 for its ambulance service.

Scranton said that, by state law, the town

must provide adequate emergency services.

"We need [these issues] addressed now to continue timely services," Scranton said. "I know we asked a lot. We need the council's support."

Scranton said volunteerism was already down before the pandemic, but the crisis has worsened this want. People are afraid of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

In addition, Scranton said, many first responders leave the agency for paying jobs elsewhere. He said the only true solution to alleviating this high turnover is to pay people.

Scranton said there is no plan to offer benefits or retirement plans.

In an April interview with the *Rivereast*, Scranton said the agency had offered to pay for or help pay for the expensive training courses

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

by Mike Thompson

The results of last year's U.S. Census were made public this week, and while Connecticut as a whole saw its number of residents creep up, *Rivereast* towns couldn't quite say the same.

Statewide, Connecticut's population went from around 3.57 million people on the 2010 Census to about 3.60 million on the 2020 one. However, a large chunk of that growth came in Fairfield County, which gained 40,490 people, according to the Associated Press. Up in the part of the state the *Rivereast* calls home, though, the picture was different.

All six *Rivereast* towns saw declines in population from 2010 to 2020. Percentage-wise, according to *CT News Junkie*, the town that took the biggest hit was Hebron, which went from 9,686 residents in 2010 to 9,098 in 2020, a loss of 588 residents, or 6% of its population. Andover saw a loss of 5 percent, from 3,303 to 3,151; Marlborough fell 4%, from 6,404 to 6,133; Colchester declined from 16,068 in 2010 to 15,555 last year, a 3% dip; East Hampton fell 2%, from 12,959 to 12,717; and Portland took the smallest population hit of our towns, at just 1%, seeing its population go from 9,508 on the 2010 Census to 9,384 last year.

Overall, while the numbers are inching downward, no question, there's not the issue of residents leaving the area "in droves," as you've heard people say sometimes over the years. So that's encouraging. Still, why did we decrease while other nearby towns like Glastonbury, Manchester and Rocky Hill saw modest gains?

I wish I knew the answer. Yes, taxes have gone up from where they were in 2010, but as someone who lives in Manchester and works in Glastonbury, I can tell you taxes haven't exactly stayed stagnant in those towns.

One reason the towns might be losing residents — and this is just a guess on my part — is the *Rivereast* towns simply don't have the business base of, say, Glastonbury, Manchester or Rocky Hill. At least not yet. I'd like to see more businesses in the towns, as I truly believe that would bring more people here.

All six of these towns are gorgeous, with so many beautiful features. If you install more businesses, places to draw people to the town, they might just decide to stick around. To be honest, one of the big reasons I've stayed in Manchester all these years is the sheer convenience of everything. I'm literally a five-minute drive from multiple pharmacies, multiple grocery stores, even multiple movie theaters.

Now, I realize many — perhaps even most — of the people in the *Rivereast* towns live there precisely because they don't want to live in a place like Manchester (which is now the 15th most populous town in the state, according to Census data). Heck, just this week there's a letter to the editor from a Hebron official railing against a possible "Glastonbury-ification" of the town. But I feel there is a way to build up the commercial base more modestly. I know every town has economic development advisors or commissions looking into this, and I hope they're successful.

"If you build it, they will come." It's not just a (slightly paraphrased) line from *Field of Dreams*. It may be the key to reversing our towns' population declines.

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Other interesting observations from the Census: The data released this week show Connecticut is becoming more diverse. According to the AP, the number of Hispanic residents in the state grew 30% from 2010 to 2020, or a gain of 144,206 people. The white population, meanwhile, declined by 377,282.

Still, white people make up the vast majority of the state, at 66.4% (though that's a drop from the 77.6% figure on the 2010 Census). Even with the large gain from 2010 to 2020, the Hispanic or Latino population makes up 17.3% of the state, up from 13.4%. At a smaller rate, the Black population grew from 10.1% to 10.8%, the AP reported, while the Asian population ticked up from 3.8% to 4.8%.

I'm a fan of diversity, so it's nice to see the growth in this regard.

Also very nice to see: as a state, we held

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**Quilt Tickets Available...** Tickets for the Andover Friends of the Library's 2021 Quilt Raffle are available at Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6. This queen-size quilt was handmade by Friends member Jean Mamonas. Quilt tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5, and the final drawing will be held at the Friends' Book & Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 16. Winner need not be present.

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**Trump the Hypocrite**

To the Editor:

The recent large outbreak of the Delta version of COVID-19, primarily among the 90 million or so un-vaccinated in "red" states, has motivated several close allies of The Donald to try and get him to come out for vaccinations. This should have been an easy sell since it was on The Donald's watch that Operation Warp Speed created the vaccination, but he's worried that his advocating for shots in arms might be unpopular with his base and he doesn't want to do current President Joe Biden any "favors."

This seems a little strange for two reasons: One, not doing anything will reduce his base through their dying off; i.e., there are 100,000 daily new positive cases in the U.S. And two, The Donald snuck off and got his own vaccination in January of this year.

**R. Thurston Clark — Haddam Neck**

**Demonstrate Kindness**

To the Editor:

This year's return to school has brought to light many COVID-19-related issues that parents seldom agree on. We may not agree with each other on various hot topics related to reopening schools. We may also not agree with administrators. At the end of the day, we all just

want what we think is best for our kids. Our superintendent continues to drive home the theme of open, respectful communication via open-door policies. As an administrative leader, I appreciate the example he sets for our community related to respect and kindness. My kids are a constant reminder that our youngest community members are watching and listening.

As our children return to school, I think it's a great opportunity to embrace and demonstrate our most basic principle of being a good citizen: kindness. This is something I believe we can all agree on. These weeks approaching school are an opportunity to demonstrate and reiterate kindness. We can encourage our children to invite others to play or sit with them if they see someone sitting alone at recess or lunch. If someone is left out, proactively include them. Be a friend. Our children, who have been through so much these past two years, can benefit from mending the problems of our times, and returning to the basics.

Through all of this, I have witnessed that as a communal group of parents, our number one priority has remained raising good humans. It makes me proud to be part of this community. I believe this is what sets our town apart.

**Christina Tammara-Dzagan — East Hampton**

**Bulletin Board**

I have been following with great interest the conversation in this state about the murder rate, rash of car thefts and similar indications of social unraveling and I feel compelled to finally weigh in on the subject.

Let me begin with a caveat: If you insist on blaming criminals for crimes, you probably should stop reading now. It has become clear to me from the public statements by the Democratic leadership in our state legislature that crime is not the fault of criminals. It's pretty much all "the system's" fault.

Furthermore, it appears that much of the present uproar over "crime" is a fiction created by pampered suburbanites who stubbornly refuse to cover their car windows with reinforced plywood every night. Then these same folks have the damn gall to complain when somebody breaks into their car. Really? I mean, if you're not prepared to take precautions, what do you expect?

But there's more. Certain legislators and advocates for misunderstood victims of "the system" (disparaged by the uninformed as "criminals") also maintain that we must not blame our current problems on state laws that forbid police from pursuing people driving around in stolen cars and which release juveniles with multiple arrests back onto the streets in a matter of hours. Statistics indicate it's not just Connecticut that's suffering, they say. Crime is up all over the country.

In other words, if you happen to get mugged or shot or somebody helps themselves to your car, you can take solace in the fact that the same sort of thing is happening to people from coast to coast. It's not just you. Hey, you might even be eligible to join some sort of national victims' club where you can make new friends and maybe even get a break on your car insurance.

These same experts assure me that overall crime is actually down in Connecticut as compared to certain selected past years. For instance, as far as I know, there hasn't been an arrest in this state for stealing a horse in like 200 years. And when's the last time someone you know was accused of witchcraft? So don't tell me crime is out of control. Some categories are way down.

Yes, it's true that murder rates are up in the state. That's a statistic that's hard to bend, but apologists make a good case that Covid may be driving the uptick. As I understand it, Covid not only makes you sick, it also affects your ability to understand that killing someone (in most cases) is not a good idea.

On the other hand, if everyone would just wear bulletproof vests, the murder rate would go way down and we wouldn't have to engage in long and tedious conversations as to why some misguided folks, through no fault of their own, think it's no big deal to go around shooting children.

Of course, if we can't persuade ignorant people to cover their car windows with plywood, we probably aren't going to get them to purchase bulletproof vests. But maybe we could use federal Covid money to provide vests for free. And then we could get state grants to pay people to wear them!

Actually, an easier way to reduce the rise in serious crimes would be to simply decriminalize offenses like murder and car theft. Or maybe we could just call them something else. As we continue to circle the drain, I expect our state legislative leaders will eventually come around to this realization.

In fact, a state Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force recently took a small step in this general direction by recommending that police be prohibited from stopping drivers for stuff like broken headlights or taillights or human body parts stuck in the grill. (Okay, I made up the part about human body parts, but the rest is true.) In the meantime, if you find it inconvenient to get pulled over, you can just step on the accelerator, secure in the knowledge that the police can't chase after you.

Honestly, I simply can't imagine why people in this state are lining up around the block to apply for pistol permits.

**Jim Hallas**

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**Gazebo Concert Thanks**

To the Editor:  
The members of the Joseph N. Goff House Museum Board of the Directors send a heartfelt thank you to the individuals and businesses who generously supported this year's Joseph N. Goff House Gazebo Concert Series.

Rain created a performance delays and cancellations this year, but the Joseph N. Goff House Board of Directors was thrilled with the 2021 line up of talented musicians and the great turn out by attendees. Because of your support, we were able to add an extra concert to the 2021 schedule and purchase additional promotional materials to help publicize the shows and sponsors.

We also send a big thank you to attendees who donated hundreds of dollars to benefit local charities and organizations during the concert intermission basket pass each week. Your generosity will support the mission and community outreach of the East Hampton Food Bank, East Hampton Ambulance Association, East Hampton Youth & Family Services, East Hampton Fire Department and The Paul & Sandy's Too Garden Center's Sandy Peszynski Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Joseph N. Goff House Board really needs more board members to continue to host events including the 2022 concert series and band selections. Please contact Dean Markham at deanmarkham@comcast.net or call 860-918-4400 to learn how to become a member.

Sincerely,  
**Dean Markham, Connie Cowles,  
Christine Fielding and Melissa Pionzo  
The Joseph N. Goff House  
Board of Directors**

**Choose Kindness**

To the Editor:  
While the municipal election isn't for a few months, partisan politics are already causing division and tension, particularly on social media. As someone that believes in kindness and universal compassion, I find myself struggling to comprehend the personal attacks, nastiness, and bullying that seems to be occurring on both sides of the aisle.

It is too easy for us to forget that people running for office are human beings, with feelings, families, and their own struggles. Running for office is incredibly important. We need people who will step up and lead the community. It's not an easy task to put yourself forward for positions that are very public and often come with a lot of criticism.

Just because someone decides to run for elected office does not mean they signed up to be dragged on social media. When practicing compassion and empathy, we must put ourselves in other people's shoes. How would we feel to open Facebook every day only to find

another post full of personal attacks about us? We wouldn't like it. It would be upsetting, exhausting, and challenging to our mental health.

It's OK to ask questions of a political candidate. It's OK to not agree with someone. It is not OK to act in a way that causes others emotional harm.

Please remember the words of Glennon Doyle this election season: "There's not two of you - Internet you and real you. There is just one real you. Which means if you're not kind on the Internet, you're not kind."

Next time you find yourself quick to respond to a heated post, take a deep breath, think about the kind of person you want to be, and make a better decision.

**Michelle Noehren  
Colchester is Kind**

**The Far Superior Choice**

To the Editor:  
In a recent letter, the Republican candidate for Colchester first selectman makes the claim that the "first selectman has a responsibility to provide the Board of Finance the impact of completed contract negotiations before the beginning of budget season" and criticized Mary Bylone for not having done so. Despite having been on the BOF for six years, this statement shows a clear lack of understanding about how the process actually works.

Firstly, budget season starts in the winter. The first selectman starts preparing the budget in February. The first budget presentation is made in April and voting is usually in May. Union contracts, all of them, on the town and Board of Education side, are effective at the start of a fiscal year, always July 1. Union negotiations may be underway as the budget is being prepared and even voted on, but those negotiating sessions, by law, are secret. Only the signed contract becomes public. The best any first selectman can do is to project the plausible changes in a new budget when negotiations are pending. Mary Bylone did this recently with excellent foresight and planning.

Colchester needs a proven leader who understands the process. A first selectman must respect legal confidentiality agreements and municipal employees. Mary Bylone is clearly the far superior choice.

Sincerely,  
**Monica Swyden - Colchester**

**Embrace Godly Science**

To the Editor:  
The author of the recent letter "Embrace Science" railed against religion arguing that belief in God was incompatible with science. Get rid of God and religion, and all will be well in both the scientific world and the world in general. Not!

There is good reason why "every human tribe or culture," including ours, exhibits a God-consciousness. Seventeenth century French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher, writer and Catholic theologian, a pioneer of science and the scientific method, Blaise Pascal,

attributed it to a God-shaped hole in the human heart. Everyone fills that hole with something. Some fill it with science.

The "predictive powers" the author attributes to science have their source in the intelligence inherent in God's orderly creation without which science would not be able to predict the occurrence of natural phenomena such as "eclipses" and tides years in advance!

Each time I visit my cardiologist or retina specialist I'm reminded of God's creative intelligence. I'm in awe of the illustrated posters on their walls depicting the intricacies in the design of human heart and eye.

The 20th century demonstrated the fallacy of the author's worship of Godless science and his misplaced trust in how "humanity controls its destiny." As an engineer it appalls me to think that contributing to the bloodiest of centuries was the Godless science that engineered, designed, and built more-efficient ovens at Auschwitz and Dachau.

**Peter Kushkowski  
"Almost Heaven"  
Portland**

**Support Mary Bylone**

To the Editor:  
Mary has led our town through great challenges while exhibiting fiscal responsibility and strong leadership. Our grand list is growing, new businesses have started up and vaccination rates are increasing. While supporting growth, Mary is also very involved with efforts to keep the rural character of our town, with an appreciation of the need to balance nature and infrastructure. She understands that quality of life involves more than just tax rates and shopping

convenience.

Our Colchester community is on the right track with a proven leader in Mary Bylone. I fully endorse her to remain our first selectman.

**John Barnowski - Colchester**

**Trumpist Writers**

To the Editor:  
Where to start with last week's Trumpist writers? Colin McNamara attacking modern medicine, lamenting the number of 'needles' vaccinated babies and children get? Wants only adults deciding what goes into their own bodies. Rubella, pre-vaccination in the United States annually caused 11,000 fetal deaths and 20,000 birth defects with an additional 2,100 deaths. 99% decline since vaccinations. Measles, 6,000 annual deaths in children, as well as blindness - now only 9 deaths, which would be 0 if not for antivaxxers among us. Diphtheria had a 7.5% child mortality rate, again would be 0 if not for antivaxxers. Tetanus averaged 472 deaths, mumps made children deaf, whooping cough killed 9,000 children a year, now down to 9, again would be 0 if antivaxxers didn't live among us. Polio crippled 35,000 American children a year and now is almost eradicated worldwide. Smallpox has been eradicated worldwide, but in its last 100 years of existence killed 500 million humans and disfigured many more, especially children. Colin McNamara, you and other antivaxxers are complete fools. Ignoramuses who know nothing about what you speak.

Then delusional Victor Congdon telling us Ashley Babbitt was "invited into the Capitol building and perhaps walked around inside until

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our own enough with population that we're not going to lose any seats in Congress. That's not the case in several states. According to the *Connecticut Post*, the Census data released by the Census Bureau Monday showed seven states will lose one seat each in Congress: New York, California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Six states, meanwhile, will gain seats: Texas will add two seats, while Colorado, Florida, Missouri, North Carolina and Oregon will gain one seat each.

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This is nice to see. There's a new group that recently launched in East Hampton, named East Hampton Pride. The group describes itself as "a safe space for East Hampton LG-

BTQ+ residents and allies to come together and celebrate each other and work together to bring PRIDE to our hometown."

Bravo. There are still far too many instances of homophobia across the country these days. It's nice to see a group form to make people feel welcome, and to help shield them from attacks that, quite frankly, never should have occurred - and certainly not in the year 2021.

East Hampton Pride meets monthly, on a weekday evening. All are welcome. For more information, visit [www.easthamptonpride.com](http://www.easthamptonpride.com) or [www.facebook.com/groups/easthamptonpride](https://www.facebook.com/groups/easthamptonpride).

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someone” “murdered her”. Endorses theory that “FBI arranged the Jan. 6 riot.”

Then perpetually-confused Ed Kozlowski, telling us “it is important to understand what progressives don’t tell us”, before letting his own imagination fantasize what he is sure progressives meant to say.

Lastly, William Oliver, the “Hate Meter” maid, mockingly says he ‘has a life outside of the Bulletin’ – implying I don’t. Suggests I ‘run to my teachers union for help’ and tells me to ‘put on my big boy pants.’ Should I retort in kind, mocking him for what he puts on in the morning – or just ignore it?

**Edmund Smith – Andover**

## I Ask for Your Vote

To the Editor:

When I was elected first selectman in November of 2019, nobody could have predicted the challenges we would face – the loss of a Colchester champion and my mentor, state Rep. Linda Orange, COVID-19, and Hurricane Isaias during a pandemic. Having been in management, I drew on my years of experience as the chief nursing officer of Backus Hospital, where I was responsible for overseeing the patient care services department and all nursing functions.

When state Rep. Linda Orange passed away, Colchester lost a friend and a staunch advocate for our town. She did so much for us. It’s only fitting that Troop K will be renamed in Linda’s honor. As a Board of Education member, I worked with Linda each year to protect our ECS funding, a critical source of revenue for the town.

Then came COVID-19, a health crisis. My nursing training went into immediate action. I knew people were scared, that accurate information was vital, and we needed testing close to home. I began my Facebook Live communications, email blasts, weekly BOS meetings, personal access to the first selectman anytime, and worked with our partners to bring testing clinics, and later vaccine clinics, to Colchester. I believe in science.

Then came Isaias, which brought both personal hardship and physical destruction on top of COVID. It brought down trees and electrical wires, causing days without electricity as well as financial hardship to our Colchester homes. Once again, communication and action for our citizens was necessary, including pressing Eversource to get us up and running sooner than later.

When you take the job of first selectman, you take it with all the challenges of being a leader. The good days and incredible citizens outweigh the challenges. As I run for re-election, I once again ask for your support and vote.

**Sincerely,  
Mary Bylone  
Colchester First Selectman**

## Protections Needed for Elderly

To the Editor,

A new state audit is highlighting the need for change to protect elderly residents in Connecticut’s long-term care system from fraud and abuse.

While the number of investigations into crimes against the elderly have risen, staff at the Department of Social Services and other agencies find themselves increasingly unable to perform the follow-up visits required to thoroughly investigate complaints.

This is only where the issues begin — the report offered 47 recommendations intended to improve the communication, handling and adjudication of complaints made to other agencies that regulate the long-term care system, including the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Department of Public Health.

Connecticut’s policymakers should take these and other recommendations seriously in light of the pandemic’s continuing impact on the state’s elderly and work to improve coordination between all offices tasked with protecting our seniors.

For example, previously the Department of Public Health did not inform the Ombudsman’s office when they had received a complaint against a nursing home and were investigating it.

While the Ombudsman says it will now require that all complaints filed by nursing home residents are submitted directly to DPH (the agency that licenses nursing facilities), lawmakers should go a step further to require that all government stakeholders in the long-term care system clarify which agencies residents and their families should reach out to with specific complaints.

Lawmakers should also require that the Ombudsman develop a plan to increase the frequency of its in-person visits to facilities and

mandate more consistent reporting of visits.

While Republicans and Democrats came together this year to pass an important new law allowing residents to utilize virtual visitation and monitoring devices, more reform is needed to ensure Connecticut’s seniors can count on receiving compassionate and responsive care in their golden years.

**Sincerely,  
State Rep. Robin Green, R-55  
Marlborough**

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

## Senior Center for Community

To the Editor:

Currently, in Colchester there is not one venue that can accommodate larger social gatherings. The proposed new senior center will provide many opportunities for community use. When the center will not be used by seniors (after hours and weekends), residents will be able to use it for meetings, weddings, receptions, showers, youth groups, entertainment, and many other social functions. The new center will have 14,650 square feet with a southern third of the building to include two multi-purpose rooms that can be combined to accommodate up to 300 people. A large commercial kitchen and connecting outdoor gathering space will give the feel of a full social experience for larger groups. The cost to taxpayers is very low at \$13.09 per year (on a home assessed at \$165,000) for four years, for a total of \$52. This increase includes the impact of the cost of the recently-approved new fire apparatus. As a bonus, ample parking will allow for 70 spaces with overflow parking at Town Hall.

Our seniors have been using the current facility for over 40 years. The building lacks capacity to provide increased programming, activities, social interaction and growth of the senior population of Colchester. The building is in disrepair, badly needing so many updates and renovations. A new facility will meet the current and future programming needs of seniors and provide a positive experience for seniors and all residents of Colchester. A ‘yes’ vote for a new senior center is a win-win for seniors and the entire Colchester community.

Please support our new senior center. Thank you.

**Marge Mlodzinski – Colchester**

*Note: Mlodzinski is chair of the Colchester Commission on Aging and a member of the Senior Center Building Committee, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

## Fine Article

To the Editor:

I read with great interest Jack Lakowsky’s fine article - “William O’Neill Would Have Been 91 This Week.” With comprehensive style and the personal perspective of Nikki O’Neill the article accurately captured the character and governmental service of East Hampton’s No. 1 Son, Bill O’Neill.

As someone who held positions in state and federal positions during Gov. O’Neill’s tenure, I had the valued experience of watching him govern and leading the State of Connecticut for over a decade. With great support of Mrs. O’Neill, he worked tirelessly on behalf of all Connecticut citizens. He was a skilled chief executive who worked with both parties of the General Assembly to craft legislation that kept moving Connecticut in the right direction. Likewise, he endeavored steadily with the Connecticut Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., to make sure that Connecticut benefited by federal programs and emerging legislation.

Whether meeting other governors, members of Congress, or presidents, Gov. Bill O’Neill never forgot where he came from and the support of his hometown citizenry during his political rise. Gov. O’Neill left a lasting positive legacy that is embedded into the history of Connecticut. Thanks for sharing his unique story for all of us to read.

**Robert J. Croce Sr. – Portland**

## Response to Smith

To the Editor:

I was pleased with my recent article (7/23) which I received responses from all of the Foolish Five – Edmund Smith, Sauyet, Stevens, Gyllenhammer and Heidtmann. I am also grateful to the people of Andover who helped deny Edmund Smith a seat on our Board of Education in our recent town election. He should not be allowed on any board where his narrative focuses on anti-white critical race propaganda to unsuspecting children rather than reading, writing, math and science.

Edmund Smith professes that our country is systemically racist and Caucasians are born with white supremacist and white privilege

traits. He wants children to be brainwashed into being “sheep” and subjects of the state for economic support. He would turn them against their parents who should be in charge of teaching their children about life and growing up in the greatest country in the world.

Edmund Smith is also a proponent of the cultural control of our country. He was and still is in favor of lockdowns, masking and mandates by executive order. It is interesting that while he advocates these policies on law-abiding American citizens, not one of the Foolish Five has had anything to say about the crisis on the southern border where one million illegals have crossed into our country without proof of vaccinations or a negative COVID-19 test. Smith, Heidtmann, Stevens, Sauyet and Gyllenhammer chastise those Americans who have not been vaccinated (I am fully, just to be clear) but not a peep about the millions of illegals who are being transported throughout the country without notifying Local officials. Do we call that Super Spreader?? Selective enforcement once again supported by the left/ socialists.

Rise up, Americans; resist and push back the oppressors.

**Don Denley – Andover**

## Reelect Mary Bylone

To the Editor:

Re-elect Mary Bylone as Colchester first selectman.

Economic development and cost savings realized under Mary’s administration:

Negotiated Bloom Energy Fuel Cell project which will bring in \$455K annual revenue for 20 years; Grand List increased 1.5% from 2019 to 2020; town maintains a “AA” credit rating from Standard and Poor’s agency; Established a tax incentive program for new businesses, currently used by one business; completed Eversource gas line project; a record number of new business entities (51) have opened in the first half of 2021 according to the Connecticut Data Collaborative; secured grants to revive the town green; secured streetscape grant to build sidewalks on Lebanon Avenue;

Tax collection rate in 2020 was 98.87% and exceeded 99% in 2021; Colchester’s debt represents under 10% of our allowable statutory indebtedness; expanded student enrollment indicates that people are moving into town; held meetings with three large investors to explore investment in Colchester that resulted in plans for new building developments; rejoined SECTOR, an economic development group to help market the town and provide resources to the Economic Development Commission and Planning Dept.; joined Connecticut Green Bank’s C-Pace program that provides businesses with cost-effective opportunities for energy improvement projects; established a Bipartisan commission to determine best way to use ARPA grant; reorganized office staff to improve efficiencies; requested PT clerical support for Planning Department in both FY19-20 and 20-21 budgets to assist in processing permits and facilitate timely response to new businesses and building requests.

**Michael Hayes – Colchester**

*Note: Hayes is a member of the Colchester Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.*

## Recovery, Fiscal Responsibility

To the Editor:

Over the last two years, during the COVID-19 crisis, I have advocated for the use of Colchester’s unassigned fund balance or “rainy day fund” to offset taxes during the pandemic while maintaining important government services and protecting our schools. Years of good fiscal planning made sure these funds were available to us during the pandemic; it will take years of good fiscal planning from here to make sure that we don’t get addicted to them.

Use of rainy day funds helped us through this crisis, but these reserves cannot sustain our budget forever. The Board of Finance must avoid the temptation to simply use its savings account year after year to increase spending without increasing revenue. In the short term, that strategy may be politically convenient. In the long term, the bill will come due when the funds run out or a new emergency arises. As a Board of Finance member who helped write our unassigned fund balance policy, I am very cautious about how we head into this next chapter.

Take our current budget situation for example. The budget has failed at referendum twice this year. It would be easy to simply plug in more rainy day funds to offset taxes and call it a day. However, the BOF has already used the maximum amount of these funds we can responsibly use in this budget cycle. Instead of going to the well again, I believe we should look at ways to strategically reduce spending. First Selectman

Bylone has made recommendations on cuts. We should take them.

On Nov. 2, I hope you will consider casting a vote for me, Bernard Dennler III, Democrat, for Board of Finance so we can come out of the COVID-19 crisis as a fiscally sustainable community.

**Bernard Dennler III – Colchester**

*Note: Dennler is a member of the Colchester Board of Finance, but said he is writing as an individual.*

## My Hope to Serve

To the Editor:

My name is Scott Chapman and I hope to serve on the Colchester Board of Finance with your support on Election Day.

My wife Carolyn and I have lived in Colchester since 2012. As an eastern Connecticut resident for some 25 years. I know the area, the people, and the unique character of our region. I’m a proud member of the Colchester Business Association (CBA) and the Colchester Lions Club.

For over 16 years, I have been an investment advisor and financial planner. The last nine years, my investment advisory practice has been based in town. I have a B.S. in business administration with a concentration in economics and finance from the University of Phoenix, Arizona. I am also a former active-duty submariner with the U.S. Navy and still proudly serve as a naval reservist with the Submarine Force Reserve Component (SFRC).

While I believe I have the background and skills to serve, I am running because I believe the best way to serve is to listen to everyone regardless of political affiliation. We are a town of more than one political party, but ultimately, we are still one Colchester. My goal is to bring a balanced, sensible, and fiscally responsible approach to the Board of Finance recognizing the multiple priorities and needs of our town.

On a personal note, when I’m not helping a client, in uniform with the Navy, or spending time with my wife and dog Ollie, you can find me with a guitar in hand, behind a piano or drums, at the rod and gun club, or simply trying to conquer the next home project.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming months and getting your thoughts on a fiscal agenda that moves Colchester forward together.

**Sincerely,  
Scott Chapman – Colchester**

## New Twist on Old Subject

To the Editor:

Fear, anxiety and the loss of control are the main drivers of the mask mandates. Whether masks are truly an effective means to prevent or curtail the spread of COVID-19 is truly irrelevant. We’ve all heard the debates, arguments and tactics used by both sides to defend a shaky position.

Boil all the water out and you are left with fear, anxiety and loss of control. Parents have had their nestlings under-the-wing for a year plus. Now the schools are flinging open their doors, welcoming in the children who are fearful, anxious and without control mechanisms. The outcome is fairly obvious to me. Doors will close. Parents will feel in their children and we are off to another virtual school year.

These three factors are prevalent and have crept into our psyches whether we care to admit it or not. Some can cope better than others. Some need to see more leadership at all levels of governance to help them climb from the quagmire.

As Republicans, we recognize these facts completely. We see our past and recognize familiar patterns to our collective futures. We advocate “free choice” on the issue until the evidence is overwhelming in favor of masking children. We value the parents making the choice for their children, not the standing government.

Fear, anxiety and the loss of control. These three factors should be dealt with in an open manner, not shielded behind an ineffective mask.

**Alison Walck – East Hampton**

## OpenGov and Transparency

To the Editor:

The Republican ticket has a lot to say about transparency software and has implied that town employees and the current administration conspired to take it away from voters in an effort be less transparent. I was on the BOF during the procurement and attempted implementation of this software, and this is just not true.

The OpenGov software procurement process started in late 2016, with Colchester purchasing the software in 2019 under Art Shilosky.

*See Letters, page 26*

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**Double Tag Sale Aug. 21**

There will be a Back-to-School Kids' Clothing Tag Sale Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Westchester Congregational Church meeting hall (98 Cemetery Rd.) from 8 a.m.-noon. At the same time, across the street at the church parsonage (95 Cemetery Rd.), will be the church's regular monthly Tag Sale.

Donations for both events (clean and in good condition, please) are welcome and may be left on the porch of the parsonage at 95 Cemetery Rd.

**Senior Trip to Amish Country**

Colchester Senior Center will travel to Pennsylvania Amish Country Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

This three-day tour will start with a meal in the home of an Amish family. There will also be a guided tour of the Amish countryside, and a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village. The trip also includes tickets at the Sights & Sounds Theatre for a new production of *Queen Esther*.

The trip will feature two breakfasts, two dinners, a two-night hotel stay, theatre tickets, deluxe motorcoach, tour escort, and gratuity. Cost is \$599/person, double occupancy.

Call the senior center for more information at 860-537-3911 or stop by the center, 95 Norwich Ave., to register in person.

**Polish Dinner at St. Joseph's**

The St. Joseph's Polish Club at 395 South Main St. will have a dine-in or take-out Polish dinner Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1-2:30 p.m.

Dinner will include pierogies, golumpki, kielbasa, kapusta, rye bread and butter. Polka music will be performed by The Maestro's Men in the pavilion from 1-5 p.m. It is a tribute to Joe Milardo and the Musical Cavaliers, who have been performing for over 60 years.

Advanced ticket sales only. Tickets are \$18 each and on sale at the bar during normal business hours: Monday-Friday, 4-10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon-9 p.m. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

**September Children's Programs at Library**

The following children's programs will be offered in September at Cragin Memorial Library. For more information and full program descriptions, call the children's department at 860-537-7201. The library is located at 8 Linwood Ave.

**First Day of School Video:** Wednesday, Sept. 1, 10:30 a.m., for all ages.

**4H STEAM Kits:** Mondays in September; best-suited for elementary school and above. Kids are invited to come in each week and get a new STEAM kit. Kits will be available each Monday of the month (with the exception of Labor Day); the kit that week will be out on Tuesday). Supplies are limited.

**Take & Make Craft Bags: Mondays:** These crafts follow the storytime themes. If you can't make the in-person storytime, there will be recorded storytimes Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Upcoming themes: Sept. 7, Bugs; Sept. 13, Pirate; Sept. 19, Marble Pumpkin; Sept. 26, Robot.

**Foodie Fun: Pencil Cookies:** Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m., for all ages. Grab your bag at the Children's Desk and follow the video to create this snack.

**Camping Take & Make Craft:** Wednesday, Sept. 22, for all ages. Create a camping scene.

**Police News**

8/16: Daniel Cansdale, 50, of Norwich, was arrested and charged with second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal trespass and second-degree larceny, state police said.

**Praise, Worship and Healing Prayer Service**

All are invited Thursday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m., to St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, and prayer.

**Lions Carnival Tonight and Tomorrow**

The Colchester Lions Carnival on the Green will continue tonight, Aug. 20, from 6-10 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4-9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and will be sold on site.

**CBA Community Marketplace Coming**

The 41st annual Colchester Business Association Community Marketplace will take place Sunday, Sept. 19, in conjunction with the Colchester Farmers Market.

This event draws thousands of people looking to buy and features vendors selling new and tag-sale items, crafts, antiques, as well as exhibits and products by local businesses. Vendors are welcome, and can bring tables, a tent or both. Download applications at bit.ly/2021CommMarketplace.

The CBA is also looking for craftspeople and home-based businesses to participate as well; email info@colchesterctbusiness.com for more information on space rental fees.

Since the CBA is working in conjunction with the Colchester Farmers Market, spaces are limited.

The CBA Community Marketplace Committee is closely following all COVID-19 related information from state and local governments, and will regularly post updates on social media.

**Book Club to Meet**

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. Diane Chamberlain's *Necessary Lies* will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk at the library, 8 Linwood Ave.

Weather permitting, the club will meet at the Colchester Giving Garden, which is located behind the senior center at 95 Norwich Ave. Please bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, the club will meet via Zoom, at tinyurl.com/bkclubaugust.

This program is free, but registration is required. To register, call 860-537-5752.

**Colchester Choir & Orchestra Returns**

The Colchester Choir & Orchestra (CCO) will begin rehearsals Sept. 2, for its 20th anniversary season.

Concerts will be held at Bacon Academy auditorium Oct. 17, Dec. 4, March 13 and May 14. Visit www.colchesterchoirorchestra.org for more details, or watch for announcements in the *Rivereast*.

**Watercolor Workshop**

The Colchester Senior Center is offering a four-week watercolor workshop entitled "Palette Passport" Mondays, Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 13 and Sept. 20, at 1 p.m.

This course is designed for beginner and intermediate artists wishing to explore and improve their watercolor painting techniques. In this workshop, instructor Erica Treaster, will take you to a different country each week and explore the native art of that region.

Cost for all four classes is \$60, which includes all materials. Register in person by coming into the senior center; space is very limited. Call 860-537-3911 for more information.

**Setback in September**

St. Joseph's Polish Club's Setback League will begin Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., in Colchester. Teams of two compete in the league for 28 weeks followed by playoffs and a league banquet where prizes are awarded.

To sign up or for more information, call Deb Crider at 860-204-1555 or Cindy Hardy at 860-537-6140.

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# Former Assistant Clerk Charged with Stealing from Town

by Sloan Brewster

Joan Campbell, a former assistant town clerk in Colchester, has been charged with first degree larceny for allegedly embezzling more than \$20,000 from the town.

Campbell was arrested on July 13 and was scheduled for arraignment on July 29. According to the state judicial website, she entered a non-guilty plea. Her next court date – a pre-trial hearing – is scheduled for Sept. 30 and will be remote.

Campbell was hired by the town in July 2014 and put on administrative leave in July 2019 after the alleged pattern of theft was discovered, police said.

According to her arrest warrant Campbell, who is 40 and currently resides in Ethel, Va., was altering the amount of deposits by reducing them compared with the actual amount written on checks or credit card transactions.

She would then, allegedly, keep the change.

In July 2019, according to the warrant, Town Clerk Gayle Furman noticed the pattern of altered deposits after Tax Collector Michele Wyatt alerted her to a 25-cent discrepancy.

Arthur Shilosky who at the time was first selectman for the town, said in a phone call

Tuesday that when Furman notified him of the discrepancies, he brought the matter to the town attorney.

“There was a minor discrepancy in a deposit and then [Furman] went back and researched it and found out that there were some issues when deposits were being made,” Shilosky said. “The town attorney recommended that we let [Campbell] go right there, so we did. He gave me the paperwork on how to phrase it.”

According to First Selectman Mary Bylone, Campbell was put on leave and in December 2019, shortly after Bylone took office, resigned, taking a position in another town.

Based on advice from the town attorney, Shilosky said he hired a forensic investigator to go through the books. The investigator found what amounted to about \$20,000 worth of discrepancies.

“There’s plenty of evidence or they wouldn’t have arrested her,” Shilosky said.

According to the warrant, between April 1, 2017 and May 21, 2019, \$19,204.49 was misappropriated from town deposits. Then, between May 22, 2019 and July 30 of that year, after a new software program was installed, \$3,785.25

more was taken.

The transactions, according to the warrant, were completed under Campbell’s user identification.

According to the warrant, when detectives spoke with Campbell in March of last year, she said she had more clerk experience than Furman. She was unable to explain the “questionable transactions” and said she did not know how they were done. When told her user name was utilized to complete the transactions, including when Furman was out of the office, and asked if she could explain that, she said, “I can’t,” the warrant states.

Shilosky said he turned the information about Campbell’s alleged misdeeds over to the state police, and that he and Furman were subsequently interviewed by troopers and told it could take “a couple years” for police to wrap

up their investigation.

“I went actually to the state police barracks and gave them all the info that I had,” he said.

Bylone said she turned the forensic report over to police when she took office.

“When I came in office in November 2019 the investigation, I guess, was finalized, the forensics were done, the report was given to me,” she said. “I turned it over to the police.”

Bylone said she was given the understanding that the investigation remains active but had been notified that Campbell was arrested and brought back to Connecticut from Florida.

Furman said she was advised not to comment for this story.

## Movie in the Park

Colchester Youth and Social Services and Colchester Recreation will offer a family Movie in the Park Friday, Aug. 20, beginning at 8 p.m. (or dusk), at the RecPlex pavilion. *How to Train Your Dragon* will be shown.

Be sure to bring a blanket or chair, bug spray and a flashlight. For more information, call 860-537-7297 or visit [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department).

## 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](mailto:csc@colchesterct.gov), or visit [www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center](http://www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center).

**Upcoming Programs: Choral Group Returns:** Fridays, 10:30 a.m. The group is preparing for its winter concerts. All are welcome; no musical training is necessary. Come with a few song suggestions.

**Bridge Club:** Mondays, 12:30 p.m. If interested in learning, lessons can be arranged with one of the club’s experienced players. Call the office to register for the first session.

**Reel Friends Movie Club:** Fridays, 10 a.m. Every month features a different theme. Pre-registration is required.

## Christian Life Chapel News

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., holds worship in-person at 10 a.m. Sundays. Follow the church on Facebook for the livestream.

For more information, call Pastor Don Rivers – the church’s bi-vocational pastor, who also serves as president for “Racing with Jesus Inc.” – at 860-398-9119 or visit [christianlifechapel.org](http://christianlifechapel.org).

## Senior Trip to Newport Playhouse

Colchester Senior Center is offering a trip to the Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant Thursday, Dec. 9, to see the new holiday comedy *A Christmas for Carol*.

Lunch will be prior to the show, at the staff-served buffet. There are reserved seats for the play and then back to the dining room for a cabaret show. Cost is \$129/person. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. and is estimated to return to Colchester by 6 p.m. Space is limited; call 860-537-3911 for more information.



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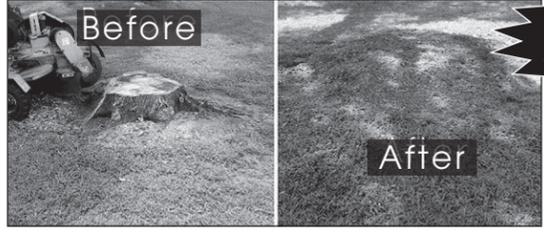


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### Young People’s Choir Accepting New Members

The St. Andrew Young People’s Choir and Orchestra will begin its 2021-22 season Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 5:45-6:45 p.m., in the St. Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Ave.

The Young People’s Choir is open to all K-12 individuals. It is not necessary to be a member of St. Andrew Church in order to participate. There are various musical opportunities within the choir: the St. Andrew Orchestra (for instrumentalists that wish to play with the choir) and the choir itself. The choir, orchestra, sings/plays monthly at St. Andrew Church/Guardian Angels Parish. Choir members also typically sing for the Colchester Holiday Homecoming and the Memorial Day Ceremony following the

annual town parade. Choir members sing uplifting worship music, and are given instruction in proper singing techniques, microphone usage, and general public performance demeanor.

Although Sept. 8 is the first rehearsal, new members are welcome to join throughout the year. Parental concerns about COVID-19: Because some members of our choir have health issues, chairs will be “socially distanced” and the wearing of masks encouraged. However, masks are not mandatory at this point. (There will be a special seating area for members who will not be wearing masks.)

For more information, contact Colleen Puscas at colleenpuscas@gmail.com or 860-267-0018, or Kerry Hochdorfer at jkfilloramo@sbcglobal.net or 860-537-6248.

### 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.

### Resident Receives Award of Excellence

Colchester resident, member of the Glastonbury Ukulele Band, and Connecticut College professor Peter Siver was recently awarded the Phycological Society of America’s Award of Excellence, the highest honor bestowed by the organization.

Siver was recognized for his contributions to the field of phycology – the study of algae. A professor at Connecticut College since 1990, he is an expert on microscopic algae, particularly chrysophytes and diatoms, that live in lakes, oceans and other waterways.

His research has contributed to understanding of evolutionary history, climate change, biodiversity and biogeographic patterns, the college said.

### Ahavath Achim News

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

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

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

### Colchester Federated Church News

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren Lorincz. The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The office can be reached at 860-537-5189 or cfc06415@gmail.com.

Worship services are Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.; masks required. For those wishing to worship from home, the service will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m.

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

**Twelve-Step Meetings:** AA meets in the church library Monday-Wednesday and Friday at noon and Thursday at 10 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Al-Anon meets in the Jerusalem Room and AA meets in the Stage Room.

### Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., has lifted most COVID-19 restrictions for in-person worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The services are also available on Zoom; visit the church website at westchestercongregationalchurch.org for login information.

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.

For more information, email westcongregationalchurch@gmail.com, visit the church website, or call 860-267-6711.

### From the First Selectman’s Desk...

Status Update on the Proposed New Senior Center  
We want to provide you with an update on the status of the proposed new Senior Center Building.

A committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in August of 2019. Since then, the committee has met twice a month, to discuss and design a new Senior Center building. The new building will improve the physical space, meet the needs of a growing senior population, and offer the opportunity for program expansion, including the use of the building for community needs when not in use by the Senior Center programs. This building was designed based on the Senior Center Strategic Plan written in 2017, with additional input from members and the public. The committee worked closely with the architect to design the physical structure inside and out and estimate the cost of the project.

Over the past couple of months, the Committee members have held numerous informational sessions and conducted tours of the current building. Many of you have participated in these presentations. These programs will continue and will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and view the architect’s renderings of the proposed building. Many people have written letters to the paper outlining the importance of the project and how the Senior Center programming enhances their lives. A beautiful brochure was produced by the Senior Center Building Committee and mailed to households in the town, providing the history of senior services and the project, along with a colorful depiction of the proposed building. Our original plan was to bring this to the people for a vote at the end of September and get the project underway.

In the meantime, state Representatives Brian Smith and Irene Haines and state Senator Norm Needleman put forward an application to the State of Connecticut to obtain a grant in the amount of \$3.1 million. Our latest information is that our application is supposed to be on the upcoming September meeting of the State Bond Commission. We won’t know if that meeting will actually take place until we are closer to the meeting date.

If the town were to receive a bond from the state, it would cover at least 30% of the cost of the project. We discussed this with the Building Committee, and they agreed that it would be better to know the status of this bond prior to bringing the referendum to the community for a vote. Therefore, we will postpone moving forward with seeking a referendum date at this time.

We remain committed to building a new Senior Center. We want to bring the most accurate picture of the fiscal ask and feel the only way to do this is to wait to know the decision on the grant.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me at 860-537-7220 or selectman@colchesterct.gov or send questions to seniorcenterbuildingcommittee@colchesterct.gov.

Mary Bylone  
Colchester First Selectman

### Ahavath Achim Welcomes Jewish New Year

Cantor Thomas Berkson is assisting Rabbi Ken Alter in ushering in the Jewish New Year at Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave. The schedule of services is:

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Zoom service, 6:45 p.m.; Sept. 7, First Day of Rosh Hashanah service, Hybrid at 9:30 a.m. – Tashlich follows service.

Sept. 8, 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah, hybrid service, 9:30 a.m.;

Kol Nidre service, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:45 p.m., hybrid service; Yom Kippur Day service, Sept. 16, 9:30 a.m., hybrid service; Neilah service, Sept. 16, 6:45 p.m., hybrid service; Tuesday, Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m., Sukkot, hybrid service.

Also, Congregation Ahavath Achim is now accepting applications for Hebrew School. Tuition is included with membership.

For more information, call 860-537-2809.

### Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. There is also Children’s Church available now for ages 4-11. All are welcome.

The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook. 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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### Crafters Sought for September Show

The 30th annual Festival on the Green Craft Show will be a one-day event this year, on Saturday Sept. 18. Admission for the public is free, and exhibitors are expected to include a variety of arts and crafts, including woodworking, painting, photography, food items, pottery, stained glass and more.

Applications for booths (10' by 10') are still available for at \$60 for a single space, or, \$115 for a double space. All products must be personally crafted; no imports or mass-produced items are allowed.

For more information, call 860-809-0011 or email ColchesterLionsCraftFair@gmail.com.

### Senior Trip to Canadian Rockies

Colchester Senior Center members and their guests over the age of 18 are invited to join the Colchester Senior Center and Collette Tours for a trip to the Canadian Rockies in 2022.

Highlights of the trip, which runs June 18-24, 2022, include: Calgary, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Banff, Athabasca Glacier, Chateau Lake Louise and choice on tour of a Glacier Ride or walk the Glacier Skywalk.

Cost is \$3,379/person for double occupancy includes airfare, transportation, nine meals, and admission to all sights on the itinerary, taxes, fees, and gratuities. Passport is required. There is a \$100 discount for anyone who registers before Dec. 18. Space is limited.

Call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more information or to register online, visit gateway.gocollette.com/link/948344.

### Sing with St. Andrew Choir

The St. Andrew Choir begins its 2021-22 season Monday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m., at the church, 128 Norwich Ave. The choir is open to persons of all faiths, ages 13 and up. Knowing how to carry a tune is helpful.

The choir rehearses Mondays 7-9:15 p.m., and meets in the choir loft of the church. Singers are welcome throughout the year, but joining on "new member nights" Aug. 30 or Sept. 20 is strongly encouraged. The choir will be following Connecticut state and Norwich Diocesan mandates regarding masks and social distancing, as directives are made public over the course of the year.

For more information, contact Colleen Puscas at colleenpuscas@gmail.com.

### Info Session on New Orleans Trip

There will be a trip presentation at Colchester Senior Center Friday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m., on the center's April 24-28, 2022, trip to New Orleans, La., offered through Collette Vacations. This five-day trip will feature four breakfasts and two dinners.

Cost of the trip is \$1,999/person double occupancy if you sign up by Oct. 24. Members of Colchester Senior Center and adult guests (over the age of 18) are welcome to register for any of the trips by coming into the senior center, located at 95 Norwich Ave.

Call 860-537-3911 for more information.

### Bacon Class of '61 Reunion

Bacon Academy Class of 1961 will hold its 60th class reunion this August.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the class will visit the Colchester History Museum and the old Bacon Academy building. On Monday, Aug. 23, a reunion luncheon celebration will be held at the Gelston House in East Haddam. An informal gathering is planned at Captain Scott's in New London on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Call Patricia Nardella at 860-537-1092 for attendance information.

### Vendors Sought for Snowflake Bazaar

There are still crafter spots available at Westchester Congregational Church's annual Snowflake Bazaar, which this year will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Markham Meadows Campground in East Hampton. The 8x10 spots are \$25 each.

The bazaar will feature food, music and raffles. For more information, call Melissa Engel at 860-267-9738.

### Senior Center News & Notes

Russell Mercier Senior Center has announced the following. For more information and full program descriptions, call the senior center at 860-228-1700. The senior center newsletter is also online at tinyurl.com/3xfm862d.

**Masks Required:** Until further notice, masks are required to be worn in the senior center in all areas; this includes everyone, even those vaccinated. They can only be removed during a specific program if there is enough space for social distancing, but due to the types of programs running, most will require keeping the mask on. Anyone not complying with wearing a mask will be asked to leave to ensure the safety of everyone. This is in compliance with the new CDC guidelines.

**SilverSneakers Flex Class - Cardio and Strength:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. Class sign-up still available. Bring a water bottle.

**SilverSneakers EnerChi:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Class sign-up is still available.

**Setback and Bridge:** Setback is Wednesdays from 10-11:50 a.m. and Bridge is Mondays (starting Aug. 23) from 1-3:15 p.m. Pre-registration required prior to the first time attending and check-in for all attendees is required. Everyone participating must complete membership paperwork and have a My Senior Center Scan Card. To sign-up, call the center.

**Congregate Lunch Meals Return:** Beginning Monday, Aug. 23, the Connecticut Renewal Team (CRT) lunch program will return to in-house lunches. Lunch will be served Monday - Thursday at noon; doors open for seating at 11:50 a.m. Registration required by 10 a.m. the day before and by 10 a.m. Fridays for Monday lunches. No walk-ins accepted. Suggested donation is \$3 per lunch. Menu available at the senior center.

**Walmart & Aldi Shopping Trips:** Friday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. Seating is limited and all are required to wear masks. To sign up, call the center.

**Exercise Equipment Room:** Open by reservation only, in 45-minute time slots from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday (last time slot at 2 p.m.), with 15 minutes between appointments for cleaning. On Fridays, slots are from 9 a.m.-noon. (The last time slot is 11 a.m.) Maximum of three people per time slot, and if coming

together from different households it is highly recommended that you are all vaccinated. Masks are required in the common areas, and you will need to check-in. To reserve a time, call the center.

**Sunshine Singers Return:** Thursdays, 10:10-11:40 a.m. The Sunshine Singers welcome all who enjoy singing. Masks are required when entering the building and must remain on if not vaccinated. This program is free, but registration is required; to do so, call the center.

**Knitting/Crocheting/Needle Group:** Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., at the senior center with masks required. If weather permits, this activity will be held outdoors and masks would be optional for vaccinated individuals. Registration required, by calling the center.

**Walking Group:** Wednesdays, joining along with the Colchester Senior Center. Meet at 10 a.m. the Air Line Trail on Route 85 (near Julian's Pools and the old Route 85 Lumber). Wear proper footwear. Registration and masks required; to register, call the center.

**Senior Transportation:** Available Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., for ages 60 and over and adult disabled individuals. Transportation is for medical care in Hebron and surrounding towns (a full list of locations is at the senior center), personal needs, grocery shopping or other pre-approved needs. COVID-19 guidelines are followed, and all passengers must wear a mask during transportation and will be asked screening questions before the ride. Fares are charged; contact the senior center for a fee schedule. Appointments must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance; new riders need at least 48 hours' notice. Rides are first-come, first-served. To schedule an appointment, call the center.

**Meals Available for Pick-Up:** On Mondays you will receive four frozen meals, two milks, sides and snacks for a suggested donation of \$12 (\$3 per meal). Meals are for ages 60 and older, from any town. Meals will be distributed outside. Pick-up times are 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., but with prior approval an alternate time can be arranged. Delivery is also available. To sign up, call 860-228-1700 ext. 202 or email aroczniak@hebronct.com. Masks required for meal pickup. Seniors must call to sign-up for each week's meals by 3 p.m. the prior Thursday.

### Historical Society Planning for 2021-22

The Hebron Historical Society Board of Directors is busy planning activities for the 2021-22 year. The group holds its annual meeting in September each year, along with the election of officers and directors.

All are invited to join the society. There are many committees in need of volunteers - such as building, finance, publicity, program, newsletter, membership, and likely more as needed for special events. Grant writers are also needed.

The society is also in need of officers and directors. The by-laws allow up to eight directors, and officers required are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

If interested in joining the society, assisting on a committee, or being nominated as a director or officer, contact Sue Porter at 860-368-7463 or M.A. Foote at FooteHillsFarm@juno.com.

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**Volunteers Sought for Harvest Fair**

The Hebron Harvest Fair returns Sept. 9-12 at the Hebron Lions Fairgrounds, and volunteers are sought to help organize the event.

This year, the Hebron Lions are planning for the return of the return of the Dock Dogs, animal pulls, Double Figure 8 Racing, a tiger show and with Jo Dee Messina taking the main stage on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The Lions have positions for all skill sets and ability levels, and have opportunities for teens in need of school volunteer hours as well. To sign up to volunteer, visit [www.HebronHarvestFair.org](http://www.HebronHarvestFair.org). For more information, email [volunteers@hebronharvestfair.org](mailto:volunteers@hebronharvestfair.org).

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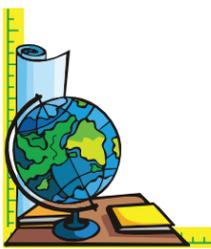
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EMS personnel need. Unfortunately, this effort proved unprofitable, as people either didn't finish the courses, or were only with EHAA for a brief period.

The current volunteer staff, Donnelly said, is aging, with many members in their 60s and 70s.

In April, Scranton said another major issue of a low staff number is the response to local police and firefighters.

East Hampton's police are trained as first responders. However, there is training EMS personnel have that police don't, East Hampton Police Chief Dennis Woessner said in April.

Scranton wrote in an April letter to the Town Council that in some instances, an officer waited up to 30 minutes for an ambulance crew.

In an extreme case, EHPD had to wait for an hour with a patient who had difficulty breathing, and whose oxygen tank nearly depleted. Police contacted the ambulance service to see how this issue can be addressed.

Woessner told the *Rivereast* that the main burden in a delayed ambulance response is on the patient – not the officers responding to the call.

"It does potentially prevent us from responding to other calls," Woessner said at the time. "The extra time it takes to get the victim of an emergency to the correct hospital is the bigger issue."

The agency told the council it's also due to buy a new vehicle soon, adding to the EHAA's strain. This seems to have changed from what Scranton told the *Rivereast* in April, when he said EHAA's equipment and capital are in good shape and need no replacement.

At the time, Scranton said requesting the money is a "proactive" way of tackling the ambulance's issues.

Scranton said there would need to be 600 more calls per year to make the service self-sustaining. He said the service gets about 1,000 calls annually.

There are limits on the ambulance's income. Scranton said due to the cap state law puts on charging Medicare, the EHAA lost more than \$300,000 last year.

Scranton said the service reached out to area towns for regionalization, but they were un-

interested. In fact, someone the service contacted reported EHAA to the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Scranton told the council this investigation found the EHAA compliant, and the case was closed. The *Rivereast* reached out to Scranton for more details on this but was not answered. A request for comment was also put into the state emergency medical services office, but was not answered either.

Scranton said the investigation was a great stress to staff.

Both ambulance officials said the EHAA is teetering on the edge of disaster. Scranton said the EHAA has about \$700,000 in the bank right now and is intended for capital and operational needs. Scranton said after purchasing a new vehicle, and performing maintenance on one the service currently has, this money would be largely expended.

"We can't keep doing this forever," Donnelly said.

Scranton said the service going out of business is a very real possibility.

Donnelly said this request is a first. The EHAA has "never asked for anything."

Donnelly said he's heard people say that the town provided them with and paid for their building. Donnelly said this is not the whole truth, explaining that the association had finished about two-thirds of work on the building, then went to the town for help.

"The town gave some money, but we did most of the work," Donnelly said, adding that the agency raised \$135,000 through fundraising at that time.

"We're looking for some help," Scranton said. "It works out cheaper for the town."

The chief said ambulance services in towns across both the state and nation face the same issue of dwindling staff and volunteer numbers.

If the council approves Scranton's request, the money will be used in halves over two years.

Despite the challenges it faces, Scranton in April said the EHAA is operating at 95% capacity, although it was unclear if this is currently the case.

Scranton has been chief since 2017, and the service was founded in 1953.

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**Lobster Fest Returns in September**

East Hampton's Fowler-Dix-Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5095 and its Auxiliary will host the 16th annual Lobster Fest on Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon-5 p.m., on the grounds of the VFW post on North Maple Street. The VFW Lobster Fest raises funds for the upkeep of the post as well as to serve the needs of veterans.

Ocean-fresh live lobsters are trucked in the morning of the fest. There are two options for tickets. A single ticket (white color) entitles you to either two fresh-boiled lobsters with drawn butter or two grilled steaks, or one of each, one boiled lobster and one grilled steak, plus one pound of fresh-steamed clams with drawn butter, one cup of homemade clam chowder and one ear of corn.

A double ticket (red color) entitles you to either two fresh-boiled lobsters with drawn

butter or two grilled steaks, or one of each, one boiled lobster and one grilled steak, plus two pounds of fresh-steamed clams with drawn butter, two cups of homemade chowder and two ears of corn.

Soft drinks will be available, as well as a cash bar. The entire feast is served "in the rough" under shade canopies behind the Post Home with music. Take-out and local delivery is available at no additional cost.

Tickets are limited, and sales will cease Sept. 18. Only a limited number of tickets are available, and sales will cease Saturday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$55 for a single (white) ticket and \$70 for a double (red) ticket. The post will have tickets available after 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, as well as noon to close on Saturday and Sunday. People can also call the post at 860-267-8837.

**Chatham Historical Society News**

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) has announced the following two pieces of news. For more information, call 860-267-4732.

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

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

**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 seidl@sbglobal.net.

**Resident's Artwork at Town Hall**

An exhibit by local artist Alison Walck is on display at the East Hampton Town Hall gallery throughout the month of August. Town Hall is located at 1 Community Drive.

All are invited to stop by Town Hall and view the artwork.

**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.

**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.

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### EHVFD Fireworks Saturday!

East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department's annual fireworks display will return Saturday, Aug. 21, on the grounds of East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St. Rain date: Sunday, Aug. 22.

This year's celebration will honor those who helped the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 'gates' to the high school will open at 6 p.m., and all event activities (food and ice cream vendors, live band, etc.) will take place behind the high school building. The pyrotechnics will launch from an area in the far northwest corner of the high school property, beginning promptly at 9 p.m., and residents are encouraged to plan their arrival accordingly. (Note: The venue is school property and no alcohol, pets or personal fireworks are allowed.)

Traffic flow for entry and egress will be monitored and controlled by the East Hampton Police Department, Colchester Fire Police and EHVFD firefighters. Street parking will not be permitted on North Maple Street between Route 66 and Beechcrest Drive, the entire length of Hills Avenue and the upper portion of Sherry Drive. Signs will be posted accordingly.

There is space for spectator parking on the high school grounds and there will be an area

reserved for appropriately identified vehicles eligible for handicapped parking access. Note: once a vehicle enters the high school property, that vehicle and its occupants must stay until the conclusion of the show. Residents wishing to drop off spectators should not enter the school property; a drop-off area will be established at the northwest corner of the North Maple/Hills Avenue intersection. The same area will be used for pick-up after the show.

Normal traffic flow in both directions on all local streets will be maintained for the duration of the show, with the exception that North Maple Street will be closed to northbound traffic at 8 p.m. from Route 66 to Hills Avenue. After that, late-comers will be directed to use North Main Street to Hills Avenue to reach the high school.

Vehicles arriving to pick up passengers after the show should approach the high school area via North Main Street to Hills Avenue, turn right onto Fairlawn, left onto Beechcrest, left onto North Maple and stage on North Maple at the pick-up location. Again, signs will be posted to guide motorists to the drop-off/pick-up area.

In the event of inclement weather requiring a schedule change, a notice will be posted on the EHVFD's Facebook page.

## Local Businesses Look to Promote LGBTQ Allyship

by Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Economic Development Commission (EDC) in its Tuesday meeting briefly discussed including in its next promotion flyer something to acknowledge local businesses who have allied themselves to the LGBTQ community.

Robyn Letourneau, EDC member, brought up the discussion, saying a few local business owners have approached her about wanting to signify themselves as LGBTQ-friendly and welcoming.

EDC Chair Matthew Reich said a bit more information is needed, but said the commission is open to the idea.

Amy Ordonez, owner of Studio 13 at 70 Main St., said the idea came from a fledgling local LGBTQ Pride group, which was formed

in June, and of which she is a member.

Ordonez said the idea is that, in the town's next promo flyer, some symbol would be printed beside the names of ally businesses.

This summer multiple establishments, like Little Fish Gallery & Gift on Main Street, had noticeable Pride displays.

Ordonez said the group is in its infant stages, still awaiting 501c3 status and choosing a focus of work.

"To start, we're asking – what does it mean to be an allied business?" Ordonez said.

Ordonez said the group will surely focus on developing active allyships, as opposed to passive ones.

"We're really excited," Ordonez said.

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds live in-person services Sundays at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. Enter via the front door and ushers will assist you.

For those not ready to attend in person, the livestream link will be at the church's Facebook page, at [www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH](http://www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH).

### Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes East Hampton. No commercial or business waste allowed. Visit [rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste](http://rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste) to learn more.

### CommuniTea at Middle Haddam Library

Middle Haddam Public Library will host the next CommuniTea Saturday, Aug. 21, at 10:30 a.m., in the garden of the library, which is located at 2 Knowles Rd.

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits, outside under the tent or in the sunshine. Attendees are advised to remember their masks.

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**GOP Council Candidates...** The East Hampton Republican Town Committee (RTC) has unanimously endorsed its 2021 slate for Town Council. From left are: Tim Feegel, Eric Peterson, Alison Walck, Mark Philhower and Brandon Goff. For more information, call RTC Chairman Russell Bonacorso at 203-464-4292.

### Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to Sunday worship at 9 a.m., online at [www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church](http://www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church) or in person. Masks are optional. 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 Zoom Bible study – held every other Thursday evening – will resume in

the fall.

**Barbecue Chicken at Fair:** The church will be at the barbecue pit at the Haddam Neck Fair for barbecue chicken and local fresh corn on the cob. On Sunday at 11 a.m., church will be at the bandstand with music and a puppet show with Digger, his barnyard friends and Farmer M.

**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).

### Police News

8/9: Stephen Brady, 19, of 122 Wopowog Rd., was issued a summons for reckless driving, East Hampton police said.

8/10: Elaine Cote, 79, of 33 S. Main St., was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, police said.

8/12: Michael Blancato, 38, of Moodus, was issued a summons for failure to drive right and

operating while under suspension, police said.

8/16: Auberiana Joseph, 21, of 6 Blacksmith Hill Rd., Middle Haddam, was issued a summons for misuse of marker plates, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without insurance and operating a motor vehicle without proper instructor, police said.

### Historical Society Walk Along Salmon River

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) is organizing a walk along the Salmon River on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 1 p.m., as part of its "Explore East Hampton" monthly series of walks. Walkers will learn history of the Air Line Railroad. The walk is sponsored by the East Hampton Parks and Recreation Department.

Sandy Doran, president of the CHS, will lead the walk along the Salmon River. The hike will follow the old River Road to the base of Bull Hill and return back to the parking area. It is a fairly level 2-mile walk. Walkers will meet at the parking lot by the old stone arch of the Air Line Trail. They should wear comfortable shoes and water. No dogs are allowed on the walk.

Directions: Take Route 2 to Exit 16 and travel 0.8 miles south on Route 149 to River Road and parking area. Turn right and follow River Road for about 1.5 miles to parking lot on the left. From the intersection of routes 16 and 149 in Westchester, travel north on 149 for 2.7 miles and turn left on River Road and follow directions above. From the Marlborough Tavern on Route 66, turn right and travel on South Main Street for 0.7 miles, then take a right on South Road and travel 3.0 miles. Turn right on River Road, to Air-line Trail Salmon River State Park parking area.

Call Doran at 860-267-8953 for more information on the walk.

### Church Offering Meal-to-Go

The Missions Committee of the Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam is offering a \$30 meal-to-go for four on Sunday, Aug. 29. Pick up time is 4-6 p.m. The church is handicapped-accessible and located at 52 Middle Haddam Rd.

The menu, the church said, consists of "colossal shrimp, lemon risotto, summer vegetable mix and sinful saltines."

Call Kathy at 860-510-8102 no later than Aug. 22 to make reservations. A portion of the proceeds is donated to the East Hampton Fuel and Food Bank.

### Epoch Arts Accepting Tag Sale Donations

Epoch Arts will accept tag sale donations from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 21 and 28, at Epoch, located at 27 Skinner St.

Items not accepted include: computers and any accessories including monitors, printers, keyboards and mouse, televisions, child car seats, cribs, mattresses, bed frames, couches, encyclopedias, textbooks, large exercise machines, old-style phones and cell phones.

Epoch Arts is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to helping young people communicate, collaborate, create and celebrate through experiencing, hands-on, the arts.

For more information on the tag sale, call Judy Holmquist at 860-918-0784 or visit [www.epocharts.org](http://www.epocharts.org).

### 'Better Tomorrows' Fundraiser for CDHR

All are invited Sunday, Aug. 22, at The Farm at Carter Hill (86 East Hampton Rd., Marlborough) from 3-7 p.m., to "Better Tomorrows," to help raise funds for CT Draft Horse Rescue and its current and future horses.

There will be live music, a cash bar, food, a 50/50 raffle, games and more. The event will take place rain or shine. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/hrr5ar6p>.

CDHR is a nonprofit organization, located in East Hampton, that is dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses, as well as draft horses heading for slaughter. For more information on this event or on CDHR in general, visit [www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue](http://www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue).



This handmade quilt is one of the items to be auctioned off at the GOP Autumn Auction Thursday, Aug. 26, at 5:30 p.m., at Robert's LakeHouse in East Hampton. The quilt was made by Alison Walck.

### GOP Auction Next Week

Next Thursday, Aug. 26, is the GOP Autumn Auction at Robert's LakeHouse in East Hampton. The auction will start at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Preview is at 5 p.m.

Auctioneer Andy Tierney will host the event inside. Items this year include tickets to a kayak, original Elizabeth Sennet artwork, a New Hampshire vacation home, two tickets to Lime Rock Park's annual Labor Day Festival, and more.

A portion of auction proceeds will benefit the Senior Center and the Rotary's youth group, Interact. To donate an item or for more information, call Melissa Engel at 860-267-9738.

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### Senior Center News & Notes

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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). Center hours: Monday- Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.easthamptonct.gov/easthampton-senior-center](http://www.easthamptonct.gov/easthampton-senior-center) for more information.

**Lunches Return:** The Community Renewal Team is resuming meals at the East Hampton Senior Community café. Meals are offered at this time Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call the center to reserve your meal or sign up online through MyActiveCenter.com. Ages 60 and up are eligible; they are asked to complete a registration form prior to signing up for a meal. Reservations for the next day's meal must be made before 11 a.m. the day before.

Menu for the week of Aug. 24 is: Tuesday: hot dog on a roll, baked beans, mixed vegetables, chocolate cookie; Wednesday: apple juice, baked chicken, rice pilaf, peas and diced carrots, yellow rice, 12-grain bread, fruit yogurt; Thursday: Seafarer's Seafood Salad, baked sweet potato, vegetable medley, club roll, peaches. Meals are funded through the Federal Title III grant, Elderly Nutrition Program. The meals are free, but a \$3 donation is requested to help cover costs the grant does not. No one registered will be denied a meal due to lack of a donation.

**Weekly Activities:** To register for any of the following, contact the center. **Quilting Group:** Mondays, 9 a.m. **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via

Zoom. Call the center or register online. If Zooming, call the center and let staff know. **Mahjongg:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon. **Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

**Yoga with Kitch:** Wednesdays through Oct. 20 (started Aug. 18), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., both at Town Hall and virtual, via Zoom. Register online. Cost for the session is \$20. Payment may be mailed to the senior center; make check payable to the Town of East Hampton.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursdays throughout the summer, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Aug. 25), at 9:30 a.m. Meet outside, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, it will be inside, with masks recommended. Register online.

**Virtual Lunch Bunch:** Every other Monday from 12:30-1 p.m., via Zoom. Next date is Aug. 9.

**Setback:** Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m., in person. Pre-register via my MyActiveCenter.com or by calling in advance.

**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.

**August Birthday Celebration:** Monday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m. Celebrate the 'August birthday babies' with a movie, cupcakes, presents and lemonade. The movie is *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Sign up ASAP, as seating is limited.

**Movie Group, Lunch and Discussion/In Person:** Tuesday, Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The movie will be *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. Bring your own lunch. Sign up online or call the center.

**Trip: Dining and a Cabaret Show:** At the Newport Playhouse Wednesday, Dec. 8, to see the new comedic farce *A Christmas for Carol*. There will be a staff-served buffet with a variety of hot entrees, salads and more. Cost is \$129/person. Payments will be accepted at the center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by a pre-arranged appointment time.

### Applications for Jim Morris Scholarship

Applications for the sixth annual East Hampton Ambulance Association Jim Morris Scholarship are currently being accepted. The scholarship is available to East Hampton or Haddam Neck residents who have completed one year of studies in an Allied Health program at a four-year college or community college. In addition, members of the East Hampton Ambulance Association, or their family, who are furthering their education are also eligible.

Applications must be postmarked or delivered by Sept. 30; any received after that date will not be considered. For applications, go to [www.ehems.org](http://www.ehems.org) and click on 'Scholarship,' or call 860-267-9679. Completed ones should be sent to: Liz Whitty, Scholarship Chairperson, East Hampton Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 144, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Tax-deductible donations, to help continue these scholarships, are also welcome, and can be made out to: The East Hampton Ambulance Scholarship Fund, earmarked 'Scholarship,' and sent to Whitty at the same address.



**Business of the Month...** Nelson's Family Campground and Gustine's RV Sales and Service owners Glen Gustine and Bruce Gustine receive the "Belltown Business of the Month" plaque from East Hampton Economic Development Commission Chairman Matt Reich and EDC member Ted Turner. Nelson's Family Campground is located at 71 Mott Hill Rd. and is celebrating its 57th year in business. Located on 175 acres and having over 300 campsites, this seasonal campground is busy from April to October. Call 860-267-5300 for reservations or visit [nelsonscampground.com](http://nelsonscampground.com) to tour the facility.

### East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. To register, or for full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit [easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org).

**Library Hours:** The library is open regular operating hours in the summer: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. As of Aug. 16, masks are required at town facilities - including the library - for people ages 3 and up.

**End-of-Summer Reading Celebration Concert:** Friday, Aug. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jukebox 45, a '50s and '60s show band, will perform. Summer reading raffle winners will be pulled at intermission.

**Children's Programs: Baby Rhyme Time Outside:** For ages birth through 18 months. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. through Aug. 26, at the Center School gazebo on Main Street, weather permitting. No registration required; just drop in.

**Stories and Songs Outside:** For 18 months-5

years. Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. through Aug. 25, at Seamster Park, weather permitting. Siblings welcome. No registration required; just drop in.

**Lego Saturdays:** Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., for all ages. Follow the week's challenge or build your own adventure. All are welcome. No registration required; just drop in.

**Adult Programs: Plot Twist: Discussing Big Issues through Short Stories:** Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m., held outdoors at Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales, 91 Main St. Registration required.

**Fall Author Series: Megan Collins, Author of The Family Plot:** Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. All are invited to an evening with Connecticut author Megan Collins, author of *The Winter Sister*, *Behind the Red Door* and the newly-released *The Family Plot*. Books will be on sale for cash or check, to benefit the Friends of the East Hampton Public Library.

### Middle School Soccer, Cross-Country Registration

Student/athletes who are interested in trying out for boys soccer, girls soccer or boys/girls cross-country teams can register online at [www.FamilyID.com](http://www.FamilyID.com).

Athletes must have all the proper paperwork submitted online and have an updated physical in order to try out. Registration should be completed by Monday, Aug. 23.

For more information, call EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

### Car Cruise for Wounded Warriors

The annual Markham Meadows Car Cruise will be Saturday, Sept. 18, from 3-7 p.m., at the campground.

The day includes music, food, raffles and trophies for a variety of categories. To date, the event has raised more than \$15,000 to help the East Hampton VFW and several other organizations to support local military in need. Antique autos, hot rods, trucks and vintage bikes welcome.

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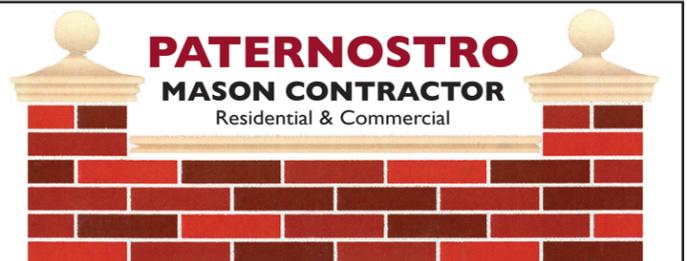
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**Freeman Award...** Lions District 23C Governor Michelle Wyatt (left) recently presented East Hampton Lions Club President Mary Krogh (right) with the Lions International "Rose Amanda Freeman Award," in appreciation on Krogh's years of service to the East Hampton community. The award was presented at the East Hampton Lions Club Installation of Officers for 2021-22, held at the Lions Pavilion at Sears Park on Aug. 11.



**Donnelly Honored...** Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Connecticut State Surgeon Louis Carillo, right, recently presented East Hampton Volunteer Ambulance Association member Elizabeth Donnelly with the VFW National EMT Emergency Services Award and the VFW Post 5095 Public Servant Plaque.

### Christ Episcopal Church News

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

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

### Faith Formation Registration

The St. John Paul II Parish, which includes St. Patrick Church of East Hampton, will hold registration for Faith Formation Sunday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at St. Patrick Parish Center.

Forms, calendars and program information are available on the faith formation website, [sppatrickandbridgetehct.org](http://sppatrickandbridgetehct.org). They can be downloaded or picked up at the registration event. Fees will be collected at the time of registration and are \$50 per child, with a \$100 family cap.

For more information, call Dani Annino in the parish office at 860-267-6644.

### 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. For the fully vaccinated, mask-wearing is not mandatory except when singing. Those who aren't fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Services are still available via Zoom; visit [cc-eh.org](http://cc-eh.org) to access.

The Teen Youth Group will next meet Saturday, Aug. 28, from 1-4 p.m., for an end-of-summer activity. Kids in grades 6-12 are welcome.

For more information, visit [cc-eh.org](http://cc-eh.org) or call 860-267-4959 during summer office hours, which are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon. In case of pastoral emergencies, the Rev. Jim Latimer can be reached at 610-568-2480.

### Stream Monitoring Volunteer Training

All are invited to become a Stream Monitoring Volunteer.

The Salmon River Watershed Partnership and Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed, working with Connecticut River Watch Program, are hosting a training program for volunteers on biological stream assessments. Learn to collect and identify stream insects that are good indicators of water quality and stream health. The program includes all necessary equipment for field training at selected sites in the watersheds.

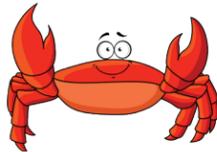
The training program will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Salmon River State Forest picnic pavilion site at the corner of Route 16 and Gulf Road in East Hampton. This program is appropriate for ages 10 and above; contact the partnership about ages that require an accompanying adult. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed, and masks may be required.

Registration is required and attendance is limited to the first 30 registrants. To register, contact Pat Young at [salmonriverct@att.net](mailto:salmonriverct@att.net) or [info@eightmileriver.org](mailto:info@eightmileriver.org). For more information, call 860-490-8093.

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# Clerk: No Money, No Mass Absentee Applications

by Jack Lakowsky

Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, every registered voter in the state received an application for an absentee ballot in the 2020 general election.

According to Portland Republican Town Clerk Ryan Curley, the state handled last year's mass-mailing of applications, using federal relief dollars.

Curley said this year, the state is not offering such a service.

In its last session, the state legislature voted for no-excuse absentee ballots, allowing voters to select COVID-19 as a valid reason to receive an application and, if approved, a mail-in ticket.

Curley said all Connecticut town clerks recently received an email from the secretary of state saying clerks can send out mass mailings of absentee ballots-if they're willing to pay for it.

"Last year, the secretary of state received a substantial amount of funding that they then gave to towns," Curley said, going on to say that the state paid postage and contracted a mail house.

"Now this time around, there is no funding," Curley said.

Curley does not plan to send out applications to all 6,000 eligible voters in town, although absentee applications are still available online and at the clerk's office, and he also emphasized that his office will work for a smooth town election in November, no matter how people choose

to vote.

Although it's optional at this point, Curley wasn't sure if, should the pandemic worsen further in November, the state will turn around and require mass absentee mailing anyway.

The state sent the email out Aug. 11 – well after most towns have set and approved their budgets.

Curley estimated each ballot mailed would cost about \$1, and it would cost \$6,500 to send every Portland voter an application, an expense not budgeted for.

Curley, as well as Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, both told the *Rivereast* they will investigate if it's possible to use American Rescue Plan money to fund the extra postage and labor needed for a potential influx of absentee applications and ballots.

Bransfield said she will be in touch Portland's Washington assemblyperson, John Larson (D-1), who has a staffer dedicated to helping navigate stimulus uses.

Bransfield said she agrees with the legislature's decision to expand voting access in Connecticut.

"Everyone voting, no matter their party, is a good thing," Bransfield said on Tuesday.

Curley said there's been no word from the state on if costs incurred from mass absentee voting can be reimbursed.

Curley said officials of the state town clerks association are pursuing more dialogue with the

state. Curley also said the state gave no previous warning or guidance that they would ask this of town clerks, and the state had no money to give clerks offices, having expended the money it got last year.

"We should have had a heads up," Curley said.

Curley said he only knows of one town clerk who wanted to send out applications to each voter, in Kent.

Bigger towns have a bigger bill to foot. Curley said were West Hartford to do this, it would cost the town \$44,000.

"It would have made more sense for the secretary of state to organize this," Curley added. "Everyone who's eligible and applies will get a ballot, but if it's anything like last year it will be a challenge to the process. If we could do last year, we can do this, but some more funding would have been nice."

Curley said in the 2020 elections, about 90% of Portland voters showed up. He said local elections rarely get more than 50% of voters to

show.

Curley said, as vaccines rollout and people become savvier to going out in a pandemic, he expects fewer absentee votes this year. He added that there's no guarantee mass mailing would pay dividends, saying some won't fill out an application just because they got one, and would instead vote in-person.

Bransfield said she has invited Curley to speak on this at Wednesday's Board of Selectmen meeting, after deadline for this story.

Gayle Furman, the Democratic Town Clerk of Colchester, said she would "pretty much mirror what [Curley] said."

"I believe it would cost the town too much money in both staff and postage," said Furman. "I'm not for it. Unless our [Board of Selectmen] makes a different choice, my plan is to not send out applications to every voter."

Furman did, however, encourage voters to pick-up or print out their absentee applications, if they need them.

## Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., is open, with no appointments needed. Wireless is available. Registration required for the following programs 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.

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Holiday Closing:** The library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 4, through Monday, Sept. 6, for Labor Day weekend.

**Info for Patrons:** The library welcomes visitors. No appointments are needed. Masks for those over the age of 2 and social distancing are required. Computers and wireless access in the building are available to walk-ins and by appointment. Wireless access is also available on the library grounds. "Curbside Delivery" of reserved items continues; call the library, or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available.

**Museum Passes and Yard Games:** 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. The library also has available giant-sized yard games, such as Jenga, Connect 4, Yardzee and Yard Farkle.

**Youth Programs: Summer Reading Program:** The library's 2021 Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales," runs through Aug. 29. Visit the library website for more information and upcoming programs for children and teens.

**Adult Programs: Knifty Knitters:** Saturdays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a weekly knitting circle where people gather to knit while sharing ideas and tips. All are welcome – including beginners.

**In-Person Book Club Meetings: T.A.B. (Talk About Books)** will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m., and the **Mystery Lovers Book Club** will discuss *The Witch Elm* by Tana French on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m.

**Portland Forum:** Will be back Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., at the library. (Note the date change.) The first title will be the book and film *A Most Beautiful Thing: The True Story of America's First All-Black High School Rowing Team* by Arshay Cooper. Copies of the book are available at the library. The film can be viewed by Amazon Prime members or on NBC's Peacock streaming service.

Throughout August, books on diversity-related titles will be on display and available to borrow.

## Brownstone Arts Reception Tonight

Brownstone Arts is returning to the Hubbard Farmstead Gallery in Portland with an exhibit and sale titled "Emergence." The show opens with a reception this evening, Aug. 20, from 5-9 p.m. All are invited.

The Hubbard Farmstead Gallery is located in the restored banked English barn on the historic 1852 property owned by Elwin Guild and Joan Giesemann at 332 Middle Haddam Rd. There will be light refreshments, wine, music by the duo Deep Ellum, and folks can wander in and out of the barn to see the art. Precautions will be observed; the food and drink table will be outside rather than in the barn as in previous years, and servers will be masked and gloved.

Parking is available behind the barn to the right of the house.

The show will continue for two weekends – Saturdays and Sundays, Aug. 21, 22, 28 and 29 – from noon-4 p.m. each day



Pictured are visitors at the 2019 reception for the Brownstones Art exhibit and sale at the Hubbard Farmstead Gallery in Portland. After missing last year, the show will return tonight.

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## Republican Town Committee Raffle

The Portland Republican Town Committee is holding a raffle from now until Oct. 8. The raffle has three grand prizes consisting of a Generac portable generator, a Stihl backpack leaf blower, and the winner's choice of 100 gallons of either heating oil or propane.

Only 250 tickets are available, at \$20 apiece. The drawing will be held at 252 Main St. (PRTC headquarters) on Friday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m.

To purchase tickets, contact Bobby Hetrick at 860-209-0489 or [hetrickrobert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hetrickrobert@sbcglobal.net).

## Town-Wide Tag Sale Ready

Registration is closed for the Portland Historical Society's 25th annual Town-Wide Tag Sale Day, which will be next Saturday, Aug. 28. There will be more than 100 sales around town and out on the country roads.

The official free Tag Sale Map will be available next Wednesday, Aug. 25, on the front porch of the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, 492 Main St., and online at [www.PortlandHistSoc.org](http://www.PortlandHistSoc.org). There will be no maps at the Grange Hall on Sage Hollow Road this year.

The annual tag sale is a major fundraiser for the museum. Volunteers will be at the Callander House on Saturday, Aug. 28, to hand out maps and answer questions about the society's project to move the original Gildersleeve Store from shipyard days to 492 Main St. Tag sale questions can be sent to [portlandcthistory@gmail.com](mailto:portlandcthistory@gmail.com).

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# Life Chiropractic Has a ‘Black Belt’ in Promoting Wellness

by Jack Lakowsky

Dr. Timothy Malton, chiropractor of Life Family Chiropractic on Main Street in Portland, said a current problem with the American medical system is a focus on treating disease already incurred, rather than prevention.

“The body is constantly adapting, and if we give it the right tools to do that, we’re at our best,” Malton told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday, going on to say chiropractors focus on enhancing the body’s inborn maintenance tools instead of supplanting them with prescriptions.

“We all have this incredible ability to heal,” Malton said. “We often study disease and bad things rather than looking at what makes us healthy to begin with.”

Malton said patients of chiropractors and those who’ve never been to one have differing views about what it is these medical professionals do.

“Most people know we do something with the back,” Malton said, explaining this idea is not inaccurate, but does not capture the array of services chiropractors offer.

“The reason we focus on the back is because of what it protects; the nervous system,” Malton said, adding that the nervous system is the very conduit through which everyone experiences reality.

Through the course of life, Malton said, vertebrae shift and become unaligned. This movement can create “little blocks” in the body’s processes. Chiropractors find these interferences and through adjustments, gently remove them.

“That’s what it’s all about,” Malton said. “Improving alignment and symmetry so you’re clear. We don’t treat anything specific, people come for lots of reasons, come for things not

normally associated with us.”

Malton said first and foremost, he ensures patients leave the Main Street building in the best position to “let the body do its thing.”

“Our body’s constantly adapting,” Malton said. “We can give it the right tools do that through eating right, exercising and getting enough sleep. That’s what we teach people, that’s what we’re all about. Our office is an educational place as much as it is a place for getting care.”

Malton helps patients of all ages. His young patients grace the branches of a painted tree in the office, designed by one of his adult patients. Kids’ pictures are replaced regularly as they grow.

Life has been in Portland since around 2017, and soon after Malton came to town from Guilford. He said he split time between the two offices, but after a while switched to Portland full time, having fallen in love with the town and the people in it.

Life has multiple offices throughout Connecticut, including in Newington and Manchester. The company has a maxim, which is also the title of a book and a podcast both written and produced by a Life chiropractor; “Wake up, Humans!”, a rallying cry to live a more mindful, healthful lifestyle.

A piece of advice Malton dispenses is one some may have heard from parents or teachers; surround yourself with people who share, or have already accomplished, the goals you’ve set.

“Success leaves clues,” Malton said.

Malton said he treats people recovering from drug or alcohol addiction, ailments that take a great a physical toll on the body. To these individuals especially, Life recommends a social



Life Family Chiropractic at 234 Main St. in Portland frequently gets involved in town, according to Dr. Timothy Malton, the practice’s chiropractor, holding drives for both the local food bank and school families.

circle of people who understand the daily struggle of addiction-and have triumphed over it.

“Be around and surround yourself with people who have what you want,” Malton said. “I’m no guru, but I try to direct people to what to investigate.”

As far as common mistakes people make, Malton said they’re hard to name, as everyone’s needs are unique.

Malton has been an athlete his whole life. When he was young, he severely injured his back attempting a backflip.

“It was months of agony,” Malton said.

He visited physical therapists to no avail. Finally, he went to a chiropractor who fixed him immediately. Malton’s fire was started, and he began to pursue a career in the field, finding his way to Portland after more than two decades in practice.

## Drive-Thru Food Bank

Portland Food Bank will hold another Drive-Thru Food Truck visit at 7 Waverly Ave. Monday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m.

Enter from Freestone Avenue by Portland Library and exit past the Senior Center onto Waverly Avenue.

For more information, call the Food Bank at 860-342-6795, or the Senior Center at 860-342-6760.

## Trinity at Tag Sale

Trinity Church, 345 Main St., will have space available for the Town-Wide Tag Sale Saturday, Aug. 28. The spaces will be available for \$25 and will be approximately 20’ x 20’.

Email the church your name and address at trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com and a registration form will be sent. For more information, call the church office at 860-342-2417.

Malton said the things that set his practice apart are a focus on connecting with people, listening to their concerns, and “really teaching them how to get the most out of their life.”

“Not only do we try to be black belts at what we do, but also really having an open environment, people come in and automatically think ‘I can let things go,’” Malton said. “We try to create a place where people are comfortable and can heal.”

Life Family Chiropractic of Portland is at 234 Main St. and can be reached at 860-342-7277 or by visiting lifechiroct.com.

## Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes Portland. No commercial or business waste allowed. Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.

## Second-Hand Prose Bookshop

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

FPL also has “I Love CT Libraries” reusable bags on sale at the library for \$1 each. Samples are available at the front desk.

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

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## Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

**Tai Chi for Long Life:** At Riverfront Park Wednesdays through Sept. 22, 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays through Sept. 25, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Contact Parks and Rec. if interested in drop-in registration.

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

**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.

## St. Mary Church News

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church is located at 45 Freestone Ave. The church office can be reached at 860-342-2328. Office hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, visit www.stmaryportlandct.org. Pastor is the Rev. John Antonelle.

**Weekend Masses:** 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed each week; visit the parish website for more information.

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

**Confession:** Saturday at 4-4:45 p.m., or call Antonelle for an appointment.

**Other Programs:** For information on faith formation programs, baptisms, blessings of marriages, Knights of Columbus, the St. Mary Ladies Guild and more, call the church office.

## Place-Kicking Contest

The Knights of Columbus in Portland is again conducting the Soccer Challenge, a place-kicking contest for all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. The contest will take place at the new park on Gospel Lane Saturday, Sept. 11, from 8:30-11 a.m. No preregistration is required but each contestant must be accompanied by an adult.

The KofC Soccer Challenge is sponsored nationally by the New Haven-based service organization in thousands of towns and cities throughout the U.S. Boys and girls compete in local, regional, and statewide competitions demonstrating their place-kicking skills.

John Bruni, chairman for Freestone Council 7 in Portland said, “We appreciate the opportunity to work with the Portland Soccer organization on a, hopefully beautiful, September day.”

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### Exchange to Hold ‘Touch-A-Truck’

The Portland Exchange Club will hold its annual “Touch-A-Truck” Sunday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Exchange Fairgrounds. There will be various trucks and vehicles for kids to see and sit in.

All proceeds benefit Help Our Military Heroes, a Connecticut based non-profit that provides handicap accessible vans for injured veterans. Cash donations will be accepted.

Admission \$5 for adults and children \$2 and can be purchased at the gate. Hot dogs, ice cream and refreshments will be available for purchase. Parking is free.

If you have a vehicle of any type for the event, call Jamie Leonard at 860-301-6998.

### First Congregational Church News

First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., is now holding indoor summer worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays. The Rev. Eva Cudmore leads worship and is offering pastoral care throughout the summer, while the Rev. Jane Hawken the church’s pastor, is on sabbatical leave. Services are livestreamed on the church’s YouTube channel, First Church of Portland. Services are posted on the YouTube channel for those who wish to worship at a later time.

Cudmore is presenting a series of sermons based on the I Am statements made by Jesus in the Gospel of John. The sermon Aug. 22 will be based on the scripture John 15:1-17, and the sermon is entitled “I Am the True Vine.”

Those who attend in-person worship are asked to wear a mask, whether or not they have been vaccinated. Other mitigation strategies will also be evident, including increased ventilation with open windows and fans, as well as socially distanced seating.

The church is a member of the United Church of Christ, and is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming everyone. 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.firstchurch-portlandct.org](http://www.firstchurch-portlandct.org).

### Soccer Club Fall Registration

Portland Soccer Club (PSC) is now accepting registrations for the fall 2021 club soccer season. Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 11, and those received after Aug. 27 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.

PSC will only accept registrations online, at [www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub](http://www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub).

Pre-K sessions will be \$60, and will play 8:45-9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Dribbler will be \$75, and will be 9:45-10:45 a.m. Saturdays. Kicker sessions will also be \$75, and will have games Saturdays from 10-11 a.m., and practice on Wednesdays.

Full team uniforms for Dribbler and Kicker divisions and shirts and balls for Pre-K are included in the registration fees and will be available for distribution prior to and during the first day of play. The club-recreational program will run Sept. 11-Oct. 30. All games will take place at the New Portland Recreational Complex.

U4 (born in 2018) and U5 (2017) will be in Pre-K Club Recreational; U6 (2016) will be in Dribbler Club Recreational; and U7 (2015), U8 (2014) and U9 (2013) will be in Kicker-Club Recreational.

For more information, contact PSC president Chad Wilson at [nosliw.dahe@gmail.com](mailto:nosliw.dahe@gmail.com) or 205-999-8842; vice president Chris Donahue at [donahuecj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donahuecj@sbcglobal.net) or 860-342-3228; or registrar Stephanie Bolstridge at [stephaniebolstridge@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniebolstridge@gmail.com) or 860-478-9693.

### Drive-Thru Food Truck Event

The Portland Lions Club is sponsoring a two-day Drive-Thru Food Truck Event next weekend at Riverfront Park, in the upper lot. Various food vendors will be available Saturday, Aug. 28, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and then again Sunday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Note the new times.)

Customers will place their order as they drive in and remain close by to safely pick up orders. Food trucks include D & S Hotdogs & Catering, which offers breakfast items and a variety of dogs and burgers; Mel’s Munchies, offering fair food; and Scoops and Sprinkles, selling ice cream and frozen yogurt.

The Portland Lions event has been registered with the Portland Town-Wide Tag Sale and will be included on the tag sale map.

One hundred percent of proceeds will be used for community endeavors. Funds raised will benefit such town projects as: Lions Scholarship, Project Graduation, the Food Bank, and Parks and Rec’s summer concert series. To help out with these projects, call Marcia at 860-305-8866 to lend a hand.

Credit card and digital payments will be accepted. More vendor and procedural details will be forthcoming and on the Lions’ Facebook page, @PortlandCTLion. Children are invited to see Leo the Lion.

### Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is open for weekly daytime activities. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8-11 a.m. Unless noted, the following programs are being offered at the center. To register, call 860-342-6760.

**Crafting at the Center:** Monday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m. Call ahead to sign up. This month’s project is “A Cup of Cheer” – a bouquet of tea bags in a special birthday mug. Advance registration required.

**Van Trips: Shank’s Restaurant in Clinton:** Thursday, Aug. 26. Have lunch on the waterfront. The senior van will depart the center at 11:15 a.m. If you need to be picked up prior to departure, call the center in advance to make arrangements. Transportation fee is \$5.

**Cromwell Walmart, Marshalls:** Thursday, Sept. 9. Transportation fee is \$5. Call the center to register.

**9/11 Tribute at the Bushnell:** Saturday, Sept. 11. See this tribute marking the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The tribute will feature the Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords, country and gospel star Todd Allen Herendeen, Portland and Middletown High

School Advanced Choirs and the Middletown Police Benefit Association Pipes and Drums. Tickets are \$30 each and transportation fee is \$5/person. Call the center to register; seats are limited. This concert is a benefit for the CT Firefighters/EMS, Police Benevolent Fund, and Middlesex Health Covid-19/Emergency Response Fund.

### ‘Cars Under the Stars’ Movie Night

Portland Exchange Club will hold a “Cars Under the Stars” movie night at the Portland Exchange fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug. 21.

*Jumanji, The Next Level* will be shown. The movie is rated PG-13. Gates will open at 7 p.m., with showtime after dusk. Admission is \$20 per car. There will be a section down front for blankets and lawn chairs.

Popcorn, hot dogs, drinks, and candy will be available for purchase.

Visit [www.portlandexchange.org](http://www.portlandexchange.org) for more information as well as any last-minute delays or cancellations.

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# Chatham to Begin Third Vaccine Doses for the Vulnerable

by Jack Lakowsky

Chatham Health District Director Russell Melmed in a Tuesday email announced that the health district will soon begin offering to immunocompromised people third doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Melmed told the *Rivereast* this is in line with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state Department of Public Health (DPH).

Melmed said Chatham, which oversees East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, Hebron, Marlborough and East Haddam, currently only offers for third doses the Moderna vaccine, and is working to coordinate with area Walgreens stores and the Community Health Center in Middletown to get doses of Pfizer’s vaccine.

Melmed said the district has ample supply and will more than adequately meet demand for third doses, a need he doesn’t anticipate will be huge.

“There are a limited number of people eligible for third doses,” Melmed said.

In information sent to Chatham, DPH said the third dose is for vulnerable people who may not have a good enough immune response to the standard two-dose shot.

The information went on to say that non-immunocompromised individuals don’t need a third dose, although this information was released before a recent announcement from the White House, which seems to contradict it.

According to multiple media reports, the Biden administration is expected to soon recommend third dose shots for most Americans.

CNN reports that the plan, currently in development, would involve giving third shots in mid-to late September, pending US Food and Drug Administration authorization.

Pfizer and BioNTech said Monday they’ve submitted initial data to the FDA to support the use of booster doses.

DPH lists as severely immunocompromised those receiving cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood, as well as anyone who had an organ transplant and taking immune system-suppressing medicine, received a stem cell transplant within the last two years, has moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency, advanced or untreated HIV infection, or is receiving treatment of high-dosages of drugs that suppress immune responses.

Melmed said Chatham is set to host several vaccine clinics throughout the area, offering

first, second and third dose shots to anyone eligible.

Today, Aug. 20, there will be one at the Colchester Lions Carnival near Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St. Tomorrow, Aug. 21, a clinic will run at Hebron Day, and on Sunday, Aug. 22, shots will be offered from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Robert’s Lakehouse in East Hampton, 81 North Main St.

On Tuesday Aug. 31, Chatham will be at Quarry Heights in Portland, 208 Main St.

Melmed said there are more to come in September, though none have been officially confirmed.

Current clinics are funded by a grant Chatham received, though that money will be used up by Sept. 31. Melmed plans to continue clinics afterwards.

Under CDC directives, Chatham is not verifying whether a person is vulnerable. Vaccinees will sign an attestation swearing to their compromised immune system. No doctor’s notes are needed.

Melmed said if unsure if a third dose is needed, people should check with their doctor.

Melmed emphasized that, technically, this is not a “booster” per se, but an additional dose to make more robust the immune response of vulnerable people.

“There’s no word on when true boosters may happen,” said Melmed.

Melmed predicted COVID-19 case numbers will keep rising in Connecticut for at least the next four weeks.

“Those are what the models are projecting,

but they could be wrong,” Melmed said.

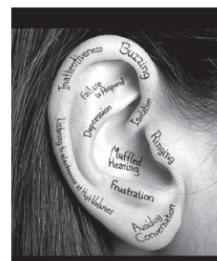
Melmed said he doesn’t know if, when kids go back, schools will be the “bastions” of low transmission they were in the past year. The Delta variant, now the dominant COVID-19 strain in the state, is more transmissible.

“The truth is we don’t know how Delta will operate in schools,” Melmed said. “If we see outbreaks in schools and those cases go back home, then we could see acceleration for a while. My hope and expectation is that, with masking, it won’t be too bad, but we don’t

know.”

Melmed said about 70% of eligible people in Connecticut are vaccinated. This will help prevent spread because there is a lower volume of susceptible people, Melmed said, adding that Connecticut isn’t likely to see the kind of outbreaks ravaging Southern states.

For future Chatham clinics, follow its Facebook page, or sign up for updates on its website. Chatham will post flyers throughout the district as well.



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### School Starts Sept. 1

Marlborough Elementary School will open Wednesday, Sept. 1. School hours are: grades K-6, 8:35 a.m.-3:05 p.m.; morning pre-k, 8:45-11:15 a.m.; afternoon pre-k, 12:15-2:45 p.m. The school office can be reached at 860-295-6220, and the school website is at [www.marlbrough.k12.ct.us](http://www.marlbrough.k12.ct.us).

**Registration of New Students:** New residents with children entering the elementary school are asked to register them before the first day of school. The school office is open from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer. Families registering children for school (grades K-6) are required to provide proof of their child's age, most recent physical, immunization record and proof of residency.

**Transportation:** Bus schedules are on the school website. Families must communicate with the school regarding their children's transportation arrangements. The school arranges transportation to and from the child's home address. If transportation will be different from the home address, call the school as early as possible so adjustments can be made before school starts. This includes children attending MECCA. Families must notify the school office in writing whenever a child will be picked up from school. The note must include the child's full name, the teacher's name, the full name of the person picking up the child, and the full legal signature of the parent/guardian. Anyone picking up a child from school may be asked for a photo ID.

**Health Assessments:** All students entering the school for the first time (kindergartners or new students) must have the blue State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record on file with the school nurse before the start of school. Incoming kindergarten children must have all immunizations completed prior to the first day of school. Contact the Health Room at 860-295-

6225 with any questions or medical concerns. **School Supplies:** Classroom supply lists are available on the school website. **School Cafeteria:** School lunches and breakfasts continue to be free for the 2021-22 school year. Money for snacks and bottled water may be sent to the Marlborough School Lunch Program (checks should be made to Marlborough School Lunch Program, with your child's name and ID number on the envelope). Free or reduced-price meal applications completion for Marlborough Elementary School (available at the school office or on the school website) provides Marlborough Public School information to determine eligibility for other programs (such as Season of Sharing in December, field trip assistance). Information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Families can also use MySchoolBucks.com, an online payment system that allows families to deposit funds via a credit card into student meal accounts. Through this online system, families are automatically notified by email when the meal account goes below \$20, to allow time to replenish the account before no funds remain.

For more information on any of the above, call the school office.

### Mums Sale Sept. 4

The Marlborough Republican Town Committee will hold its annual mums sale Saturday, Sept. 4, at Marlborough Town Hall. These two-gallon mums are available in several colors, including white, yellow, orange, purple and burgundy. Price is \$10 each.

For orders and more information, call Louise Concodello at 860-295-0201 or Barbara Murray at 860-295-0792. The mums will be available for pickup at Town Hall on Saturday, Sept. 4, from 9:30-11 a.m., with a limited number being available for purchase on that day.

### Senior Center News and Notes

Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Dr., is not only open for activities but is also a town cooling center. The center also features a bocce ball court. Call 860-295-6209 for the center's hours and more information. The senior center has also announced the following:

**Transportation:** Offered five days per week, with a 36-hour advance reservation. Rides are available to the senior center, shopping and doctor appointments, as well as other activities. The service is for any senior or disabled person. Advanced notice required for any stops other than the requested reservation. The driver is required to contact the dispatcher before any additional stops or changes to the schedule are made. There are no exceptions.

The **Food Bank** is located at 3 Wilhenger Drive (860-295-6008) and is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m. It is open to qualified residents in need of food. Transportation for seniors and/or physically challenged individuals is available; call the senior center if needed.

**CRT Congregate Meals:** Community Re-

newal Team congregate meals will begin Monday, Aug. 23. The Elderly Nutrition Program meals will be served at the senior center Monday, Wednesday and Friday to ages 60 or older and their spouses. All meals are served with milk, bread and margarine. Suggested donation: \$3 (or whatever can be afforded). **Meals-on-Wheels** will continue to be offered each day at noon.

**Other Weekly Activities: Monday, Aug. 23:** Bingo, 1-3 p.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 24:** Setback or cards of your choice; Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 25:** Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.; Grocery Shopping, 9 a.m.-noon; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Sophisticated Ladies (Tap Dancing), 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 26:** Tai Chi with Linda, 10:30 a.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.; Parkinson's Disease Exercise with Anne, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 27:** Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.; Quilting (Paper Art), 1-4 p.m.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Thursday, Sept. 2, 1-6 p.m.

**Holiday Closing:** On Monday, Sept. 6, the center will be closed for Labor Day.

### Arts Center to Host Concert

The Marlborough Arts Center's Summer Outdoor Concert Series will present Nick Cutroneo, a classical guitarist, on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m., at the center, located at 231 N. Main St.

The concert is free but a \$10 donation/person is suggested. Parking is available and the Arts Center is fully accessible. In the case of rain, the concert will be held inside the arts center, in the Charles W. Hall Art Gallery.

Marlborough Arts Center follows CDC guidelines and suggests that everyone wear a mask for any gathering at the center, even if fully vaccinated.

### Grants Available for Nonprofits

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has established a \$100,000 community fund for Marlborough – and the new Marlborough Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee is looking for project proposals.

Up to \$10,000 will be awarded in grant funds to each of one or more projects. All projects must benefit the residents of Marlborough. While applicants must be registered 501-c3 organizations, individuals and groups may be sponsored by a registered nonprofit organization.

For more on project guidelines and how to apply, visit: [www.hfpg.org/marlboroughcf](http://www.hfpg.org/marlboroughcf). Project applications or grant proposals will be accepted until Sept. 17. Email [communityfund.marlbrough@gmail.com](mailto:communityfund.marlbrough@gmail.com) with questions. Organizations that do not have access to a computer or need technical help can call Richmond Memorial Library at 860-295-6210.

For more information about the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit [www.hfpg.org](http://www.hfpg.org).

### Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday Worship at the Congregational Church of Marlborough, United Church of Christ, 35 South Main St., is at 10 a.m. In August, worship services are held upstairs in the air-conditioned Thienes Lounge.

**Sunday, Aug. 22:** Worship service will be led by Senior Pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber Jr.

**Mission Support in August** will go to the Seminary Fund in support of a local United Church of Christ seminary student. Donations to missions or for any other giving may be sent to the church at P.O. Box 57, Marlborough, CT 06447 or placed in an offering box on a Sunday.

**Second Blessings Thrift Shop:** The shop is closed in August and will reopen Sept. 11. However, appointments to shop during the summer can be made by calling the church office. The shop sells year-round on eBay at [bit.ly/MCCEbay](http://bit.ly/MCCEbay), with new items added every week.

**General Info:** Worship services and programs are open to all. The church is an Open and Affirming faith community. For more information about the church or its programs, contact the church office at 860-295-9050 or [office@marlconchurch.org](mailto:office@marlconchurch.org).

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### Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has reopened its building to the public, but curbside pickup is still being offered. For more information and full program descriptions – and to inquire about available curbside printing services – call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info.

**Building and Curbside Hours:** 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.

**New Museum Passes:** The library has added discounted museum passes to Historic Deerfield, the Mark Twain House and Museum, the New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center, and the New England Carousel Museum, Museum of Fire History, and the

Bushnell Park Carousel.

**Hoopla Bonus Borrowers:** Available until Aug. 31, hundreds of items are accessible at no cost to your borrowing limit. Some of the themes this month's bonus borrows are organized around include All Things British, Back to School: STEAM, Relaxation, Sci-Fi, and Series You'll Love.

**Bring the Hoopla:** Celebrate the end of summer and return of the school year with an interactive hula hoop program. This program will take place outside of the library (bring a blanket and water) on Monday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. Best suited for ages 3 and up.

**Heroines at the Helm:** Learn about whaling wives in a virtual program held on Zoom with the Whaling Museum and Education Center in New York on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

### Parks and Rec. Programs

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

**Youth Programs: Tennis Lessons:** Ages 4-7, Tuesdays, Sept. 14-28, 3:45-4:30 p.m., at the Blish Park tennis courts. Players will develop new skills and techniques through activities and drills. Ages 4-7 meet 3:45-4:30 p.m., and ages 8-12 meet 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee for ages 4-7 is \$55/residents, \$60/non-residents, and fee for ages 8-12 is \$70/residents, \$75/non-residents.

**Soccer Shots:** Saturdays, Sept. 18-Nov. 20, at the West Road baseball field. Mini, for age 2, meets 3-3:45 p.m., and Classic, for ages 3-5, meets 3:45-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$90/residents, \$95/

non-residents.

**Horseback Riding Lessons:** For ages 5 and up, English- or Western-style instruction. The lessons are private and are an hour in length. Lesson days and times are flexible. The instructor will contact you upon registration to set up lesson day and time. Fee is four lessons for \$175/residents, \$180/non-residents.

**Zumba:** Tuesdays through Sept. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Blish Park pavilion. There is a \$10 drop-in fee each week. Register on the Parks and Rec. website.

**Special Event: Town Wide Tag Sale:** Saturday, Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Crash Sends Two to Hospital

A two-car crash on North Main Street sent two to the hospital with minor injuries, state police said.

According to police, Stephanie Marie Vasquez, 24, of Norwich, was driving south on North Main Street, approaching the intersection of Chapman and Lake roads, when she was struck by a vehicle driven by William Temple, 55, of Plainville.

Police said Temple, who was on Chapman Road, approaching North Main Street, failed to stop at the stop sign at North Main, and

struck Vasquez's vehicle on the passenger side.

Vasquez and her passenger, Hailee Mack, 29, of Exeter, R.I., were both transported to the hospital with possible injuries.

Temple was verbally warned for failing to obey the stop sign, police said. According to police, Temple said the stop sign was obscured – and police determined recent plant growth indeed obscured the stop sign until it was about 25 feet away.

### 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.

**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).

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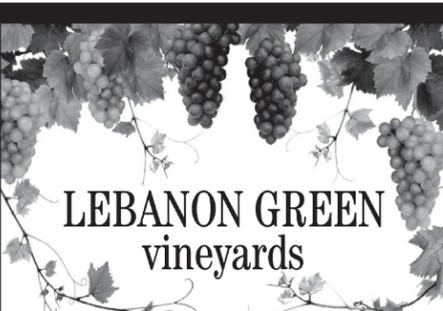
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# Obituaries

## Andover

### Darlene Ous

Darlene Ous, 67, of Florida, longtime resident of Andover, wife to Dusty, who she met in 1976 and wed in 2008, passed away Wednesday, July 21.



She was born Jan. 14, 1954, to the late Joe and Betty Ous of Colchester. She graduated in 1972 from Bacon Academy. She worked at the Colchester Drag Strip before attending Post University and The Computer Institute. She then worked at the Institute of Living and Hartford Hospital for 35 years before retiring to Florida.

She loved staying at the beach house in Westbrook with her family, playing cribbage and Scrabble. She enjoyed boating and motorcycle adventures with Dusty. She was an avid reader and loved to travel. During the summer of 2020 she stayed with her family numerous times at Lake George, singing and laughing into the night. She loved her cats, Doobie & Turbo.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her brother, Carlton. She leaves behind sister Hilary (Jim) and sister Jodie (Carl); her nephew Josh (Ricki) and children Taylor and Kai; her niece Chelsey (Chris) and son Louie; her niece Jaime (Heath) and sons Ryden and Kayden and daughter Brielle; stepsons Jasen and Todd; and grandchildren Lauren, Courtney and Leo.

We will always miss our sister and best friend.

We will have a memorial service at a later date.

## Hebron

### William L. Cormier

William L. Cormier, 70, of Hebron, passed away peacefully at home Friday, Aug. 13. He shared a home, a family and a life with his former wife Sharon (Monaco) Cormier.



William was born in Hartford and was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy. He retired from Pratt & Whitney, where he worked for over 35 years.

In addition to Sharon, William is survived by his two sons, Erik W. Cormier of Hebron, Jason A. Cormier and his wife Kelly of Georgia; his daughter, Amy L. Cormier of Rocky Hill; and his grandsons, Trent, Hunter and Gage Cormier.

Funeral services and burial will be private, at the convenience of the family.

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

## Portland

### Ami Martin Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life for Ami Lynn Martin of Portland will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m., at 422 Main St., Portland.

Ami passed away peacefully at Middlesex Hospital with family by her side Monday, March 29, at age 50, after having suffered a rapid progression of lung cancer.

## Colchester

### Pauline F. Angell

Pauline F. Angell, 85, of Colchester, passed away Thursday, Aug. 12. She was born Aug. 1, 1936, the daughter of the late Raymond and Florence Spencer.



Pauline is fondly remembered as being an avid gardener and cook, with a special habit of canning what she grew from the family farm. She was married at 16 to the love of her life, Kenneth Howard Angell, who predeceased her.

Pauline will be sorely missed by her children: Kenneth and Christine Angell, Thomas and Dorothy Angell, James Angell, Roxanne Belanger, Timmothy and Lisa Angell, Robert and Carolyn Angell, Jeffrey and Cindy Angell, and Christopher Angell. Pauline also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her best friends, Lydia Sherman, and John Sousy.

A private graveside service will be held Monday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m., in the Linwood Cemetery, Linwood Avenue in Colchester.

To share online condolences with her family, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

## Portland

### Helen Tobler

Helen Tobler of Portland, formerly of Glastonbury, recently passed away.



Helen was born Helene Hortense Joseph in 1931, in Saint Croix, Switzerland. As a young adult, she wanted to see the wider world. She initially traveled to Greece and England, where she cared for children displaced by World War II. Afterwards, she made her way to New York, got married and settled in Glastonbury where she raised her two daughters.

Helen loved her home and her adopted town, she had many friends and loved to entertain guests. When she wasn't playing tennis or out for a run, she was often in the kitchen, cooking incredibly delicious and imaginative meals from scratch. She was a cook who rarely referred to a recipe, yet created small masterpieces on a daily basis for her family and friends to enjoy.

During the next chapter of the life, she moved to Portland, where she made her home for over 20 years. There, she spent much of her time and talent as a master craftsperson, creating highly coveted knitted sweaters, jackets, and skirts. As with her cooking skills, she rarely relied on pre-made patterns, instead designing her own beautiful creations.

When Helen began showing signs of dementia, she moved into an assisted living facility and later into its memory care unit. It was there, just a few months after her 90th birthday, on Aug. 12, that she peacefully and comfortably transitioned into the next world.

Helen is survived by her two daughters, Chantal Foster of Portland and Janet Tobler of Covington, Ky.; two grandsons and a granddaughter. She is predeceased by her three siblings and son-in-law, Rainer Kahlmeyer.

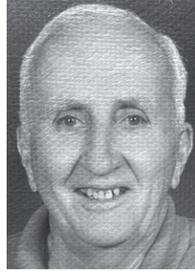
Helen will be remembered by all of us for her generosity, charming French accent, easy laughter and fun-loving heart.

There are no services planned, per Helen's wishes; a gathering of friends a family will be scheduled at a later date.

## Portland

### Richard Dickinson Sr.

Richard Dickinson Sr., 89, of Portland, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, at UConn John Dempsey Hospital. Richard was born in Middletown in 1932, son of the late Ernest G. and Mary T. Dickinson. He is predeceased by his loving and devoted wife, Joan DeGraff Dickinson, whom he married in 1955.



Richard served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He retired from Pratt & Whitney after 32 years of employment. He was a parishioner of St. Mary Church, Portland, and a member of the Portland Fish and Game Club.

Hunting and fishing were Richard's passions. His own honeymoon did not dissuade him from missing any part of hunting season. En route to their honeymoon destination, Richard pulled over in order to scout for birds or deer, which very quickly prepared his wife for the rest of their married life. Richard greatly enjoyed his weekly boys' nights where he and his friends would share tales of their fishing and hunting escapades. His favorite hunts included duck, deer or pheasant.

When he wasn't hunting or fishing, Richard could be found birdwatching beneath the large pine tree in his yard or tending to his garden. Tomatoes were his favorite produce to grow, and he made it a point to consume the first tomato to

sprout each year – though he loved to share the rest of his harvest with everybody he knew.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Cynthia Bennett of Lebanon, and Denise Cordner (Matt) of Colchester; sons, Richard Dickinson Jr. (Theresa) of Niantic, and Ronald Dickinson (Carrie), of Portland; son-in-law, Nicholas Ranno of Middletown; brothers, Burton Dickinson and William Dickinson; sisters, June Baber, and Laura Bystrek (Tony); a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lionel DeGraff (Marie), all of Portland; and a sister-in-law, Barbara DeGraff of Florida; nine grandchildren; 16 1/2 great-grandchildren; also, several nieces and nephews.

He was also predeceased by a daughter, Cheryl Ranno; a son, Michael Dickinson; brothers, Ernest Dickinson III, and Charles Alan Turning; a son-in-law, Ted Bennett, and a grandson, Joseph Bennett.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to Dr. Hegde and staff, as well as the staff at UConn John Dempsey Hospital.

Those who wish may send memorial contributions to St. Mary Church, 45 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480, or to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Dickinson family will receive friends at St. Mary Church, Portland, on Saturday, September 4th at 9 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10 a.m. Burial with full military honors will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland.

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

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"It's the right thing to do," she said.

Another parent, Siobhan DeGray, pointed out that the Centers for Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics and Chatham Health District all recommend masking.

"We must continue to take all precautions," she said.

Back and forth, the speakers went.

Board members thanked residents for coming forward and feeling that they could share their opinions and assured folks that all the emails they receive are read.

Petit, in her report to the board, read a letter about Lamont's executive order extending mask requirements in certain settings, regardless of vaccination status. She said the state commissioner of public health had stated that all individuals must mask up inside public or private school buildings.

"In light of this, masks/face-coverings are still required inside school buildings regardless of vaccination status through Sept. 30," she said.

Petit told the assembly that if any further guidance comes out of the state allowing local education boards to make their own decisions regarding masks, the board would hold a special meeting next Monday to discuss the matter. She said the board would invite the school administrators and Russell Melmed, director of health at Chatham Health, to speak on the topic.

In a phone call with the *Rivereast* Tuesday, Petit reiterated that the mask requirement was a legal mandate coming down from the state, which the board must follow.

She said she and the board listen to and understand both sides of the argument.

"People are very passionate about masking

up for our kids," she said.

In addition, Petit said the school board had sent a letter out to parents, reminding them to be respectful of one another in debating any issue.

The letter makes mention to an incident that occurred in the parking lot after the Aug. 5 meeting in which "a member of the public used expletives and reportedly used hate speech" to express displeasure in another person's public comment.

"We understand that the community is passionate about school operations, including mask use, for our students for the upcoming school year," the letter read. "We welcome this passion when it is presented respectfully."

Petit said she could not comment on the incident.

As of press time, no further guidance has come from the state that would give the board the opportunity to make its own rules regarding masking in school. In light of that, the special meeting slated for next Monday has not been scheduled.

### In Loving Memory of James T. Orr, Sr.



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Whether you were known as Tommy, Pookie, Papa Tom, Dad, grandfather, great grandfather, friend, neighbor or coworker, you were loved by all. It has been 14 months since you left us unexpectedly. We are wishing you a Happy 80th Birthday in heaven. We all miss you very much but take comfort in sharing remembrances of you.

We miss your silly Dad jokes and stories for every occasion. We miss watching you laugh out loud at your favorite comedy shows and movies or enjoying your favorite music. Your projects are getting finished. You always needed a project - the house, yard, cars, trucks, motorcycles, lawnmowers. You were the "go to" guy for all of us. It seemed you knew something about everything. We wonder what you are working on now. We know you will always be watching over us and hope you were able to reconnect with family, friends and pets, especially your beloved cat Pretty Girl. Toasting you with Chianti, Landshark and Love - Susan, Ali Kat, Scout, Rex, Coco, your family, friends and neighbors.

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### Kids Carnival

Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6, will hold a Kids Carnival on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The carnival will feature duck races, a bounce house, prizes, cornhole, ring toss, face-painting and balloons. Food includes There will be hot dogs, soda, chips, cotton candy and popcorn. Admission is \$10/person or \$25/family.

### Preschool Openings

Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center is accepting applications for preschool students for the 2021-22 school year. Andover's preschool program is full-day. There is also care available for before and after school. Children who will be age 3 on or before Dec. 31 are eligible to attend. For more information or a registration packet, call Principal John Briody at 860-742-7339. Registration packets are also at www.andoverelementaryct.org.

### Senior Trip to Goodspeed

Andover Seniors will travel to East Haddam Wednesday, Oct. 20, for lunch at the Gelston House, and attendance at the Goodspeed Opera House presentation of *A Grand Night for Singing*. The show features songs from many top musicals, including *Oklahoma!*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Flower Drum Song* and more. The Gelston House luncheon includes choice upon arrival of Parmesan-Encrusted Cod, Gelston Chicken, Bistro Steak, or Pasta Cavatappi. All drinks, including coffee and tea, are additional charges. Cost does not include tips for lunch. Departure from the Old Firehouse on Center Street is at 10:30 a.m. Return is approximately 5-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$50, due Sept. 1. Call trip coordinator Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947 for more information and to make a reservation. The trip is open to Andover seniors who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

### Vacancy on RHAM Board

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the RHAM Board of Education for a term ending June 30, 2023, should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, c/o Region 8 BOE Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232.

### Dog Found

A black and white male pit bull wearing a choke collar and a broken cable was found on Burnap Brook Road on July 6th. If anyone has information as to the owner of this dog please call 860-742-0188 extension 218.

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### Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following have been announced for Andover seniors, veterans and disabled. To attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register. Transportation available for all events, as well as shopping on Tuesdays, Foodshare/food pantry rides on Wednesdays, lunches on Fridays.

**Manchester Shopping:** Tuesday, Aug. 24. Masks required on bus and in stores.

**Senior Luncheon:** Friday, Aug. 27, noon, at the Town Hall gazebo. Call Palazzi for reservations or a ride.

Rides to all town events, town meetings, referendums, or board meetings and all medical appointments available by calling Palazzi. All seniors, veterans, disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you. Masks must be worn.

If you need a food delivery, let Palazzi know and it will be delivered.

### Discussion on Internet Policy

The Andover Public Library Board of Directors invites the public to discuss the library's Internet Filtering Policy Monday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the library, 355 Route 6.

The Internet Filtering Policy is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Pub. L No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]. In order to remain eligible for certain federal funding, it is the policy of the Andover Public Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors.

### Donations Sought for Tag Sale

A tag sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the community room at Town Hall. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefiting the Andover Senior Lunch Program.

Donations are sought; call Carol Lee 860-989-6988 if you have items to donate. If interested in volunteering to help at the sale, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122.

### 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.

### 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 not required for fully vaccinated individuals. Sunday School is provided.

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

There is no Bible Study during the summer. **Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. Masks not required for the fully vaccinated. The senior pantry is open every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Aug. 25. **Foodshare Van:** Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Sept. 1. **Sonshine Stammers:** This group meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church to make greeting cards. All are invited.

### Items Sought for Book & Bake Sale

The Andover Friends of the Library group is preparing for an outdoor Book & Bake Sale this fall, and is in need of gently-used books for the sale. Please, no textbooks, magazines or *Reader's Digest* condensed novels. The Friends will also accept music CDs and DVDs in good, playable condition.

If you have items you would like to donate, you may bring them to Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6, during open hours: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, noon-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please do not leave any items outside the library at any time.

Bakers will also be needed for this sale, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call the library for more information, at 860-742-7428.

### Annual Steak Dinner

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department's annual steak dinner will be Saturday, Sept. 25, from 5-7 p.m., at the firehouse on School Road. This meal includes sirloin steak, baked potato, salad, fresh-baked bread and dessert. This will be take-out only with drive-thru pick-up.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for children 12 and under. Only 200 tickets will be sold and they must be purchased no later than Sept. 16. No tickets will be available at the door or will be held at the door.

Tickets can be purchased from any fire department member Wednesday evenings at the firehouse, or by calling Deputy Chief Mindy Hegener at 860-706-3074 or Chief Ron Mike at 860-335-0264.

### Spaces Available at Church Tag Sale

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a tag sale Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; there will be a bag sale from 1-2 p.m.

There are 10x10 spaces available on the lawn. High visibility. Spaces are \$15 and are non-refundable. The church will be accepting donations for this sale starting Monday, Aug. 30, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and weekdays until Sept. 9.

Call the church at 860-742-7696 and leave a message with your contact information for more information or an application.

### Dean's List

Emily Sklodosky of Andover made the spring 2021 Dean's List at Northern Vermont University in Vermont.

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Andover resident Maggie Veronesi made the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of New England in Maine.

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Andover resident Anson Kuzmickas made the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Maine.

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Meghan Davis of Andover made the spring 2021 Dean's List at Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, Mass.

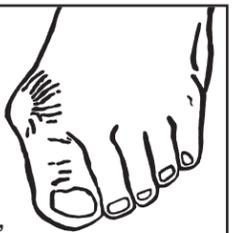
### Young at Heart to Meet

Andover Young at Heart will meet Wednesdays, Sept. 8 and 22, at noon, at the Town Hall community room, for a business meeting and bingo. Also, membership of \$5 is due.

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The software contract was for an annual fee of \$12,510/year. Several issues were uncovered over the year and a half that Colchester worked to get it up and running. Primarily, the software is not very compatible with the far superior software our finance department uses (Munis). Town employees spent many hours trying to work with OpenGov to resolve the issues to no avail, the integration efforts were fruitless and eventually, the company agreed that the software is not powerful or compatible enough to do what Colchester is looking for. While the idea may have been well intentioned, it did not work out, at least with this particular software package.

No one conspired against its use or dragged their feet; it is just that integrating new financial software with existing programs is always a challenging proposition and OpenGov over-sold their product's capabilities. No one argues that providing transparency to taxpayers isn't a good idea. But what we do need to question is someone who was involved in the procurement process for this product is now looking to pin blame on town staff and the present administration and fabricate a wild conspiracy when the implementation and integration did not work out. What kind of leader is that? This is not the kind of person we want running this town, and that has become very transparent.

Michael Egan – Colchester

Note: Egan is a member of the Colchester Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Transparency – Part II

Dear Colchester Residents:

On July 15, 2020, the Debt Service Subcommittee illegally met and deprioritized the safety concerns related to our recreation fields. This meeting had no agenda, no minutes, and did not allow the public to participate. A second illegal Debt Service Subcommittee met on Oct. 7, 2020 – again this meeting had no agenda, no minutes, and did not allow for public participation. Our first selectman participated in these illegal meetings. Evidence of these illegal meetings can be found in the Board of Finance audio, minutes, and correspondence. There is currently an FOI complaint lodged against the participants of these two meetings with the state.

On March 23, 2021, Selectman Rudko and I exposed that the School Resource Officer was being removed from the school budget. During the April 6, 2021, Board of Finance public hearing, the first selectman publicly admitted that she met with the superintendent in January 2021 to remove the SRO position. Parents and community members were conveniently left in the dark. Backroom deals jeopardizing the safety of our children is abhorrent.

Beyond illegal meetings and backroom deals, there are strong concerns regarding FOI requests and citizen correspondence stemming from the first selectman's office. There is documented evidence of incomplete FOI requests and of citizen correspondence not reaching board members. The public should have complete access to eDiscovery to ensure that correspondence requested actually matches the correspondence in the system. Elected officials shouldn't be cherry-picking information.

Finally, every negotiated contract should come complete with an impact study. The public should understand why a contract was negotiated in a particular way and how it benefits the community.

Our local government has operated behind closed doors in the last two years. I intend to bring forward a historic level of transparency.

Sincerely,

Andreas Bisbikos – Colchester

Note: Bisbikos is a candidate for Colchester first selectman. He is also a member of the Colchester Board of Finance, but is speaking as an individual.

Empire in Decline

To the Editor:

The longest war in American history is coming to an end – not in a resounding victory but an embarrassing retreat. Afghanistan, long known as the “graveyard of empires,” has again proven this moniker to be true. In 1989 the Soviets gave up their Afghan war, by 1991 the USSR had collapsed.

While both political parties share equal blame, no politicians will be held accountable... war is a game that rich people play while poor people pay. We have traded the mountains of Afghanistan for mountains of debt and left the Taliban with millions in military hardware they will undoubtedly put to use in the not-to-distant future.

Over the last 20 months the U.S. government

has injected trillions of dollars to prop up our ailing economy and now that the war is over our focus will be internal. We are told it's time for a “Great Reset” and to “Build Back Better” – and again be saddled with trillions in debt for an infrastructure bill so vast and unwieldy that, like Afghanistan, there is little hope for success. Special interests and connected individuals will make fortunes while the American people will be stuck with the bill – \$29 trillion and counting, a country divided by identity politics, and a government on an inflationary spending spree that is being felt in real time with every trip to the grocery store...so, how long until our empire collapses?

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Protect Our Water

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that the discussion of the proposed placement of an industrial Public Works facility in the Village Green District in Hebron has devolved into name-calling and abject dismissal. The negative impact on a historic and environmentally sensitive residential neighborhood and the ramifications for the future are too great. Just take a walk, or even a view on Google Maps, and you will see an undisturbed historic landscape surrounded by sensitive wetlands. In fact, at a Planning and Zoning meeting on July 26, 2016, it was stated that the property contained 70% wetlands and 30% uplands. Among these wetlands is a CT DEEP Natural Diversity Database Area of Special Concern, a breeding ground for protected turtles. In the proposal to purchase the land in February 2019, the Board of Selectmen noted, “This tributary is upstream of the town's Groundwater Protection Zone... hence protecting this watercourse protects potential future Town drinking water supply.”

It is important to remember that there has never been a vote on the location of the Public Works facility. In 2019, the vote was to acquire the property only. According to the minutes of the public hearing dated Feb. 21, 2019, “A. Tierney stated that this discussion and the Special Town Meeting, is for the acquisition of the parcel.” Unfortunately, Mr. Tierney continues to defend the location of the proposed facility, claiming it is in keeping with Hebron's Plan of Conservation and Development. With all due respect, I fail to see any logical support for this claim. The plan requires the town identify “the natural, cultural and historic systems in Hebron that are important to recognize, value and preserve.” Please explain how placing a 2,000-ton salt shed, an industrial garage and a truck wash recognizes, values and preserves this vital tributary and historic landscape?

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston

Community Conversation

Dear Portland Residents:

Over the last several weeks, I have been out in the community knocking on doors and discussing issues such as economic development and the redevelopment of the riverfront brownfield site, how we transition our water system to a Portland-owned source to provide relief to water customers, and the ongoing process of addressing our aging elementary school facilities. I am thankful for the questions, conversation, and support.

In an effort to continue these discussions, I would like to invite you to join me for our second Community Conversation, to be held this Saturday, August 21 at 10AM at the Riverfront Park.

Prior to the pandemic we held Community Conversations about topics including the purchase of the riverfront brownfield site and traffic concerns. As your next first selectman, I would restart these conversations in order to provide a forum to discuss issues important to our community. I hope to see you this Saturday, and look forward to listening to your thoughts and concerns, sharing my ideas, and earning your support. Please visit www.jimtrippforportland.com for additional information.

Jim Tripp

Candidate for Portland First Selectman

Thanks to Good Samaritan

To the Editor:

The Palazzi family would like to thank the teenage “Good Samaritan” who rescued our grandson's new beach ball on Monday, Aug. 16, at the Andover Lake. This was our first ever visit of relaxation and it was a truly beautiful day and setting at the beach. Andover should be very proud of its Lake. It is a beautiful well-kept area.

The teenager saw the ball get carried away from the swimming area and into the lake beyond. He did not hesitate, jumped off the raft

and swam to rescue it. He had to swim for a great distance as there was a slight breeze. We were concerned for his safety! Apparently, not to worry, he was an excellent swimmer and retrieved the ball a long distance from the beach and brought it back to us! We did not get his name and only were able to say “thank you.”

Would this teenager contact us? Perhaps he is looking for a part-time job working in Andover yards for seniors like ourselves who have difficulty doing these simple chores. Please know we are grateful for your assistance and caring Monday. Please contact us.

Thank you, Cathy Palazzi – Andover 860-916-6122

Stop the Complex

To the Editor:

Mostly, I like Hebron the way it is. I am not for mindless economic development that will bring Dollar Generals, congestion, higher crime rates and higher taxes. The siting of the much-unnecessary municipal complex on the beautiful Horton property is the first step in completely screwing up our downtown.

The proponents of the municipal complex, mostly the town insiders, suggest that we bought the Horton property for the sole purpose of building a Public Works Palace. Don't you believe it! This is what the town manager said at the July BOS meeting: “A. Tierney clarified

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Legal Notice

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Duly Authorized Agent of the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission APPROVED the following application on August 17th, 2021: • Application #IWWC 21-16: Richard Repay, 119 Lakeside Drive- Digging of an approximately 12-inch wide x 18-foot long x 24-inch deep trench for an LP gas line and associated generator and LP tank installation within the 200-foot Upland Review Area of Andover Lake. The above decisions may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at www.andoverconnecticut.org. 1TB 8/20

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Hearing

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on September 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Eaton Smith Council Chambers Room 107 and via ZOOM Virtual Meeting to consider the following: Application PZC-21-014: Martin Scovill, 117 Colchester Ave., Re-subdivision for 3 lots. Map 27/ Block 87A/ Lot 12A-4. Application PZC-21-015: JCG Properties, LLC., 9 Middle Haddam Rd., Site Plan review for Veterinary Clinic. Map 01C/ Block 9/Lot 5. Application PZC-21-016: Nancy, Donald, Robert and Sue Briere, 91-93 Lake Dr. a second parcel on Lake Dr., for a Subdivision for 2 lots at 91-93 Lake Drive Map 25/Block 64/Lot 56 and a subdivision for 4 non-buildable lots Lake Drive Map 03A/Block 70A/Lot 58. Ray Zatorski, Chairman Note\* any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450. 2TB 8/20, 8/27

TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on September 1, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions: 1. Town of Colchester Planning and Zoning Department – Zoning Regulation Text Amendment (2021-009) – Amend Section 8.12 Uses Subject to Moratorium of the Town of Colchester Land Development Regulations to adopt a moratorium on acceptance or consideration of applications for Cannabis Establishments for a period of twelve (12) months. 2. 120 South Main, LLC – Zoning Regulation Text Amendment (2021-011) – Amend Section 5.3 of the Town of Colchester Land Development Regulations to permit drive-through windows subject to approval of a Special Permit. At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning and Zoning Department and the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday). Planning and Zoning Commission Joseph Mathieu, Chair 2TB 8/20, 8/27

that the purchase of a parcel is not guarantee of a facility, but that was something considered at the time of the purchase as future option.” Actually, in my opinion, the town purchased the land because the Village Green Plan is a failure and needs to be rethought.

There is a myth that more stores and commercialization bring lower taxes and more diversity. They do not. Look around. Glastonbury is a commercial nirvana, but its mill rate is not lower than Hebron's. That's because with development comes more crime and more infrastructure costs. Glastonbury needs 40 full-time police officers because its crime rate is four times higher than Hebron. Aggregately, there is about 20 times more crime in Glastonbury than in Hebron.

A recent survey showed that 80 percent of town residents moved here because its rural character and closeness to nature. The Glastonbury-ification of Hebron goes against the interests of most of our citizens.

From 2010 to 2020, Hebron population decreased from 9,686 to 9,098 or by 6 percent. Many or most have left because of high taxes. Who can justify an expensive and unnecessary municipal complex when our population is shrinking?

John Collins – Hebron

Note: Collins is a member of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, but said he is speaking as an individual.

TOWN OF PORTLAND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at a meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following: Application #Z1-03: 316 Marlborough Street Unit 332. Request for a Special Permit to operate a school and recreational facility for martial arts, fitness, and family activities. Application of Michael Pelton. Property of Woodgreen Portland Limited Partnership. Assessor's Map 21, Lot 1. Zone B2. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department or on the Town of Portland Website: www.portlandct.org. Dated at Portland, CT. this 17th day of August 2021 Robert Ellsworth, Chairman 2TB 8/20, 8/27

LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, on the following: 1. Petition 2021-10 Application of the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt a new Section 6.D of the Hebron Zoning Regulations to establish a Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments. This application is filed under Section 7.E of the Hebron Zoning Regulations and a copy of this amendment is on file in the office of the Town Clerk Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 4th day of August 2021. Gerald Garfield, Secretary

Planning and Zoning Commission Tue, Aug 24, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT) Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/266011845 You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (786) 535-3211 Access Code: 266-011-845 New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/266011845 2TB 8/13, 8/20

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Zoning Commission at its meeting of August 5 2021, took the following action: PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED; APPLICATION APPROVED: Application #Z-13-21 – Amendment to Article 3, - Article Three A.38 Establish a 9-month temporary and limited moratorium on cannabis establishments. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED; APPLICATIONS APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS: Application #Z-11-21-Special Permit – Todd Cohen (applicant/ property owner) 16 Rivendell Dr. – Article Six.1.A.3) – Storage of One Commercial Vehicle in Excess of 11,000 pounds. Application #Z-10-21 – Special Permit – OM Village LLC (applicant/property owner) Building Addition/Change of Use 5 South Main Street. APPLICATION CONTINUED; PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED: Application #Z-14-21 – Amendment to Article Three – Article Three A.39 Fueling Stations. A public hearing has been scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 7pm. APPLICATION APPROVED: Application #Z-15-21 – Amendment to Application - Application #Z -06-20 – Special Permit – 17 East Hampton Rd LLC (Applicant/Owner) 4-8 East Hampton Road & 13 North Main Street, Convenience Store/Gas Station & Restaurant Buildings - Change of Building Size. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED: Lake Terramuggus Overlay Zone. A public hearing is scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 7pm. KEVIN ASKLAR, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR Dated at Marlborough, CT this 16th day of August. 1TB 8/20

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF DECISION**

At the regular meeting of the Colchester Conservation Commission, held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, the following action was taken:  
**W2021-3065**- 115 Shailor Hill Road- Thomas Dzagan- applicant/owner, Assessor's Map 05-16 Lot 015-000, proposed pond maintenance and spillway/weir repair -**Approved**  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Falk von Plachecki, Chairman

1TB 8/20

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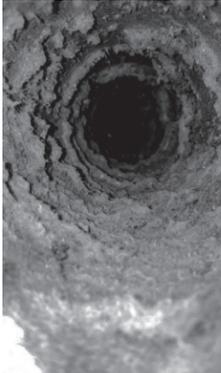
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