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**Constitution Week...** In recognition of Constitution Week, which ran Sept. 17-23, Nancy Piscottano, Regent, and Terry Latimer, Vice-Regent, and the Wadsworth Chapter DAR members presented books to two East Hampton school libraries. The two are pictured here presenting *For Which We Stand: How Our Government Works and Why it Matters* to Center School Principal Chris Sullivan. They also presented *We the People - The United States Constitution Explored and Explained* and *The Constitution Decoded - A Guide to the Document that Shapes our Nation* were presented to the East Hampton Middle School Media Specialist Christine Fielding.

## Third Time Charm for Colchester Budget

by Sloan Brewster

At long last – and more than two a half months into the new fiscal year – Colchester finally has an approved 2021-22 town budget.

The \$17.7 million general government spending plan for 2021-22 passed at referendum Tuesday, with 1,119 votes in favor and 628 against. It was the third referendum on the spending plan. The Board of Education’s 2021-22 budget was approved by voters in June.

Bernie Dennler III, vice chair of the Board of Finance, said it was great news that the town had passed a budget.

“Colchester was the only municipality in state without a budget,” Dennler said.

Not having a budget prevents the town from performing services and meeting the goals of the community, he added.

Dennler also said he was happy with how clear the result was.

“Although turnout was a little lower than July, the result was a lot clearer. We had over 1,000 ‘yes’ votes whereas in July, it failed by three,” he said. “It was a clear result the result says that people feel this is the right budget for the town.”

While Dennler said he understands that turnout for referendums is generally low, it’s important for people to make the effort to be involved in budget decisions.

Assistant Town Clerk Kayla Fortier said in July there were a total of 1,754 votes and Tuesday, there were 1,747.

In June there were 1,867 votes, Fortier said.

“Your town budget affects daily life from the roads you drive on to the sidewalks you walk on,” Dennler said.

He said there is still a lot of work for the town to do and that the finance board is already looking ahead at what next year’s budget will look

like.

Dennler said it was not out of the ordinary for there to be multiple referendums on the budget in the town.

“Obviously, it’s not the goal,” he said. “I believe there was one year when it went to seven referendums.”

The \$17.7 million budget, a 3.21 percent spending increase over the current year, will result in a zero percent increase in the mill rate for the second consecutive year, Colchester Board of Finance Chairman Robert Tarlov told the *RiverEast* earlier this month.

To achieve the zero percent increase, Tarlov said the board had made about \$78,000 in cuts in town expenses to offset the .21 percent mill rate increase in the Board of Education spending.

To achieve the reduction, Tarlov said, the board worked with First Selectwoman Mary Bylone and ultimately decided to reduce the budgets of town departments by .2 percent each, except for the library and fire department, which had already volunteered for larger budget reductions.

The board vote, which was held the last week in August, was unanimous, Tarlov said. He called it a “compromise” and “collaborative effort”

“It’s not ‘Mary’s list,” he said.

Among budget reductions the finance board approved was the elimination of a police officer position. The police department was seeking to hire two new officers, but reduced the number by one after the first budget defeat.

The board also eliminated two part-time positions, including a seasonal grounds maintainer, *See Colchester Budget, page 2*

## Belltown Council to Press Pause on Pot

by Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Town Council and the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC), along with Town Manager David Cox and zoning official Jeremy DeCarli, in a workshop Tuesday decided to temporarily ban local marijuana retail.

The moratorium, which Cox said he will have written up by early next week, will last a year.

The council and PZC said the moratorium gives them both time to think on and decide how they’d like to handle activities of an industry previously taboo – if they decide to allow the business at all.

It can also be observed that this ensures no decision has to be made until after this year’s local election.

Many Connecticut towns are going a similar route. Recently, for example, the towns of Trumbull, Thomaston, Preston and Danbury have enacted moratoriums. South Windsor is considering one, according to the *Journal Inquirer*.

The Town of Glastonbury enacted an 18-month marijuana moratorium.

Because this is a state law, Cox explained, towns have no authority to say “no”, but do have the choice to say “hold on.”

DeCarli said according to the bill Connecticut lawmakers passed earlier this year legalizing the sale and adult use of pot, a town the size of East Hampton could house one retailer, and one micro-cultivator.

Planning commission chair Ray Zatorski said the bill includes a series of possible licensures for cannabis businesses, including a straight-recreational store, a hybrid (adult and medical use) retailer and cultivator, delivery, and others.

“We can decide to let the bill stand as it is, or regulate or prohibit any of these items,” Zatorski said.

Council vice chair Dean Markham suggested the town’s executive body take charge on the discussion.

“We can determine policy, and then PZC can work on regulation [of that policy],” said Markham.

Those present shared Markham’s opinion.

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

What happened in Marlborough at the Big Y was terrifying, and should never happen to anyone.

The abduction, assault and robbery that led to the sleepy little town making statewide news was incredibly scary, for a multitude of reasons – not the least of which being that it happened in broad daylight, in a supermarket parking lot. That's extremely unnerving.

After the shock of the story wore off, all I could think about was that poor 64-year-old woman, the horror she experienced, and how – despite her injuries being classified as “non-life-threatening” – she'll likely never be the same again.

When I was in high school, walking home one night from a nearby concert, I was jumped from behind by two strangers, thrown into the street, and repeatedly kicked in the back while they hurled slurs at me. Aside from some scrapes and bruises – I have a scar to this day on my elbow from the impact of hitting the pavement that night – and a pretty sore back, I was mostly okay physically – but emotionally, that was another story. It took a while before I felt safe walking alone at night, and I endured nowhere near the terrors she did.

While the attack was of course shocking, the way the community banded together after it was not. I've been covering Marlborough long enough to know this is a town that truly cares; it's a small, tight-knit town that has some truly wonderful people.

Just days after the attack, a lemonade stand was organized, to raise money for the victim. The stand also featured a “sunshine box” – where folks could drop off homemade cards, gift cards, notes and anything yellow – such as candles, lotion, body wash, bubble bath,

candy, warm socks, and more. More than 40 pounds' worth of cards and items were collected! Very impressive!

Marlborough resident Mark Merritt shared on Facebook Tuesday that he's been in contact with the victim and her husband, “and they are doing as well as anyone could be after an incident like that.” He added that the woman “is improving daily and healing both physically and mentally, although both are going to take some time.” And, in an incredibly unselfish move, they don't want the money raised at the lemonade stand.

Rather – since, as Merritt said, “their main concern in all of this is to make sure that something good comes of this” – the couple has requested that a self-defense class be held for women in the community.

“They feel as though this would be a great first step in teaching people how to be aware of their surroundings and have the ability to protect themselves in the event the need should arise,” Merritt said.

The first class, women and teens age 14 and up, filled up almost immediately, so there is another one set for Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m., at Marlborough Elementary School. If interested, email Merritt at markmerritt0@icloud.com, and leave your name and how many are attending.

Given the reaction in the office after the attack made the news, I'm not surprised the first class filled up so quickly, and I expect the second one will as well. On the Monday after the attack, several of the women in the office gathered together to discuss ways they could keep themselves safe should they find themselves in such a situation. There was disc-

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## Bulletin Board

Those of you who read this column with any regularity presumably already know that I'm not much of a science person. I blame at least some of this shortcoming on Freddy the Formaldehyde Frog. Freddy was the star attraction in whatever grade it was that we school kids had to dig out the poor dead creature's liver in the name of science.

I suppose today, they'd bring in counselors and support dogs to help me cope with any “dissection distress” (or, perhaps more accurately, “dissection disinterest”) but back then you were expected to rummage around in Freddy's smelly old innards and identify each part and do it without vomiting all over yourself (or on your lab partner) or having nightmares about zombie frogs lurking in your closet.

As far as I am aware, none of my fellow students went on to specialize in frog internal medicine, so I remain somewhat mystified at the point of this exercise. Perhaps a major donor to some U.S. senator's political campaigns owned a frog farm or an embalming company that had fallen on hard times or something.

All I can say is Freddy beat the hell out of higher priced victims. In college my then future wife had to pick apart a fetal pig (she kept the thing chillin' on the outside window sill next to a bottle of wine during a couple of weeks of Syracuse winter). Talk about disgusting. It is my understanding that kids now use plastic or rubber facsimiles which smell better but lack the same comedic effect when you flip some nasty unidentifiable (to me, at least) body part over onto your lab partner's smock.

If you're wondering what launched me on this semi-rant, it was an article in the newspaper regarding some French researchers at the “International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor.” According to the writers (and it took no less than three of them to write the story, which reminds me of an old joke about state employees and a light bulb), the researchers recently took delivery of “the first part of a massive magnet so strong its American manufacturer claims it can lift an aircraft carrier.”

My initial thought was that someone had finally come up with a refrigerator magnet that won't fall off every time you try to retrieve a beverage, allowing that photo of your moronically grinning nephew to go fluttering off into some corner of the kitchen. But reading on, I discovered that this particular magnet is almost 60-feet tall and 14-feet in diameter and “is a crucial component in the attempt by 35 nations to master nuclear fusion.”

In fact, according to the reporters, this magnet is part of a race to build a “sun on earth.” Now as someone whose scientific knowledge is limited to understanding that a frog's heart is located somewhere in the creature's chest, I probably shouldn't pass judgment on this undoubtedly very expensive scientific exercise. On the other hand, lack of knowledge about a subject has never restrained me from commenting on a multitude of other issues, so why should I disappoint you now?

I'm just wondering: Is it really a good idea to build a sun on earth? I mean the sun is pretty hot and it's pretty big and most of us were repeatedly warned as children not to stare at it or we'd go blind (seems like there were a lot of ways to go blind when I was a kid, but that's another story), so why would we want to risk self-immolation by building one right here where we all live?

Now you might say, “Hey, scientists are really smart people. Surely they wouldn't create something that might incinerate the whole world.”

Oh really. May I remind you that when scientists set off the first atomic bomb down in New Mexico in 1945, there was some concern that the thing might catch the atmosphere on fire and burn everybody on Earth into a cinder?

And they lit the damn thing off anyway. Just sayin'. They may be really really smart, but sometimes these people let their intellectual curiosity get the better of them.

I'm also a little concerned about this giant magnet they're putting together. Anything powerful enough to lift an aircraft carrier is probably going to attract every iron or steel item within maybe a hundred miles. You could have this perfect storm of flying Renaults and kitchen knives and Rolex watches and who knows what else mowing down everything in their path on their way to the giant magnet. Probably even refrigerators.

Anyway, I just wanted to register my concerns before some scientifically induced End Times occurs and fries us all like strips of leftover bacon... though the way things are going these days, if it's not one thing, I suppose it'll only be another.

**Jim Hallas**



**Soccer Stars... Pictured is the U9 Colchester boys' soccer team, Blaze, coached by Nick Ramos. This was the team's first ever tournament – and they were the tournament champions.**

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## Great Reunion

To the Editor:

The Bacon Academy Class of 1971 recently celebrated its 50-year reunion at the home of classmate Karen (Edwardsen) Seger. Classmates enjoyed an old fashioned hamburger, hot dog, and chicken barbecue cookout but mostly enjoyed reminiscing with fellow classmates about their years at Bacon. Some had not seen each other since graduation day 50 years ago. Classmates came from as far away as Florida and North Carolina, and parts of Connecticut including Enfield, Windsor, Niantic, Manchester, Haddam and of course Colchester. Many also enjoyed a stop at Harry's and Family Pizza to remember familiar places from those high school days. A great time was had by all.

**Karen Seger – Colchester**

ments as well as raising three amazing boys! Most impressive is her ability to keep laughing and smiling, even as a well-planned outdoor painting event gets interrupted by downpours.

April's easygoing demeanor and genuine desire to ensure inclusivity and equity are values needed on any board. April's willingness to work collaboratively with people with differing political views shows her ability to look past differences for the greater good. April is organized, knowledgeable, and willing to roll her sleeves up to get the job done. I am very confident April will be a valuable asset to the Board of Selectmen, and that is why she has my vote on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,**

**Kim Nagy-Maruschock – Portland**

## Going for Graves

To the Editor:

I have known April Graves in many capacities for nearly 20 years. She was my colleague, our children attended preschool together, we served on the Portland Little League Board of Directors together, and currently are both campaigning for positions within our town's government.

During her years as a Portland resident, April has been an informed and involved citizen. She attended many Board of Education and Board of Selectmen meetings, long before attending these in your PJs from the comfort of your home was possible! During her time as Portland Little League president, April showed a genuine caring and concern for all children interested in playing baseball and ensured that all children were included, providing financial and equipment support as needed. Her work with the Solidarity Commission and Chatham Children's Connection has been remarkable, especially as she manages to balance full-time work commit-

## Seeking Reelection

To the Editor:

My name is Susan Stolfi and I am running for reelection to the Board of Education. One of my family values is making a difference in others' lives and I have chosen to channel that towards children. As a parent of four children and current board member of RHAM and Marlborough BOE, as well as the chair of the CHEC Coalition, my passion is to enrich all our children's experiences in our community through the school and its programs. I have a BA in accounting and have been employed at Fiserv, a banking software provider, for over 23 years.

Youth is a time to experience a wide range of academic subjects, extracurricular activities, and thought-provoking topics so they can begin to develop their path in life. Education of our children should not only consist of the core subjects but programs and subjects that create diversity in thought so that our children become well-rounded (both intellectually and socially) and prepared for their role in the world ahead of them.

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With your vote on Nov. 2nd, I can continue my efforts in providing the best education possible for RHAM students. I'm honored to have the opportunity to be part of our children's success and education.

**Susan Stolfi – Marlborough**

*Note: Stolfi is a member of both the RHAM and Marlborough boards of education, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

**Passionate, Knowledgeable**

To the Editor:

Marlborough Elementary School's Board of Education stands for a tight-knit community of learners and families. After a rollercoaster year of what ifs and whiplash changes, our small town is emotionally torn and exhausted. Liz Giannelli brings a balance of all we need to move forward. She has lived in or near Marlborough for her entire life. She understands the Marlborough resident wants, needs, and what makes us a high-achieving district putting teachers and students first. With school-age children beginning over the next few years, her interests and motivations will be guided through the eyes of the children at the receiving end of our decisions. Lastly, with over 10 years of classroom experience, her expertise in the education field, and partnering with families throughout her career, will allow her to mold best practice in education with concerns and needs of the community members.

Liz is a passionate, motivated, knowledgeable candidate that this town deserves, and needs, this upcoming BOE election. I nominate Liz to lead our school district towards what is best for all students and families.

**Jennifer Barone – Marlborough**

**Announcing My Candidacy**

To the Editor:

Since moving to town in 2005, I have been fortunate to make many friends in East Hampton. To my friends that know me, and to the folks I do not know yet, I would like to introduce myself, and announce my candidacy for the East Hampton Board of Education. Service to others comes naturally to me as I have been in the fire service for 25 years. My commitment to service is why I am running for Board

of Education as an unaffiliated candidate in the November 2021 election. I have been serving on the Board of Education during arguably the most unprecedented period in our history. I'm a proud father of four boys who have attended East Hampton schools.

You may ask, "Why run unaffiliated? Won't it be tougher?" Maybe, but allow me to explain: I am currently an unaffiliated voter. Always have been. I have voted for both Democrats and Republicans since 1992. I share a feeling many of you likely do. The party line can do more harm than good sometimes. We've all seen tribalism completely consume national politics. It's frustrating, and the timing couldn't be worse. As a society, we are trying to get our lives, health, families, schools, and businesses back to normal. I think it's time to take a different approach. There are good ideas on both sides, and both sides should be respected. Let's start listening to and applying those ideas.

If you value common sense, integrity, and a commitment to collaboration, look no further. No tribe to swear allegiance to; my only allegiance is to our children, the quality of their education, and our entire East Hampton community. Thank you, and I hope to earn your vote on Nov. 2.

**Justin Wagner  
Board of Education Member  
East Hampton**

**Running for School Board**

To the Editor and Residents of Marlborough:

My name is Elizabeth Giannelli, and I am running for a Board of Education position with your vote on Nov. 2.

My husband Geno and I have lived in Marlborough for 11 years. We have three children – ages 4, 3 and 2. As a mother with children entering the Marlborough school system, I care deeply that our children have the resources they need to thrive in our community. For three years I have served as the vice president of the local MOMS Club chapter, which organizes fundraisers that support our community. Our group recently donated a changing table, diaper products, and picnic tables to Blish Park. We also donated picnic tables to Marlborough Elementary School so students can learn, enjoy a snack or read a book in the fresh air.

Professionally, I taught in the Glastonbury Public Schools system for 10 years before staying home to raise my children. I hold a B.S. in child studies, a master's degree in education, and a CT teaching certification in K-6th grade. In Glastonbury, I served as the PTO representative for many years, which helped me understand both parent and educator perspectives.

I firmly believe that public education is extremely important. All children should receive a quality, effective education that fits their unique needs and learning styles while keeping in mind the fiscal challenges we face to provide such services. My experience as a mother and educator make me a great fit to serve on the Marlborough BOE. I look forward to meeting you. I am

asking you to vote for me, along with my fellow Republican candidates Sue Stolfi and Kerri Barella. For further information, please check out [www.marlgop.com](http://www.marlgop.com).

**Thank you,**

**Elizabeth Giannelli – Marlborough**

**Poetry in Motion**

To the Editor:

I normally do not have a back and forth with a prior person's letter to the editor, but in Don Nowsch of Marlborough's case (his letter in the Sept. 17 issue), I must make an exception.

Don, for you to compare Joe Biden, or for that matter anyone, to Hitler, is just plain rude. And totally incorrect. In Hitler's 10 years he was directly and/or indirectly responsible for the deaths of about 20 million people, while Joe Biden in his eight months of office is saving more than 20 million people.

And even though you put your falsehoods in poem fashion that doesn't make it right nor true.

Next time just take a nap instead of writing that crap... (How poetic is that)

**Ralph Bianco – Colchester**

**Do Exit Interviews**

Dear Colchester Board of Education:

I am a Colchester resident for the last 26 years and a former employee of the Colchester Board of education. I thank you for your time on the BOE to promote education. My employment time in Colchester has and is a proud time of my career. I am disturbed by current occurrences in the Colchester school system.

There have been a number of resignations and retirements in the system especially in the special education department that I think bear the boards' attention. I know many of these individuals as colleagues and some as friends. Having worked with many of the staff and been a parent in the system I know they are assets to the educational system. So, the manner in which they have been treated is disturbing. They are high quality staff members who have given many years of professional service to the students of Colchester. I worked alongside many of them and know this to be a fact. They are skilled and care about kids. Those are the kind of staff I want employed in my district.

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sion of where to buy mace and other items. As the Big Y attack showed, no town – no matter how peaceful or serene – is immune from random acts of horrifying violence. It's incredibly depressing, I know, but true. And while no one should live their life in fear,

it's important to stay vigilant and, if you find yourself in an unspeakable situation, know how to respond.

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I would like to request that the BOE do exit interviews with staff as was done in the past. I think Colchester has lost many skilled staff due to current administrative policies. Your attention to this issue is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you,  
Augusta Gilberti – Colchester**

**Voting for Tripp**

To the Editor:  
On Nov. 2, we are voting for Jim Tripp for first selectman. We hope you'll join us.

We've worked and volunteered with Jim for almost 20 years. And we can say: He is a man who gets the job done.

We've seen how he works. Whether it was during his time on the Board of Education, the Board of Selectmen, or as president of the Brownstone Quorum, Jim knows how to bring people to the table in a non-partisan way, collaborate and make things happen.

We are confident he'll hit the ground running as our first selectman and get us that Water Source we absolutely need: Save us money and help our seniors, businesses, schools and you!

Please join us in electing Jim Tripp first selectman. You'll be glad you did!

**Sincerely,**

**Tom and Susan Bransfield – Portland**

*Note: While Susan Bransfield is Portland first selectman, she stressed she and Tom Bransfield are writing as individual residents of town.*

**Election is Coming**

To the Editor:

I have been an unaffiliated voter my entire life, as I feel that political parties occupy too much space in our government. But that's not to say there are not excellent members of either party. Indeed, I would like to endorse two such candidates from Portland.

I met Barry Rodgers (Democrat for Board of Education) through our volunteer work in town, and although we have yet to meet in person due to the pandemic, I have come to know Barry as committed and caring in all he does. He loves this town fiercely, just as he loves his family, and his boys in particular. He realizes that the best way to help something you love is to get involved, as a parent or as an official. He is passionate about social justice, but he listens to \*everyone\* from \*all\* perspectives, knowing that when we work together, we all build some-

thing stronger.

Four years ago, when I enrolled my daughter in Miss Alicia's dance class, I had the great fortune of meeting Michael Pelton (Republican for Board of Selectmen). Mike possesses an in-human level of energy, and he takes the time to make everyone feel that they are the most important person in his life! Mike is the type of Republican that harkens back to Teddy Roosevelt or Dwight Eisenhower. He cares about process, but also about integrity and service. If I could select an official ambassador for Portland, Mike would be at the top of my list.

I have yet to decide for first selectman, but I respect the experiences of both Mr. Curley and Mr. Tripp. I look forward to hearing more from each, and then selecting not because of their party, but because of their connection to all voters, including the 2,137 (41%) unaffiliated voters in Portland.

**Jim Motes – Portland**

**Biden's 'Pal'**

To the Editor:

Listen up, those who believe in an unbiased mainstream news media. Can you imagine how the media would have howled about Donald Trump had he forgotten the Australian prime minister's name, and instead called him "Pal," as Biden recently did in a widely-televised event?

**Peter Kushkowski  
"Almost Heaven"  
Portland**

**Portland Needs Substance**

To the Editor:

Wanting to be a fully informed voter this November, I have been following both candidates for Portland first selectman on their social media pages. I recently spent a few minutes watching Jim Tripp's newest video talking about his candidacy on his Facebook page and I thought it was great! So then I popped over to Ryan Curley's page to check out his video, and I was surprised to see that it's really not great. There is such a drastic difference between the two candidates. Jim's video talks about all the things he's been a part of in town and all of the organizations that he has worked with to make positive change in our community. He shared what he is focused on for the future of Portland. In stark contrast, Ryan's video highlights a shirtless photo of himself as a teenager and his big claim is that he digitized things in the

Town Clerk's office – something anyone living in modern America would do. I was surprised by the lack of substance.

I'm not someone who usually feels compelled to express myself in letters to the editor, but I think far too often our local elections become popularity contests. I really like Ryan. He is a nice guy and he has always been friendly when I have business in the town clerk's office. But when it comes to our town leadership, Portland needs substance. So I'll be voting for the nice guy who also has experience, a clear plan for the future, and a track record of getting things done. Jim Tripp has earned my vote. If you haven't yet, you should check out his Facebook page and website and learn more about him, because I think you'll find he'll earn your vote too.

**Melissa Kelley – Portland**

**Resist the Temptation**

To the Editor:

As of late, it seems as if the steady stream of money/funds that trickle down from the Federal government, for whatever purpose is never ending and rather eternal in nature.

Well folks, that is simply not true. At some point in time, debt must be repaid and the harm to the overall economy by overspending will be felt. It will be felt by you and me; the ordinary taxpayer, worker and sadly, retiree.

Please resist the urge to grab and go with these funds. They must be paid back and that may be a generation away from us the recipient. If they are to be spent, spend wisely. Spend with those who will be repaying the debt in mind.

By blissfully spending these "dollars from Heaven" we are falling into a horrible trap. When it comes time to repay, we can't be caught short. And that is all too often the case.

As conservative Republicans, we recognize this shortcoming. It is plain to see by those willing to look. Resist the temptation. The low-hanging fruit is just that and we must learn to say there is a dear price for the frivolity. The payback looms in all our futures.

Remember the grandchildren when you say 'yes' to a federal windfall.

**Sincerely,**

**Alison Walck – East Hampton**

**Voting for Tripp**

To the Editor:

When I heard that Susan Bransfield would not run for another term as Portland's first se-

lectwoman, my first thought was: Oh no. She has been so effective. Who will take her place? My second and third thoughts were: I wonder if Jim Tripp would run? He has been so active and committed to Portland for so long, and his leadership has been so effective in so many areas. Maybe I should contact him and ask him to consider. On the other hand, he doesn't need my advice. He already has a great job and would probably have to take a pay cut to serve. I doubted he would run. I figured if there was any chance of him running, he'd think of it on his own. So I did nothing.

Then I heard – hooray – that Jim was going to run! It was the best news because Jim, like Susan Bransfield, will be a leader responsive to the views and needs of a wide range of Portland citizens. Our town has recently made exciting progress, and Jim is the kind of leader who has the commitment, energy, and personal warmth to keep us on track in a fast-changing world. I hope readers will vote for Jim Tripp for first selectman.

**John C. Hall – Portland**

**Candidate for ZBA**

To the Editor:

I am excited to offer my service to the town of Portland through my candidacy for the Zoning Board of Appeals, and I am honored to campaign alongside an impressive team of town Democrats whose collective leadership and experience have and can continue to improve the quality of life for all in our community. I am currently serving as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. I am especially interested in the role I can play in that capacity to steward the town's zoning codes for equity and affordable housing, and to balance the conservation of the natural beauty of our town with responsible land use and development.

I was born and raised in Portland and have a lifelong connection to the people and the place. I attended Portland public schools where I got an outstanding education from amazing teachers. I have known the strength of the community through multiple generations of its residents. I have a PhD in art history from Brown University and have enjoyed a long career in the not-for-profit sector as a curator in public art museums and university collections where I learned that collaboration was both an effective and rewarding approach. In 2020 I completed an MS in organizational leadership from Quinnipiac University anticipating that it would provide additional knowledge and skills to pay forward the many community benefits that my family and I have enjoyed.

Please vote on Nov. 2 for me and for the entire Democratic team.

**Cynthia Roman – Portland**

**Bats: The Facts**

To the Editor:

I have been working with bats for more than two decades, including volunteer field research for Bat Conservation International, as the designated regional educator for BCI and as a Certified Master Wildlife Conservationist for the State of Connecticut, where I am also a licensed wildlife caretaker whose focus is on bats. Over the years, I've learned more and more about these amazing creatures, and every day I am awed by their amazing, complex morphology, as well as their intelligence and, I dare say, individuality.

Bats are the most beneficial yet misunderstood.

*See Letters, page 28*

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### Gilead Congregational Church News

Gilead Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming Congregation located at 672 Gilead St., has announced the following. For more info, visit [gileadchurchucc.org](http://gileadchurchucc.org), email [gcc@gileadchurch.net](mailto:gcc@gileadchurch.net), or call 860-228-3077.

**Sunday Worship:** Sundays at 10 a.m., outdoors in the Garden of Remembrance. Safety protocols are listed on the church website. Services will continue to be livestreamed, on YouTube at [www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC](http://www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC) and on Facebook at [tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC](http://tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC).

**Upcoming Meetings:** Sunday, Sept. 26: 6:30 p.m., Youth Group Kick-Off; Monday, Sept. 27: 9 a.m., Bible Study on Zoom; Tuesday, Sept. 28: 7 p.m., AA meeting.

**Bible Study on Zoom:** Mondays at 9 a.m., via Zoom, led by the Rev. Bob Woodward. See the Zoom link in the eNews or contact the church office at [GCC@gileadchurch.com](mailto:GCC@gileadchurch.com). All are invited; come when you can.

**Book Group:** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Garden of Remembrance. It is recommended that participants bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Contact the church office with any questions.

**Crop Walk:** The 30th "walk to end hunger" will take place Sunday, Oct. 3. All money raised by walkers will go to Church World Services' international hunger relief programs and to the local food bank. The walk route follows the Hop River State Park Trail, with easy grades and a smooth walking surface, starting and ending at The First Congregational Church of Andover, 359 Route 6, Andover. Registration is at 1:45 p.m., with the walk stepping off at 2 p.m. Snacks and water will be available for walkers. All COVID-19 protocols in effect at that time will be observed. Those uncomfortable with an in-person walk can register online and participate in a walk of their choice. The walk is sponsored jointly by the Congregational churches of Andover, Columbia and Gilead. Donate to support the Gilead walk team or register to walk at [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiaact](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiaact).

**Blood Drive:** There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up, go to [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org) to locate the blood drive.

### 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](http://tinyurl.com/3xfm862d). Pre-registration is required for all programs.

**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.

**Enhance Fitness:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m., Oct. 4-Nov. 10; no class Monday, Oct. 11. Cost is \$33, or a \$5/class drop-in fee. To register, call the center.

**All Levels Yoga Class:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m., from Oct. 4-Nov. 10; no class Oct. 11. Cost is \$33, or a \$5/class. To register, call the center.

**Flu Clinic:** Chatham Health will hold a flu clinic at the senior center Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m.-noon. No appointment needed. You will need to present your insurance card and is free if covered by your insurance. If you have United Healthcare, you will need to pay a \$75 fee

and then submit your claim to UHC for reimbursement. It is anticipated that the high-dose vaccine will be available, the senior center said.

**Grab and Go - Congregate Meals from CRT:** The senior center is offering frozen congregate meals from CRT for pick-up. On Mondays, receive four frozen meals, two milks, sides, and snacks for a suggested donation of \$12 (\$3 per meal). There is no menu, but fish will not be served due to potential allergy issues. People must call and sign up for each week's meals by 3 p.m. the on the Thursday prior. Open to anyone age 60 or up, from any town. These meals are to be heated and consumed at home. Meals will be distributed outside and can be curbside pick-up. Pick-up times are 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., but alternate times can be arranged. Delivery also available for those who cannot drive. To sign-up, call 860-228-1700 ext. 202 or email [aroczniak@hebronct.com](mailto:aroczniak@hebronct.com). When picking up the meals, mask and adherence to COVID-19 guidelines are required.

**Bingo Returns - Bingo Callers Needed:** Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., for senior center members only. The first card costs \$1; each additional card is 50 cents. Prizes awarded each game. Bring your own beverage; no food or beverage provided. Sign-up is required and everyone must check in each week. Masks required for everyone in all areas; they can only be removed if there is enough space for social distancing. Volunteer callers are also needed. To sign up to play or volunteer to call games, call the center.

**Hand and Foot Canasta Cards:** Tuesdays, 1-3:15 p.m. Pre-registration required prior to the first time attending and check-in for all attendees required. To sign up, call the center.

**Setback and Bridge:** The weekly Setback card game has been postponed due to lack of players. If interested in playing, call to sign up and when there are enough players it will resume, on Wednesdays from 10-11:50 a.m. Weekly Bridge will be at the senior center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1 p.m. On the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month, it will be played at the Colchester Senior Center. If interested in playing in Hebron, call to pre-register (which is required). Everyone participating must complete membership paperwork and have a MySeniorCenter scan card. 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:** Thursdays, 10:10-11:40 a.m. All are welcome; registration required by calling 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.

**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.

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# PD to Report Narcan Use to Council Monthly

by Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton Chief of Police Dennis Woessner in a Town Council meeting last week said a single “pepper shake’s-worth” of Fentanyl, a synthetic, addictive opioid, could kill half the council.

The chief made this unfiltered statement during the first of what will now be monthly reports on local administrations of Narcan, a brand name for a device that delivers naloxone, an opioid-overdose antidote.

Between Jan. 1, 2020, and Aug. 16 of this year, 13 doses of Narcan were administered to overdose victims in town. Woessner said use of Narcan, given by either first responders or friends and family, saved all but two of the 13.

In a Monday call, Town Manager David Cox said these reports are a revival of regular Narcan-use discussions between the council and PD, done under a previous chief.

“The council wants to see whether drug use is worsening, getting better, or at ‘status quo’ in town,” the town manager told the *Rivereast*.

The chief’s report includes overdoses on heroin, Fentanyl and/or cocaine. Fentanyl is a synthetic, “lab-grown” opioid, as opposed to standard heroin, which is derived from morphine, a natural substance taken from poppy plants.

Fentanyl is manufactured and, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), is 50-100 times more potent than morphine. Fentanyl is cheaper and easier to get than heroin and can be packaged into an all-too convenient pill form.

In an early 2020 opioid seminar in Portland, state officials said Fentanyl operations are highly profitable, with operators flipping millions, the *Rivereast* reported.

Woessner told the council drug use prevalence in East Hampton is “not different from other towns.

“Fentanyl is becoming a huge problem,” Woessner said. “Sometimes people think it’s [standard] heroin, but it’s laced with Fentanyl.”

Woessner said he doesn’t know where the drug is flowing into town from.

“It’s everywhere,” he said, saying major sei-

zures at ports in both Florida and Texas indicate a widespread presence of the deadly drug.

Many of the individual cases reported have been given treatment multiple times. Many of the victims were in their 20s and 30s, with the oldest being 43, the youngest 21.

Both deaths were in 2020, Woessner said; one 23-year-old woman in February, and a 27-year-old man in July.

The chief talked to the difficulties of having, or knowing a loved one who has, an addiction. He said people can be good at hiding their addiction, citing one case of a mother who only learned of her son’s dependence after finding him dead of an overdose.

Woessner said police cannot arrest or otherwise take action against a person who calls in to report an overdose.

“If police go there and someone is in medical distress, everything is off-limits,” Woessner said. “The main goal is to get treatment, getting them to the hospital to start overcoming their addiction.”

Council Vice Chair Dean Markham said hearing of overdoses, whether local or elsewhere, is “painful.”

Markham said rehabilitating a person with addiction is no easy feat.

“Narcan works fast, but it wears off quickly,” Markham said.

Markham said addiction is so powerful that sometimes, when a person is dosed with naloxone and comes-to, they become upset and combative over their ruined high. According to state information, overdose victims who receive naloxone will experience opioid withdrawal symptoms, which can be severe and debilitating.

“It’s very tough, and to see repeat users is disheartening,” Markham went on, adding of a case he has knowledge about; “On this list is a family whose son is a habitual user. They know that one day, they won’t be there to administer Narcan.”

Narcan and other naloxone products are available to the public in all 50 states, according to CT.gov.

The state says in any and all overdose situations, call 9-1-1.

The state goes on to say naloxone is impossible to abuse.

Primary care doctors can prescribe naloxone, and any provider who can prescribe opioids can prescribe naloxone.

Chatham Health District Director Russell Melmed told the *Rivereast* that for the past few years, Connecticut pharmacists have had the option of signing up for a two-hour naloxone/Narcan training course.

Melmed has in reserve some naloxone he received from an awareness event a few years ago, but otherwise Chatham does not carry the treatment.

Melmed said to his knowledge, the East Hampton CVS, Stop & Shop, and Walgreens all have naloxone-trained pharmacists, as do the same pharmacy franchises in Colchester.

“It’s accessible at just about any pharmacy,” Melmed told the *Rivereast*. “Call and make sure the qualified pharmacist is working.”

Melmed said trained pharmacists are authorized to prescribe naloxone, and that most insurance providers cover the substance.

Melmed said unfortunately, no-cost Narcan can be harder to find.

Melmed added that he thinks business owners should consider keeping naloxone in reserve.

“You never know,” the director said, adding that it’s not uncommon for people seeking a safe place to use to ask stores for the bathroom, and then overdose when alone.

For more information on opioid overdose prevention, visit the state website’s “Opioid Overdose Prevention (Naloxone/Narcan)” page, or contact local health officials. NIDA’s website, [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov), has information on where to get free naloxone.

## Epoch Arts’ Annual Tag Sale Continuing

Epoch Arts’ annual fall tag sale will continue this weekend, 24-26, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

This year, Epoch is again limiting the number of people allowed in the building at one time. The time slots are two hours each. While people can only sign up for one time slot per day, they may attend multiple days. Walk-ins are allowed as long as there is capacity in the building at the moment, but Epoch recommends reserving a time slot online in order to be guaranteed admission immediately.

Cash registers are outside this year to ensure the safety of tag sale workers. Epoch

will not provide bags or be able to hold items for people this year, but people can cash out numerous times, bring your purchases to your car and re-enter during their time slot. There will be only one entrance and one exit to

the Tag Sale, and they will be clearly marked.

This year, only children 10 years old and up will be allowed to attend the tag sale, but there will be a special kid’s day Saturday, Sept. 25. Kids of all ages can attend the tag sale this day only, but keep in mind if you bring another member of your household, they will be counted during the time slot.

This is Epoch’s biggest fundraiser, and, to help offset costs and lost revenue due to the pandemic, there will be an entrance fee of \$20 for the first time slot only, on Sept. 17 from 8-10 a.m. As of press time, masks are only recommended, but that may change. There will also be no public bathrooms available.

To reserve a time slot, go to [epocharts.org/tagsale](http://epocharts.org/tagsale). The sale will take place at Epoch, 27 Skinner St. Visit [www.epocharts.org](http://www.epocharts.org) for more information.

## 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 in the summer Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Masks are required at town facilities – including the library – for people ages 3 and up.

**Children’s Programs: Take and Make September:** For ages 3-5 and grades K-5. Decorate a pencil case. Supplies are limited. Reserve kits online and pick up in person or curbside.

**DIY Days:** For grades 2-8. Saturday, Sept.

25, 11 a.m., or Monday, Sep. 27, 6 p.m. Kids will create their own Magic Drawing Board. Space is limited; reserve your seat for this in-person, indoor program.

**Dungeons and Dragons:** For grades 8-12. Wednesdays, Oct. 13 and 27, and Nov. 10 and 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. each day, in person at the library. No previous playing experience required and all supplies will be provided.

**Adult Program: Take and Make September: Adult:** Decorate a mini sneaker and add this keychain to your backpack or keys. Supplies are limited; registration is underway. Reserve kits online and pick up in person or curbside.

## Registration Open for Red McKinney Golf Tourney

The East Hampton Rotary Club invites all to participate in the 28th annual Golf Tournament Wednesday, Oct. 6, on the Anderson Glen course at Blackledge Country Club. This annual event has been renamed the Red McKinney Golf Tournament in honor of longtime Rotarian Red McKinney.

All proceeds fund the East Hampton Rotary Club community service projects benefitting the East Hampton and Marlborough communities.

The tournament is scramble format with prizes for first-, second- and third-place teams, closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line. There will be a putting contest from 10-11:30 a.m. with a 50/50 payout, and last but not least a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest.

Registration starts at 10 a.m., followed by

lunch at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start at noon. The tournament will be capped at 144 fully-paid players. There will be a waiting list if the cap is exceeded, and the Rotary may open another course if there is enough interest. There will be a dinner following the tournament. Non-golfers are welcome to come for dinner and the auction for \$25. After dinner we will award all prizes for the day and hold a teacup raffle and live auction with many prizes.

Register online at [easthamptonct.rotary-7980gives.org/redmckinneyrotarygolftournament](http://easthamptonct.rotary-7980gives.org/redmckinneyrotarygolftournament), or visit [www.easthamptonrotary.org](http://www.easthamptonrotary.org) to download a registration form.

For additional information on the tournament or sponsorship, email [easthamptonctrotary@gmail.com](mailto:easthamptonctrotary@gmail.com).

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**Officers Honored...** East Hampton Police officers David Gionfriddo and Caleb Cavanaugh of the East Hampton Police Department were recognized on Sept. 15 at an awards ceremony put on by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their efforts in removing drunk drivers from the roadways of the Town of East Hampton. Each year over 10,000 people are killed in the United States by impaired drivers and these two officers are doing their part to keep the roadways safe.

**Historic House Tour**

Tickets are ready for the historic house tour sponsored by the Chatham Historical Society of East Hampton. The tour will take place Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Six houses will be included in this year's celebration of homes, from the very earliest built in 1748 to the 1930 craftsman-style cape. Tickets will be available at East Hampton Public Library and at Town Hall, in the town clerk's office. People may also purchase tickets by calling 860-267-4732.

**End-of-Summer Forum**

State Rep. Irene Haines (R-34), who represents East Haddam, East Hampton and part of Colchester, will host an end-of-summer forum Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the East Haddam Grange Hall, 488 Town St., East Haddam.

Constituents will be able to meet with Haines and discuss any state concerns they may have. Masks are required for this event.

**Senior Center News & Notes**

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants are asked to register for a program before entering the center; register online at myactivecenter.com. For full program descriptions or more information, call 860-267-4426, email seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov, or visit www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center. Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Note: Masks are required for all participants, regardless of vaccination status.

**Lunches:** The Community Renewal Team is serving meals at the center Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call the center to reserve a meal or sign up online through MyActiveCenter.com. One must be 60 or older to register. Reservations for the next day's meal must be made before 11 a.m. the day before. Masks are required; however, once you have your meal and are seated you can take off your mask. Meals are funded through a federal grant and 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:** Registration is required for all of the following; to do so, 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. **Setback:** Thursdays 1:15-3:15 p.m. **Mahjongg:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon. **Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

**Wii Bowling:** Tuesdays, Oct. 5 and 12, 10 a.m. Register online.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Sept. 29), at 9:30 a.m. Meet outside, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, it will be inside, with masks recommended. Register online.

**Electric Car Show Saturday**

The East Hampton and Portland clean energy task forces will hold the third annual Electric Car Show Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon-3 p.m. at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 26.

The event will showcase electric, hybrid, and alternative fuel cars from private owners and various dealerships.

The clean energy task forces are inviting any residents who own any electric, hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle to show off their clean energy machine as well. There is no registration fee. Owners that want to showcase their electric and hybrid cars can simply show up before the show commences and be included in the display area. Other electric vehicles are welcome as well – bikes, scooters or anything that moves.

Registration is also open, at no charge, to any town groups, non-profits, associations or clubs interested in using less fossil fuel for vehicles. There will be music and food as well.

Booth registration forms can be found by emailing the East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force at ehctef@gmail.com.

**September is National Senior Center Month:** There will be various events throughout the month to help celebrate.

**iPad Training:** Thursday, Sept. 30, 10:45-11:15 a.m. Learn how to use an iPad. The center will have iPads, or you can bring your own. Registration required.

**September Birthday Celebration:** Monday, Sept. 27, 1 p.m. There will be cupcakes, presents, lemonade and more. Sign up ASAP; seating is limited.

**Movie Club:** Tuesday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Movie to be discussed will be *Big Stone Gap*. Pre-registration required. For more information about this service, call 860-537-7215.

**Creative Crafts:** Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m. Make Autumn Mesh Wreaths. Registration required.

**Tai Chi with Tom Series:** A new eight-class session will run Tuesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 30 (no class Nov. 23), from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Cost is \$40. Class is offered by Tom Cushing, with emphasis on improving balance, functional mobility, and fall prevention. Send check to East Hampton Senior Center at 105 Main St., payable to Town of East Hampton. Register online.

**Volunteer Shopping:** The center has instituted a shopping program where a volunteer will shop for you. Call in your list to 860-267-4426 or email it to [Jewing@easthampton.gov](mailto:Jewing@easthampton.gov). List must include name, address, phone number and email if you have one, along with a complete shopping list. The shopper will call you before the drop off to let you know the cost of the groceries. You can write out a check for the amount, payable to the Town of East Hampton. The volunteer will drop off the groceries at your door and pick up the check in a pre-arranged designated spot.

**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.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection event Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown.

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

**KofC Spaghetti Supper**

The Knights of Columbus Belltown Council 6190 at St. Patrick Church, 47 E. High St., will sponsor its semi-annual spaghetti and meatball dinner Friday, Oct. 22, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., at the church parish center, located at 47 East High St.

Take-out and dine-in meals will be offered. Meal prices are \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors. Children 5 and under eat for free. The meal will include a salad, bread, dessert (provided by the St. Patrick Guild), coffee, tea, soda, water and punch drinks. Proceeds will support local charitable programs. Raffle prizes will be offered as well.

The Knights of Columbus will also collect non-perishable food items for the East Hampton Food Bank.

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**Scavenger Hunt Bingo...** East Hampton Senior Center continued celebrating National Senior Center Month with a recent Scavenger Hunt Bingo game, which began with a Sears Park picnic. Diana Resler got a picture with East Hampton Police Officer Earl Snyder, which helped secure her spot as the first participant to cover her whole board and win the grand prize.

**Parks and Rec. News**

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

**Paint Night with Miss Amy:** Oct. 16, 4-5:30 p.m., at the Sears Park pavilion. At this family-friendly paint party, learn how to paint a Halloween Spooky Cat. Dress up in your Halloween costume to be entered in an art kit giveaway at the end of the program. Cost: \$25.

**Wolfpack Game:** Saturday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., at the XL Center. Cost is \$18/ticket.

**Lions Club Scholarship Raffle**

The East Hampton Lions Club is conducting a raffle to support its annual scholarship program. The club offers four \$1,000 awards to East Hampton graduating students.

The raffle offers a \$2,021 grand prize. There are also two first prizes of \$221, two second prizes of \$121 and two third prizes of \$51. Also, the first-, second- and third-prize winners are re-entered for grand prize drawing.

The drawing will be at the Lions Club picnic pavilion, 62 North Main St., at 2:21 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. Winners need not be present.

For information or tickets call Lion Tom Denman 860-519-4951 or 860-267-4512.

**Presentation on Edible Flowers**

Sandy Morrell from New England Seed Company will give a presentation on edible flowers at the Belltown Garden Club's monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m., at East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St.

The event is open to the public. There will be edible flower refreshments following the presentation.

The Belltown Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs. For more information about the club and its activities, call President JoAnn Hewitt at 860-267-4129.

**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).

**Residents Graduate**

East Hampton residents Adam Beaty and Sienna Roper recently graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University.

Beaty graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, and Roper graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.



**Helping to Fund Picnic...** East Hampton Republican municipal candidates recently presented an \$800 check to the East Hampton Senior Center to help fund the center's fall picnic. From left are Sal Nucifora, Mike Buck, Alison Walck, Mark Philhower, Eric Peterson, Senior Center Director Joanne Ewing, Bridget McLennan, Richard Brown and Russell Bonaccorso. The money was raised at last month's GOP Autumn Auction.

**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. 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 October.

**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).

**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).

**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.

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Council member Kevin Reich said, “I see no reason why need to be first out of the gate.

“I believe things will continue to come out of the woodwork,” Reich continued. “I’ve been around long enough to know the first to run isn’t always first to the finish line. [A moratorium] gives us and our neighbors time to contemplate a decision.”

Reich went on to suggest consulting with agencies and other towns.

“I see no need to rush on this,” Reich said.

Councilor Mark Philhower suggested forbidding marijuana consumption on public property, similar to existing bans on cigarette smoking and alcohol.

Cox said this actually introduces a complexity – saying, for example, if the town were to ban the smoking of cannabis, what would it do about edible cannabis, another popular form of consumption?

DeCarli said other nuances include distances from schools and operating hours, likening the regulation of marijuana to that of liquor sales.

**Portland Mulling, but No Choice Yet**

Portland Development Planner Mary Dickerson in a Wednesday talk told the *Rivereast* the Portland zoning board has yet to decide on what to do about marijuana retail. Dickerson said zoning in its Sept. 2 meeting took no ac-

tion, with members saying they need time to research.

Dickerson said under current town regulation, a marijuana retail store would be treated as most other new business applications. No special permits are needed, and a store could theoretically open if it meets the town’s site plan requirements.

Dickerson said the decision is not a simple one, and the state’s bill is extensive and intricate.

“It’s not just a ‘yes’ or ‘no,’” said Dickerson, adding that, instead of a moratorium, an option would be to let the board of selectmen take action through ordinance, or a vote at the upcoming spring budget referendum.

Dickerson said, even if a town allows retail operations, they may not get them, or at all. She said the law prioritizes opening stores in towns and cities where communities-particularly communities of color- have been more adversely impacted by policing of marijuana use, a policy to advance equity.

She said, when and if approvals start, towns can tax marijuana sales at a 3% rate. This will make application processes highly competitive.

**A National Analysis**

In 2018, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), a nonprofit con-

sultant for local government leadership, innovation and ethics that has partnered with more than 12,000 municipalities across the country, issued a report called “Local Impacts of Commercial Cannabis.”

The study said local proceedings about pot regulation should have a “diverse, coordinated leadership team,” and a “deliberate, transparent process” that engages well with the community.

The study looked at trends in states with full legalization, and those with a medical use-only policy.

A concern of some may be an increase in local drug use and drug-related arrests. The study said this is a reasonable concern, but precautions used in other industries are effectively preventative, including employee background checks, as well as requirements for ample lighting and security systems.

The study concluded towns that ban sale or use are just as vulnerable to black market activity and went on to say evidence that legalizing weed affects youth is lacking.

The ICMA cited the Washington State Institute for Public Policy’s research saying since Washington legalized pot in 2012, there was an overall decrease in narcotics violations (about 15%), and police-commuter interactions involving weed declined 63%. Among drivers, there was no growth or decline in weed-involved DUI arrests.

The Washington institute said the state’s poi-

son control centers saw a sharp uptick in calls related to drugs, although it said patient honesty was a factor in this statistic, and saw a rise in meth and heroin arrests, though said whether these correlate with weed legalization needs further analysis.

ICMA said legal weed, and operations in town, had a neutral-to-favorable effect on local tourism. Laws restricting public use complicate cannabis tourism but are generally favored by residents.

It also said town leaders should be wary of exaggerated economic benefits, though did say the industry can be a boon to town activity overall. It advised not overtaxing these businesses in order to allow for early growth and said most towns have had good experiences with their retailers and growers.

Across California, the waning cut flower industry shifted to cannabis cultivation. A bit closer, in the rural outskirts of Cape Cod, Mass., small-scale farms struggling to compete with big-box retailers and industrial farms have also shifted to cannabis farming.

Also in California, in Grover Beach, town officials were able to market unused industrial land to cannabis product manufacturers.

In Cotton Plant, Ark. – “far from progressive coastal enclaves” – officials saw potential for medical cannabis operations to pump life into a dying local economy.

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**Car Crash Injures One**

A car crash in Colchester left one driver with a minor injury, police said.

The crash, which took place last Thursday at 12:57 a.m., occurred on Route 11, near the intersection with Exit 5. According to police, a GMC Terrain SLT, driven by Lawrence Gerrish, of Groton, collided with the wire rope guardrail on the side of the highway. The car

then ran off the roadway to the left and collided with trees before returning to the roadway and hitting the guardrail a second time.

Gerrish was transported to Backus Hospital for a suspected minor injury, police said. He was cited for failure to maintain proper lane, police said.

**Residents Approve Creation of New Equity Commission**

At a Sept. 9 town meeting, Colchester residents voted to approve the creation of the CORE (Colchester’s Openness to Respecting Equity) Commission.

This will be a permanent commission to serve in an advisory capacity. This commission is the culmination of over a year of work done by the Colchester Ad Hoc Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. The Ad Hoc Committee identified areas that needed to be addressed, including, but not limited to, housing, transportation, elderly, youth, education, law enforcement, religion, LGBTQ+, physical and mental health, racial and ethnic diversity, employment, and economic development.

The CORE Commission will be composed of seven members and two alternates, with three-

year terms. The goal of the commission is “to promote cultural diversity, social equity, and a spirit of inclusiveness in Colchester by discovering, bridging, supporting and celebrating the various cultures in our town, including all groups as set forth above.”

The commission is currently accepting applications to fill the vacancies. The Board of Selectmen will interview applicants and make appointments. Applications can be found on the town website, [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov), by clicking on “volunteer opportunities,” located under the “About Colchester” header.

Applications should be sent to the First Selectman’s Office, 127 Norwich Ave., Suite 201, Colchester, CT 06415, or emailed to [hperham@colchesterct.gov](mailto:hperham@colchesterct.gov).

**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](http://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 for ages 4-11. All are welcome.

The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook. Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT](http://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.

**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).

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The Colchester Cougars youth football squads took on Ellington this past Sunday. Pictured are Cougar A/B squad cheerleaders, from left, are Kenzie Sheehan, Charlotte Grant, Connie Lin, Hailey McGlynn, Noah Hoffman, Abby Richards, Aphrodite Panteloukas, Kendall Grant and Rylee Bengston.

### Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars youth football squads took on Ellington this past Sunday at home. Here is how they fared:

**D Squad:** Lost, 25-20. The squad was set to receive the ball with the offense clicking when the referee called the game due to time limit, with eight minutes remaining on the clock. Ty Corarro had strong outside runs scoring two of the three touchdowns from the quarterback position with Maverick Bernier scoring the other touchdown. Xavier Smith had another strong performance as the lead blocking running back and added a couple nice runs. Connor Peck, Parker Chaplinsky, Mason Petro, Brennan King, Cash Smith and Sam Gorman were all part of the offensive line. Xavier and Sam got to the backfield a lot on defense and Maverick ran down quite a few plays, stopping Ellington TDs. Jude Billiott made his presence known getting in on a bunch of tackles from the linebacker position. Christian Nunez-Melendez and Kaitlyn Peck were part of the defense's success.

**C Squad:** Lost, 19-13. Keegan King had multiple runs, including a 12-yard touchdown run. Niko Ibrahim scored the other Cougar touchdown with a 35-yard run. Casey Donat had his first Cougar run for a gain of 4 yards. Behr Mc-

Cormick and Jakob Sheehan each made tackles to stop Ellington from scoring. PJ Brodeur added a backfield tackle and Drew Browning charged through the line for a quarterback sack.

**B Squad:** Lost, 33-19. The Cougars scored 19 points in the second half on the running of Dominick Helm, Luke Sands and Edward Gignac. The Cougars also scored on a 60-yard pass play to Gavin King. The scoring plays were behind the big blocking of Lilliana Anderson and James Wissler. The highlights on defense were big sack and fumble recovery by Chance Markovitz and the D-line play of Kobe Wyman, Blake Allard, Jordon Darvis and Cooper Brooks.

**A Squad:** Lost, 38-6. Cougar touchdowns were made by Joey Gignac after a pass from quarterback Brevin Gonzales. Riddick Burroughs, Joey Brown, and Josiah Wells gained lots of yards up the field. Defensive tackles led by Cameron "The Flash" Taskey, Harrison Billiot, Michael Krol and Tyler McLaughlin. Josh Cody and Julian Dean each recovered the ball from Ellington – regaining possession for the Cougars.

### Residents Graduate

Colchester residents Zachary Lawrence and Michael Parker recently graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University.

Lawrence graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education, and Parker graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

### Off to College

Elijah Blanchard of Colchester is attending Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., as a member of the Class of 2025.

## 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). Events marked with a (Z) will be held via Zoom.

**Monday, Sept. 27:** 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise w/Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjong; 1 p.m., Bridge, Hebron.

**Tuesday, Sept. 28:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi (Z and in-person); 10 a.m., Step-by-Step painting; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle, In the Know; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., Senior Center Building Committee (Z).

**Wednesday, Sept. 29:** 8:30 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Fall Prevention Breakfast & Presentation; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 12:30 p.m., AARP Driver Safety Class (Z); 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing.

**Thursday, Sept. 30:** 9 a.m., Exercise w/Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, Oct. 1:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Hearing Screening by appointment, Card-Making Workshop; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Upcoming Programs: Foot Clinic:** Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1:30 p.m., by appointment only. Call 860-537-3911 to schedule an appointment at the senior center with Dr. Anthony Morgan, D.P.M., from Colchester Foot Specialists. Bring your Medicare and insurance information or \$40 for those without insurance coverage.

**Ultimate Bingo:** Wednesday, Oct. 6, 4:30 p.m. Cash prizes. Admission is \$10/person, which will get you two cards. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register in person with payment by Oct. 4.

**Harvest Delight Dessert Buffet:** Friday, Oct. 8, 1 p.m. This special fall-themed dessert buffet will feature homemade items. To donate a dessert to this event, contact Ruth. If you bring a dessert to share, admission is free. Otherwise, tickets are \$3 each. Pre-register by Oct. 6.

**Meet the Candidates:** Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn about the platforms and positions of local Colchester politicians running in the upcoming election. Candidates will be running for first selectman, as well as positions on the boards of selectmen, finance and education. AARP will host and moderate this event. The link can be found in the October Zoom Links table, and the event will also be streamed live at the senior center for those who do not have computer access. Pre-register if you would like to come in to the center to watch; space is limited.

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### Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of Cragin Memorial Library will hold its Book and Bake Sale at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave., next month.

The sale begins Friday, Oct. 1, from 4-7 p.m., with a pre-sale admission of \$5. The sale continues with no admission charge Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 4-6, during regular library hours. Monday-Wednesday is the \$5 special; fill a box or bag for \$5.

There will be books, music, movies and games. Baked goods will be individually-wrapped for safety. All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends. These programs include, but are not limited to, museum passes, adult programs, children's programs, summer reading programs, and other materials to benefit patrons of the library.

### 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.

### End-of-Summer Forum

State Rep. Irene Haines (R-34), who represents East Haddam, East Hampton and part of Colchester, will host an end-of-summer forum Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the East Haddam Grange Hall, 488 Town St., East Haddam.

Constituents will be able to meet with Haines and discuss any state concerns they may have. Masks are required for this event.

### Land Recording Fraud Alerts

The Colchester town clerk's office is offering a new service to help residents protect their home from fraudulent recordings.

This program allows users to sign up and receive email alerts whenever a document is recorded in Colchester under their name(s), such as a deed, mortgage and more.

To access this option, go to <https://searchiqs.com/fraudalert>.

### 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.

### CCO Changes Announced

Colchester Choir and Orchestra (CCO) has made a couple of changes to its upcoming season.

First, it has canceled its Oct. 17 performance. Second, it will begin preparing for its Holiday Concert, scheduled at Bacon Academy for Saturday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. Watch the *Rivereast* for more information or visit [www.colchester-choirorchestra.org](http://www.colchester-choirorchestra.org).

### C3 Play & Learn Groups

The Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) has announced the return of outdoor Play and Learn Groups at Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands.

This class, for children up to 5 years old with a caregiver, will feature a variety of outdoor, physically distanced activities that include stories, songs, music and movement games, and more.

For more information and to register, go to [ColchesterC3.org](http://ColchesterC3.org)



Colchester Grange No. 78 Treasurer Cathy Russi recently presented Nan Wasniewski, vice chair of the Norton Park Committee, with a check for \$1,000. From left are Norton Park Committee members Linda Pasternak, Chair Robert Misbach, Nan Wasniewski, Cathy Russi and Grange member Eva O'Connell.

### Grange Presents Donation for Park

Colchester Grange No. 78 recently presented the Norton Park Committee with a check for \$1,000.

The Grange has long been supportive of projects that encourage preservation and appreciation of natural resources while providing the general public with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, both active and passive.

Grange Treasurer Cathy Russi explained that development of Norton Park, at the site on the banks of the Jeremy River, will provide an area

with walking trails, picnic areas and an opportunity to enjoy native plants and flowers. The Grange was organized many years ago to support farmers and preserve natural resources, and views this as a chance to support those goals and bring pleasure to people of all ages.

Nan Wasniewski, vice chair of the Norton Park Committee, observed that the Norton family farmed and cared for the land and the natural resources of the area since their ancestors settled in the area in the 1600s. Past generations of the Norton family were members of the Grange, as were so many local farmers.

### Cragin Book Club to Meet

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m., at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave.

This month, *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu will be read, as part of the "One Book, One Region" program. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk. Weather permitting, the group will meet at the Colchester Giving Garden, which is located behind the Colchester Senior Center at 95 Norwich Ave. Please bring a chair.

The group will meet via Zoom in case of inclement weather, at [tinyurl.com/bkclubseptember](http://tinyurl.com/bkclubseptember)

This program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

### 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.

**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. 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 theme: Sept. 26, Robot.

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**Poetry Contest for Children**

The Colchester Garden Club is inviting area students in grades K-9 to share their nature experiences, thoughts and knowledge about birds by creating an original poem for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poetry Contest. This year's poetry contest theme is "Sing with the Song Birds – Exploring the Glory of Nature."

Flyers and entry forms may be picked up at the Cragin Memorial Library Children's Circulation Desk or requested by email from colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com. Contest deadline is Dec. 1, with awards and recognition being made in spring 2022. In the past years, the Colchester Garden Club has organized an afternoon reception and reading of all the Colchester contest student entrants' poems for their families and friends at which time any prizes are distributed which is hoped to return spring 2022 depending upon the public health situation.

Contest Rules: All entries must be typed and titled. On the back of the entry, affix the

Colchester Garden Club Entry Form which includes name, address, age, grade and school of participant and sponsoring garden club and state garden club name information. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poems do not have to rhyme; poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick or Haiku.

Scale of Points: 100 Total. Title - 10 points; Content - 40 points; Creativity - 30 points; Style - 20 points.

In January, Connecticut state winners will move to the northeast regional judging. Only regional winners will be considered in the judging for national winners. All of the national winning entries will be compiled into a booklet that will be made available to the winners.

For more information, contact Colchester Garden Club at colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com or call 860-267-4471.



**The Scarecrows are Coming!**

It's time to register for the 22nd annual Scarecrow Contest on the Colchester Town Green. Friends, neighbors, businesses and local organizations can compete against each other or just participate for fun.

The 2021 Scarecrow Contest will be held from Oct. 4-31 on the Colchester Town Green. This event is open to all. Prize categories include scariest, funniest and most imaginative. Setup of scarecrow displays is Oct. 4-8. The parade of costumes this year will be

Friday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m., on the Town Green, complete with refreshments and a costume parade. Online voting will be held Oct. 9-31.

Cost to enter a scene is \$10 each, \$2.50 per support stake, and \$7 per hay bale. Register by the end of September. Visit bit.ly/22ndScarecrow for a registration form.

For more information, call 860-537-0340. This event is co-sponsored by the CBA and Colchester Parks and Recreation.

**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.

**Senior Trip to Chicken Restaurant, Casino**

Colchester Senior Center is organizing a trip to Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island, followed by a stop at Twin River Casino, on Thursday, March 24, 2022, departing at 10:15 a.m.

At Wright's, dine on home-cooked baked chicken, pasta with homemade sauce, signature French fries, and salad with Wright's family recipe dressing. Spend the afternoon at Twin River Casino with over 4,000 slot machines and live table games.

Cost is \$92 per person, and space is limited. Reservations should be made in person at the senior center, 95 Norwich Ave., and are available to members of the Colchester Senior Center on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more information.

**St. Andrew Ladies Guild Fundraiser**

The St. Andrew Ladies Guild is sponsoring a fundraiser of Lyman Orchard berry pies and Granny's Pie Factory cream pies, as well as Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. The fundraiser will run through Oct. 19.

Curbside pickup will be Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 6-8 p.m., at the back of St. Andrew Church Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Ave.

To order, go to tinyurl.com/f2wjtnf. All proceeds fund the Guild's annual high school and college scholarships.

**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, Sukkot hybrid service, 9:30 a.m.; 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.

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**Eagle Scouts Honored...** Boy Scout Troop 13 recently held a Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts Austin Brown and Jack Spaulding. They both completed their Eagle projects in 2020. At left is Spaulding and his fellow Scouts in front of his project, which involved installing a sign at Colchester Cooperative Nursery School. At right is Brown – with his father, Neill Brown – at his Eagle project, which was building benches for William J. Johnston Middle School. Brown and Spaulding are the 77th and 78th Eagle Scouts from Troop 13. If interested in learning more about Scouting in Troop 13, contact the troop through its charter organization, St. Andrew Church, Guardian Angel Parish, Colchester. Scouting teaches life skills, citizenship, public speaking and leadership, while enabling scouts to pursue areas of interest through the merit badge program.

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

**Sunday School:** Sunday School is held during worship from September through June. Children in grades pre-K through 8 are welcome. The nursery is located just off the sanctuary. Visit the church website to register youth for Sunday School.

**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.

**Boy Scout Troop 72:** Meetings are held in the Stage Room every Monday at 7 p.m.

**Meet-and-Greet GOP**

All are invited to join the Republican Town Committee for a meet-and-greet with this year's Republican candidates for election on Friday, Oct. 1, from 6-8:30 p.m., at St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St.

Cost is \$25, and includes appetizers and sweets. There will be a cash bar.

Masks are required, though costumes are optional.

Tickets will be sold at the door, and can also be purchased in advance at [tinyurl.com/5sw5mrwn](http://tinyurl.com/5sw5mrwn).

**St. Andrew's Guild Offers Travel Opportunities**

St. Andrew's Guild is continuing to offer trips to support many various programs. Cruising has reopened and the Jan. 20-31, 2022, cruise to the southern Caribbean cruise has very limited cabins.

The second cruise St. Andrew's Guild is offering is a 16-day cruise Sept. 3-18, 2022 visiting Norway, Iceland and Greenland. You will be transported to Boston to fly to Copenhagen where you will board a Royal Caribbean ship and tour the countries outlined. Cost of the trip starts at \$2,999; this includes your flight.

Cruise ships have spent hours updating their HVAC systems and continually evaluate protocols and health standards, the Guild said. To learn more about the various protocols, call Donna at Friendship Tours at 800-243-1630.

For an itinerary of the cruise, call Cathy Rusi at 860-887-9621 or Barbara Gozzo at 860-537-0179.

**Introduction to Scouting**

Boys and girls ages 5-17, and their parents/guardians, are invited to join Troop 109 and Pack 109 outdoors at Westchester Congregational Church Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 6-7:30 p.m. both nights.

There will be a variety of Scouting activities, designed to show people what Scouting is all about. There will be the inflatable Gaga Pit, a Bow Saw Relay, and Box Oven Cookies (yes, you can bake cookies in a cardboard box but only the safe Scout way).

For more information, contact Jessica Cusano at 860-705-1077 or [jessicacusano@gmail.com](mailto:jessicacusano@gmail.com).

**Democrats Collecting for Food Bank**

In honor of National Hunger Action Month, First Selectman Mary Bylone and the Colchester Democrats will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to benefit the Colchester Food Bank throughout September.

Donation bins can be found at Colchester Democratic Headquarters at 392 S. Main St. Items can be dropped inside the headquarters door Monday through Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-3 p.m. Unopened/unexpired non-perishable food and other products may be left outside the headquarters door if preferred.

Colchester Democrats will also have collection bins at upcoming community events on the Town Green.

As a reminder, the Colchester Food Bank accepts donations at Town Hall (cart in lobby) during regular business hours. Monetary donations may also be made to the Town Hall drop box.

More information on accessing food, fuel and other services through the Colchester Youth and Social Services programs is available at [colchesterct.gov](http://colchesterct.gov) or by calling Town Hall at 860-537-7200.

**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.

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# Community Center Site Plan Approved

by Sloan Brewster

The town has hired engineering and architectural firms to draft official plans for a proposed community center between Town Hall and Andover Elementary School.

At last Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting, the board agreed to hire BSC Group of Glastonbury to complete the engineering schematics and Moser Pilon Nelson Architects, of Wethersfield, to sketch architectural drawings.

In a phone call Tuesday, Town Administrator Eric Anderson said the civil engineering drawings would cost \$23,000 and the architectural drawings would come in for \$6,000.

In March, the board agreed to spend up to \$50,000 on the drawings from the \$450,000 the town has set aside for a community center.

He said there was not yet a timeframe for the completion of the schematics as he had not signed contracts for the work. He said he was preparing the documentation and would bring to the Board of Finance meeting that evening.

The firms were selected, based on qualifications, by the Community Senior Center Building Committee, committee chairman Ed Sarisley told selectmen.

The committee has approved a site plan and completed preliminary drawings on which the firms will base more detailed final plans, Sarisley said, adding that Town Engineer Brandon Handfield "really liked" the site plan.

The building will consist of a 2,400-square-

foot main floor and a more than 200-square-foot basement, he said. The existing septic tank would need to be moved and replaced by a larger one. The existing leech field could be salvaged but would require new trenches.

Sitting between and thus constrained by the school and Town Hall parking lots, the community center would be a 40-foot by 56-foot building, according to Sarisley. The proposed floorplan includes small, medium and large meeting rooms, office space, a kitchen and bathrooms.

He said the original idea was to put the kitchen at the perimeter of the building but later the committee decided it would be better placed in the center to allow for separate windows to serve multiple functions taking place at the same time.

Due to the change in elevation on the site, there's a "great opportunity for a walkout basement," Sarisley said. The committee proposes building the basement but not finishing it initially, leaving the potential for growth at a later time. The town can determine then whether to use it for storage or additional office space.

Sarisley said committee members were trying to get together to take a field trip to visit small community centers in nearby towns and take pictures to give to the architect for ideas.

"This is by no means a final floor plan, of course," he said. "It's just an idea to save us money to go to an architect to say improve on

this and make it better."

When the drawings are completed, the committee will also get "ballpark budget costs," Sarisley said.

Sarisley said the building may not end up looking exactly as presented but will have functional and flexible rooms for a variety of activities.

"Earlier in the meeting, Mike and Cathy (Palazzi) talked about flu shots," he said. "Well, this is obviously the place where we'd be giving out flu shots, our new community center, in the future."

During the public comment portion at the beginning of the meeting, Cathy Palazzi, volunteer senior coordinator, announced that the town-wide flu clinic will take place Thursday, Oct. 14, from 2-6 p.m., in the elementary school gym. This year, unlike past years, the clinic will be open to all residents, not just seniors. She said people should bring proof of insurance and non-seniors should go "after work," leaving earlier timeslots for seniors.

Sarisley also went through some of the history of the community center project, including the proposal that was knocked down three years ago to put it in a then empty wing of the elementary school. He also said the Plan of Conservation and Development [POCD] had been referencing the idea of building a community center for decades.

"We've been planning this for 40 years," he said. "The POCD talked about such a facility to replace the over 100-year-old firehouse, the mold-infested firehouse, for 40 years."

Sarisley said the Long Term Planning Committee had selected the proposed location because a survey it put out indicated that was where residents wanted the center.

"It's a great site with great opportunities with lots of room out back," he said. "We already have the garden started in the back; you know

that's going well."

Sarisley also recommended the installation of a four-foot pathway along the edge of Route 316 from the municipal buildings to the rail trail and showed pictures of one on a road with equivalent geometry in Mansfield.

"We've got to eventually connect our current functional municipal center with our historic district," he said.

The pathway would also facilitate pedestrian travel between the municipal complex and the Museum of Andover History and Veterans Memorial Field, he said.

Sarisley said the path could be constructed without "infringing on private property" and that since it would be on a state road, the town may be able to get state funding to put it in, but would have to seek support from representatives.

"If you're Avon, if you're Wethersfield, you're going to have this built by the state," he said. "We need our representatives to back us up on this and importance, the safety, on this curve; and it's only .3 miles. We could easily do what Mansfield did."

In discussion, the board agreed it was a good idea but First Selectman Jeff Maguire said three years ago, the town had reached out to the state for funding for a walkway on 316 and did not get a favorable response. He said he would be willing to apply for a grant nonetheless.

Another concern, this one raised by Anderson, was that folks living on the road would "pushback" against the idea.

Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville said one house had been sold and the new residents were in favor of having a walkway installed.

Sarisley invited folks to attend the Community Senior Center Building Committee, meetings every second Thursday of the month, and said they are usually held in the Town Hall gazebo.

## 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 Wednesday, and lunches on Fridays. For all YAH events, call Judy Knox at 860-643-6824; for all movie information, call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057; and for all trip information, call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947.

**Flu Clinic:** Rides will be provided for the flu clinic to be held Thursday, Oct. 14, from 2-6 p.m., at the AES gym. Call Palazzi for details or a ride.

**Willimantic Shopping:** Tuesday, Sept. 28. Masks required on bus and in stores.

**Rides to Vaccines:** Anyone needing a ride

## Quilt Tickets Available

Tickets for the Andover Friends of the Library's 2021 Quilt Raffle are available at Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6. The queen-size quilt, entitled "Our Hearts Will Go On," was handmade by Friends member Jean Mamonas.

Quilt tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. The library is open Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, noon-8 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Masks are required.

The drawing will be held at the Friends' Book & Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 16. Winner need not be present.

## Senior Movies at Community Center

Senior Movies will be shown in the Andover Town Hall Community Room on Wednesdays as listed below. Showtime is at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Organizers will follow COVID-19 standards for socializing in groups. Attendees must wear a mask, and bring their own snacks and drinks. If you need a ride, call Cathy Palazzi two days in advance at 860-916-6122. The schedule is:

**Oct. 13:** *White Lies* (2013). In this film, a medicine woman is asked to hide a secret which may protect one life but which will destroy another. Rated PG, the movie runs one hour and 39 minutes.

**Nov. 10:** *The Truth About Charlie* (2002). In this remake of *Charade*, a woman returns from holiday to find her husband has been murdered, and several groups of people are pressuring her to unravel the mystery of his true identity and activities during his final days. Mark Wahlberg and Thandiwe Newton star. Rated PG-13, the movie runs one hour and 44 minutes.

to have their vaccine shot should call Palazzi. Rides will be provided.

**Masks:** Must now be worn at the town hall community room for all events. Only those who have been vaccinated should attend senior programs.

**Senior Luncheons:** Fridays, Oct. 1-22, at noon, at the Town Hall Gazebo. Call Palazzi for reservations or a ride. Lunch will be inside if too cold.

**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.

**Food Deliveries:** If you need a food delivery, let Palazzi know.

## Farmers Market Oct. 6

The next Andover Farmers Market is Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 4-7 p.m., along Route 6 at the First Congregational Church. There will be several farmers, bakers, a food truck and music for all to enjoy.

Featured entertainment is the Slug Nickel Band and the food truck is Craft Bird Food Truck. The Andover Elementary School PTA will sell flower bulbs to plant this fall.

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

The markets are held outside.

## AES PTA Yoga Fundraiser

The Andover Elementary School Parents and Teachers Association is partnering with YoNo Yoga and Meditation to hold a '50/50' yoga fundraiser.

Through Oct. 15, 50% of all 'drop in' class sales will be donated to the AES PTA. Classes are \$15 each and can be attended either via Zoom or in person at YoNo's new studio at 59 Main St., Willimantic. YoNo offers a variety of classes for all experience levels; pre-registration is required for most classes.

Visit [www.yonowillimantic.com](http://www.yonowillimantic.com) to view the monthly schedule and to register. (One of the yoga teachers is AES Spanish teacher Anna Glowacki.)

For more information, contact Meghan Lally, AES PTA secretary ([Meghan.lally@andoverpta.org](mailto:Meghan.lally@andoverpta.org)) or Angie Jacques, YoNo owner ([yonowillimantic@gmail.com](mailto:yonowillimantic@gmail.com) or 860-372-2883).

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## Driver Flees After Crash

Police said a car crash in Andover left one driver with a possible injury, while the other driver fled the scene.

The crash, which was at the intersections of routes 6 and 316, occurred last Sunday, Sept. 19 at around 5:45 p.m., police said.

According to police, a Dodge Neon SXT, driven by Carol Martin, of Columbia, was traveling east on Route 6 and turned onto

Route 316 when an older model Ford Explorer, blue or gray in color, collided with its passenger side.

The driver of the Explorer, who was described as a 20- to 30-year-old Black male, then left the scene, continuing east on Route 6, according to police. Martin was transported to Windham Hospital via ambulance, police said.

## Items Sought for Book & Bake Sale

The Andover Friends of the Library group is preparing for an outdoor Book & Bake Sale next month, and is in need of gently-used books for the sale. 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. Do not leave any items outside the library.

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.

## Five Organizations Receive Community Funds

The Andover Greater Together Community Fund has awarded its first financial grants to local nonprofit organizations that benefit Andover residents. Five grants were awarded, ranging from \$250 to \$6,000.

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving created funds in 29 Hartford-area towns with a \$100,000 grant to each community. Half of the money, \$50,000, is in the form of an endowed fund while the other half, \$50,000, is available for immediate use.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established an all-volunteer Selection Committee in 2019 which was made up of Andover residents who would form a nine-member Advisory Committee of volunteer town residents to administer the grant process and consider applications for grant funding from local nonprofits for projects that serve and benefit Andover residents.

Members of the Andover Advisory Committee were selected in the fall of 2020. They are: Roger Bristol, Marianella Chalfant (co-chair), Kirsten Erlandsen, Dianne Grenier (co-chair), Suzanne Heise, Amy March, Selena Martin, Ariel Miner and William Penn.

Applications for grants were solicited by the Advisory Committee between March until June 2021 when the review process began. The Andover Advisory Committee has announced announce the following grants were awarded:

Andover Historical Society: \$250 for the

purchase of three brass plaques to identify the historical meeting house stone, Case paper mill dam, and the Baptist Church stepping stone.

Andover SustainableCT Committee, Town of Andover: \$411 to assist in the creation of a community garden. The initial phase will have 16 beds for residents to rent. In addition, the garden will function as an outdoor classroom to demonstrate sustainable food production and gardening.

Andover Friends of the Library: \$1,082 for the creation of an outdoor space with a tent, portable PA system, stands, cables, and a microphone for outdoor programming and events.

Town of Andover, Veterans Affairs: \$3,000 to support the purchase of three flag poles for the Veterans Monument Park.

Andover PTA: \$6,000 to support the construction of an outdoor learning/community space.

The Andover Greater Together Community Advisory Committee said it is planning a second grant cycle in early 2022.

The purpose of the Greater Together Community Funds program is to support the community in taking ownership around the needs in their towns; encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town. For more information on the Andover Greater Together Community Fund, go to [www.hfpg.org/andovercf](http://www.hfpg.org/andovercf).

## Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. 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](mailto:andoverctchurch@gmail.com) or visit [www.andoverctchurch.org](http://www.andoverctchurch.org).

This Sunday, the church will continue with its series "I Love Sundays." The theme this week is "Why Sunday is Important." This will be followed by a Southern Church Lunch.

**Everyday Power Inspiration:** Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m. This is a time of encouraging one another.

**Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring

## Bingo & Baskets

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, Sept. 24, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 and includes dinner, drink, dessert and Bingo. No reservations required.

Leave a message at the church at 860-742-7696 with any questions.

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 Sept. 22.

**Foodshare Van:** Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Sept. 29.

**Prayer Requests:** Need prayer? Contact the church and leave a message.

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

## Tag Sale on Saturday

A tag sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Town Hall parking lot, to raise money for the Andover Senior Lunch Program.

## Town-Wide Flu Clinic

A town-wide flu clinic, for all residents age 3 years old and up, will be held Thursday, Oct. 14, from 2-6 p.m., at the Andover Elementary School gym. Watch the *Rivereast* for more details.

For more information, call Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122.



*They Say It's Your Birthday...* Andover Seniors Young at Heart celebrated September birthdays with cake and ice cream at the meeting Sept. 8. This was the first senior meeting held in the Town Hall community room in over a year, due to the pandemic. Pictured are George Knox and Sue Schmidt. Photo by Mary Duval.

## Waiting List for Senior Trip to Goodspeed

There is now a waiting list for the Andover Seniors' upcoming trip to the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam.

The Wednesday, Oct. 20, trip will feature lunch at the Gelston House and tickets to the Goodspeed 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.

Departure from the Old Firehouse on Center Street is promptly at 10:30 a.m. Return is approximately 5-5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$50, and does not include tips for lunch. All drinks during lunch, including coffee and tea, are additional charges. While reservations were due Sept. 1, there is currently a waiting list in case of last-minute cancellations. Call trip coordinator Georgia O'Brien at 860 742-9947 to be put on the waiting list.

The trip is open to Andover seniors who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Goodspeed requires proof of vaccination at the time of entry. Also, masks are required at all times while inside The Goodspeed, regardless of vaccination status, except when drinking in the bar area or outside areas. Call O'Brien for more information on Goodspeed's COVID-19 policy.

## CROP Walk on Oct. 3

The 30th CROP Walk, the "walk to end hunger," will take place Sunday, Oct. 3, starting and ending at The First Congregational Church of Andover, 359 Route 6.

All money raised by walkers will go to Church World Service International Hunger relief program and to local food banks or pantries.

The route follows the Hop River State Park Trail, with easy grades and a smooth walking surface. Registration is at 1:45 p.m., with walking stepping off at 2 p.m. Snacks and water will be available for walkers. All COVID-19 protocols in effect at that time will be observed. Those uncomfortable with an in-person walk can register online and participate in a walk of their choice.

The walk is sponsored jointly by the Congregational churches of Andover, Columbia and Gilead. For online registration go to [www.crop-hungerwalk.org/columbiaact](http://www.crop-hungerwalk.org/columbiaact).

Call Betsy Houle at 860-559-9718 with any questions.

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## Young at Heart Info

Andover Young at Heart will meet Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 12:30 p.m. There will be a business meeting and Bingo for those gathering, and dues of \$5 are due for each individual joining YAH.

YAH also has Goodspeed scheduled for Oct. 20 (see Georgia O'Brien) and Nov. 17 is Cracker Barrel entertainment.

On Dec. 1, there will be a Christmas gathering at Georgina's in Bolton; watch for more info.

YAH hopes for future entertainment in year 2022.

All gatherings at Town Hall will be held at the community room in Town Hall at 12:30 p.m. Remember to contact Cathy Palazzi for bus transportation at 860-916-6122, as drivers will pick you up and return you home.

Masks are to be worn.

## 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:

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# Bransfield ‘Honored’ to Meet House Speaker Pelosi

by Jack Lakowsky

Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield on Monday told the *Rivereast* that any elected official must meet with constituents, must see the neighborhoods and the people their policies affect, and to whom they owe their office.

Bransfield said Portland’s representative in DC, John Larson (D-1), has visited the town in the past. Most recently, in June, Larson met with town officials to discuss the town’s ongoing water infrastructure problems.

Bransfield said infrastructure has long been a focus of Larson’s.

Earlier this month, Larson invited Bransfield to attend a discussion about expanded Federal Child Tax Credits, one attended by Speaker of the House of Representative Nancy Pelosi. Bransfield had a chance to meet Pelosi and ask a few questions.

The increased child tax credits are a part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal stimulus package, passed by the national legislature in March.

According to CNBC, millions of American families with kids have received monthly payments since July, totaling \$45 billion.

For families who didn’t get checks automatically, likely because they don’t normally file a tax return, the IRS non-filer portal will be open through Oct. 15, according to the agency.

The ARP expanded the existing child tax credit, adding advance monthly payments and raising the benefit from \$2,000 to \$3,000, with a \$600 bonus of kids under six years of age, all for the 2021 tax year, CNBC wrote.

In coverage of Pelosi’s visit and press conference, WTNH-TV reported that Carmen Rodriguez, a grandmother of nine in Hartford, said the money will allow kids to

be better educated and “catch them up to the times.”

Rodriguez is just one of thousands in the state benefiting from the tax credit, WTNH reported.

Bransfield said Pelosi’s visit was kept low-key for security reasons. Only 50 officials from the state – mayors, selectmen and selectwomen, councilors – were in attendance at the event, which was held at Goodwin College in East Hartford.

Of the tax credit, Bransfield said it’s an effort to help lower and middle-class individuals.

“It was a lovely day,” said Bransfield. “It’s very important for our elected officials to come and be among us.”

Bransfield said she met the Speaker four years ago at an event in Hartford.

The first selectwoman said Pelosi is “very down to earth,” and that “you can tell she’s listening.”

Bransfield said in both events, Pelosi emphasized the need for more women to run for elected office.

At the Goodwin event, Gov. Ned Lamont said in Connecticut, more women are collecting unemployment than men, and that government must make it easier for everybody to get back to work.

Pelosi said four million women lost jobs as a result of the pandemic, and two million are still unemployed.

Bransfield said Pelosi readily answered questions.

“She discussed how important it is for women to know they have a responsibility to run for office and then represent the needs of all constituents,” said Bransfield, saying women are sometimes discouraged from running due to the extra barriers a non-cisgender male gender identity puts in their path.

Of meeting with national lawmakers, Bransfield said “it’s my responsibility to represent the town of Portland with our elected officials.”



In a Sept. 8 conference at Goodwin College in East Hartford, Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield shook hands with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), the third-highest office holder in the land.

## Electric Car Show is Saturday

The East Hampton and Portland clean energy task forces will hold the third annual Electric Car Show Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon-3 p.m. at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St., East Hampton. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 26.

The event will showcase electric, hybrid, and alternative fuel cars from private owners and various dealerships.

The clean energy task forces are inviting any residents who own any electric, hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle to show off their clean energy machine as well. There is no registration fee. Owners that want to showcase their electric and hybrid cars can simply show up before the show commences and be included in the display area. Other electric vehicles are welcome as well – bikes, scooters or anything that moves.

Registration is also open, at no charge, to any town groups, non-profits, associations or clubs interested in using less fossil fuel for vehicles. There will be music and food as well.

Booth registration forms can be found by emailing the East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force at ehctef@gmail.com.

## Annual Cemetery Meeting

The annual meeting of The Portland Burying Ground Association (Center Cemetery) will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the home of Peggy Tierney, 22 Rogers Rd., at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in the cemetery is invited to attend.

For more information, call 860-342-1095.

## Travel Basketball Registration Open

The Portland CT Travel Basketball Club (PTBC) has opened registration for tryouts/evaluations for the 2021-22 season for girls and boys in grades 4-8.

Registration is open to all boys and girls in Portland, including those who have never played on a travel team before. To register, visit [www.portlandcttravelbasketball.com](http://www.portlandcttravelbasketball.com) and click on the registration button.

Registration will close Oct. 7. See the website for additional details or email Jon Daggett at [daggett22@comcast.net](mailto:daggett22@comcast.net).

## Portland Joins International Walk to School Day

Portland will join communities from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 6 (rain date Oct. 7).

This annual event is intended to help create safer routes for walking and emphasize the importance of issues such as physical activity, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment, and building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

The Complete Streets Group of Portland, with support from Portland schools and the Brownstone Intermediate PTO, is sponsoring two Walk to School Day events this year. One walk is for the Portland high and middle schools, and the other is for Brownstone Intermediate School. Students, school officials, fam-

ilies, local leaders and community members are invited to participate. COVID-19 safety precautions will be observed.

On Oct. 6, high and middle school walkers will gather at Town Hall at 6:45 a.m., with the walk beginning at 7 a.m. Check-in for Brownstone Intermediate School (BIS) will begin at the St. Mary Church parking lot at 7:45 a.m., with the walk beginning at 8 a.m. Permission slips for student participation and request for adult volunteers will be sent home to BIS families next week. The Portland Police Department will provide a police escort for both walks.

For more information, contact Complete Streets Group member Deb Rooth at [ccrooth@snet.net](mailto:ccrooth@snet.net), or PTO contact Heather Guilmette at [latinalloyd@hotmail.com](mailto:latinalloyd@hotmail.com).

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## 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.

**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 requested items continues; call the library, or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available.

**Youth Programs: Fall Storytimes:** Weekly storytimes will be held outdoors by the gazebo on the Town Green. All are invited for some singing, counting rhymes, stories and more. A take-home craft will be provided at the end of the program. Registration is required. In case of inclement weather, the program will be canceled and participants will be notified. Program dates are times are: Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5): Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. through Oct. 26; Toddlers and Tots (ages 0-2): Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. through Oct. 27.

**Storywalk:** September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Follow the storyboards along the library's sidewalk near the playscape to read *Lola at the Library* and then visit the library to sign up for your own library card.

## Sidewalk Replacement Info

The Public Works Department has announced the final phase of its town sidewalk project – the Fairview Street/East Main Street Sidewalk Replacement – will begin during October.

Sidewalks will be replaced from Foley Road east to High Street, including a small section of East Main Street IFO # 39 & 43. A full-length sidewalk including improvements to driveway aprons and curbing will be installed.

Please note that while construction is underway there will be debris and uneven ground. The area that has been marked "closed" should be avoided at all times. You may also see extra vehicles and contractors in this area between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Pedestrians walking in these areas will be guided through the area by the contractor.

Motorists are asked to use caution when driving on Fairview and East Main streets, or crossing into any roads or driveways.

For more information, call Public Works at 860-342-6733.

## Second-Hand Prose Book Shop

The Friends of the Portland Library group has a large assortment of puzzles, DVDs and cookbooks as well as fiction, romance, teen and children's used books in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop at the Portland Library 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 for \$1 each. Purchase a bag to show your support for Connecticut Libraries and reduce your use of plastic bags. See a sample at the front desk and purchase them from the library staff.

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.

Visit [www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org](http://www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org) for more information or email questions to [friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com).

**Family Craft Night: Painted Pumpkins for the Fair:** Wednesday, Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m. Even though the Portland Fair has been canceled for 2021, kids of all ages are still invited to come participate in painting pumpkins. Participants meet by the flagpole across from the library. Pumpkins can be taken home that night or picked up at a later date. Pumpkins and paint will be supplied. A parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. Registration is required.

**Adult Programs: Social Security Planning Workshop:** Monday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room. Tyler Boling, AIF, AAMS, CRPC from FinLit Wealth, will discuss what you need to know to make the most out of your retirement benefits. Masks and social distancing required. Registration required; space is limited.

**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.

**Book Club: T.A.B. (Talk About Books):** Thursday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m. *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn will be discussed.

**Portland Forum:** Thursday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m., at the library. 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.

## Fire Calls

From Sept. 12-18, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 39 calls: 30 emergency medical calls, seven fire-related calls, and two motor vehicle crashes (both single-car crashes). Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, three; smoke investigation, one; gas leak, one; outside fire, one; search and rescue, one.

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

CHFD provided mutual aid once, to Hebron, and received it six times: three times from Gardner Lake and once each from Salem, Hebron and Bozrah.

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

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



**Down on the Farm...** Sept. 13-17 was "Farm Week" in Portland. To kick off the harvest season and to bring attention to the agricultural sector in the business community, 2021 Connecticut Mrs. Agriculture, Danielle Shapiro, visited four Portland farms: Gotta's Farm & Cider Mill, Fire Ring Farm, Hubbard Farmstead and Penfield Farm. Shapiro is visiting farms in each of Connecticut's 169 towns. The Miss Agriculture USA Program "AGvocates" work to provide a voice for agriculture and its importance to our communities." Here she is pictured at Penfield Farm on Ames Hollow Road.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection event Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region which includes East Hampton and Portland. No commercial or business waste allowed.

Visit [rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste](http://rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste) to learn more.

## Methodist Church News

Portland United Methodist Church, located at 381 Main St., holds in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. All are invited. Masks required for those not fully vaccinated.

## Resident on Cross-Country Team

Eleven student-athletes are competing on Eastern Connecticut State University's women's cross-country team this fall 2021 season. Among the athletes is first-year student Julia Berthiaume of Portland, who majors in health sciences.



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### New Administrator for YFS

Portland Youth & Family Services is welcoming Jesse Revicki as its next administrator. Revicki grew up and went to school in town and brings with him over a decade of experience working with adults and youth in the criminal justice system. YFS is working on some new projects and will also be bringing back some old favorites. Call YFS at 860-342-6758 for more information on – or if interested in serving on – the Youth Services Advisory Board, the Juvenile Review Board, or Portland’s Local

Prevention Council. There will be a survey later this year, so YFS can learn more about what Portland needs and wants. **Save the Date:** On Saturday Oct. 23, at 11 a.m., there will be a Howl-o-ween Pet Costume Parade on the Town Green by the gazebo. This will be followed at 12:30 p.m. by the Portland’s Little Pumpkins youth costume parade and pumpkin decorating, also on the Town Green. For more information, call YFS at 860-342-6758.

### Trinity Concert Series to Benefit Food Bank

Trinity Episcopal Church is hosting two more concerts this fall in its “Vital Connections Through Music” series, to benefit Portland Food Bank. Concerts will be at 4 p.m. Sundays, with a suggested donation of \$15. The schedule is: **Oct. 17: The Promise is Hope:** This is a collaborative indie-folk project of Ash and Eric L’Esperance. For more information, visit [www.thepromiseishope.com](http://www.thepromiseishope.com). **Nov. 21: Sarah Browne:** A singer-songwriter

based in New York, Browne uses her music to spread awareness about Friedreich’s Ataxia, a rare genetic disease that took the life of her cousin. Trinity Church is located at 345 Main St., Portland. The church is handicapped-accessible. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. Call the church office for more information at 860-342-0458 or email [trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com).

### 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 a.m.-noon. Unless noted, the following programs are being offered at the center. To register, call 860-342-6760. **Weekly Programs: Light Aerobics:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Stretch & Flex:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Mahjongg:** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. **Bocce:** Played at the Route 17 Complex on Wednesdays at 10:30, weather permitting, call the center that morning if you intend to play. **Knit & Stitch:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. **Setback:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; **Scrabble:** Thursdays, 1 p.m. **Watercolor Lessons with Bivenne Staiger:** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Email [bivenne@yahoo.com](mailto:bivenne@yahoo.com) for full details for the six-week session. **Syncocize Exercise:** Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Fee is \$5 per class or you may use the tip jar if you cannot pay the \$5. **Crafting with Tracy:** Monday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. Seashell wreaths will be crafted. Call the center in advance to sign up. **Coupons for Troops:** Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. Cut manufacturer’s coupons to be donated to military families. Coupons – up to six months past their expiration date – can also be dropped off at the center Monday through Friday, by calling 860-342-6760. **Bears on a Journey Group:** Meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to make teddy bears for cancer patients. The group is in need of a variety of tasks, such as sewers, cutters, stuffers and more. Every few months, the group then travels to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center to deliver the bears. **Social Duplicate Bridge:** Second and fourth Fridays of each month. Call the center if inter-

ested. **Tai Chi with Tom Cushing:** A new eight-week session of Zoom Tai Chi & Qigong for Seniors will begin Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 10:30-11 a.m. Fee is \$40, payable to the senior center. **Van Trip:** A shopping trip to Evergreen Walk in Manchester is planned for Thursday, Oct. 7, departing the center at 10:30 a.m. After shopping lunch, is on your own at one of the plaza’s restaurants. Transportation fee is \$5. **Flu Clinic:** The Chatham Health District will hold a Flu Clinic in the Mary Lou Rice Room at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m.-noon. Call the center to schedule an appointment. **Cans-4-A-Cause:** Cans and bottles for this project may be dropped off at the center Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the side entrance at the top of the steps. For more information, call the center or email Jeff directly at [myjakjeff@gmail.com](mailto:myjakjeff@gmail.com). **Medical Rides:** The center is providing seniors and disabled with rides to the doctor. Fee is \$5 per person. Try to give a two-week notice for a ride. Masks are required. **Foot Care:** Offered at the center the fourth Tuesday of each month. Appointments are available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; call the center to make one. Fee is \$35, cash or check. **Free Hearing Screening:** Second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the upstairs Multipurpose Room. No registration is necessary. **Hair by Alexa:** Men’s and women’s haircuts and styling at the senior center. Call the center for an appointment at 860-342-6760. **Therapeutic Massage:** Appointments are offered at the center. Call 860-301-6507 for full details.



**Scoutmasters Recognized...** Portland Boy Scout Troop 2 Scoutmaster Michael Tierney, and Assistant Scoutmaster Patrick Tierney were each recently recognized by the Connecticut Rivers Council with the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Award recognizes registered adult scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council. Approximately 10-12 people are recognized with the award annually by each council. The presentation of the 2020 and 2021 class of Silver Beaver recipients was made recently at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford. Patrick Tierney received his award for 2021, and Michael Tierney was presented this award for 2020. In addition to their work within the Portland Troop for almost two decades, the Tierneys both have served as advisors in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting’s Honor society for over 15 years. Both are also Eagle Scouts and earned their Eagle in the troop they now serve as leaders for.

### Youth Soccer Recap

The Portland Soccer Club travel teams were in action last weekend. Here are some highlights: **The Portland Panthers, U12/U13,** went 1-1 last weekend, losing to Rocky Hill on Friday night and gaining a league win against Glastonbury on Sunday. On Friday, goals from Blake Harlow and Cameron Szymaszek helped to keep the game close at 2-2 until the visitors ultimately prevailed with a 5-2 victory. Shane Guilmette and Jason Revicki did a “great job in net” for the Panthers. On Sunday, Portland scored six goals on a combination of efforts from Chad Gatto, Luke Thompson and Blake Harlow. The Panthers controlled the game from start to finish with solid passing and great speed from the whole team. Giancarlo Mendez, Shane Guilmette, Jason Revicki and Karly Cruz did well on defense, and Andrew Fischer and Miles Matterfis were strong in net, surrendering only two goals. **The Red Crush, U11 Boys Travel Soccer Team,** posted a 2-0 record last weekend, hosting Cromwell on Saturday and traveling to Suffield on Sunday. The team pushed themselves to the limit on Saturday in a back-and-forth match versus their cross-river rivals, prevailing 3-2. Cooper Vardon and Sam Wilson made many critical saves in net to prevent Cromwell from scoring further, after two first half goals. Luke Lawrence’s two goals, including the game winner late in the second half, helped the Red Crush seal the victory. Defensive contributions from Ryan Mendes, Liam Russell, Mason Richey, and Leo Dean, who also tallied a goal

with a well-placed shot on a 2-on-1 breakaway to tie the score 2-2, helped to stymie the Cromwell offense. Liam Witschy and Raul Cornejo Jr. consistently found ways to force turnovers and stuff many advances. Coaches highlighted Tyler Fournier’s skilled ball distribution to the likes of Ryan Quinn and Jackson Vodola as key in keeping the Cromwell defense on their heels. Against Suffield on Sunday, the Red Crush won 6-1. Ryan Quinn and Luke Lawrence (4 goals) capitalized on scoring opportunities thanks to Genny Christensen and Aeryn Hall’s effective field awareness and timely passing, while Jackson Vodola calmly drilled a second-half penalty kick into the back of the net to round out the scoring. On defense, Ryan Mendes, Liam Witschy, Liam Russell and Raul Cornejo Jr. held their ground throughout the game. Red Crush goal-keepers Nathan Clark and Mason Richey made challenging saves to backstop the victory. **The Portland U10 Boys team, Thunder Force,** is off to a strong start with a record of 3 wins and 2 losses, most recently winning a close match on the road in Plainville Friday night and falling short against their league opponent Enfield on Sunday. The team has seen a balanced attack with eight different goal scorers on the season: Austin Liseo (3), Bentley DeDominicis (3), Griffin Poach (1), Jonah King (1), Leo Dean (3), Sam Wilson (6), Theo Arnold (3) and Zackary Robare (2). The team posted two victories the week prior against Coginchaug and Wethersfield, with the offense leading the charge with 13 total goals. Coaches praised Easton Yardis, Timmy Bolstridge and Zach Barr for solid goaltending in support of the team’s defense.

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### Trinity Episcopal Church News

This Sunday, Sept. 26, Trinity Episcopal Church will be celebrating at the Methodist Church at 381 Main St., Portland, at 9 a.m. Other Sundays, worship is at 9:30 a.m. at the church, 345 Main St.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, there will be a Blessing of the Animals service outdoors at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to bring their leashed pets for a blessing. Attendees should bring their own chairs. Email [trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com) or call 860-342-0458 for more information.

Sunday School is back in session and is held during each Sunday's church service. Children ages 4-12, baptized and unbaptized, are wel-

come to attend Church School. Lessons and activities are aimed at encouraging the children to think outside of themselves and about the community at large.

Masks are required for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, while inside the church. More information is at [trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://trinitychurchportlandct.org).

The church is open for prayer and meditation on Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

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

### Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

**Tai Chi for Long Life:** At Riverfront Park Saturday, 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-6. The program is based at Brownstone Intermediate School. Applications are at [portland.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.com). For more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

**GG Leagues:** Parks and Rec. is offering esports. Participants will Portland and face off with competitors from surrounding towns. There are leagues for Fortnite, Rocket League, Super Smash Bros. and more. Check the Parks and Rec. website for more information.

**Jr Golf Workshop with Gerry D'Amora:**

This workshop is designed to acquaint participants with the game of golf. The daily schedule includes demonstrations, learning the rules of golf, golf skills & techniques, learning the short game (putting and chipping), golf etiquette, and a chance to walk and play Portland's Executive Course, Portland West. Registration is open for Fall Clinics that begin Oct. 5.

**Zumba:** Wednesdays, Oct. 27-Dec. 22 (no class Nov. 24), 6-7 p.m., at Valley View School gym. Fee: \$64 for the eight-week session/\$10 drop-in.

**Virtual Paint Nights:** Monthly virtual paint nights with Abrakadoodle. The first is from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. Register online for \$25. All supplies included.

**"Come on Over" – 18th Annual 5K Run/2.1 Mile Walk:** This year's event will take place at Riverfront Park on Oct. 30. For more information, or to register, check the website.



Sal "Tootie" Pitruzzello in front of his restored 1946 Mack fire truck. **Knights of Columbus Car Show Tonight**

The Portland Knights of Columbus Car Show will take place Friday, Sept. 24, starting at 3 p.m., at St. Mary Church on Freestone Avenue. This year, the show is dedicated to Sal "Tootie" Pitruzzello.

All are invited. There will be several car categories, from antiques to street rods; a raffle featuring signed items from NASCAR

champion Joey Logano; and food by Duke's Delish and the Knights Kitchen.

The show opens at 3 p.m., and there will be an awards presentation at 7:30 p.m.

The proceeds from the car show go to the funding the Knights' annual scholarships, the Portland Food Bank and several other local charities.

### Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., will kick off its new year of Sunday School and Confirmation classes on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 9 a.m., with a special youth-oriented church service by Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan. Registration and a meet-and-greet activity will follow. All interested families are invited.

Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be held on the first and third Sunday of each month, from 10:15-11 a.m. in person or, if circumstances necessitate, online via email. Confirmation classes might take place at alternate times during the month to best accommodate the schedules of older students as well as the pastor.

There are many special things planned for this year's curriculum of Christian instruction, the church said. To register your child, call the church at 860-342-2860, or for more information, call Sylvia LeShane, Sunday School Director, at 860-342-0658.

Adult Bible Study will begin Oct. 10 and will continue on the second and fourth Sundays in

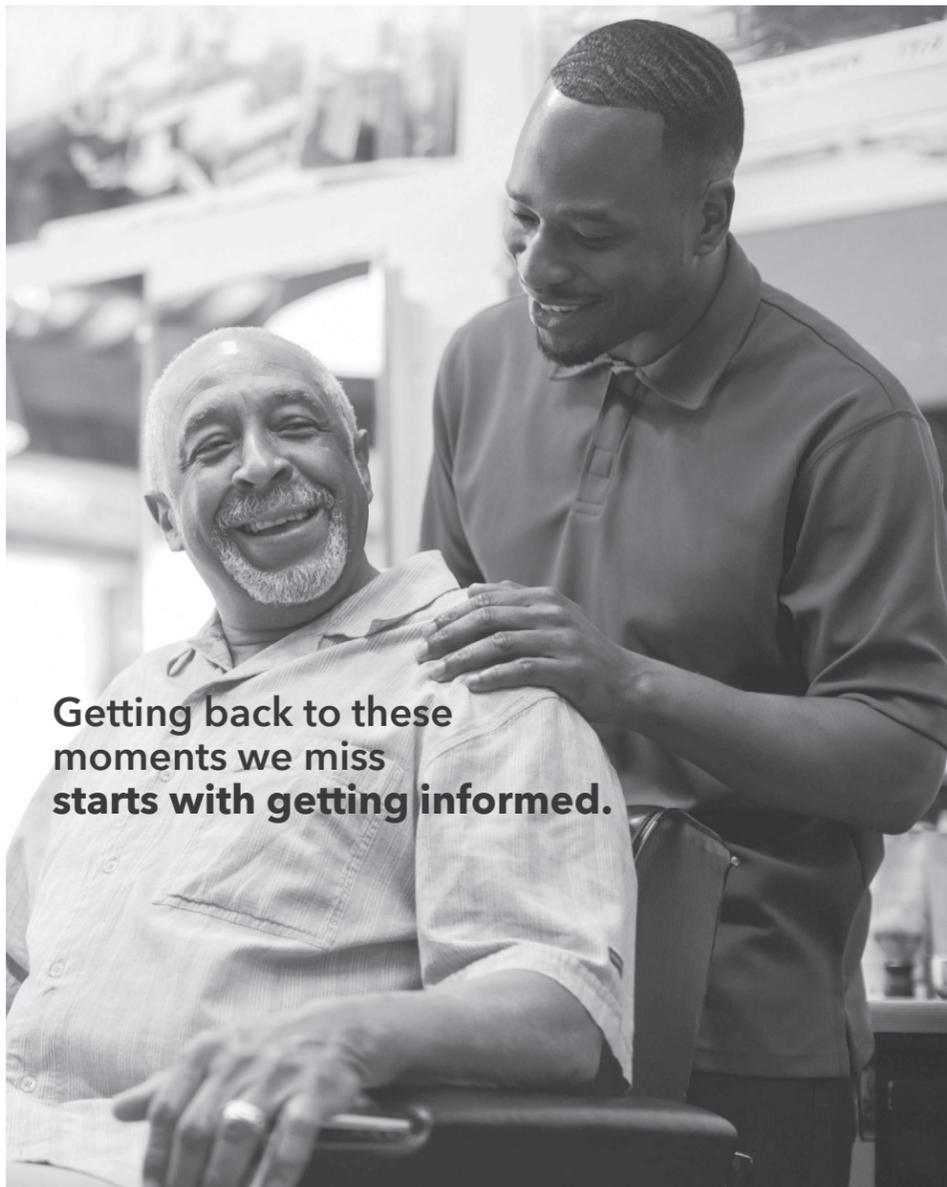
October, November, January and February. The focus of this study will be season 1 of the series *The Chosen*, using the book *What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?* The book will be used as a guide for biblical study, reflection and conversation about our faith. Participants will be asked to view the episode at home prior to the day of study. The cost for the study guide is \$15.

Zion Lutheran Church holds Sunday worship services with Holy Communion in-person at 9 a.m. each week. The church follows CDC recommendations with masks required for all throughout the church. Vaccinated participants may remove their masks once they are seated.

For those who prefer virtual services, a recording of the service will be posted on YouTube by 9 a.m. the following Monday morning.

The community is welcome to participate in all worship services and special events.

For more information about any church activities, or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email [zion.lutheran@snet.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@snet.net) or visit [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org).



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### History Trail Workshop

All are invited to join the Brownstone Quorum Monday Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., for an interactive evening at the Riverfront Park pavilion. Using maps of Portland's Main Street, quarries and riverfront, participants will brainstorm topics, designs and locations for future interpretive areas.

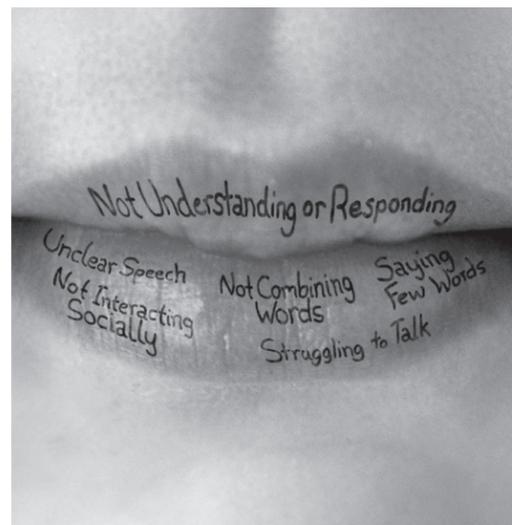
The evening will feature two guest facilitators, Bob McDougall of the Portland Historical Society, and John Dillion, who has maintained photos and documents about the quarry industry.

The Quorum has been supporting this concept for over 20 years, beginning with the development of the Arch Pavilion on Main Street, as well as the setting for the National Historic Landmark plaque on Brownstone Avenue. Working with the town and develop-

ers, they ensured that a view over the quarries from Silver Street remained accessible for the public. Today, a new 'museum space' is taking shape in the park featuring several artifacts.

An optional walking tour of the loop along Middlesex Avenue, Main Street, Silver Street and Brownstone Avenue will begin at 5:30 p.m., leaving from the Riverfront Park parking area; all are invited to join. The 'brainstorming' event will start promptly at 7 p.m. at the pavilion. No rain date is scheduled, so in case of inclement weather, check the Quorum Facebook page.

Residents are encouraged to bring their own ideas, artifacts or images to share, and become part of Portland's History Trail development.



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### 4th Friday @ the Arts Café

The Marlborough Arts Center's 4th Friday @ the Arts Cafe opens the season tonight Friday, Sept. 24, with Marlborough-based musical group Seat of Our Pants (SOOP) at 231 North Main St. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., but doors open at 7. Admission is \$10 per person. There is on-site parking and the center is fully accessible.

SOOP features Mike Frantzen on fiddle, Mark Hall on Cajon/cowbell/percussion, Jeff Gorman on bass, and Carolyn Brodginiski on vocals and whichever stringed instruments she decides to bring along for the night. Seat of Our Pants is an acoustic folk/blues/blue-

grass/country/old time/rock quartet that plays throughout the state. For more information on the band, visit seatofourpantsmusic.com.

The Marlborough Arts Center is a nonprofit regional center for the fine arts, performing arts, and fine crafts. The center is following CDC and state guidelines for indoor events. For this concert, chairs will be set up to maintain social distancing. All attendees should wear masks and are asked not to bring any wine, food or other drinks. However, they can come early to tailgate in the parking lot or have a picnic on the lawn.

### 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 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).

### Lions to Hold 'Masquerade 5K'

The Marlborough Lions Club will hold its annual Masquerade 5K Road Race Sunday Oct. 31, starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. This 5K will feature runners in costume and will follow the same course around Lake Terramuggus as the Lions' Memorial Day weekend race. The race will utilize electronic timing with computerized race results and the course is now a certified 5K.

Entry fee is \$20 for pre-registration by Oct. 16 and \$25 thereafter. Shirts will be provided to those who pre-register by Oct. 16. There is also a \$50 package price for families participating in the race. Due to COVID-19 issues there will not be any same day registrations and all runners need to be registered by the day before the race. Runners will start near the entrance to

Blish Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course which circles Lake Terramuggus.

The Lions Club supports programs that address various issues including blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness in addition to supporting local organizations such as the Marlborough Food and Fuel Banks.

To register or for more information, call Lion Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or Jean Paul Bolduc at 860-295-9150. Email Tom Reiser at TGReiser@comcast.net. Registration forms are also available in Marlborough and at various other locations including Liberty Bank and you can also register online at [www.plattsys.com](http://www.plattsys.com) or [www.hitekcracing.com/calendar](http://www.hitekcracing.com/calendar).

### Lions to Raffle Generator

The Marlborough Lions Club is raffling off an 8,000-watt Generac portable generator with a retail value of \$1,100. The generator has features such as a pushbutton electric start with trickle charger, hours counter and 120V/240V outlets.

The winner of the raffle will also receive the services of an electrician to install a circuit breaker panel interlock and the cabling needed

to hook up the generator with a value not to exceed \$1,000. Raffle tickets are only \$20 each. The drawing will take place during the Lions' Fall Masquerade 5K on Oct. 31. Ticket sales will continue until that event.

For tickets, call Lions President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537, Secretary Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or Treasurer Jean-Paul Bolduc at 860-798-2054.

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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.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The **book drop** is open for returns. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

**Donations Needed:** The library is currently accepting donations of new and used puzzles and books for an upcoming sale (with all proceeds directly benefiting the library). Puzzles must contain all of their pieces. Textbooks, magazines and VHS tapes will not be accepted and materials must be in good shape.

**September StoryWalk:** This month's StoryWalk celebrates the start of school and as well as Library Card Sign-Up Month, which is September. *I Got the Rhythm*, by Connie Schofield-Morrison and award-winning illustrator Frank Morrison, is this month's book. Kids are invited to clap along with oil-on-canvas illustrations.

**Bring the Hoopla:** Celebrate the 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) Saturday, Sept. 25, at noon. Best suited for ages 3 and up.

**History of the Franklin Park Conserva-**

### Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday in-person worship at the Congregational Church of Marlborough, United Church of Christ, 35 South Main St., is at 10 a.m. Churchgoers are asked to wear a mask. The worship service is also livestreamed at [mcc.marlbconchurch.org](http://mcc.marlbconchurch.org) for those unable to attend in person.

Sept. 26 is Harvest Sunday. All are invited to bring fresh produce from their gardens, orchards or from the local supermarket. The fruits and vegetables will be delivered later that day to the Marlborough Food Bank. The sermon is titled "A Dialogue with Pastor Bob and Pastoral Intern Val Seaver" based on selected scripture from Luke, James, Isaiah, and first John.

Faith Formation Study Group: Meets Thursdays, upstairs in the lounge, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Mission Support in September: 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 open from 9 a.m.-noon every Saturday through Dec. 18. Shelves and tables are restocked ev-

**tory and Botanical Gardens:** Learn about the history of the organization and discover some of its offerings in a virtual program held Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. To register, email [richmondprograms@gmail.com](mailto:richmondprograms@gmail.com).

**Tiny Terror-iums Take and Make:** Beginning Friday, Oct. 1, families, teens and children over the age of 3 can request a Tiny Terror-ium Take and Make Kit. The library will supply a container and all the supplies needed to create a Halloween display. Available while supplies last.

**Medicare Updates, Changes and Benefits for 2021:** This virtual program, held via Zoom Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m., will explore the latest updates to Medicare. Discussed will be the differences between original Medicare, Medicare supplements, Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans. The state assistance qualifications for the Medicare Saving Program will be covered, and there will also be a review of how the Part D coverage gap or doughnut hole works and how the Insulin Saving Program can impact one's annual drug cost. Email [richmondprograms@gmail.com](mailto:richmondprograms@gmail.com) to register.

**Outdoor Flu Clinic:** Chatham Health will return to the library for its annual flu vaccination clinic on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 4-6 p.m. This year the clinic will be conducted outdoors. Bring your insurance card and fee (if applicable). Facemasks and social distancing are required. Vaccines are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Congregational Church News & Notes

ery week with new items. Fall and holiday merchandise is now featured along with name-brand jewelry and handbags, infants and children, cookware and more. Masks required. Second Blessings accepts donations during shopping hours. The shop sells year-round on eBay at [bit.ly/MCCebay](http://bit.ly/MCCebay).

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, call the church office at 860-295-9050 or Pastor Bob Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432.

### Congregational Church Golf Classic

This year's Marlborough Congregational Church Golf Classic to be held at Blackledge Country Club Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The event is open to all golfers. Cost is \$140 and includes lunch, 18 holes golf with cart, dinner, and prizes.

If interested or more information, contact the church office at 860-295-9050 or [office@marlbconchurch.org](mailto:office@marlbconchurch.org).



**Diverse Democrats...** Marlborough's slate of local Democratic candidates include Democrats as well as unaffiliated candidates. They have diverse backgrounds, including: teacher, school principal, superintendent of schools, pharmacist, nurse, software engineer, physical therapist, Microsoft team manager, photographer, financial advisor/broker, bursar at Wesleyan, leadership management facilitator, brownfield program manager, mortgage broker, leadership program developer, small business owner, builder/contractor, senior IT director, geologist, computer specialist, instructional designer and musical theater director. Election Day is Nov. 2.

### Senior Center News and Notes

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

**Transportation:** Transportation to the senior center, shopping, medical and non-medical appointments will be offered each day from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 36-hour advance reservation. Masks are required as well as appropriate distancing.

The **Food Bank** is located at 3 Willhenger 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.

### Cornhole Tournament

The Marlborough Lions Club will hold a Cornhole Tournament Saturday, Oct. 2, starting at 2 p.m., at Blish Park. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 3. The tournament is open to all ages and the winner will take home a set of cornhole boards.

For more information, call Marlborough Lions President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537.

### Annual Fall Tag Sale

The annual fall tag sale at the Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 South Main St., will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Great Hall will be filled with household items, linens, drapes and curtains, vintage, toys and games, collectibles, framed artwork, electronics, small appliances, clothing, jewelry and more. Selected items from Second Blessings Thrift Shop will be found among the vast array of goods offered for sale.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop, located in rooms near the tag sale, will be open for sales and donations from 9 a.m. to noon. Wear a mask when indoors.

### Lions Have Signs Available

The Marlborough Lions Club has "Be Kind" and "Peace on Earth" signs available for \$10 each. They can be purchased by calling Marlborough Lions Club President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537 or Lion Club Treasurer Jean Paul Bolduc at 860-798-2054.

Those interested can also visit the Marlborough Lions Club Facebook page to learn more about the signs as well as for more information about the Lions Club's services and activities.

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stood animals on our planet. They are key to the health of diverse ecosystems and economies world-wide, and therefore vital to human health. Many species of plants, including fruits and vegetables, would not exist if not for pollination, insect control and seed dispersal provided by bats.

Last week I submitted a letter in an effort to stop the current assault against bats due to the misinformation about the spread of COVID-19. With Halloween just around the corner, and its association with bats, I believe it's the perfect time to do a weekly series about bats. I'll start with basic bat facts and elaborate from there.

**Bats 101:** Bats are not blind, but many kinds use bio-sonar (echolocation) to hunt and navigate in the dark. A bat won't get tangled in your hair. Bats are not flying mice – they belong to the order chiroptera, which means hand-wing. Bats are more closely related to primates, including humans. The skeletal structure of a bat's arm and hand are the same as that of a human, with some modifications to allow for flight. Bats are not aggressive or vicious. The vast majority of bats don't have rabies. Vampire bats don't "suck" blood.

In the upcoming weeks I'll discuss the above topics in more detail.

Thanks,

**Maureen Heidtmann – East Hampton**

### Shame on the Rivereast

To the Editor:

Shame on the *Rivereast* for publishing a frontpage article portraying captive tigers as cuddly house pets. These majestic wild creatures are sentenced to life behind bars to serve man's need to dominate; it's abusive indifference to the true nature of these sentient beings. The suggestion that rewarding their performance of unnatural acts with treats is somehow kindness is ludicrous and certainly no substitute for denying wild animals of the life they were intended to live. The message that this exploitation is acceptable because it's four generations in the making shows a regressive mentality.

Shame, Shame, Shame!

**Katherine Throckmorton  
Middle Haddam**

### Proud to Run

To the Editor:

My husband and I are proud to be residents in East Hampton for over 50 years. We raised our children here and both of us have been honored to serve on boards and committees, working with other volunteers who are also dedicated to this town and its residents.

In addition to my years of service on the Board of Finance and Town Council, I also volunteer on the Ambulance Board and the East Hampton Prevention Partnership. All of these groups have something in common: the well-being of our friends and neighbors.

It is my first priority to make decisions that will improve our residents' daily life as far as comfort and happiness. I strive to make choices that will help and guide our residents as they live, work and play in East Hampton.

It is also my priority to have a strong connection with our Board of Education and Board of Finance. Together, the three major boards will continue to work and make decisions that benefit our residents.

Our Democratic candidates care about our community and pledge to serve it in a positive

way. Many of our candidates now serve on other important groups in our community...VFW, Rotary, Economic Development Commission, Flags Over East Hampton, The Goff House, American Legion, Ambulance Association, Prevention Partnership, Friends of the Lake and more.

Keep in touch with your Democratic candidates, knowing that we will help and serve you in the future.

Respectfully,

**Barbara Moore – East Hampton**

*Note: Moore is a candidate for reelection for East Hampton Town Council.*

### Leaders You Can Count On

To the Editor:

I would like to encourage all Portland residents to learn about and give their support to the fantastic slate of candidates that the Portland Democrats have put forward for upcoming elections on Nov. 2. Led by first selectman candidate Jim Tripp, whose experience and integrity are unmatched, this team of wonderful individuals has a breadth of knowledge and care for the community that is second to none. I have full confidence that they will work around the clock for our amazing community and continue to guide Portland into the successful future we all wish for in this place we call home.

I would also like to give a special shoutout to my wife, Katelynn Puorro, who is running for a seat on the Board of Education. Katelynn will make a positive impact on the community in which we have decided to raise our family and she would be a brilliant advocate for students, parents, and staff. I have no doubt, and you shouldn't either, that Katelynn will work tirelessly to ensure a brighter future for our schools. She holds multiple degrees and licensure in social work and currently works as the administrator for the entire youth services department of a neighboring town. She has dedicated her life and career to making sure that young people receive the opportunities they deserve and are put in the best position for successful outcomes. Believe me when I say that Portland has the opportunity to elect a fearless leader for our youth. I hope she and all of Row A can count on your support come November!

For more information about these candidates, visit [www.portlandctdtc.com/candidates](http://www.portlandctdtc.com/candidates)

All the best,

**Anthony Puorro – Portland**

### Greenwash

To the Editor:

Ahh Hebron, this story just keeps getting better all the time. In fact, I don't think writers Mike Judge or the Coen brothers could have written a better script.

At the present time, the town manager and BOS are involved in gallantly spearheading an industrial development on 88 acres of wet farmland in the middle of town. A development that runs the risk of polluting ground waters, causing traffic problems and will change the rural charm of several residential neighborhoods forever.

Meanwhile, Town Manager Andrew Tierney was recently quoted in *Hebron Views* as saying:

"Hebron continues to be a great place to live and work. We are fortunate for our parks, airline trail and open space that gives us our rural character. Another wonderful asset is our school system that attracts many people to relocate

here. Rolling hills, farmlands, and two beautiful golf courses are just a few more attributes that make this a wonderful part of Tolland County."

Now residents live in a state of confusion. What does this town really stand for? If we truly care about open space and rural character, why are we allowing the BOS to put a risky development in on Kinney Road? Wouldn't it be better to keep it working farmland and open space with walking trails?

As doubt about this project grows, residents realize the land and in question sits only 50 feet up from their well-loved nature preserve. What motives lie beneath the surface?

Stay tuned, because, as residents watch the rural charm of their town begin to slip away, so does their confidence in the BOS.

"If you don't stand for anything, you stand for nothing." The Dude.

**Jean Tulimieri – Amston**

### We'll See You There!

To the Editor:

The Hebron Republican Town Committee invites you to our next meeting via Zoom on Monday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Election season is here. Please join us and connect with local Republicans running to keep Hebron the amazing community we all know and love. For meeting log-on information please email [HebronRepublicans@gmail.com](mailto:HebronRepublicans@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

**Amanda Veneziano, Chair  
Hebron Republican Town Committee**

### Experience Matters

To the Editor:

I will be voting for Jim Tripp for Portland first selectman on Nov. 2 because experience matters. The election of the first selectman should not be a popularity contest but based on experience to qualify for the job. The next first selectman, along with the BOS members, will be voting on important issues facing the towns water source including expansion of water to more customers to bring down costs and redevelopment of the waterfront. These issues will affect the town for decades to come. Portland needs leadership with committed experience in community involvement along with education and work history to base decisions on facts with no bias. Jim has years of community service, is a present BOS member and supervisory work experience.

Also, seeing the events at the national level filter down into the states and towns it is not what I want in my town of Portland. A neighbor's sign with offensive comments to the voters that didn't vote his parties way is displayed with his choice candidate sign which makes my decision clear.

I will be supporting Jim Tripp for first selectman, along with the new and experienced slate of Democrats on Nov. 2. I encourage all to get out and vote to keep our town moving in a positive direction.

**Don Roy – Portland**

### Thank You

To the Editor:

Thank you to the hundreds of fellow citizens of Colchester that I met while campaigning in July and August 2021. It was a pleasure to spend time listening to your concerns no matter what political affiliation you may have. Your input was extremely valuable in shaping my campaign and governance goals and the needs of the community. I want to emphasize that I'm running on the 30+ years of business and municipal support experience in order to bring responsible and professional service to taxpayers and those in need in town. I will continue to campaign and evolve my governance goals until the election. Colchester First!

I look forward to your write-in vote on Nov. 2. Look for subsequent posts on the process to vote for write-in candidates on Election Day.

Respectfully,

**Jeff Duigou**

**Candidate for First Selectman, Colchester**

### Base Decision on Facts

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to comments both at our B.O.S. meetings and in the paper.

The proposal considers the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The P&Z Commission endorsed the purchase noting that it is consistent with the POCD, is a large planning vision for Hebron Center, and demonstrates good comprehensive long-range planning to meet a variety of municipal needs.

The proposed site is in the Village Square District which is a mixed-use business expansion area within the Town Center. The level of

development is consistent with the original Village Green Master Plan. The project will have access to Route 66 via an extension of John Horton Blvd. This is the only site considered or proposed that is not in a residential zone.

The DPW construction will NOT impact the wetlands. Conservation easements will protect the wetlands. State and local environmental permits and reviews will be required. Storm water runoff will be treated and controlled. Material handling and storage will be under cover. Archeological studies will be conducted as required and the design will accommodate any resources found that need to be protected. This site is the only location considered or proposed that has access to public water and sewer. It also has commercial power available.

The existing site on Old Colchester Road was fully studied and eliminated as a possibility for expansion. The site would have required complete reconstruction of both the Public Works and Transfer station. Land to the south would have needed to be purchased and, due to the wetlands, the amount and location of the buildable land and the fact that the operations at the current facility would have to be relocated during construction would be problematic. Also, the available utilities would constitute a major potential problem.

Please base your decision on the facts.

**Daniel Larson – Hebron**

*Note: Larson is chairman of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, but said he is speaking as an individual.*

### Would Be Honored

To the Editor:

It is with great pleasure to introduce myself as a candidate running for Marlborough Elementary School's Board of Education. Prior to staying home with my children, I was a special education teacher and a behavioral consultant on Long Island. We moved to Marlborough just over 6 years ago. Becoming a mother was always a dream of mine, and my husband and I are expecting our fourth baby any day now. I have the privilege of a staying at home with my children and supporting them through their current school years. My oldest son is in third grade, and my daughter is currently in 1st grade, my youngest son is approaching 2 years old. I welcome the opportunity to once again, stimulate myself with educational decisions, although this time as a parent with the background of a dedicated professional. I was an active member of MES' Reopening Task Force, I am a member of the MES School Advisory Council, as well as Room Mom prior to COVID-19. Currently, I am also president of the MOMS Club of Marlborough, where we have made our local community a priority to our causes.

Marlborough is the most perfect place to raise a family. I would be honored to represent our community as an elected BOE member, relating to other parents and knowing the experience and dedication of a teacher as well. I encourage you to visit [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com) to learn more about myself, and other candidates. Please vote for me on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,

**Kerri Barella, Candidate**

**Marlborough Board of Education**

### ARPA Funding

To the Editor:

Colchester was granted \$4.68 million in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The federal government gave these funds to help municipalities recover from the impact of the pandemic and invest strategically. Approximately \$350,000 was identified to fund critical projects with immediate needs and reduce taxpayer expenses. Some projects that will benefit from APRA include basketball court repaving, playground equipment, road improvements, youth center roof and library window repairs, as well as the purchase of a police cruiser.

As first selectman, I believe that it's important for the community to advise how the remaining \$4.3 million be invested so I created the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee. A diverse group, the membership represents public safety, business, social services, and community organizations and our senior residents. They've met twice; Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has outlined types of projects that are eligible for consideration. The group is developing a process to review and recommend projects for funding to the Board of Selectmen.

As a candidate for re-election, I envision ARPA funds should be used to make critical investments in our town to attract new businesses and have a lasting impact on quality of life. I support the use to ARPA to add and improve sports fields, replace tennis courts, expand the playground, rebuild the skatepark, and add

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pickleball courts. I'd also like to consider the expansion of sewer/water lines to attract businesses. I support using ARPA for road improvements, enhancing the Airline trail and promoting agriculture. We should consider a solution for the dead tree problem, broadband and electric charging stations, and assisting residents facing evictions and their property owners with pandemic recovery. ARPA funding should bring us closer to the goals of the community.

Learn more about my candidacy. Visit [marybylone.com](http://marybylone.com). I ask for your vote.

Sincerely,  
**Mary Bylone – Colchester  
First Selectman Candidate**

## It's Not About Tripp

To the Editor:

Jim Tripp knows that we, the citizens, created and prioritized Portland's plan of development.

Jim Tripp knows his job as First Selectman will be to implement "our" plan.

Jim Tripp knows from experience the benefit of citizen engagement.

Jim Tripp knows listening is the key to management.

Jim Tripp knows the November election not about him. It's about us!

**Elwin Guild – Portland**

## Asking for Your Vote

Dear Hebron Friends and Neighbors:

I am delighted and honored to be a candidate for the Board of Selectmen. My husband and I fell in love with Hebron when we bought our first home here, and I am eager for the opportunity to serve you and work collaboratively to move Hebron forward.

My priorities include keeping taxes stable while making good investments in our community. For example, if elected I would research the viability of a community center with a pool for town residents, as not only a way to bring our own community together, but also invite outside residents to enjoy all that Hebron has to offer.

I am also proud to call myself the "education selectperson." I am a strong supporter of our great teachers, students and parents, who make our great schools what they are today. The strength of our schools brings new people to our town, and so I will be a voice for education on the board.

Lastly, I have heard from many across town who were disturbed by the traveling tiger show and the condition in which the tigers were kept at the Hebron Harvest Fair. I appreciate the many contributions the Hebron Lions give to our community, students and schools. However, I share these concerns, and as such, I will work to pass an ordinance banning these types of exotic animal exhibitions from town.

Serving on a board with diversity of opinion and respect for one another is a cornerstone of our democracy. I would be honored to earn your support on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,  
**Tiffany V. Thiele – Hebron**

## Focus on Marlborough

To the Editor:

Are things getting to you when you look at what is going on in Hartford and in Washington? I know that the goings on in both places are keeping me awake at nights. But then I try to tell myself that there is only so much I can do about those things, at least not much until November 2022.

But in the meantime, we do have control over what happens right here in our home town of Marlborough. Debts from two decade-old projects are getting close to being paid off and our taxes have been pretty stable in recent years. But that too could change if we don't make good decisions on who to elect to Marlborough's Boards and Commissions on Nov. 2.

Just five weeks from now we will be voting for candidates to fill spots on nearly half of our town's various elected boards and commissions such as the boards of finance, Education and RHAM, and commissions such as Planning, Zoning along with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Assessment Appeals. The people elected to these positions impact our daily lives and will make decisions that will dictate the future of our town.

So, between now and Nov. 2, please take a little time to familiarize yourselves with the people who will appear on Marlborough's Nov. 2 ballot. You may not feel that you have control over the chaos in Hartford and Washington, but you can make a difference right here in Marlborough. Our town's future is in your hands.

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

## The Bible and Christianity

To the Editor:

Rebutting various anti-science and evangelical Trumpist writers, I have addressed Christian church myopia concerning Christianity's historical roots. Scott Sauyet, whom I respect, says my "letters are a little too cavalier in their confident historical claims about ancient events without any contemporaneous documentation". With *Rivereast* letters limited to 300 words, I am hard pressed to substantially challenge the bibles 3,000,000 words. Obviously it contains stories modified from numerous ancient myths. Every living thing, every organization, every country, every writer, every book is rooted in elements of the past.

The Bible cannot be 'God's word.' Conservative United Methodists, as we speak, are breaking away from the UMC. Conservative Southern Baptists, as we speak, are leaving the Southern Baptist Convention amid race, gender and Trump-legacy issues. All read the same bible yet keep dissociating into ever more fractured denominations. The Catholic priestly pedophilia pandemic continues playing out worldwide; why then would anyone trust their 'Dark Ages' stewardship in assembling Christian dogma by vote through various ecumenical councils? Leaving half the human race (women) without standing? Like the Taliban, ignorant and fallible men pretending they alone speak for God.

My paternal grandfather, Willis Bion Smith, led his own church in Syracuse. My maternal ancestor, Squire Ralph Hurlbutt, was the first permanent Methodist minister in Gales Ferry. My sister, an excellent Christian, married minister Byron Marsh, with whom I had several lengthy religious discussions. My father was a Congregational deacon. I was thrown out of the Storrs Quaker Meetinghouse for daring to take notes, denied a request to sleep in a West Virginia church foyer on a bitter winter night during my American bicycle pilgrimage. The Rainelle police took pity, giving me a warm jail cell instead. Those, and many more examples, along with Thomas Paine's book *Age of Reason*, afford transparent windows into Christianity.

**Edmund Smith – Andover**

## The Senior Voice

To the Editor:

I am seeking re-election to the Portland Board of Assessment Appeals for an eighth term. This next term is very important to Portland residents due to the reevaluation of personal property now taking place in the town. It is important to have the experience and representation in your appeal process regardless of party affiliation. I am the senior voice on the BOA. During this tenure, I have dutifully heard your appeals, evaluating your appeal with understanding, working to seek a fair decision. I am an advocate of impartial decisions. Our goal as elected officials is reach decisions that both benefit Portland residents and the Town of Portland. I want to thank you for your past votes and look forward to serving you through this next term. I am asking for your vote in November.

Respectfully,  
**Peter Castelli – Portland  
Candidate for Board of Assessment Appeals**

## They're Killing Us

To the Editor:

They're at it again. The right-wing contributors to these pages are not just promulgating lies; we've been used to that for a long time. No, they are also trying to kill us.

Forty years ago, their brethren were explaining that tobacco use is an individual choice, that your desire to avoid the fumes and live longer could not trump their freedom to smoke on that crowded bus. In recent years they have blocked efforts to forestall the environmental crisis. Preventing environmental breakdown is just too costly, they would say, so we'll just poison the planet for our children.

Both of these can be understood as the right being skills, willing or not, for certain industries. But the current objection to public health measures such as vaccines and masks is a different beast. They've descended to pure nihilism, treating as gurus snake-oil salesmen. (Quite literally: see [nyti.ms/3CxrEw](https://nyti.ms/3CxrEw).)

A recent quote from Nobel-winning economist Paul Krugman captures this perfectly:

"I never thought I'd be nostalgic for the era when big money ruled the right. But traditional corporate influence looks benign compared with where we are now. At this point, to be a conservative in good standing you have to pledge allegiance to blatant lies — Democrats are Marxists, the election was stolen, basic public health measures are sinister assaults on freedom." ([nyti.ms/3hRN121](https://nyti.ms/3hRN121))

There's little to add to that. The right has

simply gone crazy. The big question is whether their insanity will bring down our country.

This forum is far too short for well-researched answers to the Covid nonsense, but I have posted answers to Carol Johnson, Gary Gile, and Sam Prentice on <http://letters.sauyet.com/#/covid>. I will try to keep it updated to counter the ongoing nonsense.

Sincerely,  
**Scott Sauyet – Andover**

## The Smart Choice

To the Editor:

Mary Bylone has strategic ideas to use Colchester's \$4.3M in remaining ARPA funds to have a lasting positive impact and make our town attractive to newcomers. Funds have already been designated to purchase playground equipment, irrigate fields, repave the basketball court, fix the Youth Center roof and library windows, and buy a police cruiser.

Marybylone.com discusses her ideas for ARPA. I like that she wants to add playing fields, improve the Rec Plex, and enhance the Air Line Trail. She'd consider bringing green charging stations to town, which shows environmental concern. Her idea to lengthen sewer/water lines would definitely expand our tax base. I also love that Mary would consider broadband; my wallet needs an alternative to cable.

Under her recommendation, the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee, comprised of stakeholders with different perspectives, was formed to involve community members in determining how the remaining funds are spent.

Her opponent's plan is short-sighted. He says households will receive \$1M in gift cards to spend locally. How convenient given his family owns a local pizza restaurant. Creating guidelines around such a plan is difficult – would franchises and chains be eligible? Would this have a true lasting benefit to anyone? Data shows about 20% of gift cards go unused; how wasteful. He mentions "easing the tax burden." Seemingly appealing, this is a short-term budget fix that potentially creates a fiscal cliff. He also says he will dedicate a whole \$1M towards a long list of other nice projects. However, the list is so extensive that none of them could possibly get the attention they need with so little money.

Mary understands that when the town is given a once in a lifetime chance to invest in lasting improvements, we must not squander it away. She's the smart choice for the future of Colchester.

Sincerely,  
**Monica Swyden – Colchester**

## Thanks from the Legion

To the Editor:

The Hebron American Legion, Post 95, on behalf of the Post Commander, the committee members and the entire Post 95 contingent, thanks the sponsors and golfers that made the American Legion Post 95 Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Chantclair Golf Club a success.

Post 95 will be looking for interested sponsors and golfers for next year's tournament. Date will be announced with adequate lead time for full participation.

The success of the event provides the opportunity for the veteran-associated, Hebron-area high school seniors (graduates), the opportunity for a scholarship to an institution of higher education.

Please Consider donating funds, and/or door-prizes, raffle items and/or gathering golfing foursomes for a purposeful event.

**Commander, Golf Committee,  
and the members of  
Hebron American Legion Post 95**

## Life is a Balance

To the Editor:

I recently had a chance meeting with a 23-year-old named Ciara, who is complementing her already impressive list of academic accomplishments with a career in sustainability. During our brief conversation she shared a remarkable perceptiveness on the effects of climate change, and an inspiring optimism regarding the future.

Despite her enthusiasm, however, the prevailing sentiment from the scientific community is that we are essentially living off an ecological credit card. Even if we started acting on the warnings today, it's probably too late. The challenge requires a public consensus. Unfortunately, we are confronted with a major political party who are anti-science. A cohort of 80 million Americans who believe we should continue to plunder the earth in the name of profits. The very same free market zealots, who continue to protect the fossil fuel industry, global-scale

habitat destruction and mass extinction of species through overhunting, overfishing, pollution and mono-culture agriculture. This is the same 25 percent of Americans for whom insurrection is not a deal-breaker, Ivermectin cures COVID-19, and windmills cause cancer. The reality is that we are altering the chemistry of the oceans and our environment at an exponential rate, beyond what most scientists even expected. Accordingly, the best we can hope for is to mitigate this looming calamity. The consequences have become so undeniable that it makes the anti-science crowd, who are fueling an environmental catastrophe and the mask extremists, who are propagandizing a public health crisis and flirting with a monster variant, about as credible as Holocaust deniers.

What I've learned, is that life is a balance between idealism and realism. And if there is any truth that as people age, they convert their ideals into expectations. I'm encouraged by the optimism of my young acquaintance, and her susceptibility to the influences of idealist notions.

**Joe Stevens – Hebron**

## Endorsing Barella

To the Editor:

I would like to endorse Kerri Barella for Marlborough's Board of Education. I feel that Kerri would give our district a strong perspective and voice with her background as a former educator, and her involvement in the town. I have worked with her for several years on the board for the Marlborough MOMS Club, and know firsthand her dedication and commitment to making our community better is unwavering. She is fair, understanding, and will advocate for all of our children.

**Andrea Kelly – Marlborough**

## Parental Rights

To the Editor:

As a mother of two children, I am appalled that we are still treating children like they're a threat to society. "Children are resilient" is no longer an acceptable phrase. We need to start seriously addressing the risks of these long-term, ineffective COVID-19 measures.

Displacing children from in-school learning based on personal medical decisions, forced masking of the youngest members of our community and their teachers, and constant disruption of a child's daily life due to COVID-19 measures not only impacts the emotional well-being of a child, but these measures pose financial risk to the taxpayers. We need to start asking if the benefits of these measures outweigh the risk. The science at this point doesn't support these measures for the population that is more likely to accidentally drown or commit suicide than have a fatal run-in with COVID-19.

When the youngest members of our community who have been masked (and around masked caretakers) their entire toddler life enter the public school system, they are at a significantly increased risk of needing Individualized Education Plans. This means increased teachers, which results in increased taxes. Come November, I hope you vote for your children. They're your children, and they're your tax dollars. You, the parent, should decide what goes on your child's face and in their body. It's time to start asking the tough questions about long-term impacts of these outdated and ineffective measures. A vote for me for the Board of Education is a vote for parental rights.

**Christina Tammara-Dzagan – East Hampton**

## Municipal Experience

To the Editor:

Two years ago, a vacancy emerged on Colchester's Board of Finance. At the time, I was serving as vice chair of the Economic Development Commission. The work we were doing on EDC to bring awareness to Colchester's business tax abatement program was important, but I thought I had something to offer our town on BOF so I volunteered to take the spot.

I work in municipal government for a neighboring town where I work closely with the finance department and help coordinate operations between multiple departments. I also work directly with residents across a variety of economic situations every day. I know the impact tax dollars have on a department's operations and I know how valuable every penny is to many residents.

The Board of Finance must consider both of these factors in its work. Too often, ideas are pushed as if in a vacuum without a good understanding of how the budgets actually work. It's easy to say we need to cut X number of dollars from the budget, it's harder to say where those dollars should come from to minimize the impact.

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Maintaining an affordable tax rate isn't just a philosophy, it requires understanding how decisions in the budget now will affect taxpayers for years to come. Colchester has a 310-page budget featuring department operational budgets, a multi-year capital improvement plan, a debt service plan, and multiple funds and reserves, governed by various policies and good financial accounting practices.

Philosophy is important, but experience is, too. I'm running to stay on the BOF because I have both. On Nov. 2nd, I hope you will consider a vote for me, Bernard Dennler III, for Board of Finance.

**Bernard Dennler III – Colchester**

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

**Think for Yourself**

To the Editor:

First, regarding "Beneficial, Blameless Bats" – thank you for the post.

Regarding masks: if masks actually did prevent the spread of any virus, I would be for it. However, that is not the case. Virus molecules can easily pass through masks. Before blaming those who do not wear masks, do your research, which means learning from sources that may not be your normal channels. In fact, some studies show that masks may be detrimental to you by trapping CO2 and germs, resulting in you inhaling both. Then there is the psychological side effects on the young.

Regarding "laundry list of falsehoods and conspiracy-minded nonsense." A "conspiracy theory" is simply a viewpoint that narrow-minded people call something that they disagree with. This goes hand-in-hand with "FactCheck" sites, which again are usually just about viewpoints one doesn't agree with, and many fact checking sites are biased in their presentations.

When a country claims there have been over 600,000 deaths from COVID-19 and they reach this number by counting people with other comorbidities [one in five American have multiple chronic conditions], then they are misleading you. Again, be careful where you get your information. Finally, do we call the yearly flu a pandemic when millions of people get the flu every year?

I agree that "Biden's decision to leave Afghanistan was long overdue." We never should have been in that part of the world to begin with [thanks to Bush and Cheney]. It is the way we exited Afghanistan that was wrong.

I do not "support a political ideology that peddles fear of diseased immigrants..." Where do people get these notions? I think that writer is showing more of his biases and poorly developed values system.

Remember, our climate is always changing so I do not disagree with the term "climate change".

**Gary Gile – Andover**

**Tradition – Part II**

Dear Colchester Residents:

Events that unite us and allow us to come together to celebrate life or a common spirit is what we need more of. One event that embraced this idea was 57th Fest. This town-sponsored event brought family, friends, and neighbors out for a day of fun. As first selectman, I would like to see this event return as Summer Fest. Now, more than ever, we need unity in the community.

Another event that is a cornerstone of our community is the Memorial Day parade. In January, the Memorial Day parade was canceled due to COVID-19. Months later, the State of Connecticut eased restrictions on outdoor gatherings. Towns across the state had Memorial Day parades – honoring our fallen heroes. Our current first selectman lacked initiative to hold one. In fact, she was out of town that day and made no post on the town's social media page to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice soldiers made so we can live the life of our choosing.

When our local government failed to organize a Memorial Day parade, a group of concerned citizens took it upon themselves to organize the event. As they peacefully assembled to honor our fallen heroes, they simultaneously collected \$1,200 that would directly go to three veterans organizations in our community. Selectman Taras Rudko and I were honored to have walked in the Memorial Day parade and support the efforts of these patriots. As your first selectman, this important day will never be unacknowledged by local government.

I will also look at establishing a building for our veterans. This venue will also act as a museum honoring our storied history of service. From William J. Johnston's heroics to the un-

sung heroes of America's many wars, our veterans deserve greater recognition and respect.

**Sincerely,**

**Andreas Bisbikos**

**Candidate for First Selectman, Colchester**

**I Won't Be Bullied**

To the Editor:

Years ago, the Town of Hebron invested millions of taxpayer dollars in infrastructure – sewers, natural gas lines, etc. – to provide an area for new businesses to locate and, existing businesses to grow, enhancing the local commercial tax base. The Village Green idea was meant to help provide tax relief for residents by attracting tax-paying businesses to Hebron. Ironically, the one facility that did come to Hebron following this investment did not provide tax relief, but rather received a \$1 million tax abatement.

Now, the current Board of Selectmen has voted to build a municipal complex in this area, closing the door to the tax-relief development of this Village Green – exactly the opposite of what was intended and what is needed by residents. Millions of dollars of infrastructure invested in the Village Green will now be devoted to building a municipal complex. Instead of tax relief, taxes will be raised for this public project.

There appears to have been a conscious effort to keep this plan quiet. Most recently, the Board of Selectmen refused to answer citizens' questions about the project unless provided to them in writing. Citizens have told me that they are afraid to speak up for fear of personal attacks. Not unexpectedly, when I conveyed that sentiment to the board, I was subjected to a personal attack by a selectman who hoped to silence me. I won't be bullied, and I won't be silenced. Democracy requires that citizens feel free to voice their opinions openly and without fear. When people are afraid to speak, democracy dies and the interests of the few are satisfied at the expense of the majority. I fear that is what is happening in Hebron.

**John Collins – Hebron**

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

**Barella for BOE**

To the Editor:

I can confidently recommend Kerri Barella for the Marlborough Board of Education. Kerri has shown her skill, dedication and leadership this past year as the president of our local MOMS Club chapter. She knows how to take initiative to do what's best for the families of Marlborough, by leading service projects for our school and community. Kerri also has a strong background in education and has an ongoing commitment to serving the students and families at MES. She has two children currently attending MES, another that is home, and one on the way (any day now!). She knows how to successfully manage her time and is committed to putting in the effort to make our school stand out.

She always takes time to listen and respond to others, and I am confident she will give her all to our students. Vote for Kerri Barella – you won't find a better advocate for our children!

**Carrie Balda – Marlborough**

**Cancel It?**

To the Editor:

Should a school be renamed? Should a statue be torn down? Should history be rewritten to espouse one political agenda? The short answer is 'no.' This subject has come up quite a bit nationally, and even here in Colchester.

History has always been an important subject to me, and it is vital to our country's survival. We must always be learning from it, and forming a more perfect union with each lesson. Our founding fathers created the greatest governmental experiment with this democratic republic, and it is still worth edifying. Would you really want to tear away at its foundation? Like all forms of study, history is ever evolving, but it is my firm belief that it should never be reductive. Tearing away is never the answer.

History is cumulative and we should always be enriching it, not detracting from it. Is that not the more inclusive and diverse approach? Doesn't our country and town have room for all? When carefully cutting away parts of ourselves and chopping up history, we must be careful not to cut out the heart. History is a living thing, always adapting. Taking away from the past of one person damages us all. Replacing history with ideology is not only wrong, but divisive. It pits one group against another and keeps hate alive.

I think back to being on a paddle boat at the

Potomac Tidal Basin with my son, and observing the monuments for FDR, MLK and Jefferson. I thought, what a wonderful place in which we live. There was no discussion of tearing anything down to build any of those. They were simply added to the context of our shared history.

Adding helps our children see history in total not condensed. Recently as I watched a ridiculous YouTube video of college students unable to distinguish China from the U.S. on a map, I laughed and then I was saddened. I was thinking we need more focus on the basics of education. Let's get the politics out of our schools, and get these kids the information they need to be well-rounded, free-thinking individuals.

**Donna Antonacci**

**Candidate for Colchester Board of Education**

**Tea Thanks**

To the Editor:

On behalf of Zion Lutheran Church, I'd like to thank the many wonderful volunteers and supporters who helped to make our "Romance of the Rose Tea" event held on Sunday, Sept. 12, so successful. We had an excellent turnout, with about 85 people in attendance.

I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to our guest speakers, Donna and Ron Lasko, to the committee members who volunteered so much of their time and energy, and to everyone who donated jewelry and craft items. Thank you for helping to make this a profitable fundraiser as well as a memorable community event.

Thanks also to the following sponsors for their generous support: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Stop & Shop of East Hampton, Mellilli's Bakery, Gotta's Farm, Barnes House of Flowers, and to the *Rivereast News Bulletin* for publicizing our special event. Proceeds raised from the tea will help maintain our facility and allow Zion to offer outreach programs to others. A portion of the funds will be donated to the recent Hurricane Ida victims and used for the purchase of a 100-cup coffee maker for the Waverly Senior Center.

**Again thanks,**

**Susanne Anderson-Woronoff, Chairperson  
Romance of the Rose Tea Event  
Zion Lutheran Church**

**Untrue Statements**

To the Editor:

Recent letters "To the Editor" appearing in this publication have asserted the Hebron Public Building Committee (PBC) acted unilaterally and without professional guidance in evaluating the various sites for the location for a new Department of Public Works Facility (DPW). Other letters have asserted that the Old Colchester Road site could and should be utilized.

These statements are not true.

In the PBC's formal presentation to the Board of Selectmen on Aug. 19, it was noted that six outside professional firms, in addition to many members of town personnel, have been involved in all of the critical decision-making processes over the last 11 years. This guidance and support were an integral part of reviewing the possible new sites considered for a new DPW facility.

Also, the assertion that the evaluation process was accelerated and lacked in-depth analysis is also not true. This evaluation process began in 2012 and did not conclude until 2016.

In regards to the existing DPW location, even with the addition of the buildable Eversource land, there is no swing space for the DPW to co-exist on the site while new construction is undertaken. This would require that the DPW relocate their entire operation for at least a year or more. The costs of finding, procuring, constructing and ultimately removing a temporary town garage and transfer facility would incur significant costs to the overall project budget and ultimately to the taxpayers of the town of Hebron. The existing site would also incur excessive costs in site work because of the steepness of the grade: requiring multiple retaining walls, and a multilevel town garage building.

In conclusion, we would ask that the authors of these letters refrain from espousing these untruths that can only serve to mislead the residents of the Town of Hebron.

**Sincerely,**

**The Members of the Hebron Public Building Committee  
Wayne Warwick, Chairman  
Richard Steiner, Mal Leichter, David Foster**

**Kinney Road Questions**

To the Editor:

As reported last week in "Public Works Plan Sent to Voters" by Sloan Brewster, next May the voters of Hebron will be asked the following

question, "Do you approve of placing a Public Works facility on Kinney Road?" But I have a few questions of my own before we get to that point. What if you don't know where Kinney Road is? What if you don't know it is a small and historic residential neighborhood? What if you don't know the land is wet and surrounded by sensitive wetlands? What if you don't know the groundwater run off leads into Raymond Brook and the aquifer protection zone? My neighbors on Kinney Road and a growing group of interested residents of Hebron will do our best to spread the word and urge the voters to reject this referendum. However, it should not have come to this. If the Board of Selectmen fulfilled their responsibilities and upheld the Plan of Conservation and Development we would not be in this situation.

Unfortunately, last week's article also included several misleading statements by supporters of the plan. Among them is the frequently repeated statement that the purchase of 88 acres at 17 Kinney Rd. was for the purpose of placing the public works facility on the site. It was not. I once again quote the words of Town Manager Andrew Tierney from the approved minutes of the Board of Selectmen public hearing on Feb. 21, 2019, "A. Tierney stated that this discussion and the Special Town Meeting, is for the acquisition of the parcel."

The future of 88 acres of pristine watershed, historic farmland and small residential neighborhoods will be determined by the voters of Hebron. Please join me in the effort to create a better vision for Hebron and Kinney Road.

**Sincerely,**

**Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston**

**Not Investing in Colchester**

To the Editor:

I am concerned seeing the Republican first selectman candidate's proposal in his recent campaign flyer on his use of the approximate \$4.6 million Colchester will be receiving in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This one-time influx of federal dollars is a once in a generational opportunity to make advances in local investments to grow Colchester's economy and address our present and future needs. The proposal included a million dollars in gift cards, a million dollars in tax relief, approximately a million dollars to address the sports fields and another million dollars to address all other potential infrastructure needs in Colchester.

This is a very limited opportunity to address the needs of this town and make the needed investments that will grow our tax base and ready this community for the challenges we will surely face. Though tax cuts and gift cards seem popular they do not address our needs or invest in our future, squandering potential long-term benefits to win popular appeals.

A million dollars will not meet the numerous infrastructure needs we have as a town. These have been presented on numerous occasions to the Board of Finance, which he serves on, for issues like the removal of diseased trees which is estimated at \$260,000, the road work we have under funded by over \$300,000 per year and the replacement of Bacon Academy's roof which is almost 10 years beyond its service life with an estimated replacement cost of \$3 million. And this will not be adequate to address the other noted items with these limited funds.

So, this does little to address our needs and nothing to grow our tax base, but might get him some votes, maybe that is all this is about

**Michael Egan – Colchester**

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

**EHMS Panther Fest 2021**

To the Editor:

On behalf of East Hampton Middle School, East Hampton Middle School PTO and the Panther Fest committee, we would like to thank our volunteers for making this year's event yet another huge success! For over 20 years, this much-loved cross country and soccer event has been our primary fall fundraiser and a great way to celebrate our student athletes. We depend on volunteers as well as donations and services from local families and businesses to ensure that it runs smoothly and successfully.

Special thanks to Stop & Shop, ADL Imaging LLC, East Hampton Parks and Recreation, EHHS Interact Club, EHMS Early Act Club, Andrew Mead, Cheryl Kraft, and more than 70 parent and community volunteers. Without you, this event wouldn't happen year after year. Thank you all again and see you next September! Go Panthers!

**Sincerely,**

**Nancy Kohler  
East Hampton Middle School PTO**

## Obituaries

### Colchester

#### Michael Dean Conderino

Michael Dean Conderino, 77, of Colchester, passed away Thursday, Sept. 16, at Middlesex Hospital. Born Aug. 15, 1944 in Hartford, he was a son of the late Anselmo and Catherine (Troup) Conderino.

Michael grew up in Marlborough and graduated from RHAM High School in Hebron. Michael was a proud veteran having served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After active duty, Michael worked for Electric Boat in Groton as a Sheet Metal worker and retired several years ago. He married his beloved wife Lorraine and the couple made their home in Colchester. He was a member of the Columbia Baptist Fellowship where he enjoyed participating with the Bible Study group. He also enjoyed camping with family and friends, but most importantly, his greatest joy came from spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by his wife, Lorraine; his children, Timothy Conderino, Michael Conderino and Kathleen Saunders, all of Waterford; Lorraine's children, Dennis, Robert and Linnea; a brother, Philip Conderino of Willington; a sister, Laura McNaughton of East Hampton; 12 grandchildren; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Christopher Conderino, and Lorraine's eldest daughter, Lara.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 23, at the State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, with full military honors. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m., at the Columbia Baptist Fellowship Church, 195 Route 6, Columbia.

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



### Portland

#### Roger D. Horner

Roger D. Horner, 52, of Portland, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Middlesex Hospital, with his wife and sister by his side. Roger was predeceased by his mother, Marilyn T. Horner and his father Roger T. Horner.

Roger leaves behind his wife of 24 years, Laura Horner and sister, Aelaine Gina, as well as his father-in-law Robert, and his dog Lizzy. Roger also leaves behind many much beloved nieces, nephews and cousins, aunts and uncles, as well as sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and numerous dear friends.

Roger enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and beloved dogs. Roger always had a deep love of animals. He was also an avid NASCAR fan. His favorite was Dale Earnhardt, and when he was younger he was a huge Richie Evans fan as well. He loved going to the racetrack to see any race, from local to the big guys.

Roger was always a car guy and when he was younger enjoyed working on cars with his friends. He was a wild child and that never really changed much through the years, although he did mellow out some as he got older. He loved the outdoors, and music, often sharing these interests with loved ones and friends, including his extended family from his lifelong career at NAPA Auto Parts. Roger also shared his grandfather Harold Horner's love of airplanes, often spending time at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. He also loved to go to airports and just watch the planes take off and land.

Roger made many friends through the years, and had many lifelong friends. Roger was kind, caring and helpful to anyone that needed help. He was loved very much by everyone that knew him and he will be missed more than he could ever imagine by everyone.

In lieu of flowers, Roger's wife Laura feels that a donation in Roger's name to the Connecticut Humane Society at 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111, would be a fitting tribute. They adopted Roger's beloved dog Dio from the Connecticut Humane Society in 2010 and Dio brought Roger and his wife both many years of happiness before he passed in 2019, leaving a huge hole in both of their hearts.

A private celebration of life in Roger's honor will be planned at the convenience of the family.



four sisters in Ukraine.

The funeral Mass will be held privately at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Colchester. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Petro.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Mary Church, 178 Linwood Ave., Colchester, CT 06415.

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

### East Hampton

#### Donna L. Robinson

Donna L. (Manafort) Robinson of East Hampton died unexpectedly Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Cobalt Health Care Center after a brief illness.

Donna was born to Anthony and Elaine "Bunnie" (Celley) Manafort on July 6, 1944. She grew up in Plainville and graduated from Plainville High School. After graduation she moved to East Hampton. There she met and married the love of her life, William "Bill" Robinson, the man who remained devoted to her for 54 years.

Donna worked in the East Hampton school system, eventually opening Noah's Ark Day-care and Early Childhood Development Center. Even 25 years later, young adults, former students, would bring their children to meet the lady that they still affectionately referred to as "Mrs. Donna". Born with a strong will and a wicked sense of humor, she could give a master class around the kitchen and after dessert take your last dime in a gin rummy game.

In addition to her husband, Bill, Donna leaves to mourn her passing her son, William A. Robinson of Reno, Nev., to whom she attributed many grey hairs but she adored him "almost" every day of his life. She also leaves her brothers, Robert of South Dakota and Jon (Elisa) Manafort of Old Saybrook and sisters-in law, Mary Robarge and Catherine (Michael) Roeder. Finally she leaves her four-legged "daughter" Bailey and "grandson" Oliver, who have never given her grey hair.

Besides her parents she was predeceased by her brother James and his wife Nancy.

There are no calling hours, a memorial Mass will be announced at a later date. Donations can be made in Donna's name to the Connecticut Humane Society.

Spencer Funeral Home, East Hampton is in charge of arrangements. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).



Northford, Tricia March (Fred) of Colchester; a sister, Joan Augur of New York; grandchildren, Christopher, Shaun and Meredith Molyneux, Eric Molyneux, Jessica Beloin, Brett March, Rachel Naples, Russell Roly IV and Jamie Roly; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Friends called at the funeral home Tuesday before the service. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

### Hebron

#### Helen Tarasevich

Helen Tarasevich, 94, died after a prolonged illness at Apple Rehab in Old Saybrook Monday, Sept. 13. Helen was born on her family farm Oct. 10, 1926, in Hebron, and she spent the majority of her years there. She was one of four siblings.

Helen helped with cultivating the crops and also assisted in raising various livestock including cattle and pigs. She excelled in nurturing and had volunteered as a candy striper. She obtained her high school degree at Bacon Academy in Colchester. Following her graduation, she was employed as a seamstress as a "Rosie Riveter" at the Pioneer Parachute Company. Her lifelong ambition was to become a nurse, and her gentle nature and beautiful smile would have helped her succeed.

She was fond of all animals and loved to hike the surrounding land with her family; you were hard-pressed to keep up with Helen as she sprinted over the many stone walls. She enjoyed spending time with her niece Lori, husband Steven and their children, who resided on family land near her. On many afternoons, Helen would be found reading to Sean and Shannon. She also accompanied them on many outings, including movie matinees, mall trips and various school activities including hay rides and sporting events. Helen especially loved watching Disney movies, relishing her large buttered popcorn.

She was a wonderful daughter to her mom, Aldefina, and afternoon visits with them were celebrated by drinking from glass coke bottles as children and shots of blackberry brandy as adults. Their land included a pond and memories of ice-skating there are magical.

She leaves behind a sister-in-law, Leona Tarasevich; three nieces, their spouses and their children, including Lori and Steven Salinger of Hebron (Sean Salinger, Shannon Wagner and Shaela Salinger), Sharon and Steve Burke of Guilford (Megan Burke, Kathryn Burke) and Caren and Todd Goodhue of Old Saybrook (Caitlyn Goodhue, Bethany Goodhue), as well as a nephew, Henry Fiedrych.

She recently lost her brother and lifelong protector, Edward Tarasevich. She was also predeceased by her sister, Mary Fiedrych, and her other brother, Joseph Kurzel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Apple Rehab in Old Saybrook as well as NAMI, the National Alliance on Men-

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### Marlborough

#### Carol Jane Shepard

Carol Jane Shepard, 88, of Marlborough, passed away Thursday, Sept. 9, at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, from COVID-19. She was born Aug. 27, 1933, in Bronx, N.Y., the daughter of Norman and Nancy Shultis. She was the middle of two siblings, Richard of Blairstown, N.J.; preceded in death by Doris.

Carol married James Shepard of Williamstown, Vt., on Dec. 31, 1962, who is deceased. James and Carol enjoyed 39 wonderful years of marriage together.

Carol, a loving wife and beloved mother to two children, graduated from Hackensack High School. She dedicated her life to raising her children and supporting her loving husband. Carol was known for her quick wit and feisty spirit. She enjoyed nature, bird watching, hiking, traveling, puzzles, days spent at Lake Teramuggus, and a good trip to the movie theater.

Carol was deeply loved by her children and was adored by her grandchildren. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Joy Shepard of Rocky Hill; son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Karin Shepard of East Hartford; grandchildren, Bradley Shepard of Hartford, Jackson Shepard of East Hartford, Stephen, Samantha and Spencer Shepard of Rocky Hill. Carol was preceded in death by her grandson Samuel Shepard of East Hartford.

The Rev. Bob Faulhaber Jr. presided over a graveside service for all friends and family Monday, Sept. 20, at the Marlboro Cemetery, which is across the street from 26 East Hampton Rd., Marlborough. Due to the pandemic, no public memorial service or viewing will take place at this time.

Prior to his death, Carol's late husband Jim received a life-saving organ donation that prolonged his life for several years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Donate Life America to support this noble cause. Please find the donation information online at [www.donatelife.net/give-to-dla](http://www.donatelife.net/give-to-dla). Perhaps even more importantly, Carol would be honored if you made the decision to become an organ donor in her memory.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).



### Colchester

#### Ksenia Radynskyj

Ksenia Radynskyj, of East Lyme, passed away Saturday, Sept. 18, in Waterford at the Green Tree Manor, where she had been residing. She lived to be 104 years old. Born Jan. 30, 1917, in Trnovka, Poland, she was a daughter of the late Andrew and Tekla (Salivka) Halkowicz.

Ksenia immigrated to America as a young woman in 1949. She married her beloved husband, Petro Radynskyj. He predeceased her in 1971.

She will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by her son, Andrew Radynski and his wife, Elizabeth; two grandchildren and their spouses, Peter Radynski and his wife, Erin, Michael Radynski and his wife, Anne; three great-grandchildren; and many extended family members in the U.S. and Ukraine.

She was predeceased by three brothers and



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# Obituaries cont.

tal illness. The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Apple Rehab; they truly embraced Helen and provided compassionate care. The staff there genuinely became her extended family. She is remembered as having gorgeous blue eyes and a pure child-like, infectious laugh. The family would also like to thank Hartford Healthcare At Home – East division.

A memorial service took place Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Linwood Cemetery in Colchester.

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

May she Rest in Peace.

## Portland

### Susan Starkowski

Susan (Susie) B. F. Starkowski, 59, passed away Sunday, Sept. 12. She was born on Luke Air Force Base in Arizona Aug. 7, 1962, and was the daughter of Theresa M. Ferguson and the late William J. Ferguson.



Susie graduated from Portland High School in 1980 and continued her studies at Central Connecticut State University, graduating with a degree in communications. She was employed at The Connecticut State Lottery as a fiscal administrative officer since 2006 and enjoyed her work greatly.

Susie was a wonderful person who greeted every day and everybody with a smile. She was thoughtful, kind and entertaining. Susie loved her family and friends immensely and always made new friends quickly and easily wherever she went. She was always fun to be around and

was able to find humor in the toughest of situations.

Susie was a talented writer and loved music, the beach, and gathering with family and friends. Susie's legacy is one of love, laughter, and triumph.

She is predeceased by her father, William J. Ferguson; sister, Mary Ferguson; and nephew, Manny Ferguson.

She is survived by her mother, Theresa M. Ferguson; her stepmother, Diane Grier Ferguson; her daughter, Kristen Starkowski; her son, Michael Starkowski; and their father, Brian Starkowski. She also leaves behind her beloved sisters Catherine (Kenneth) Onouha, Loretta (Michael) Foley and Janet Ferguson.

In addition, our sweet Susie leaves behind a veritable village of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and -nephews, longtime friends (including her "taco girls"), her special friend Eddie Socha, co-workers, and neighbors.

She will be deeply missed and always loved. God bless Susie.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m., in St. Mary Church, Portland. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland. Friends may call at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, on Friday, Sept. 24, from 5-8 p.m.

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## COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION WETLANDS AGENT APPROVAL

Pursuant to the CGS Section 22a-42a (c)(2) the following application has been approved by the duly authorized agent of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Colchester.  
Number: WA2021-379  
Applicant: Falcons Nest, LLC  
Location: 87 Lakeview Dr.  
Activity: Deck w/in URA  
Jay Gigliotti  
Authorized Agent

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

Notice is hereby made of intent to demolish one (1) structure at 129 Westchester Road, Colchester, CT, Assessor's Map #06-12, Lot #013-000. Information regarding the intended demolition may be obtained from the Office of the Building Official, Municipal Office Complex, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT, 860-537-7285 – Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. N. Reed Gustafson Building Official

1TB 9/24

## LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Zoning Commission at its meeting of September 9, 2021, took the following action:

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED; APPLICATION APPROVED:** Application #Z-14-21 – Amendment to Article Three – Article Three A.39 Fueling Stations with an effective date of September 24, 2021.

**APPLICATION CONTINUED; PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:** Application #Z-15-21 Amendment to Article Two Zones Section A, Amendment to Article Four Definitions, & New Article Ten J - Lake Terramuggus Watershed & Shoreline Overlay District Overlay District. A public hearing is scheduled to October 7, 2021. KEVIN ASKLAR, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR Dated at Marlborough, CT this 20th day of September.

1TB 9/24

## TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Hearing

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on October 6, 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:

A. Application PZC-21-017: Kim Novak, 26 Lakeview St., for a Zone Change: Commercial to R1. Map 05A/Block 85/Lot 18A  
B. Application PZC-21-018: Tushar Shah, 193 East High St., Site Plan Modification in C Zone, Sec 5.2.B. Map 09A/Block 76/ Lot 11-5

C. Application PZC-21-019: Global 66, LLC, 265 West High St., Special Permit to convert a portion of Sports on 66 into storage units in C Zone, Sec 5.2.C. Map 6/Block 12/Lot 9

D. Application PZC-21-020: Warren Scott Cross, 201 West High St., Special Permit to open a brewery/taproom in the C Zone, Sec 5.2.C. Map 12/Block 36/Lot 3-1

Ray Zatorski, Chairman  
Note\* any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450.

2TB 9/24, 10/1

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY ATTENTION SEWER USERS

Notice is hereby given to all property owners connected to the sewers in the Town of East Hampton that the sewer use payment is due and payable on October 1, 2021. East Hampton Sewer bills may now be paid in two equal installments; October 1 and April 1. The last day to pay the Sewer Use fee for the October 1, 2021 installment without a penalty is November 1, 2021. Property owners will not receive a second sewer use bill for the installment due on April 1, 2022. The October bill is a three-part form which includes the April installment.

Payments received November 2, 2021 and later, including payments postmarked November 2, 2021 and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month, or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statutes 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before November 1, 2021 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue.

As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions. **Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton.** Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov). Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online.

Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. Respectively Submitted, Scott Clayton Public Utilities Administrator

2TB 9/24, 10/8, 10/22

## LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at a Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoTo-Meeting Platform, on the following:

**1. Petition 2021-11 & 12** – Special Permit and Site Plan Applications of Christopher and Annette Peterson requesting approval of demolishing an existing single-family dwelling and building a new year-round single-family house, application is filed under Sections 2.C.1.4 and 2.F.1.3 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, property located at 206 Deepwood Drive, AL District. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 8th day of September 2021. Gerald Garfield, Secretary

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EDT)

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

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N. Reed Gustafson Building Official

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## LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Senior Center (17 School Dr.)

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM at 17 School Dr. (Senior Center).

Application #Z-15-21 Amendment to Article Two Zones Section A, Amendment to Article Four Definitions & New Article Ten J - Lake Terramuggus Watershed & Shoreline Overlay District Overlay District.

The room capacity will be limited due to Social Distancing requirements and masks are mandatory for those who are unvaccinated and attend in person. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building/Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. All testimony and application materials will be available to the public on the Town Website, [www.marboroughct.net](http://www.marboroughct.net), under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2021 then Zoning Commission. Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

2TB 9/24, 10/1

## TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, CONNECTICUT PAVING PROJECT INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the Paving Project will be received by the **Town of Marlborough** by hard copy at the Issuing Office until **10:00 AM** local time on **Monday, October 4, 2021**. Received Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. **The Project consists of full depth reclamation, grading, and paving of the front parking lots at Firehouse #2 200 West Road & Public Works Department 66 South Road and Flood Road from the Ogden Lord intersection to the Quinn Road intersection.** Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. Bidding Documents are available in the **Town Clerk's Office, Marlborough Town Hall, 26 North Main Street, Marlborough, Connecticut (860-295-6200)**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents on line at [Marlboroughct.net](http://Marlboroughct.net), CT Source, or at the Issuing Office during Town Hall hours of operation. A pre-bid conference will be held at **2:00 PM** local time on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Fire House #2 200 West Road**. Pre-bid conference attendance is encouraged but is not mandatory.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract Price. The Surety Company shall be licensed in the State of Connecticut and listed on IRS Department Circular 570. A Payment Bond and Payment of Prevailing Wage Rates will not be required unless Contract amount is equal to or greater than \$100,000. Bid Bond is not required. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good, capable of being accepted, and may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty [30] days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any technical defects in the bids; to reject bids which do not conform to the terms and conditions described in the specifications; to reject any, any part of, or all bids; to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; and to accept that bid which the Town deems to be in its best interest, whether or not it is the lowest dollar proposed. All work to be performed in connection with the proposed project will be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

If the Town determines, in its sole discretion, to proceed with the work, the successful bidder must execute and deliver the Contract and furnish a valid Certificate of Insurance with full policies, a Performance Bond, and Payment Bond if applicable, to the Town prior to the start of any work.

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

This Invitation to Bid is not binding on the Town. The Town reserves the right to revise or amend the plans and specifications from time to time as it deems necessary. This Invitation to Bid has been prepared solely to solicit bids and does not constitute a contract offer.

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By: Gregory J. Lowrey, First Selectman  
Date: September 15, 2020

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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 September 22nd, 2021:  
Application #IWWC 21-20: Roberto Rodrigues, 85 Bear Swamp Road - Placement of a 14-foot by 30-foot prefabricated shed within the 100-foot Upland Review Area of a wetland. The above decision may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at [www.andoverconnecticut.org](http://www.andoverconnecticut.org).

1TB 9/24

## TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on October 6, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:

**1. Niantic Bay Group LLC – 347 Cabin Road – Resubdivision (2021-007)** – Proposed six (6) lot resubdivision at 347 Cabin Road (MBL 03-00-001-005) consisting of six (6) single-family homes on approximately 6.61 acres in the Suburban Use District. 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

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**TOWN OF ANDOVER JOB OPENING FOR BUILDING AND LAND USE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

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**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON Youth & Family Services Department**

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