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**Half a Million Lives Lost...** Hebron Girl Scouts pose in front of 500 flags on the lawn of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hebron. A memorial for all the people who have died in the U.S. from COVID-19, each flag represents 1,000 lives lost. See story, additional photo on page 9.

## Collins to Depart Hebron Board

by Sloan Brewster

Nearly a week after a heated disagreement with his fellow board members about giving Hebron Town Manager Andrew Tierney a raise, Board of Selectmen member John Collins announced plans to quit the board.

The Board of Selectmen last week, after coming out of executive session to discuss Tierney's evaluation, upped his salary by 3.5% and gave him a \$4,000 bonus for extra work he's done during the pandemic.

The vote to give Tierney the salary hike and bonus passed 4 to 1 with Collins, a Democrat, the sole dissenter. All selectmen – except Collins – gave him glowing reviews in subsequent phone calls with the Rivereast.

Collins did not express the reasons for his opposition to the raise in the public portion of the meeting, but in a series of texts Wednesday, he told the Rivereast he was concerned about the management of the town by the board and town manager.

"I think the town may benefit from new leadership," he said. "That is, of course, my own opinion."

Collins said the town needs to do things differently.

When asked how to achieve new leadership, Collins said, "Let's start with me," and announced his plans to quit the board to make way for a replacement who he hopes would not only be younger but would also make for a more diverse board.

"I'm going to be resigning at the end of budget season with the hope that we can catalyze change and to hopefully make way for someone that is more the future of Hebron than me – for example, a young, dynamic woman of color would be a breath of fresh air," Collins said. "We need a better perspective on diversity."

In a phone call Tuesday, Board of Selectmen Chairman Daniel Larson, also a Democrat, said Tierney has a good rapport with taxpayers and has managed the town well in the past year, juggling several projects at once.

"With this pandemic he's not only been able to manage the town very, very successfully," Larson said. "He's used incredible judgment."

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## Portland Planner Gives Update on Local Development

by Jack Lakowsky

New restaurants, new and ongoing construction and a regional affordable housing plan were among the items in Portland Development Planner Mary Dickerson's most recent economic development update.

Dickerson shared the update last week with the Board of Selectman and First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield.

The update covered the first two months of 2021, Dickerson told the Rivereast Monday.

Numerous local projects are moving forward despite the pandemic's continued impact on local, state and national economies.

To start, more great food is on its way to Portland. Dickerson started her list with ice cream.

The new Dairy Queen on Route 66 is moving ahead with construction and is slated to open in late spring or early summer. The town continues its work on connecting the Air Line Trail to Dairy Queen, but there are several steps to go, including working with owners of properties any new sections would go through.

"What's better than ice cream after a walk?" Dickerson said.

One unfortunate loss of the pandemic's market impact was Portland Restaurant, formerly at 188 Main St. Locals lamented the restaurant's closure on the Portland CT Marketplace Facebook page (which, according to Dickerson, now has over 10,000 views).

A new restaurant, Portland Ale House, will soon fill PR's old spot.

Portland Golf Course on Bartlett Street will soon be opening a new eatery called The Pub at PCG. The pub is set for a spring opening.

Concentric Brewing and its partner Hotdogs in the Hallway both recently opened at 91 Main St. to rave reviews.

"Had the best experience at [Concentric and Hotdogs in the Hallway]," wrote one happy customer in a Google review. "Such a great place to hang out. Portland should be proud."

Yankee Boat Yard and Marine on Riverview Street has applied for a special permit to add to their client services a food truck and event tent at their location.

"06480 To Go," the campaign by both Dickerson and the town Economic Development Commission to promote local restaurants, is nearing the end of its eight-week run. Dickerson said the campaign has gone very well.

Diners who spend \$25 or more at a Portland eatery can submit a photo of their receipt for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to a randomly chosen restaurant. Submit photos to economicdevelopment@portlandct.org, send it as a message to the Portland Connecticut Marketplace Facebook page, or drop the receipt and contact information into the gray mailbox behind town hall.

All entries received until noon Monday, March 15 will be entered into the final drawing.

"People on average spent between \$35 and \$50," Dickerson said. "We thought people would just go with the [\$25 gift card], but most people went over it."

Dickerson said she expected to see a lot of receipts glossed with pizza grease. These were present, she said, but local Chinese food spots, Sarah's on Main and Melilli Caffé & Grill were among the most popular.

Absolute Air, a local heating and air conditioning company, is moving ahead with construction of a second building on their Portland-Cobalt Road site. The plan goes back to 2015, when previous owners received approvals for the build.

Progress at the much-anticipated Brainerd Place Main Street/ Marlborough Street project is still languishing in the land of red tape. Currently, the applicant is awaiting approval from the state Office of Traffic Safety Administration (OSTA).

Dickerson said in order for the town zoning commission to approve the project, the company must improve the Main/Marlborough intersection.

"That's down to the brand of traffic light they're going to install," said Dickerson, naming just one step in what will likely be a lengthy process.

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG), which includes Portland as a member town, has reached the final steps of an affordable housing plan, mandated by the state.

Dickerson said because Portland is small, and therefore has a smaller workforce, RiverCOG is necessary to help design complex regional planning efforts.

Without RiverCOG, planning efforts like affordable housing or natural hazard mitigation plans would fall on Dickerson, who is limited to 30 work hours per week. The other option would be to hire an outside consultant with a hefty price tag.

RiverCOG's planning work is covered by the normal fees the town pays as a member, Dickerson said.

"Without them, I'd be writing grants full-time," said Dickerson. "They're awesome, and the work they do is awesome."

RiverCOG reports and studies help member towns with town planning. Dickerson noted a recent major sidewalk improvement grant awarded to the town was a result of collabora-

tion with RiverCOG.

"We just don't have the resources to do this large-scale planning work on our own," said Dickerson.

RiverCOG at the start of the month hired a consultant who will work directly with member towns.

### COVID-19 Impact

Dickerson said the impact of COVID-19 varied from business to business. Dickerson said about 90% of businesses experienced a negative impact overall, with another 10% enjoying a surprising jump in sales.

Dickerson said many conversations about the difficulty of running a store during a global pandemic are geared toward restaurants. For good reason, she said, as nearly all businesses are impacted by COVID-19.

However, Dickerson said medical offices and salons and barbershops have been most impacted.

The pandemic has had a profound impact on dental care offices, Dickerson said.

Dickerson said retailers and restaurants enjoy more flexibility than dental offices, as they can shift to online sales and curbside pickup, whereas the work procedure for dentists is rigid. One can't exactly clean teeth over Zoom.

Dental office staff are specialists, and so require a decent pay rate, Dickerson said. Loans for dental school can take years to pay off, even with a successful practice.

Salons, whether due to limits of capacity or lack of proper social distancing space, have been forced to take fewer appointments and endure the cost of retrofitting their sites to meet pandemic protocols.

"There's no way to clean teeth or cut hair ex- See Local Development, page 17

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*From the Editor's Desk*

## Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

You may have seen this in the news in the past few weeks: a little girl from Alabama needed money to pay for necessary brain surgeries, so she took to selling homemade lemonade to help raise the funds.

The fundraising – largely through an online campaign to help the girl's family – generated more than \$300,000 in donations, and the girl, 7-year-old Liza Scott of Homewood, Ala., had on Monday the first of what will be at least two or three brain surgeries.

The successful fundraising campaign is being treated a feel-good feature news story – except it really isn't.

Look, I'm thrilled Liza's family received enough money – and then some, hopefully – to pay for her surgeries. But when life-saving medical operations are needed, people

shouldn't be forced to turn to online donations to pay for them.

Online crowdsourcing for medical payments has become increasingly – and depressingly – common in recent years. Heck, there's even a website listing the best crowdsourcing sites to pay for medical expenses. One of the more well-known fundraising sites, the aptly-named GoFundMe, reported in 2019 that one third of all donations through the site go toward medical expenses – a far greater percentage than the site's founders ever anticipated.

But, with medical care costs continuing to skyrocket and insurance companies continuing to nickel-and-dime people in terms of what they'll actually cover (I could live to be 100 and I'll never understand how an insur-

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## Bulletin Board

The growing effort to be considerate of everyone (excepting on social media) whether they deserve it or not reminds me of a flyer about bullies a Nebraska school system sent home with 5th graders a few years ago. According to the flyer, bullies have feelings too. This, in turn, brought quite a backlash from parents, which resulted in an apology and retraction by the school system.

Apparently taking a cue from cagey government officials on a national level, no one seemed to know who authorized or handed out the flyer (perhaps it was rogue pixies), which offered nine tips to bullying victims—tips that, frankly, might give some pause to a masochistic Quaker. Some extracts from the nine-point flyer, with typically incisive commentary from my jaded self.

**Rule #1:** Refuse to get mad. Anger is a feeling we have toward our enemies not our buddies. When you get angry, you are treating them like they are an enemy. *[Right, the little jerk who just threw your lunch in the toilet is your buddy. Let's all have a big laugh about your humiliation and how hungry you will be by the end of the day.]*

**Rule #2:** Treat the one who is being mean as if they are trying to help you. No matter how insulting or mean they may sound, be grateful and think they really care about you. *[Be sure to profusely thank the kid for throwing your lunch in the toilet, remarking that your sandwiches tend to be a bit dry to begin with. It would be inconsiderate to grab him by the neck and help him dunk for your sandwich until he doesn't want to be your buddy anymore.]*

**Rule #3:** Do not be afraid. Fear is something we feel toward enemies, not buddies. When you are afraid, you are treating the bully like an enemy. *[Just because the guy is repeatedly punching you in the nose doesn't mean he's your enemy or that you should be afraid. Relax. Enjoy it. Be grateful he doesn't like you enough to work you over with a baseball bat.]*

**Rule #4:** Do not verbally defend yourself. When one person attacks, and the other person is the defender, the attacker is in the stronger position, so the defender is automatically the loser. If we defend, we lose. *[Um, let me get this straight. People who stand up for themselves against aggressors are losers? You mean we actually lost World War II? Has anyone notified the Germans?]*

**Rule #5:** Do not attack. We attack enemies, not friends. If I attack you back, I am treating you like an enemy, so the bully will in return treat you like an enemy. It takes two people to fight, so it's the person who retaliates or responds who actually starts the fight. *[I get it: It's not really a fight if you just stand there and let somebody beat the crap out of you until his arms get tired.]*

**Rule #6:** If somebody physically hurts you, just show you are hurt, do not get angry. If someone hurts you, you want them to feel sorry and apologize. If you get angry, they won't feel sorry. *[If you start crying, they'll feel bad? What is this, France? Call me uncivilized, but given a choice between an apology and the satisfaction of seeing the bully burst into flames, I choose barbecue.]*

**Rule #7:** Do not tell on bullies. The number one reason bullies hate their victims is because the victims tell on them. Telling makes the bully want to retaliate. Tell an adult only when a real injury or crime (theft of something valuable) has occurred. Would we keep our friends if we tattled on them? *[Retaliate? He's already making my life miserable without any provocation at all. Okay, okay, I think I get it. The kid ridiculing me, slapping me around and stealing my stuff is actually my friend and if I "tattle" on him, it might damage our relationship. Gosh, what would I do then?]*

**Rule #8:** Don't be a sore loser. No one likes a sore loser. Would you like to play with someone who gets all upset when they lose? Lose gracefully and be a good sport; kids will like you better. *[Sure, everybody knows the most respected and popular kids in school are the ones who let jerks pick on them and push them around and cause them mental anguish. You wouldn't want to fall out of the running for Biggest Class Wuss by sticking up for yourself, would you?]*

**Rule #9:** Learn to laugh at yourself and not get "hooked" by putdowns. Make a joke out of it and agree with the putdown. For example: "If you think I'm ugly, you should see my sister." *[Yeah, everyone will think it's really cool if you respond to the bully's insults by making fun of your own sister. Imagine how impressed they'll be if you curry favor by making disrespectful comments about your mother.]*

Okay, I realize that times have changed and it's no longer acceptable to exercise "Jim's Rule" (hit the bully in the face as hard and as often as you can until he decides it's wiser to leave you alone), but have we really gotten to the point where victims are required to view their tormentors as "buddies"?

Apparently, not quite yet. After an outcry by parents (mostly about the "tattling" rule), the Lincoln, Nebraska school administration retracted the flyer, saying it was compiled with "good intentions" (apparently by a well-meaning, but clearly addled staff person the school authorities declined to identify) but did not "accurately" reflect school policy. Students are in fact encouraged to report bullying incidents to adults, according to the school system (even though tattling creates a lot of bothersome paperwork for administrators who would prefer to be reviewing the details of their pension plan).

And so our Republic momentarily slowed its seemingly inexorable slide into institutionalized inanity. But I must caution you: If this idiocy could happen in Nebraska, there ain't none of us are safe.

**Jim Hallas, Publisher**



**Shilosky Flocked... Colchester resident Art Shilosky was flocked by members of his Republican Town Committee to raise money for Colchester Youth and Social Services Emergency General Fund. This fund helps with emergencies that a citizen may have that they need help with. People can donate to the fund to have the RTC flock a friend's yard with patriotic birds. The fundraiser will run for the rest of March.**

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### COVID-19 Vaccine

To the Editor:

Should I get the COVID-19 vaccine? This question probably has been on everyone's minds these days.

Gov. Ned Lamont revised the COVID-19 distribution. It will be based on age according to Middletown Acting Director of Health Kevin Elak. Persons 55 years and older became eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine on March 1, along with educators, all school personnel, and childcare providers. The next age group to become eligible will be individuals 45-54 beginning March 22, followed by individuals 35-44 April 12th and on May 3rd 16-34-year-old. Health Director Elak stated, "You do not have to register with VAMS to make an appointment for the vaccine. You can check with your doctor to see if they are giving the vaccine at their office." He also stated people can call the Connecticut Vaccine appointment line at 877-918-2224. Salvatore Nescia the acting director of health for the Town of Cromwell said, "it depends on the provider," regarding if a person would have to preregister on the VAMS website to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine. If you have any questions about your need to register on VAMS call your medical provider.

President Joe Biden said on March 2, "We're now on track to have enough vaccine supply for every adult in America by the end of May." Dr. Anthony Fauci stated, "We project so anyone who wants to get vaccinated would have gotten vaccinated by the time we get to the end of the summer and the beginning of the fall."

When you become eligible to receive the vaccine, take the opportunity to get vaccinated and protect yourself along with your relatives and friends.

**Frank LoGiudice – Portland**

### Totally Unacceptable

To the Editor:

The application of a property developer to change a portion of land protected by the Middle Haddam Historic District Ordinance from residential to commercial on Long Hill Road, Middle Haddam, is totally unacceptable to the 200-plus East Hampton taxpayers who have signed a petition to stop this unnecessary intrusion into the boundaries of the Middle Haddam Historic District.

The East Hampton Building Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission need to understand that the Middle Haddam Historic District Commission is also a town body and has the right of review on any proposed zone change in the Historic District. Commercial expansion into this sensitive historic area is unacceptable and not in the best interest of the Town of East Hampton.

It is incumbent upon the Middle Haddam Historic District Commission and the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission to vigorously oppose this application in accordance with the will of the people who have signed this petition. In 1976-77, the Historic District boundaries were established with the intention of providing an open space buffer from the Route 66 corridor.

Commercial parking lots, metal storage units and storefronts should have no place in the Middle Haddam Historic District. We're looking to the East Hampton Planning & Zoning Commission and the Middle Haddam Historic District Commission to hold the line, listen to the taxpayers and vote 'no' on this proposal.

**Sincerely,  
Ron and Lois McCutcheon  
Middle Haddam**

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**Last Summer**

To the Editor:  
Last summer, America's worst fire season ever. Many western homes and lives lost. Forest resources depleted. Lumber prices climbing. Death Valley sets Earth's highest verified temperature ever recorded, 130 degrees.

The worst 'derecho' land storm in history, winds reaching 140 mph. Iowa hardest hit, losing half the corn crop and multiple silos, still empty awaiting the harvest. Grain prices rising. Red state Midwestern farmers newly questioning Republican climate denialism.

Australia's most destructive fire season and costliest natural disaster in recorded history, now named 'Black Summer.' Three billion mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians lost.

The first Arctic Circle 100-degree temperatures, Verkhoyansk Siberia. Siberia's permafrost rocked by underground methane gas explosions - giant, deep craters left behind.

Earth's acidifying oceans absorbing evermore atmospheric CO2, converting into carbonic acid. Calcium based sea life, corals, and shellfish - increasingly harmed.

The Gulf Stream measurably slowing, a collapsed ocean circulatory system threatening.

Humans driving the Holocene-Anthropocene, Earth's sixth great extinction event. Nature losing its voices, bird and whale song, dancing nighttime firefly lights, colorful monarch migrations - substituting human cacophony, glare and grey. Koyaanisqatsi (Hopi) for 'Earth out of balance.'

Scientists call to us but anti-intellectual, conservative armchair pseudoscientists, plying delusions, deter us from action. Politicians too often seeking power, profit, corporate beneficence, biased-driven agendas. Straight-speaking scientists ignored, academics unable to excite neural networks habituated to mythical John Wayne and Rambo leadership models.

My daughter Ruby, two seasons on Great Gull Island banding Common and Roseate terns with Helen Hayes, another two seasons studying Oregon mountain birds in peril, became a certified Western wildfire fighter, researched Bobwhite quail in Georgia and is now a budding Connecticut forester. Two weeks running, Don Denley demanding cheaper gas, foisting our generation's climate damages-bill upon Ruby and your children. Utter selfishness. Deeply immoral, unethical thinking poisoning our future. Koyaanisqatsi.

Ed Smith - Andover

**Progressives' Lectures**

To the Editor:  
It's amazing how progressives expand their rights of self-expression into including suppression of those same rights from anyone challenging them. They regard their own rights of expression as sacrosanct, but seek to silence any opposing views coming in their direction.

A writer has been lecturing us on methods to overcome our "systemic racism." She extols us to venture out beyond our comfortable circles and reach out to members of oppressed groups to learn their experiences. Isn't it also racist to define those presupposed groups of oppressors and oppressed as static identity groups?

I believe it was the same writer who became incensed upon seeing a sign in someone's yard stating "No White Guilt." She called the police to have that sign removed because she found it racist and offensive. The only thing that signposter implied is "I'm white and am fine with it, and I'm not apologizing for who I am."

However imperfectly, I endeavor to live the best life I can. The only thing within my control is how I live; treating others as I hope they will treat me. Outside of me, what others do is beyond my control.

Ed Smith seems compelled to mock and deride others in his letters rather than focusing on the argument's substance, even doing so in front of sixth-graders who can't dissent. But when the insults come in his direction he is aghast the letter was printed. Seeking to silence one another's opinions is not the answer - just make the better argument!

The true diversity that matters exists in our range of perspectives and opinions in how we bring about improvements in our society and how best to live among one another. Immutable characteristics need to be put behind in deference to moving forward.

Sam Prentice - Andover

**Anti-Racism, Cont.**

To the Editor:  
I again dedicate this week to offering anti-racist actions we can each take.

- Look up the laws put in place by our legislative body of founding fathers; see how those laws changed in the era of segregation; see what they look like today.

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/civil-rights-act/legal-events-timeline.html>

<https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/10.1146/annurev-lawsocsci-110316-113452>

- Imagine how it would feel for the truth, pain, suffering of your ancestors to be denied by school curricula. Then demand that the school curriculum in your town include comprehensive fact-based history education.

- Learn how to host a land acknowledgment here <https://www.nativemovement.org/resources>

- Have a conversation with a coworker or neighbor without centering yourself or your feelings; really listen to what they're saying. This takes practice because most of us love talking about ourselves.

- Seek out a hobby where you will be exposed

to people who don't look like you.

- If you live in a predominantly white town, do some real searching for the reason there aren't more people of color. Is redlining a factor? (The answer is yes, by the way). <https://www.npr.org/2017/05/03/526655831/a-forgotten-history-of-how-the-u-s-government-segregated-america>

- Talk to your kids often about the importance of kindness, acceptance, equity, and diversity.

- For a whole day, challenge yourself to think about how each thing you do might be different for you if you were a person of color.

- Reframe your thinking. If you are white, compare the following two narratives. "I have had a hard life, and no one has ever handed me anything. I am a hard worker and earned everything I have through hard work and determination." Now try this: "I have had a tough life, worked hard for everything I have, and my skin color never stood in the way of me achieving the success I have worked hard for."

More on this topic next week. Thoughts? [pamcyrlong@gmail.com](mailto:pamcyrlong@gmail.com)

Pamela Cyr-Long - Marlborough

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## Brave Message

To the Editor:

It seems that a large chunk of letters to the editor are written by people with rather simplistic solutions for complex problems calling each other names. Usually I ignore the letters, but that changed a couple of weeks ago when I opened the page to Jim Hallas' column for my weekly reminder that we are, after all, just human. That week, the *Rivereast* planted Pam Cyr-Long's brave anti-racist message right next to Jim's column, where it caught my attention.

Pam doesn't try to tell us that eliminating racial bias in ourselves will be easy. She gives tips that we can all implement to put our good intentions into practice. I want to thank Pam and applaud her courage. I hope to read more.

Ken Benjamin – Colchester

## Be Respectful

To the Editor:

I demand an apology from Mr. Ed Smith for his slander against me and others in his last letter, dated 3-5-2021. This forum deserves better. The *Rivereast* provides great value to a number of communities and in this forum, they provide an opportunity for people to exercise their right of free speech. Slander is not free speech. There is an urgent need to get politics out of climate change discussions. Our federal government is in the process of shutting down much of the energy business and our electricity will be the first to go. Like California.

Let me offer again topics for Climate Change civil discussion. #1, CO2 is an essential gas, not a pollutant, as the Supreme Court ruled when pressured by the EPA a decade ago. It is required for vegetation growth and replenishment of oxygen. #2, CO2 comes from many sources and the sources of CO2 need to be quantified. Why is CO2 from fossil fuels the only concern? Fossil fuels are needed to keep people alive.

Certainly, my neighbor Mr. Smith is willing to agree.

Mr. Smith, I demand an apology for myself and others and an agreement from you to be civil in your forum input in the future.

Respectfully,  
Victor Congdon – Portland

## Why I Voted 'Yes'

Dear East Hampton Taxpayers:

On Monday, Feb. 22, the Board of Education voted to approve the 2021-22 budget. This budget seeks to maintain programming from this year without any additions. The increase of approximately 3% (which is lower than increases in many other communities) meets existing contractual obligations. As someone who has been serving on the personnel committee for two years, I would like to assure taxpayers that we do our best to represent taxpayer interests through the negotiation process, and that we very much appreciated the East Hampton Teachers Association's cooperation and commitment to the community in this process, as they agreed to the second lowest increase in the state last year. A factor that neither the teachers' (or any other employee) union nor the Board of Education has control over is the ever-rising cost of insurance. While we can – and have – worked to slow increases, the fact that taxpayers are responsible (as employers) for providing all school and town employees with insurance. As premiums always go up, we won't be able to eliminate increases.

The superintendent's recommended budget is very fiscally conservative. There are no extravagances. His presentation included a detailed reporting of our return on investment – the many instances where our students' performance exceeds that of students in surrounding communities while our per-pupil expenditure is much lower than other communities, especially in relation to our median income.

There is no getting around the fact that in order to get a return on investment, you must actually invest. This is a lean budget. If we have to cut, students will absolutely feel the impact. One area in particular where East Hampton is doing an exceptional job is providing appropriate programming for our special education students within our district. Underfunding this programming would be extremely penny wise and pound foolish.

Amanda Amtmanis

East Hampton Board of Education member

## Support House Bill 5413

To the Editor:

On March 2, state Rep. Devin Carney testified in support of House Bill 5413, An Act Dedicating Revenue From New Types Of Gaming To The Teacher's Retirement Fund. I agree with him that our state suffers from a crippling amount of debt linked to the lack of funding for state pension plans. This includes the Teachers' Retirement Fund. With gaming in Connecticut constantly expanding, it is time we start putting some of these revenue streams towards paying our unfunded liabilities. For decades, Democrats in Hartford have kicked the can down the road, spending more and more on new initiatives and taxing their constituents to pay for their outrageous spending habits. He hit the nail on the head when he stated, "... instead of paying for new government programs with these dollars, we should focus on our current debt. The quicker we can relieve ourselves of debt from unfunded or underfunded, the quicker our economy can grow."

Please reach out to your representative, Robin Green, at (800) 842-1423, and your state senator, Cathy Osten, at (800) 842-1420, to let them know you support our teachers and paying down the state's debt to them. Tell them you support House Bill 5413.

Keith Petit – Amston

## Not Easy Being Green...

To the Editor:

It's not easy being green... or being a teacher during a pandemic.

In a few days we will hit the one-year mark of the pandemic's impact on our schools, and the "new age" of education that came with virtual learning and hybrid schedules. To say this has been a difficult year would be an understatement, but even during these dark times there are rays of sunshine, and they come in the form of our school staff. Each member of our school community – teachers, substitutes, administrators, office staff, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers – has worked tirelessly to provide the best educational experience possible during this time. They have not only been incredible role models for our children, but for parents, demonstrating perseverance, resilience, and resourcefulness. Teachers, in particular, have had to learn completely new technology and teaching platforms, work twice as hard to teach the material in new ways to different students at different times, and put their own concerns about their health and safety aside to support in-

person learning, all while staying positive and supportive for the emotional well-being of our children. They have been doing the impossible!

Colchester is lucky to have an administration that understands what has been asked of our teachers, and gives them as much support and grace as they can, but every day is still hard. As the sun begins to tease us with spring, I ask that you remember that it is hard being the "sun" – being warmth, happiness, support, and love to our children every day. This is what teachers do, and right now they could use help to keep going. So, give our teachers an extra smile from your car, or a note saying "Thank You". I sincerely thank them for smiling all the way to their eyes so that our kids can see and feel it.

Jessica Morozowich – Colchester

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

## Dems Will Raise Taxes

To the Editor:

As sure as we know that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, Democrats will raise your taxes. We see it both nationally and locally. On the national level, why no comment on the avalanche of presidential executive orders, more than any president in history? What ever happened to the democratic process? What about the promise of unity and bipartisanship? And what's with the \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill, that's on top of a couple trillion spent last year? That's a lot of money for our kids and grandkids to pay back. Nothing's free.

And locally we see it too. Last year, at the height of the pandemic, the majority on Town Council congratulated themselves for not raising taxes. Instead of cutting spending and hunkering down in the midst of a recession, they raided the town fund balance. It's like taking a scoop out of your 401K to pay your cable bill. Well, those remedies won't cut it this year. You can't raid the fund balance anymore, it's

## Editor's Desk continued from page 2

ance company bean-counter you've never met is allowed to say you don't need a medication or a procedure recommended by a doctor you've known for 30, it's necessary to turn to sites like these. The alternative is too often financial ruin.

A 2019 study from the City University of New York and Harvard University reported medical bills are the number one reason Americans file for personal bankruptcy. In fact, according to Investopedia, bankruptcies due to medical expenses represent 62% of all personal bankruptcies.

The "greatest country in the world" doesn't force people to beg for money online for an operation to save their daughter's life. Nor does it allow so many of its people to be wiped out by medical bills.

It doesn't have to be this way; I have friends in other countries who are routinely baffled by the medical costs here – and the financial hoops we have to jump through to handle them. Medicine over there quite simply isn't the profit-making business that it is over here.

What's the solution? I don't know. Maybe it's Medicare For All; maybe it's something else. But we need to do better by our people – and we can. As I've said before, if our defense budget can be nearly \$2 billion *per day*, then we can afford to help out people at home a

little bit more than we are.

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On a lighter note, here's a joke I heard recently:

An 82-year-old man had one hobby – he loved to fish.

He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up." He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, "Pick me up."

So the old man looked in the water and saw a frog. The man said, "Are you talking to me?" The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up, and kiss me. Then I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous, because I will be your bride!"

The old man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, placed it in his shirt pocket, and went on fishing.

The frog said, "What are you, nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said, 'Kiss me, and I will be your beautiful bride.'"

The old man opened his pocket, looked down at the frog, and said, "Nah. At my age, I'd rather have a talking frog."

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See you next week.

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exists a disconnect involving the teaching staff when 11-year-olds are unwittingly recruited into belittling someone. The problem is exacerbated when the recruitment is tangential to a teacher's misguided, misplaced, sycophantic rationale of defending a political allegiance against a perceived opponent.

What's next, Edmund? A dissertation on atomic vs. molecular orbitals? Covalent vs. ionic bonds? Teachers should stick to cultivating youthful enthusiasm from their students, not furtively eliciting their involvement in a game of adult vindictiveness.

Regards,  
Ed Kozlowski – Colchester

**A Hand to Those in Need**

To the Editor:

More than one year after the first COVID-19 case was identified in Connecticut, the pandemic has worsened two separate but related issues: domestic violence and the opioid crisis.

Advocates for victims of domestic violence have reported an increase in cases that has overwhelmed the shelter system, with the state renting hotel rooms to create additional capacity. Additionally, state law prevents many victims from receiving temporary state assistance because they are required to report their income alongside the income of their spouse, putting them over the upper limit of income eligibility.

Myself and my House Republican colleagues are calling for a change that would remove the combined income requirement and speed up the application process. We're also proposing the state dedicate federal COVID dollars for the costs of temporary housing and other services. Victims of domestic violence should not have to choose between their own safety and accessing critical resources that could save their lives.

The pandemic has also worsened the opioid epidemic, with prolonged social isolation, unemployment, and other pressures contributing to a disturbing increase in opioid-related deaths in 2020 compared to the year prior.

As Ranking Member on the Public Safety Committee, I was proud to endorse an expansion of the CRISIS Initiative, a highly successful state program which prioritizes mental health treatment in partnership with the state police and mental health authorities. By bringing more communities into the fold, it's our hope that more people will seek out the treatment options available to them.

Our caucus is focused on the health and safety of our residents as we look to chart Connecticut's comeback from the COVID-19 pandemic. I would encourage all residents to see the actions we are proposing at [cthousegop.com/RestartCT](http://cthousegop.com/RestartCT).

Sincerely,  
State Rep. Robin Green (R-55)  
Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough

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# Library Opens Softly, Mulls Ending Fines

by Jack Lakowsky

On Wednesday, Portland Library began the process of returning to pre-pandemic normalcy, with a soft, limited opening.

“COVID-19 spread has been better in the area, but it’s still 10 times higher than it was when we closed last summer,” Library Director Janet Nocek told the *Rivereast* on Monday. “We’re thinking the next few weeks will be a limited opening, and we’ll see how that goes.”

Nocek said she and the library’s Board of Directors will figure out next steps sometime in April.

The library still won’t offer in-person programs and activities, will continue limited hours and spread-prevention methods, but it has relaxed its visitation limits.

Library patrons can now call to set up a by-appointment visit. Visits are limited to 30 minutes at a time.

Visitors can also use the computer for the same time limits. Nocek said if a patron needs a computer for important business, like a job application, that goes beyond that limit, they can speak to a librarian for a special arrangement.

Curbside pickup is still offered. Returns can still be left in one of two return drops, inside or outside the building.

Nocek said the library also wants to ramp-up

its delivery services to homebound patrons.

Nocek said plans for a grand opening event haven’t quite been hashed out. She has on reserve a \$1,000 donation from the Middlesex Community Foundation. The foundation sent this amount to Middlesex County libraries with one stipulation: use it for something fun.

East Hampton Public Library recently used its grant to fund a town-wide game of Candy Land.

## Ending Fines Considered

At last week’s meeting of the Board of Selectmen, selectman Ralph Zampano, a Democrat who serves as liaison to the library board, said initial discussions of ending overdue fines at the library have started. Zampano said that, over the years, the revenue generated from

those fines has decreased.

Ending fine collection has been a recent trend among libraries. For example, the East Hampton Town Council voted to do away with library fines in late January. The Chicago Public Library famously ended fines in 2019.

In a February interview, East Hampton Library Director Ellen Paul said the Chicago library saw a hundreds-fold increase in returns after ending late fees.

Nocek told the *Rivereast* that fine revenue is insignificant. For fiscal year 2019-20, about

\$800 was collected through fines.

Nocek said this figure has been higher in the past, but due to automatic renewal and a no-fine policy for e-books, fine revenue has declined without impact to library operations.

The library has waived fines since the onset of the pandemic.

First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield advised Nocek to analyze how revenue from overdue fines is used – and said that, although not a lot of money, “there is some contribution [to the town] there.”

## First Congregational Church News

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

Weekly worship services are recorded in the church sanctuary and available on the church’s YouTube channel (First Church of Portland, CT). Virtual church school is offered weekly by Ann Labby, Director of Christian Education. Although worship services and church activities are being held virtually at this time, there continue to be missions, fellowship and educational gatherings on Zoom. A virtual coffee hour will be held this Sunday, March 14, at 11 a.m.

The church’s third and final Lenten gathering of the season will take place Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. The conversation will focus on “hope” and be led by the Rev. Jane Hawken. For the Zoom link, call the church office (860-342-3244) before noon on Wednesday. The children of the church school have

launched their annual “Penny Challenge” mission project. Those who wish to donate may stop by the Nursery School entrance at the church to fill out a ballot to vote for Snowball (a white bunny) or Bluey (a bluebird) and leave a donation (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters) with your ballot. The children of the church school will choose a mission project to receive the funds at the end of March. Each year, the amount of money collected for this project increases and the children learn about missions and caring for others by choosing a project to support.

Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing lists (both electronic and Postal Service) of this congregation should email [first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net), or leave a message at 860-342-3244. For more information, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit [www.firstchurchportlandct.org](http://www.firstchurchportlandct.org).

### St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt

The Chatham Children’s Connection will celebrate St Patrick’s Day Saturday, March 13, with its first-ever St. Patrick’s Day scavenger hunt.

Kids will meet at the gazebo behind the Portland Waverly Center (Senior Center), 7 Waverly Ave., between 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to pick up their first clue in your quest to find the pot of gold. All children participating will receive a prize.

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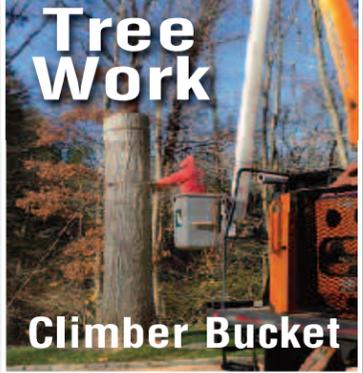
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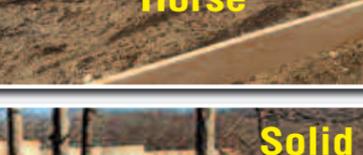
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# Superintendent Requests \$42.65M to Run Schools Next Year

by Karla Santos

Colchester Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Burt is requesting a \$42.65 million spending plan – a 3.23% increase – for the next school year.

On Tuesday, Burt presented the budget proposal for 2021-2022 to the Board of Education.

Burt said he also had a new mission for the district – to support students’ recovery from the impacts of the pandemic.

Burt said one reason the district wants to focus on the pandemic impact is because more than 200 students in the district are categorized as “at risk.”

Burt said that in the past three to five years, the district has had a handle on grade level achievements but currently, a significant number of students are not intersecting with their grade level in reading and math.

“With the information that we have, we know that a significant [number of] students are not where they should be,” he said.

Burt said it would take “a long time” to recover the learning loss. Some research has shown that with intense intervention, it could possibly take up to a year and a half for students

to recover from the learning loss.

The proposed budget includes new staff, including two teachers for Colchester Elementary School for \$103,032. A registered behavior technician in the request will run \$30,450. A paraprofessional for the 18- to 21-year-old program is slated to cost \$23,520 and a part time custodian for the same program would cost \$3,393.

The budget also includes a new initiative – a cooperative work experience teacher, who would cost \$51,516. It is the only new initiative in the budget, according to Burt.

Bacon Academy Principal Matt Peel, said the district is looking to fill the position because staff have noticed that every year about 12 to 15 students struggle finding connections, fail some classes and have poor attendance, among other issues.

He said the teacher would help the students set goals, advocate for themselves, plan, prioritize and get themselves in order.

“That’s what the point of the program is, to identify these students that traditional high school just doesn’t work for,” Peel said.

This teacher would also help the students find work-based opportunities to earn school credit and learn work skills.

The position would mainly support the Brick Program but it would also support other programs at Bacon Academy.

The budget proposes the reduction of the school resource officer and the reallocation of a science teacher, a math coach, part-time English teachers and part-time reading specialists.

Among the things Burt is looking to accomplish next year are sustaining current instructional and operational programming and maintaining funding for long-range planning in facilities, technology and security.

## Budget Breakdown

Salaries account for \$26.79 million of the total proposed budget and represent a \$556,050 or 2.12% increase from the current budget.

Employee benefits are \$6.75 million of the proposed budget and represent a \$15,595 or 0.23% increase from the current budget.

## Drive-Thru Fish Fry

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

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## Ahavath Achim News

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

Friday night Zoom service, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday morning Zoom service, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Kabbalah class, 5:30 p.m. on Zoom; Tuesday, Talmud class, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

There are daily prayer classes on Facebook Live.

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

For supplies, Burt budgeted \$773,563, a \$72,250 or 10.30% increase from the current budget.

Travel, training and dues account for \$2.93 million of the proposed budget, a \$334,959 or 12.87% increase from the current budget.

Contractual and other services account for \$2.98 million of the proposed budget, a \$24,236 or 0.80% decrease from the current budget.

When it comes to utilities and taxes, Burt budgeted \$1.38 million for 2021-22, a \$6,608 or 0.47% decrease from the current budget.

Repairs and maintenance account for \$398,641 of the proposed budget, a \$2,377 or 0.60% increase from the current budget.

Capital outlay accounts for \$171,500 of the proposed budget, a \$167,500 increase from the current budget.

Burt budgeted \$450,309 for transfers, a \$157,773 or a 53.93% increase from the current budget.

## Let the Shenanigans Begin

Colchester Senior Center will play to local host to a statewide virtual event entitled “Let the Shenanigans Begin” Friday, March 26, from 1-2:30 p.m., via Zoom.

To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, CT Healthy Living, CASP and AARP will present this afternoon of live entertainment by Pierce Campbell, laughs, and a time to celebrate.

Registration is required, by calling the senior center at 860-537-3911.

## Genealogy 101 Series

Colchester Senior Center will hold a Genealogy 101 series Thursdays, March 18-April 8, starting at 1:30 p.m.

This four-week course will teach you the basics of how to trace your family history, from the U.S. census to land records and other historical documents.

Fee for all four sessions is \$20. Space is limited; to register, call the senior center at 860-537-3911.

## Colchester Soccer Club News

The Colchester Soccer Club (CSC) has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, and for registration and season updates, visit [www.colchestersoccer.org](http://www.colchestersoccer.org) and “like” the club’s Facebook page.

CSC will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, March 24, at 7 p.m., via video conference. All members are welcome to attend. Elections for vice president of recreation and treasurer will take place, along with nominations for other board positions. Email [secretary@colchestersoccer.org](mailto:secretary@colchestersoccer.org) for details on how to access the video call.

CSC is seeking volunteers for the following open positions: web administrator – if interested, contact Tim Daniels at [President@colchestersoccer.org](mailto:President@colchestersoccer.org); 3rd/4th Grade Divisional Coordinator – if interested, contact Bill Beeler at [vp.recreation@colchestersoccer.org](mailto:vp.recreation@colchestersoccer.org); U9 Boys and Girls Fall Travel Coaches (all Travel Coaches are required to hold an age appropriate Grassroots license, or equivalent, or obtain one before the start of the season) – if interested, contact Anton Smith at [vp.travel@colchestersoccer.org](mailto:vp.travel@colchestersoccer.org); Grades 2-7Up Fall Recreation Coaches – if interested, contact Bill Beeler at [vp.recreation@colchestersoccer.org](mailto:vp.recreation@colchestersoccer.org).

CSC is in need of more referees for the spring and fall soccer seasons. Online training is available through March 31. Visit [ctreferee.net](http://ctreferee.net) for more information.

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With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, the Colchester Board of Education has approved a new temporary policy to support all school-aged children who reside in Colchester – regardless of whether they are attending the town’s public schools.

A limited number of educational resources are now available to home-schooled students in grades K-12. Any interested family should make a written request for access to the resources directed to [tlldirector@colchesterct.org](mailto:tlldirector@colchesterct.org), and will need to agree to abide by all district terms of use of resources. Home Schooling Policy 6000.IT is available on the district website, [www.colchesterct.org](http://www.colchesterct.org).

Access to, and associated data and profiles of, digital resources will end on June 30 if a student does not re-enroll in Colchester Public Schools. If interested in re-enrolling, visit the website for an updated registration process. The school board asks people re-enrolling to do so by July 1.

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# BOF Asked to Think Of Police When Budgeting

by Karla Santos

Staff members of the Colchester Police Department and members of the Colchester Police Commission attended the Board of Finance meeting last week to ask the board to keep the police department in mind when crafting the 2021-22 town budget.

Colchester Police staff members stressed they have some ongoing operational concerns, which spurred them to put together a presentation to detail their current work conditions to the town and Board of Finance.

Sgt. Tim Edwards spoke during the meeting and said the department is specifically looking to hire two additional police officers to have a total of 13. This is to support patrol functions and call volume.

He said the department is also looking to replace three vehicles every two years – which he said would help the department establish a 12-vehicle rotation wherein each vehicle is replaced every eight years.

Sgt. Michael Rondinone, resident trooper, also spoke during the meeting and said that vehicles and personnel are among the “biggest concerns” the department has.

The Colchester Police Department is currently made of 11 officers and 10 vehicles. He noted that three of those vehicles have high operating mileage and “they are getting to be to where they’re either deemed unsafe or on the brink of being taken out of service.”

Rondinone explained that the lack of vehicles and vehicles with maintenance issues can affect proper police response.

Jim Stavola, chairman of the police commission, participated in the meeting and said that patrol vehicles should be safe and dependable as they are an essential part of the patrol division.

“A patrol division must have the ability to be proactive in order to serve our citizens,” Stavola said.

Stavola stressed that, while the Troop K barracks are located in Colchester, only one state trooper covers the towns of Colchester, East Haddam and Salem – 162 square miles of territory and a population of 29,000 people.

He explained that if that trooper was in a cer-

tain area of East Haddam and was dispatched to Colchester, it would take that trooper at least 20 minutes to reach that call. He noted that under bad weather conditions, it could take that trooper even longer to reach that call.

Stavola said a lot could happen in 20 minutes of an emergency – particularly if it were a domestic violence call.

Stavola shared some statistics in order to give meeting attendees an idea of the police call volume in Colchester.

He said that from September 2019 to March 2020, the overnight shift in Colchester alone received 983 calls – everything from administrative calls and alarms to DUIs and domestic disputes. That call total also included 378 patrol checks.

Colchester Police members also said the department is in need of equipment – such as vehicle cameras and body cameras.

Edwards said the cameras are mandated as they are part of the state’s new Police Accountability Act. Officers must start using them by July 2022.

“That’s why they needed to be included in this budget so we have time to put that system together, get trained up on it and have it actually working by that date,” he noted.

In addition, Edwards said that Colchester police officers are in need of larger facilities because the space they are working in is already tight – and bringing more officers on board will make the space issue even worse. Edwards said the office and the locker, report and storage rooms are also in need of attention.

Furthermore, the police department building has water leaks and the air conditioning and heater do not work properly.

Edwards noted that multiple studies have been done regarding police services in town have concluded in that the department needs to focus on two main priorities – manpower for 24/7 coverage and proper equipment and facilities.

First Selectman Mary Bylone said that the police vehicle and staffing needs will be reflected in her budget proposal next month.

## Food Box Distribution Continues on Fridays

It’s not too late to pick up your 30-pound box of fresh produce, dairy and meat products. Abundant Life Church will continue distributing these boxes to the community through the end of March, on Fridays from 2-4 pm., at the church, 85 Skinner Rd.

When arriving Fridays for delivery, remain in your car and a volunteer will load your box into

your trunk. For more information contact Abundant Life Pastor Charles Brown at c.brown26@mac.com or 860-303-0416.

This is part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program from the USDA under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute agricultural products to those in need. The program will expire in April.

## Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following programs and events. Most programs are on Zoom; to learn more about join them, or for full descriptions of any program, call the center at 860-537-3911 or email [csc@colchesterct.gov](mailto:csc@colchesterct.gov). The center is online at [www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center](http://www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center). More information about senior trips can also be found online.

**Monday, March 15:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign with Ruth on Zoom.

**Tuesday, March 16:** 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi on Zoom; 10:30 a.m., Book Club Discussion on Zoom; 11 a.m., Adult Coloring; 1:30 p.m., conference call bingo.

**Wednesday, March 17:** 9 a.m.-noon, AARP Tax Aide, by appointment only; 10 a.m., Making Memories on Zoom; noon, Leprechaun Lunch to-Go; 12:30 p.m., Shamrock & Roll on Zoom with John Banker; 7 p.m., AARP Webinar Wednesday: Building Socially-Integrated Communities.

**Thursday, March 18:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne on Zoom; 10 a.m., Sittercize on Zoom; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga on Zoom; 1:30 p.m., Genealogy 101 on Zoom.

**Friday, March 19:** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., AARP Tax Aide; 10 a.m., Reopening Senior Center Q&A on Zoom with Patty; 11 a.m., Senior Yoga; 1:30 p.m., Step by Step Painting on Zoom.

**Upcoming Programs: Community Conversation with the First Selectman:** Wednesday, March 24, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom. First Selectman Mary Bylone will provide COVID-19 updates, announce town-wide events, and more. She will take questions from the audience.

**Masks & Martinis Zoom Happy Hour:** Wednesday, March 24, 2 p.m. To celebrate resiliency in the face of a global pandemic, have a drink and play some games.

**Care Corner with Select Physical Therapy:** Thursday, March 25, noon, via Zoom. Jennifer

Owens from Select Physical Therapy will share tips on safe exercises to do at home.

**International Cooking Demo on Zoom: Korea:** Friday, March 26, 1:30 p.m. Follow along at home or simply watch a demonstration on how to prepare Korean barbecue chicken and spicy vegetable slaw. After the program, you are welcome to stop by the senior center to get a sample of the dish; pre-registration is required. Call or email the senior center to be provided a recipe and shopping list.

**Colchester Senior of the Month:** Each month, the senior center will give one or two of its members the spotlight to talk more about themselves. If interested in being the Senior of the Month, call Ruth at the senior center.

**Learn to Sign with Ruth:** Mondays, 11 a.m.-noon. This course teaches the basics of how to communicate with sign language. No prior experience necessary.

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

## Drive-Thru Corned Beef Dinner

This year, the annual St. Joseph Polish Club corned beef dinner will be a drive-thru dinner, on Sunday, March 14. Servings will be from 1-4 p.m. Pick up dinners at the club, 395 S. Main St., or come in and socially distance in the club hall.

Dinner will include corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and rye bread with butter. Tickets are \$15 each and are on sale only at the club, during normal business hours. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.






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### Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

**Food Truck:** Friday, March 12, from 2-4 p.m., in the church parking lot, boxes of food will again be handed out to anyone in need. There is no charge for this food. Cars will line up in the parking lot and boxes will be loaded into the trunk or seat. Boxes may include milk, chicken, potatoes, apples, onions, cheese, butter and yogurt. Food is supplied by USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

**Weekly Sunday Service:** The church continues open-door services on Sundays. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. Sunday

School is at the church at 9:30 a.m., with the main service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Call the church if you would like to attend.

The service is also broadcast live on Facebook, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with a special children's program included. Go to [www.facebook.com/groups/abundantLifeCT](http://www.facebook.com/groups/abundantLifeCT) or look for the church on Facebook. For more information or if unable to connect, call the church at 860-537-3082.

**Power of Prayer:** Prayer is provided by a group of faithful members at Abundant Life. If you are in need of prayer for healing, financial issues, troubled family members, life-controlling habits, or any other need, call the church to be placed on its prayer list. You may also ask about the various days and times the prayer groups meet and come at that time.

### Hummingbirds: Jeweled Acrobats in the Garden

All are invited to join Cragin Memorial Library for a virtual program about hummingbirds via Zoom on Thursday, March 18, at 6 p.m.

Sally Brockett, a local gardener, birder and member of the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, will present tips on attracting hummingbirds to your yard. She will also share her experiences with hummingbirds and backyard birding. Brockett has photos of a variety of hummingbirds, some seen in the U.S. and others from Central America.

The event is sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library. To sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/12au7mz8](http://tinyurl.com/12au7mz8). The library does not record virtual programs.

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

### Fish Fry Fridays

The Colchester Fish and Game Club is holding its annual Fish Fry dinners every Friday during Lent, through and including Good Friday, April 2.

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

Meals will be served from 6-8 p.m. Take-out is encouraged. There will be a limited amount of seating at the club, with social distancing. The club is located on Old Town Road.

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

## School Closed After Teachers Experience Vaccine Side Effects

by Karla Santos

Colchester Elementary School was closed Monday, after 17 staff members were vaccinated against COVID-19 and became sick with side effects.

A vaccine clinic for educators, which took place Saturday at East Hampton High School and was hosted by Chatham Health District, saw about 150 staff from the Colchester district get their vaccines.

According to Superintendent of Schools Jeff Burt, those who became sick had typical vaccine side effects, such as fever, chills and sore arms.

"It's part of the process and I'm just glad that our staff all have access to the vaccination, if they want to get it and hopefully provide a safer environment for them and the students," he said.

Burt said he closed Colchester Elementary School (CES) on Monday as it was difficult to find enough substitutes to fill in for the missing teachers. School was back in session Tuesday.

As for the other schools in town, Burt said a few in each building got sick with side effects, but not enough to warrant closing any other buildings.

Board of Education Chairman Mary Tomasi said finding substitute teachers during the pandemic has been a challenge, and the decision to close CES Monday was the right

one. And, she stressed, now that staff members have started to get their vaccines, they "can focus on what they do best – educating and taking care of Colchester's children."

Tomasi said getting teachers, school personnel and daycare providers all vaccinated was a high priority.

"Creating a safe and healthy environment is extremely important to the Colchester Public Schools," she said.

This is the second time CES has closed because of COVID-19 related issues. Last fall, the school was closed for about two weeks due to a staffing issue when some staff members tested positive for COVID-19 and were required to isolate. During that period, students learned remotely.

Burt said other than CES, no district schools have closed because of COVID-19 issues.

Since November 2020, CES students have been learning fully in person. The other grade levels have been learning in a hybrid model, with a mixture of in-person and remote studies.

Burt said he has been exploring going to a full time in-person learning model at the middle and high school levels. For the middle-schoolers, that might happen after April break, he said.

### 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 remains closed to the public until further notice. The church has canceled in-person worship and Sunday School until disease rates decline in Colchester. Worship is offered via Facebook Live at 9 a.m. Sundays, by a small worship team. Sunday School lessons are shared virtually with families.

Virtual worship can also be found at [www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org](http://www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org).

### Take-Out Turkey Dinner

Westchester Congregational Church will hold a Turkey Dinner (order ahead and drive-thru take-out only) from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, March 24, by calling 860-267-6711. The church is located at 95 Cemetery Rd. in the Westchester section of Colchester.

The menu will be: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, butternut squash casserole, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, and a brownie for dessert.

Payment is \$13 per dinner, by cash or check made out to "WCC."

### CEOs List

Ashley Jahnke of Colchester made the fall 2020 CEOs List at Manchester Community College.

### Empty Bowls? Oh Yes!!

Due to the pandemic, William J. Johnston Middle School teachers are offering the school's Empty Bowls program as a virtual event.

Until March 19, anyone who buys a bowl for \$10 will also receive a copy of a soup recipe you can make at home in your new bowl. This program continues to benefit both local and global charities: the Colchester Food Bank and Restavec Freedom Alliance in Haiti, which helps children who were formerly in slavery-type situations.

If interested, email [ctayl31@colchesterct.org](mailto:ctayl31@colchesterct.org) for more information.

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### Norton Park Info Session

The Norton Park Committee will offer more information on the in-the-works park via Zoom Thursday, March 25, at 6 p.m. Registration is required; to sign up, go to [tinyurl.com/1ttz8rra](https://tinyurl.com/1ttz8rra). For more information, call Cragin Memorial Library at 860-537-5752.

### Cragin Virtual Book Club

The Cragin Memorial Library Virtual Book Club will be held Monday, March 29, at 6 p.m., via Zoom. This month, read Joanna Goodman's *The Home for Unwanted Girls*. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk. To register for this free event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/1p4ejrug>. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

### Ukrainian Catholic Church News

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, located at 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.

### Scholarship Available

Carl Guild and Associates has announced its community scholarship program for local high school seniors entering college in the fall. There are five \$1,000 scholarships given, one each in East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, East Haddam and the RHAM school district. There are no restrictions or qualifications; all local seniors can apply. For applications, visit [www.carlguild.com/scholarship](http://www.carlguild.com/scholarship) or ask your school's guidance counselor. Deadline is April 1.

### Children's Programs at Cragin Library

The following programs are offered for children at Cragin Memorial Library. While the library is currently open, it is not hosting any in-person programming. For more information, call the children's department at 860-537-7201. The library has a list of available craft bags at the Children's Circulation Desk; supplies are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. The library is located at 8 Linwood Ave. **Baby Activity Videos:** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. There will be book suggestions, baby bounces and more. Often, activity bags will be available at the children's circulation desk to accompany the videos. **Sharing Stories:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. There will be stories, songs and more. A craft will be showcased, and

### Perogis and Easter Kielbasa Loops

On Saturday, March 27, members of St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Colchester will make pierogis for sale and sell Easter kielbasa loops (approximately two pounds each) for \$15. Pre-orders are required and will be taken until March 18. Call 860-365-0281 to place an order for pierogis, kielbasa or both. For more information, call 860-537-2069.

### Fire Calls

From Feb. 28-March 6, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 26 calls: 20 emergency medical calls and six fire/fire-related calls. Calls included: Fire: fire alarm, two; trees on wires, one; CO call, one; smoke investigation, one. Car crashes: none last week. Medical: sick person, six; difficulty breathing, three; fall injury, two; seizure, one; alcohol disorder, one; unconscious, two; mental disorder, three; diabetic emergency, one; overdose, one. CHFD provided mutual aid once last week, to East Haddam, and received it twice, from Gardner Lake. 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.

### Scholarships Available

The Colchester Lions Club invites all Colchester residents in their senior year of high school to apply for one of several scholarships the club awards. All students are eligible, no matter which public, private, charter or magnet school they attend. Home-schooled students are also eligible. The Lions consider applications from students planning to attend any accredited college, university or trade school. For applications, contact the Bacon Academy guidance office or visit [colchestlions.org](http://colchestlions.org). Bacon students should submit their application to the Bacon Academy guidance office. Other students should mail their application to Colchester Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 423, Colchester, CT 06415. Applications must be received by Wednesday, March 17. For more information, email Sue Currie at [lionsuecurrie@aol.com](mailto:lionsuecurrie@aol.com).

### Book Bingo at Cragin

Cragin Memorial Library, located at 8 Linwood Ave., has announced its Book Bingo card for March is Historical Fiction. If you're looking to get out of a reading rut, try this new program to find your next book. Get a bingo and you will win a prize and be entered into a raffle for a gift card to a local business. Complete a full card and you will be entered into the big end of the year drawing. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

bags will be available for pick-up. **Exploring the Alphabet:** Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Each week, explore a new letter of the alphabet, sing songs, practice writing and share books. A craft bag will accompany each video, bags can be picked up on Monday the same week as the video. The final video is March 19. **Foodie Fun: Rainbow Bark:** Saturday, March 13, 10:30 a.m., for kids and teens. Pick up your Take & Make Bag, watch the video on Cragin's social media channels, and enjoy. **St. Patrick's Day Take & Make Craft Bag:** Wednesday, March 17, for all ages. **Puppy Take & Make Craft Bag:** Tuesday, March 23, for all ages. Celebrate National Puppy Day with this craft.

## New Physical Therapy Center Offers Variety of Services

by Karla Santos

Angela Risigo, of East Hampton, spent part of her life helping others open and grow their businesses – but she recently realized it was time to establish her own. That's why she decided to open the doors of River Rock Physical Therapy and Balance Center. Located at 744 Middletown Rd., River Rock offers physical therapy services ranging from traditional to specialized. One of the specializations Risigo – a vestibular certified therapist – offers at River Rock is vestibular rehabilitation. According to Risigo, she can treat all forms of dizziness, vertigo, concussion, neuritis, Meniere's and acoustic neuroma. In addition, River Rock offers the HydroWorx – an above-ground heated water tank with an underwater treadmill. Risigo said the water tank is a unique feature of her business as not a lot of physical therapy offices have it.

She explained that aquatic therapy is beneficial and useful to all ages for a wide variety of diagnoses. River Rock utilizes it mostly as an adjunct for land therapy, she noted, but aquatic therapy can also be used for patients who don't tolerate traditional land therapy. Heated aquatic therapy can be an asset to those with neurological conditions as well as traditional orthopedic issues, Risigo said. "One of the toughest things for me in the field as a [former] home care therapist of a company with a specialized fall and balance program was, where do I send my patients when they were ready to go to outpatient?" Risigo said. "Or sometimes a patient might need aquatic therapy but I would have a hard time finding a pool or aquatic services."

That's why she decided to provide those unique offerings at her business, she said. River Rock has a team of two therapists and an office manager.

### Tag Sale March 20

Westchester Congregational Church will hold a Tag Sale Saturday, March 20, from 8 a.m.-noon, at the parsonage located at 98 Cemetery Rd. in the Westchester section of Colchester. Donations of good-quality usable items (no clothing, large appliances or large furniture can be accepted) are welcome to be dropped off on the parsonage porch before the day of the sale. Attendees should wear their mask and plan to be physically distant from others.

surrounded by better people," Risigo said and added that she is looking to grow by adding additional therapists in the future.

Risigo worked eight years in outpatient orthopedics in South Carolina. She then moved to Connecticut and worked as a home care physical therapist for 10 years. She said she was looking for the next step in her career and realized that opening an outpatient physical therapy center was the way to go.

She noted that she has experience opening and growing clinics for other people and realized it was time to do it for herself.

In addition, Risigo is the mother of two toddlers and being able to have the flexibility to spend more time with them was part of why she made the decision to be her own boss.

Michelle Maiorino is a physical therapist at River Rock.

She said that working there is going very well. "[It's] a very nice atmosphere, we've had very lovely patients so far so it's been really nice," she added.

Maiorino said her favorite part is working with the patients and "helping them feel better" through therapy.

She said she lives in East Hampton and likes the fact that working in Colchester allows her to be more involved in the community and to meet people from the surrounding towns.

To learn more about River Rock Physical Therapy and Balance Center, please call 860-365-5514.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year is at [www.colchesterct.org](http://www.colchesterct.org).

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

You will need to make an appointment with the Colchester Public Schools Board of Education office once all of the online enrollment forms are completed. To do this, call 860-537-7267. Registration hours are by appointment only on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A list of documents needed can be found on the website.

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### Beginner Bellringer Preschool

East Hampton High School's Beginner Bellringer Preschool Program is now taking applications for the 2021 school year. Parents may have a preschool application sent to them by contacting Kasey Tortora at ktortora@easthamptonct.org. All applications must be received by March 31.

This year, there will be sessions of preschool with a distant learning option, and a maximum of 12 preschool students. The schedule is three afternoons per week (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). The preschool is open to 3- to 5-year-olds (as of Jan. 1). In some cases, the school will accept older 2-year-olds.

The preschool program will begin in March and end in May. There is a materials cost of \$200 per student. Enrollment is limited. Applications will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. All children must be toilet-trained. For more information, contact Tortora.

All preschoolers must present completed documentation of a current physical and adequate immunizations before the start of the program.

### Save the Date for Quilt Show

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold its 32nd annual Quilt Show Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, May 9, from noon-5 p.m., at the scenic 19th century Haddam Neck Congregational Church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck.

The show is a fundraiser for the church and proceeds from attendee donations will support the annual upkeep of the 19th century church and Sunday School building, formerly the local one-room schoolhouse.

This year, the show is being combined with the Ladies Aid Plant Sale.

All COVID-19 pandemic protocols will be in place and followed. Masks will be required and visitors will be asked to stay six feet apart. Only the church will exhibit quilts and visitors will be limited to permitted capacity and follow a set one-way flow with a separate entrance and exit. There will be no food service this year, but baked goods will be available for purchase to take home.

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

### Knights of Columbus Raffle

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

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

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

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

### Dean's List

East Hampton residents Enrique R. Diaz, Dylan J. Snurkowski, Demetrius J. Yale and Samantha A. Zuidema made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Manchester Community College.

### East Hampton 'Big Easy' Raffle

East Hampton Rotary Club is raffling off a Golden Ticket for the Big E - which will allow the winner lifetime admission to the popular fall fair.

The Rotary is selling 3,000 raffle tickets for \$10 each. Grand prize is a Big E Golden Ticket - lifetime entry privileges for The Big E for the winner and one guest for every day of the fair. Parking is included.

Second prize: Four one-day tickets to the Big E. Third prize: \$50 gift card for Thorncrest Farm in Goshen.

The drawing will be Saturday, May 8, at Sears Park, and will be livestreamed on easthamptonct.rotary7980gives.org/goldenticket and the East Hampton Connecticut Rotary Club Facebook page.

For tickets, visit www.easthamptonrotary.org or contact any East Hampton Rotarian.

### KoC Scholarship, Grant Available

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

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

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

### 'Belltown Spring Sprint' Returns in May

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

Kids' Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m., and cost is \$5. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 10 a.m., and cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 or younger.

To register, visit belltownspringsprint5k.yourrace.com. There are free T-shirts for 5K runners registered by April 10.

For more information, email Melissa Curylo at ehhsctprojgrad@gmail.com.

### Easter Food Drive

Knights of Columbus Belltown Council 6190 are sponsoring an Easter food drive to benefit the East Hampton Food Bank through Palm Sunday, March 28, at St. Patrick Church, 47 W. High St.

Items requested are: canned hams, canned pineapple slices, fresh carrots, celery, potatoes, sweet potatoes or yams, canned vegetables, rice, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, mustard, Easter candy and cash. Checks should be payable to the East Hampton Food Bank.

Place all donations in the collection bin located at the side entrance of the church.

### Congregational Church News

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, continues to hold all services via Zoom. Current and past services can be accessed at www.cc-eh.org. All are welcome.

The Teen Youth Group will meet Friday, March 26, from 6:30-8 p.m. Grades 6-12 are welcome.

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

### Helping Hands

Helping Hands, a ministry of Cornerstone Bible Church, is open the first and third Saturdays of each month. The ministry offers free gently-used clothing, household items, books, linens and more to community members in need.

Due to COVID-19, all must sign up for a time slot and wear a mask when entering. To register for a time slot, call 860-918-0784 or email jholm225@sbcglobal.net, on the Sunday before the open Saturday.

Helping Hands will accept donations only on the first and third Saturday of each month.

### Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd (mailing address: P.O. Box 81) Middle Haddam, will not hold in-person Sunday services until further notice. Sunday services are at 10 a.m., and Wednesdays during Lent at 6 p.m. there is a service of Holy Eucharist. Both services are available on Zoom.

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

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

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

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

### Gazebo Concert Lineup

The board of directors for the Joseph N. Goff House Museum has announced the entertainment lineup for the 22nd annual Goff House Gazebo Concert Series. This year, the concerts will be held Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. from June 24 - July 29, with a possible additional concert on July 8 depending on the Old Home Day schedule.

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

The band lineup for 2021 includes: June 24, T Ray, performing acoustic country, rock, folk and pop music from the 1940s

to 2020s; July 1, Centerline Band, performing rock-n-roll, country and blues; July 15, Flamingo Big Band, a 15-piece, all-female group of experienced professional musicians performing music from the swing era with a sprinkling of rock, pop, rhythm and blues; July 22, 3 Gals 3, a vocal trio of three female Connecticut musicians who have been performing three decades of musical genres together for 15 years.; July 29, Leaf Jumpers, performing rock hits of the 1990s through today along with their own modern originals.

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

### Dean's List

East Hampton residents Ryan Depasquale, Jenna Leone, Savanna Napolitano and Kaden Powers made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

### Dean's List

Meagan McLaughlin of East Hampton made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I.

McLaughlin is a second year member of the women's soccer team and is pursuing a degree in health care administration.

### Dean's List

East Hampton residents Jessica Abbotts and Emily Rovillo made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Western Connecticut State University.

Abbotts is a theatre arts major, and Rovillo is a digital and interactive media arts major.

### CEOs List

East Hampton residents Emily A. Boyd, Kasandra Cartagena, Sara Cramer and Mitchell W. LeBlanc made the fall 2020 CEOs List at Manchester Community College.

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### WJMS Honor Roll

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

#### High Honors

**Grade 6:** Madalynn Anderson, Jake Ashley, Gehrig Bartiss, Katherine Belding, Tyler Bergquist, Ethan Blanchette, Azalea Cartier, Kellen Conley, Ruby Craig, Timothy Crowell, Ania Dobek, Jacoby Eisenberg, Hannah Ferrigno, Elizabeth Floyd, Matthew Galante, Bray Geleney, Edward Gignac, Savannah Healy, Madeline Ives, Ella Jeffries, Paraskevi Koutsofavas, David Landa, Richard Lenda, Zachary Mancuso, Hailey McGlynn, Keegan McKenzie, Peyton Mikalonis, Joshua Millington, Kaylee Opalenik, Boden Paul, Cora Rago, Talia Ramos, Maddyn Reinholtz, Alexa Smith, Eleni Tsakiris, Paolo Uccello, Toheed Usman, Rhianon Zuel.

**Grade 7:** Emma Aivaliotis, Riley Anderson, Connor Blanchette, Hailey Brown, Benjamin Buyniski, Emma Cote, Melanie Couture, Ethan Creutz, Ryan Curry, Bela Dec, Brody Derr, Jordan Donnelly, Mikayla Farrington, Charlotte Galarneau, Emma Gyngell, Mia Hageman, Reese Henderson, Brynn Herboldt, Anna Ibey, Troy Johnson, Ileana Koonankeil, Lanie McIllduff, Olivia Meyer, Alyssa Nelson, Sokhano Nguon, Wesley Piella, Allen Quinones Jr., Lorelei Romasanta, Rachel Rumph, Mia Santini, Skyelyn Schoen-Rene, George Stula, Corinne Toennes, Mason Whitney.

**Grade 8:** Emma Anderson, Riley Babcock, Jalyn Collins, Isabella Falkowski, Caitryn Holt, Ivy Huang, Ethan LoVetere, Oliver Markham, Juliana Martino, Logan Mathena, Audrey Palmer, Kevin Reas, Eve Marie Svata, Anastasia Violette, Meghan Zingler.

#### Honors

**Grade 6:** Raphael Antonacci, Cole Boutin, Bethany Bravo Almanza, Judas Butler, Zachary Chiarella, Aidan Claffey, Robert Corrado, Skyy Courtemanche, Sarah Deane, Anthony

#### Dean's List

Samantha Nadeau of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island, in the College of The Environment and Life Sciences.

#### President's Honors List

The following Colchester residents made the fall 2020 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford:

Edward Baxter, Alexandra Becker, Ryan Kelsey, Elizabeth Ladegard, Colin Larkin, Cassidy Tellar and Lillian Wonderly.

#### School Nutrition Program Update

Through the end of the school year, all students and children under the age of 18 can get free breakfast and lunch.

Note: milk is included in every meal; however, if a student wants to buy just a milk, the cost is 65 cents. For those interested in grab-and-go meals, which are also free, pick-up is at William J. Johnston Middle School from 12:30-1 p.m. on in-school learning days and 10-10:30 a.m. on distance learning days.

Grab-and-go meals will not be available on days when students do not come to school because of inclement weather.

Any questions can be directed to Leanne Ranneheim, nutrition coordinator, at 860-537-9421 ext. 381 or Iranheim@colchesterct.gov.



**JJIS Chooses Kindness...** Fourth-graders at Jack Jackter Intermediate School in Colchester were inspired on "Random Acts of Kindness Day" by the local group Colchester is Kind. After viewing a kindness video organized by the local group, fourth-graders were inspired to take action, and pledged to complete just under 800 random acts of kindness. The pledges were displayed on their classroom windows, and spell out kindness messages that can be seen by the street to inspire anyone driving by the school or using the school playground.

DePaola, Arya Gast, Zephyn Harrington, Reina Hill, Joseph Hilliker, Brandon Kapoor, Kady Landry, Abigale McGregor, Pyper McIver, Cole Mitchell, Carter Nosal, Sai Parekh, Grace Poirier, Abigail Richards, Garrett Rodgers, Zachary Russo, Kagan Ruzsala, Katelyn Siena, Mason Steele, Riley Trudeau, Miles Viggiani, Delaney Walsh, Shauna Wells, Michael Wisniewski.

**Grade 7:** Oakley Adams, Alannah Baehr, Elijah Banks, Olivia Barnett, Alyssa Blanchette, Kylie Boerenko, Maily Bravo, Caroline Brown, Samuel Brownell, Ashton Capone, Dillan Coats, Clarence Coogan, Julian Dean, Lucian Dean, Morgan Delaney, Jack Dennis, Arianna Elliott, Bailey Elliott, Corbin Engleman, Kiley Filloramo, Joseph Gignac, Brevin Gonzales, Liam Goodine, Leyia Hall, Omar Idlibi, Lucas Jones, Caden King, Sasha Koopman, Lily Koziol, Madison Levasseur, Andrew Mertz, Madison Mikolajczak, Sawyer Nauss, Aubrey Nosal, Darnell Pan, Joseph Papale, Ashlyn Perra, Gianna Riley, Alondra Rodriguez-Rivera, Sara Sands, Brady Shuman, Benjamin Simonds, Jillian Snow, Jaden Sorensen, Liam Sweeney, Carleigh Todd, Cole Turkington, Natalie Uhrig, Landon Vigil, Matthew Vilardo, Chase Williams.

**Grade 8:** Avery Anderson, Ryan Bair, Jackson Budrow, Isaiah Carr, Julia Carrington, Alexa Chiarella, Elias Chiaverini, Birch Collins, Madison Coons, John Dalton, Brooke Dean, Weston Dzwonchuk, Clark England, Jean-Paul Fougereuse, Nadia Gorreck, Abigail Grimm, Edward Hageman, Bennett Holloway, Aaron Hosford, Amber Hostetler, Jowan Jefferson, Nicholas June, Isha Kansagara, Tanner Kundahl, Fiona Lin, Anthony Liu, Katelyn Macht, John Marks, Kaitlyn Meltsner, Connor Nadeau, Katelyn Novak, Ashley Nowakowski, Emilee Pac, Arianna Pennington, Kailyn Perez, Zerrin Ratzer, Addilyn Rondeau, Charles Rose, Alex Sanchez, Dominique Sanchez, Chloe Sanders, Sawyer Simone, Veronica Smith, Olivia Sobota, Morgan Tyrrell, Gavin VanCamp, Chase Vendrillo, Jason Zingler, Daniel Zurita.

#### Enrolled at ECSU

The following Colchester residents have enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University for the spring 2021 semester:

Christina Provost, a full-time graduate student majoring in accounting; Addison Belcamino, a full-time freshman majoring in social work; Tristan Desilets, a part-time senior majoring in computer science; Kaitlin Gadowski, a full-time junior majoring in finance; Abby Ondras, a full-time freshman majoring in exploratory – undecided; and Sidney Petro, a full-time sophomore majoring in social work.

#### Dean's List

Jessica Savage of Colchester made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Connecticut.

The valedictorian of the Bacon Academy Class of 2019, Savage has earned all "As" every semester so far at UConn.

#### Scholarship Available

The St. Joseph's Polish Society is offering a scholarship for Bacon Academy graduates.

For an application, students can visit their guidance counselor or stop into the St. Joseph's Polish club, 395 S. Main St., or download one at [www.stjoespolishclub.com](http://www.stjoespolishclub.com).

All applications must be turned in by March 31.



**Bringing Home the Bronze...** Jaylyn Collins is the Lions Clubs District 23C-Connecticut, sponsored by the Colchester Lions Club, third place winner for the 2020-21 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest, entitled "Peace Through Service." Jaylyn is in eighth grade at William J. Johnston Middle School in Colchester.

#### Republicans Seek Candidates

In preparation for the Nov. 2 municipal election, the Colchester Republican Town Committee is seeking candidates for town-elected offices.

For more information, call RTC Chairman Art Shilosky at 860-537-1093 or Betty Wagner at 860-537-5327.

#### Dean's List

The following Colchester students made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island:

Alicia Grant, Morgan Merchant, Sam Nadeau, Madi O'Neil, Will Picicelli, Kayden Sargent, Alexis Smelser and Yanni Valkanos.

#### Norton Park Public Forum

The Norton Park Committee will discuss the development of the new park, located on the former site of the C.H. Norton Mill on Route 149, at a public forum Thursday, March 25, at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

Committee members will share what has happened at the site since it was acquired by the town in 2015, and what site work is expected to be completed this year. The presentation will also include maps and details of the amenities planned to make this park along the Jeremy River a destination for townspeople and visitors for generations to come. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions, as well as provide feedback and input.

The event scheduling is being coordinated

#### Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, located at 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship services in-person Sundays at 10 a.m. Services are also available on Zoom; visit the church website at [westchestercongregation.org](http://westchestercongregation.org) for Zoom login information.

Safety precautions are in place to protect against COVID-19; pews are labeled for safe physical distancing, masks are required to be worn, hand sanitizer is available, and there is no singing, but music is played.

The church has a small white wooden Blessings Box in its lower parking lot, with non-perishable food items and other helpful items for anyone who needs them. All are welcome to come and give or take a few items.

Sunday School is not in person yet, but the church emails video links and mails out packages of worksheets to children for the Sunday School experience. Email [westconchurch@gmail.com](mailto:westconchurch@gmail.com) or call 860-267-6711 to request Sunday School items.

Church tag sales will return; check this newspaper and the church website for news of upcoming events.

#### Dean's List

Alison Banning of Colchester, a 2020 Bacon Academy graduate, made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is a freshman majoring in sports communications.

#### Dean's List

The following Colchester residents made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Manchester Community College:

Justin Avery, Stephanie J. Dickson, Larry W. Floyd Jr., Stacy M. Hilliker, Stephanie M. Napier, Sasha A. Okonuk, Brianna N. Poulin and Courtney K. Violette.

#### Student of the Month

Samuel Blumberger, a junior at Bacon Academy, was selected as the Jostens Renaissance National Student of the Month for January. The recognition is for a student who has made an impact within the school or community. The core of the program revolves around respect, reward, recognize and reinforce to produce results.

Blumberger is an academically successful three-sport athlete, club soccer player, referee, and community volunteer. He also runs his own foundation, "Stars, Socks & Stripes," a local sock drive to support veterans in need. He participates in the Bacon PAL program which helps guide new students in their school, as well as DECA and Student Council.



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## Old Home Days Canceled

To the Editor:

Sadly, we sit on the precipice of our next East Hampton Old Home Days celebration facing many of the same challenges we faced last year. After much thought and deliberation amongst ourselves and with local officials we again must refrain from gathering to avoid any potential virus spreading.

Regrettably we are cancelling our traditional 2021 OHD celebration. However, unlike last year, we have an exciting new idea to keep us in the spirit. Introducing “The Spirit of Old Home Day at Home,” marking our 41.999 year!

On Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will have a reverse parade. Save the date; more details will be shared as the date gets closer. We are asking you to decorate your homes, businesses or neighborhoods. Think of them as parade floats.

This event is free. All it requires is your imagination and a sense of town pride! Parks & Rec is going to manage the registration and voting. The library will also be partnering with us to provide maps designating the address of the participants.

The folks riding around admiring your efforts will be asked to vote for one address for approximately different categories. There will be prizes!

Please note! We will be back in 2022 for our 42nd year of the Glorious Celebration. It will be blockbuster event on July 7, 8 and 9, 2022, when we truly Paint the Town Red!

**Pam Joslyn Greenwald, President  
East Hampton Old Home Days**

## Why Have a Constitution?

To the Editor:

Why have a Constitution when our three branches of government totally ignore it when it suits their needs? The legislative branch makes up laws that the Constitution forbids. They strip us of our right to free speech or ignore it when others deny us the freedom to share our opinion. The executive branch passes executive orders without following due process as stated in the Constitution. The judicial branch ignores the Constitution and refuses to listen to cases that do not suit the current narrative. This has been going on for many decades.

Courts lock up people for seven years because they refused to give the source code to their software when the law only allows a person to be held for up to 18 months for “contempt of court.”

Bureaucratic organizations like the FDA, The Bureau of Investigative Journalism, as well as social media sites are attempting to silence people for sharing their findings on vaccines, viruses, and climate. Their findings are based on many well-respected scientists (until those scientists speak out against the government’s agenda).

Then there is this local paper, which allows people to personally attack others whom they disagree without providing any facts, just their warped thinking. I set up a website to provide links to a lot of the information I review, while others just spew out what comes from their limited view of the world.

When I am personally attacked by another writer to this paper, I consider the source and know that no one is fooled by what they write. What is unfortunate is that some of these people can influence the minds of our youth on a daily basis.

My research comes from many sources – those I have mentioned previously, many other news sources I subscribe to, YouTube, and docuseries on various issues.

**Gary Gile – Andover**

## Half-Baked Thinking

To the Editor:

The ranks of the local *Rivereast* wrecking crew are entangled in a mire of stunted emotional intelligence. A misfortune compounded by a fundamental lack of comprehension. The result is a limited understanding of government, science, reason and the inability to empathize with the plight of others who look, speak and pray differently than they do. This is the same group of Americans who downplayed the violent actions of capital rioters and continue to minimize an attempted coup to overturn a legitimate election, simply because they didn’t like the results. They believe a narcissistic, B-list celebrity, with a long-documented history of sexual irresponsibility, unethical business practices, racist tendencies and moral failures should inherit the presidency at will. The same individuals who argued that Colin Kaepernick could not kneel during a football game because it was un-American are the very same people

who are now defending the seditionists, who tried to beat a police officer to death with an American flag.

This is the type of half-baked thinking that forsakes the grim reality of over half a million COVID-19 deaths, to embrace mask-shaming and science denialism. The same intellectual laziness that falsely claims COVID-19 deaths are inflated because the victims had other illnesses. Despite the reality that if you have cancer, and get hit by a bus crossing the street, it’s still the bus that killed you. This new class represents a one-size-fits-all government. They contend that whatever happens, it’s always someone else’s fault.

This is an exclusive sub-group of Americas who refuse to distinguish the difference between racism and patriotism, and who believe they are the real victims.

**Joe Stevens – Hebron**

## Hearts of Hope

To the Editor:

On behalf of Gilead Congregational Church, UCC and AHM Youth and Family Services, we’d like to thank the residents of Andover, Columbia, Hebron and Marlborough for their support of our “Hearts of Hope” Campaign. The campaign, which ran during the month of February, had two goals. One was to raise awareness of mental health concerns, like anxiety and depression, and that it’s okay to reach out for support. The other was to raise funds for the AHM Community Mental Health Fund. This fund is available to support people who are seeking mental health services from AHM and can use financial assistance. The campaign was an overwhelming success and has raised over \$4,000! Thank you for your support.

We also want to thank our community partners, including Ted’s Supermarket, Ace Hardware, Andover Public Library, Douglas Library, Richmond Memorial Library and area churches who all had “Hearts of Hope” available in support of the campaign. It is truly amazing what can happen when a community comes together.

There are times in all of our lives when we can use support and times when we can offer it. If you’re in need of support, we hope you know that our communities of faith and AHM Youth and Family Services are here for you!

**With hope and gratitude,  
Gilead Congregational Church, UCC  
AHM Youth and Family Services**

## Hebron Deserves Better

To the Editor:

Since moving to Hebron, I try to keep up on our town’s important topics by watching the Board of Selectmen meetings. If you are like me and don’t have the time to watch live on Facebook, the recordings are posted online. Click the “Agenda, Minutes and Legal Notices” link at the top of the HebronCT.com website, then click Board of Selectmen, to get all of their board meeting videos.

Selectman Collins has had more than a few rough ones, but the last three really bring to light how much Mr. Collins thinks his personal agenda is more important than serving Hebron. He belittles town employees, makes inaccurate statements regarding authority he and other officials have, and continuously asks the town’s attorney to clarify questions only to then disagree with the attorney’s responses. On Feb. 4, at 37min, during a conversation on emergency powers and WPCA, Mr. Collins showed disdain for others and inferred that he is the one who should be overseeing WPCA work. On Feb. 18, from the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Collins repeatedly argued with the town attorney after receiving the attorney’s legal opinion related to the personal speech of elected officials.

On March 4, at 1h16min, after coming out of executive session, Mr. Collins is the sole dissembler in approving the town manager’s evaluation. He then states he wishes to disparage the town manager publicly in the *Rivereast*, but wants the town attorney’s opinion if he might be liable if sued for defamation.

John has incurred many town legal fees during his term (Lead, SRO, WPCA, etc.). This latest one is reprehensible. Using town funds to get a legal opinion that would only benefit him personally is an abuse of power.

I think Hebron deserves better. I hope you vote for a change this November.

**Daniel Smith – Amston**

## Norton Park

To the Editor:

The Norton Park Committee has been making steady progress in the creation of Colchester’s newest park at the former site of the Norton Paper Mill in North Westchester village. Norton Park will create public access to the Jeremy

River, an important water resource with a Class A designation for surface water quality by CT DEEP. The Jeremy River is fed by Pine Brook, Judd Brook, Meadow Brook, Mint Brook, Raymond Brook and Hope Valley Brook. Approximately three-quarters of Colchester’s land drains into the Salmon River Watershed, the vast majority of which will pass through Norton Park via the Jeremy River. The removal of the Norton Paper Mill dam opened up 17 miles of river to migratory fish for the first time in nearly 300 years. Since the dam has been removed, DEEP Fisheries believes that several species have recolonized in the Jeremy and upstream; these species include Blacknose & Longnose Dace, Fallfish, White Sucker, Common Shiner and possibly stocked Atlantic Salmon. We hope that both Norton Park and the environmental accomplishments of the dam removal will serve as a model to the rest of the state and beyond.

The Norton Park Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and welcomes all interested parties.

**Kevin Byrne – Colchester**

*Note: Byrne is a member of the Norton Park Committee, but said he is speaking on his own behalf.*

## Thrilled by Biden?

To the Editor:

Following up on editor Mike Thompson in-

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Larson said after storms left the town in the dark, Tierney worked with the power company to bring crews to mitigate damages, including when seven poles were down on one street. He also worked with elected officials to get the reconfiguration project on the RHAM campus completed within budget.

Despite Tierney’s hard work, his pay rate is still low compared with other town managers, Larson said.

“[There’s a] very good intelligent person at the helm and we would be devastated if we ended losing to him another town,” he said.

Board vice chairman Gail Richmond, a Republican, echoed Larson’s comments, saying Tierney has handled the COVID-19 crisis well, shown positive leadership and dedication to the town and worked well with state and Chatham Health District officials.

“He’s demonstrated leadership and crisis management,” she said.

In a phone call Wednesday, Board of Selectmen member Marc Rubera, a Democrat who is also a police sergeant in town, said he has worked with Tierney for 16 years and while he may not always agree with him they always come to a compromise. Rubera said he respects Tierney and finds him to be a fair leader and he hears the same thing from fellow town employees.

“Andy’s unique ability is to bring people together and find a common solution that everyone can accept,” he said. “People have polarized views, it’s difficult to get people to come together.”

When told Collins thought it was time for new leadership in town, Rubera said he didn’t know where that came from.

**‘Stop Dominating Everything’**

Rubera had words with Collins at last week’s selectmen meeting, telling him to be

respectful of others.

The conversation became heated when Collins and Tierney were discussing forestry and Collins repeatedly said “I have a PhD in soil science” and added that he had “a more detailed background” than Tierney.

Tierney, in turn, replied that he had a high school degree.

When Collins said he would fight a forestry management plan, Tierney had a quick rebuttal.

“You fight everything,” he said. Collins asked Larson to enforce meeting decorum and said Tierney was not a member and could not interrupt conversation. That’s when Rubera decided to have a say, accusing Collins of demeaning people and assassinating their character or intelligence during meetings.

“There’s four other people on this board,” Rubera told Collins. “Stop dominating everything,” he said.

Collins chuckled and said, “Okay.”

In the Wednesday phone call, Rubera said he was passionate and that it was not right for Collins to insult Tierney’s education.

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## Tri-County Baseball Registration

Registration is now open for the Tri-County Baseball spring and summer programs for players aged 13-19 (as of April 30, 2021).

Registration for the 2021 spring recreational season runs through March 15. Spring programs include a 13-14-year-old division and a 15-18-year-old division against teams from Glastonbury. Games will start in late April and run through the beginning of June, and will be played at West Road Field in Marlborough and Glastonbury fields.

Summer registration ends Thursday, March 25. Teams will play in the Kokinis Baseball League ([www.kokinisbaseball.com](http://www.kokinisbaseball.com)) against teams from the greater Hartford area. Divisions include a 13-year-old Prep, a 14-15-year-old Junior, and a 16-19-year-old Senior. This is a competitive league, with teams playing a 16-game schedule plus single-elimination playoffs. Games start June 7 and run through the end of July. The championship games will be played on July 31 and Aug. 1 at New Britain Stadium.

To ensure the safety of players, coaches and families, Tri-County Baseball will continue to

follow federal, state and local health board guidelines and learned best practices.

To register for both programs, visit [tricitycountybaberthct.org](http://tricitycountybaberthct.org) and click “register now.”

For more information on any of the programs, contact Chris Caputo, president of Tri-County Baseball, at [c.caputo@comcast.net](mailto:c.caputo@comcast.net).

## HAMR Softball Spring Registration

Time is running out for HAMR spring softball registration.

HAMR Softball is a nonprofit, fast-pitch Little League softball league, for girls age 5-14 from Hebron, Andover and Marlborough. HAMR offers several divisions, open to all girls, including T-Ball, Rookies, Minors, Majors, and Juniors. Skill instruction ranges from basic fundamentals and game play to advanced skills and game strategy. Fundamentals are a focus throughout all divisions.

To learn more about HAMR and to register, visit [www.hamrsoftball.org](http://www.hamrsoftball.org).

# Group Seeking Private Property for Community Garden

by Jack Lakowsky

A coalition of locals, including the East Hampton Rotary Club, the Belltown Garden Club, and the town Parks and Recreation Department have partnered together in hopes to start a community garden.

The effort began after Pam Joslyn, a Rotary Club member, read a letter in the *Rivereast* penned by Center School fourth-grader Avery Guild.

“A community garden in East Hampton would be a great way to get people to eat healthier,” Avery wrote in the letter, which ran last month. “A [garden] would help people who can’t afford food, help kids learn about gardening and eating healthier[.]”

Avery cited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), saying that gardens offer physical and mental health benefits.

“That is why I believe that a community garden in East Hampton is a good idea,” Avery wrote. “[I] would love it if you helped me make this [garden] a reality!”

Joslyn on Tuesday said if local youth are interested in a project, chances are adults will be too.

Joslyn, the local gardening club, and Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Hall have collaborated in an attempt to bring a community garden to town. Each has their role. The rotary organizes, parks and rec helps with technical aspects like any site walks and paperwork, and the gardening club provides the know-how.

Hall told the *Rivereast* that efforts like this have been made in the past, but this one has been the most substantial in his time as director. Due to Belltown’s limited space, the group as a first step is seeking private land to use for the garden.

Parents interested in proceeding through the selection process must pick up an application/information packet at either Memorial Elementary School, located at 20 Smith St., or East Hampton Public Library, located at 105 Main St.

The completed parent interview form, immunization form and a proof of residency must be returned to Kelly Caruso at the Memorial School office no later than March 19. Once all three forms are returned, parents will be contacted by phone, no later than March 26, to schedule a time to bring their child for the screening and lottery/selection process.

Forms received after March 19 will not be accepted.

Ideally, a host site would be at least one acre with an accessible water source and “some good topsoil,” said Joslyn.

Joslyn said it would be primarily a crop garden. Food grown can be donated to the East Hampton Food Bank or taken back home.

If the garden is established, locals will be able to rent space for a nominal fee, money that will help the rotary and garden club cover expenses incurred from supplies.

Hall said depending on demand, garden oversight will be through a grassroots committee of volunteers or through an official subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Hall said finding space for the garden will be the greatest hurdle to overcome. He said anyone interested in hosting the garden should reach

out to his department. He said hosts would have some paperwork to do, as well as a site walk to determine if a potential site is proper.

He likened it to a no-cost easement process, explaining that ownership of the space is not sought, but the right for it to be publicly used.

“It’s our mission in parks in rec to provide fun opportunities for anyone to enjoy, to bring more things to town,” said Hall. “Especially with this light at the of the [COVID-19] tunnel, people will be eager to get back outside. This will give that opportunity to people who may not have the space to start their own garden, people living in apartments or condos. It all goes back to [Avery’s letter]; we want to capitalize on that interest.”

## Children Sought for Preschool Programs

The East Hampton Public School System is seeking 3- and 4-year-old residents for preschool programs for the 2021-22 school year. A half-day and a full-day program will be offered.

Memorial Elementary School’s half-day Integration program will be held three times a week for 3-year-old students and four times a week for 4-year-old students. Due to limited spaces, selection for peer models will be determined through a lottery process. If selected, peer models demonstrating age-appropriate skills will be assigned by age to either a three-day- or four-day-a-week schedule (2.5 hours per day).

Memorial’s Smart Start Program will be held five full days per week (8:50 a.m.-2:50 p.m.), following the East Hampton Public Schools calendar. Priority will be given to 4-year-old children that meet income guidelines or have other factors for consideration. Other applicants, regardless of economic or risk factors, will then be selected.

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## Middle School Spring Athletics

East Hampton Middle School students who are interested in trying out for either the baseball or softball teams can register online through FamilyID.com. Athletes must have a physical conducted within the last thirteen months before trying out.

Deadline for online registrations is: Thursday, March 18. For additional information contact EHMS Athletic Director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

## President’s Honors List

Middle Haddam resident Adelyn Garland and East Hampton residents Shelby Gancarz, Noah Gibson and Cole Olson made the fall 2020 President’s Honors List at the University of Hartford.

## Joe Barber Memorial Scholarship

The Joe Barber Memorial Scholarship was established to enable Joe to continue giving as he did in life. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded by Fowler-Dix-Park VFW Auxiliary 5095 to an applicant, chosen by a selection committee, who has demonstrated strong leadership and performed service within their school and the community.

Applicants must be an East Hampton resident graduating with the Class of 2021 (whether from East Hampton High School or another high school) who have been accepted to attend an institute of higher learning after graduation.

Applications are available at the East Hampton High School Guidance Office, VFW Post 5095 (20 North Maple St.) or by written request to kbarber03@snet.net.

Applications must be received no later than April 9.

## Lions Continues Shoe Drive

The East Hampton Lions are extending their shoe drive collection until March 27. The Lions are asking people to donate new or gently-worn shoes, sneakers, boots and slippers. They are hoping to collect 2,500 pairs, which will be used to support small businesses in developing countries.

The Lions have partnered with the students of Center School. The classrooms will compete for the top three classes that collect the most shoes. The students will be bringing the shoes to the school for the Lions to pick up.

Shoes may also be dropped off at Ace Hardware, or to have them picked up, call 860-977-5760 or 860-593-1220.

## Antique Appraisal Day

The Chatham Historical Society will host its 25th annual Antique Appraisal Day Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the new Town Hall at 1 Community Drive.

There will be four appraisers – two in person and two virtual. Verbal appraisals will be given on furniture, artwork, glassware, china, musical instruments, military pieces, dolls, jewelry, quilts as well as European, Asian, and Island items, and more.

There is a suggested donation of \$6 per item for this event. This is a fundraiser for the continual upkeep of the society’s two museum buildings and 1840 one-room schoolhouse on Bevin Boulevard. Tax-deductible donations to the Chatham Historical Society, a non-profit 501c3 entity, can also be made at this event.

Masks are required and seating will be set up, with six feet between each person. For more information, call 860-267-8953.

Visit [chathamhistoricalct.org](http://chathamhistoricalct.org) or the Chatham Historical Society’s Facebook page right before the event, for word of any possible cancellation.



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**Registration for both recreational  
and travel soccer is now open!**



**If you are interested in having your son / daughter playing soccer in the spring, please register at the following link: <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/easthampton>**

**Registration closes on March 19th, so please sign up now!**

**East Hampton Recreational Soccer Info:**  
Available for children age 3 through grade 8, the EHSC recreation league is a great way to help your children build confidence, friendships and, of course, basic soccer skills – all while having fun. The recreation league provides organized training and games for the casual, beginning players and coaches. Participation involves modest cost and commitment, with little or no focus on the score of the games. If you have any questions regarding our recreational program, you can email Jon Palmer at [jpalmer920@yahoo.com](mailto:jpalmer920@yahoo.com).

**East Hampton Travel Soccer Info:**  
While being part of a travel team can be a fun and rewarding experience, the decision to play travel soccer should be an informed one. Below are some things to consider:

**Eligibility**  
The player’s birth year is used to determine eligibility and division placement. The club currently has travel league divisions for boys and girls ages U8 – U15, as well as a high school division for players up through U19.

**Experience**  
It is strongly recommended that your child participates in a minimum of one year at the recreation league level before joining a travel team. This will allow him/her to gain a general understanding of rules, positions, and core fundamentals of soccer skills.

If you have any questions about travel soccer, you can email Brian Galovich at [bgalovich@comcast.net](mailto:bgalovich@comcast.net)





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### East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

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

**Stories and Songs:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom, for ages 1-5. No registration required.

**Family Bedtime Stories:** Mondays at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-8. This program combines stories, songs and literacy activities. Siblings, pajamas, and stuffed animal friends welcome. No registration required; just drop in. However, you can register online to receive weekly reminders for storytime.

**Virtual Afterschool Programs: Footprints, Fribrarys, and Fundays:** The library offers fun and educational after school programming for children in grades 2-5 on Fridays during the school year, and Monday Fundays for middle school students on select Mondays. Programming takes place at 4 p.m., and all programs are over Zoom. Registration required. The schedule is: Footprints, for grades 2-3, April 9 and 30; Fribrary, for grades 4-5, March 19 and April 23; Monday Fundays, for grades 6-8, March 15 and April 19.

**Mindful Movements:** Thursdays, 10 a.m., via Zoom, for ages 3-8. This is an early literacy program for child and caregiver that combines singing, dancing, and whole body movement. Siblings welcome. For weekly reminders and recordings, register online.

**Library Becomes Candy Land:** The library is transforming East Hampton into a life-size version of Candy Land. Pick up your Candy Land Kit in the library or curbside. Inside, find your game board (plus a few extra surprises). The game board will guide you around town to visit Candy Land-themed stops, where you'll complete challenges and answer riddles. Once you've completed the game, return your game board to the library for a chance to win prizes. Register at [easthamptonpubliclibrary.org/candyland](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org/candyland).

**Cozy Crafts:** Wednesday, March 17 via

Zoom, for grades 2-5. Each week will bring a new hands-on arts and crafts project. Register for each session to reserve a project bag that contains all the supplies you'll need to participate.

**Teen Advisory Tuesday:** March 23 at 3 p.m., for grades 8-12. In this online program, teens will plan and create events and programs, and provide input to expand the library's YA/Teen collection. Teen Advisory Board requires a monthly commitment and participation; upon registration you will receive an application and agreement to be completed prior to our first meeting. Registration and applications are being taken now.

**Adult Programs: Book Club:** Via Zoom Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m., or Thursday, March 18, at 2 p.m. *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* will be discussed. Copies are available for check out at the circulation desk. Register online for the Zoom link.

**New England at 400: From Plymouth Rock to Present Day:** Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Author Eric D. Lehman will discuss his new book, covering four centuries of New England history.

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

**E-Books and E-Audiobooks:** The library currently offers two different eBook and eAudio platforms. Visit the eLibrary tab on the website for more info.

**E-Book Library Cards:** Don't have a library card and you're an East Hampton resident? Sign up on the website for an eBook library card to access all of the library's online resources.

### YPCCA Taking Enrollment for Summer

The Young People's Center for Creative Arts is now accepting enrollment for its 2021 summer theater camp, to take place at East Hampton High School during July. YPCCA is a non-profit theater arts camp devoted to bringing musical theater to students in the central Connecticut area.

Mornings at YPCCA are devoted to workshops in a variety of artistic endeavors, including Show Choir, Stage Combat, Comedy Improvisation and Shakespeare. Afternoons are spent rehearsing for a full-length musical production. This year's production has not been chosen yet, but will be announced as soon as it is approved.

Auditions will take place at East Hampton High School in June. It is not mandatory to audition to participate in the camp – everyone is in the show whether they audition or not. Students will be asked to sing, dance and read at the auditions. The cast list will be announced the first

day of camp.

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

The staff of YPCCA is made up of professional actors and teachers from throughout Connecticut. Students and staff of the program have gone on to work and perform on Broadway as well as regional theaters including Long Wharf Theater, Goodspeed Opera House, Hartford Stage and the Eugene O'Neill Theater.

For more information and a brochure, call 860-754-6145 or email [info@ypcca.org](mailto:info@ypcca.org). Additional information about the camp and online registration is available at [www.yppcca.org](http://www.yppcca.org).

### Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, call 860-267-7300 or visit [easthamptononrec.com](http://easthamptononrec.com).

**Morning and Afternoon Adventure:** Parks and Rec.'s before and after school program held at Memorial School has availability.

**Parents' Night Out:** Friday, March 19, 5-9 p.m., at the Town Hall community room. For students in grades K-7. Fee: \$35.

**Spring Egg Hunt:** Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m., at the Center School field. Fee is \$5, and space is very limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Registration required.

**NFL Flag Football League:** Sundays, April 18-May 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at East Hampton Middle School. Fee is \$115.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

The Chatham Health District will hold a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for people aged 65 and older on Wednesday, March 17, by appointment, at East Hampton High School.

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# Superintendent Details Pandemic Recovery Plan

by Jack Lakowsky

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith in a Monday night Board of Education meeting described the district's plan to close learning gaps resulting from the turbulence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students have contended with learning at home, bouncing between learning at home and school, quarantining due to exposure to or diagnosis of COVID-19, and the loss of milestone events.

"Our biggest challenge will be post-pandemic recovery efforts," Smith told the board. "The intention is to move ahead, to work with students and get them caught up."

Smith's plan, called "One Year Strong," picks up on the "East Hampton 2030" initiative, an effort by schools to prepare students for future job markets and equip them with relevant, marketable skills.

"The Class of 2030 is in third grade," he said. "We can't be in 2030 in 2030; we must be there right now."

Developing perennially marketable skills in students is the first of several focuses of Smith's plan.

The next, Smith said, is communicating the school's budget proposals and reasoning behind the budget's contents.

A third component of Smith's plan is to bolster the district's math programming. Smith said East Hampton students' math scores are lower than most of the district's referential region.

Smith is also looking to hire with the second round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) two more math

specialists. These would be added to the district's existing team of two math helpers.

Math specialists give extra help to students and help teachers to design effective curriculum.

East Hampton received \$190,000 in ESSER funds. The money must be used by the end of 2022.

School board chair Chris Goff, a Democrat, noted this and asked what Smith plans to do when the money runs out.

Smith said the need to close the learning gap is so urgent that even if the position is funded for a limited time, it will still be a great help. He said, if results are yielded, the board can request the positions in future budgets.

Next, Smith's plan will prioritize developing student relationships with themselves and others, including instruction on emotion-management, physical and mental health, academic performance and creativity.

Included in this portion of the plan, called the "3 Rs", will be remediation of learning gaps that widened during the pandemic.

The third "R" in the One Year Strong plan is "relevance."

"Our students benefit from learning experiences [applicable to] their personal aspirations, interests and cultural experiences and are connected [to] real-world issues," Smith's document reads.

Access to programs in coding, robotics, computer science, and manufacturing is also emphasized.

Lastly, the plan reads that the district will

## Grant Applications Due in April

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission is continuing to seek grant applications from East Hampton organizations and individuals with programs and/or projects designed to enrich residents' lives through the arts. Deadline to apply is April 1.

There are two \$500 grants available. Grants will be awarded to East Hampton individuals or organizations the commission determines will have the most potential impact of arts and/or culture on the town. Incomplete forms will be denied; applicants can resubmit.

Criteria for awarding grants: The artistic and organizational quality of the organization and/or project and its likelihood of continuing viability or success, and the organization's or

project's accessibility and service to the East Hampton community.

Grant recipients must credit the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission on all press releases, posters, print advertising and programs.

An interview may be requested of the candidate prior to awarding the grant. A progress update will be required six months after the award date, with a final report required one year after the award date.

Visit [www.artsforeasthamptonct.org](http://www.artsforeasthamptonct.org) for applications; mail them to Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424, or email to [arts@easthamptonct.org](mailto:arts@easthamptonct.org).

## Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., East Hampton 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 with masks, social distancing and safety protocols. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. The Message Series for Lent is "The Jesus Way."

**Puppet Ministry:** Each Sunday, the church's Puppet Ministry features Digger the Dog and some of his friends from Farmer M's Red Barn to help Pastor Tom explain the meaning of the message topic. This week, Cowger and Digger will talk about patience.

**Bible Study:** Cowger hosts a Zoom study entitled "God's Peace and Prayers" every other Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. The foundation of the study is the book *Armchair Mystic - How Contemplative Prayer Can Bring You Closer to*

*God*. During Lent, the study group will look at various Bible passages and apply the imagination tool outlined in *Armchair Mystic* to gain a deeper understanding of what is happening in the passage.

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Saturday, March 27, at 1 p.m. Hundreds of colorful candy-filled eggs will be hidden in the field next to the church building. All are welcome.

**Famous BBQ Chicken:** This drive-thru takeout event will be held Saturday, April 10, from noon-6 p.m. The dinner includes the barbecue thigh/leg chicken quarter with baked beans, coleslaw and corn bread. Reservations are required, by calling the church office.

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

"honor and celebrate the diversity of our students" and students will be guided to actions that "cultivate the respect of all races, religions and social backgrounds", adding that graduates will be "equipped with a greater understanding of the concepts of diversity, equity and inclusion."

## Older Students to Fully Return March 22

Also at the school board meeting, Smith noted that East Hampton students in grades 6-12 will be among the last groups in the region to return to full in-person instruction.

Smith said local teacher vaccinations have begun in earnest, with many teachers getting shots at the start of the month, some of whom received the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Many of the others are set to get their second doses in early April, Smith said.

## Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., continues to be closed, although staff is available via phone (860-267-4426) and email ([seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov)) through normal business hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For the latest information, visit [www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center](http://www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center).

Schedules and programs have changed significantly. The center is developing virtual meetings and programming for those with internet access. In addition, the center has expanded its email newsletter and continues to mail out monthly newsletters. If not receiving either, call the center to receive a copy.

**Online Program Registration:** All program registration is now at [MyActiveCenter.com](http://MyActiveCenter.com). You will need your key-swipe tag number that you scan when you visit the center, as well as the phone number and email you used when originally registering at the senior center. Once registered for MyActiveCenter, you'll only need your email and password to get back in. Call the senior center for assistance.

**Virtual Lunch Bunch:** Every other Monday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour, via Zoom. Register

## Pot Roast Dinner

The Missions' Committee of the Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam at 52 Middle Haddam Rd. is preparing a classic pot roast dinner for pick up on Saturday, March 27, from 2-4 p.m.

The dinner includes pot roast, potatoes, carrots, onions, winter squash, gravy and challah bread. It serves 4-6 people and comes in a reheatable pan. Cost is \$30.

To reserve dinners, call Betty at 860-214-5429 or Kathy at 860-510-8102. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, March 21.

A percentage of proceeds will be donated to the East Hampton Food and Fuel Bank.

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

During the pandemic, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church is holding weekly services via Zoom. All are welcome; log-in information can be found at [www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH](http://www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH).

Services begin every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m., with fellowship following. Communion blessings are held; participation only requires a piece of bread.

Schools are not tracking staff vaccinations due to privacy requirements. However, Smith told the board "a good percentage" of Belltown teachers are vaccinated.

Schools will continue with all COVID-19 prevention protocols.

One student, an East Hampton High School senior, said they were concerned that the district's buildings do not allow for adequate social distancing. The student suggested waiting until all teachers are vaccinated or waiting until warmer weather allows for outdoor classes and lunches, adding "as a senior, I'm bummed out that most of my year has been affected, but I also recognize that health comes first."

Smith said the district's goal is to provide as much distancing as possible. Lunch waves will be divided into three separate groups and, good weather providing, tents will be put up outside.

online. Next date is March 23.

**Seated Yoga with Kitch via Zoom:** Winter Session 2 will be Wednesdays, March 24-May 26, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register online. Fee is \$20. Payment may be mailed to: East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., East Hampton, CT 06424; make check payable to the Town of East Hampton.

**Bingo via Telephone/Conference Call:** The center has a telephone number people dial into to play every other Friday, and staff will be the caller. The next Bingo call will be Friday, March 19, at 10 a.m. Call the center to register and schedule a time to pick up your bingo cards.

**Creative Crafts/Zentangle Zoom:** Wednesday, March 24, 1-2:30 p.m. Becky Boynton will teach about Zentangle, a way to create abstract designs by drawing structured patterns. No skills are necessary. Register online.

**Live Well Program:** This six-week class on living well with and managing chronic conditions will be sponsored by Chatham Health District and offered via telephone, conference-call style, through the senior center. Call the center for more information and to register.

## Garden Club Monthly Meeting

The Belltown Garden Club of East Hampton will hold its monthly meeting Monday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the Congregational Church at 59 Main St.

A rock-painting activity is tentatively scheduled. Additional information will be shared with club membership via email.

The Belltown Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs. New members are always welcome. Call Joann Hewitt at 860-267-4129 for more information.

## Scholarship Available

Carl Guild and Associates has announced its community scholarship program for local high school seniors entering college in the fall. There are five \$1,000 scholarships given, one each in East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, East Haddam and the RHAM school district.

There are no restrictions or qualifications; all local seniors can apply. For applications, visit [www.carlguild.com/scholarship](http://www.carlguild.com/scholarship) or ask your school's guidance counselor. Deadline is April 1.

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### Richmond Library News & Notes

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

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

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

**Winter Storytimes:** Children ages 2-3 can meet virtually at 10 a.m. Mondays, March 22 and April 12. Children ages 3-5 can meet virtually at 10 a.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 9. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

**Children's Take and Make Kit:** Kids ages 4-10 can request a take-and-make kit with instructions and materials on how to make your own galaxy calm sensory bottle. Available while supplies last.

**March Book Madness:** Take a video tour of all the books you may not have seen that have come out since March 2020. One winner will receive a copy of one of the highlighted books they are excited to read.

### Dean's List

Marlborough residents Lily Lawrence and Jack Tarka made the fall 2020 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

### President's Honors List

Marlborough residents Nathan Green and Amanda Rudder made the fall 2020 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford.

### Dean's List

Emily Seethaler of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.J.

**Financial Wellness Wednesday:** Wednesday, March 17, 6 p.m., via Zoom. Rebecca Miller from the Financial Awareness Foundation will discuss retirement income planning. Learn how to address common risks in retirement and create a successful income plan. Email the library to register.

**Shaker Song and Dance:** The Hancock Shaker Village will present this virtual program for adults Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Examples of Shaker songs will be shared, and one or two "laboring" songs will be taught, with motions that express Shaker values of unity, humility, and peace. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

**Book Drop:** The book drop is open. Items are quarantined for three days (72 hours) before being checked in. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

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

### Dean's List

Jack McClurg of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean's List at State University of New York (SUNY) Delhi in Delhi, N.Y.

McClurg is pursuing a degree in heating, ventilating and air conditioning at the college.

### Dean's List

Meghan Kelly of Marlborough made the fall 2020 Dean's List at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

Kelly is a member of the Class of 2021 and is majoring in English. Kelly attended RHAM High School.

### Dean's List

The following Marlborough residents made the fall 2020 Dean's List at Manchester Community College:

Heidi N. Appleton, Aviana Baho, Morgan A. Ceramicoli, Justin Garcia, Janelle C. O'Neal, Evan M. Quincy and Erin M. Stankiewicz.

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### Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full descriptions or to register, visit marlboroughct.recdesk.com and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203. Parks and Rec. advises people not to wait until the last minute to register, as the program may be canceled if minimum registration is not fulfilled by a certain date.

**Youth Programs: Kids Sewing - Kids Bunny Slippers:** Monday, March 29, 3:15-4:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 4-8. Kids will create fleece booties complete with bunny ears. Each participant will take home their projects. All supplies are included. Fee: \$38/residents, \$43/non-residents.

**Kids Easter Candy Workshop:** Tuesday, March 30, 3:15-4:15, at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 4-8. Kids will temper choc-

olate to make Easter bunnies and other treats. Fee: \$28/residents, \$33/non-residents.

**Kids Private Virtual Sewing:** Days, nights and weekends are available. Fee is \$48 for a 90-minute session.

**Adult Programs: Private Virtual Sewing:** Days, nights and weekends are available. Fee is \$48 for a 90-minute session.

**Barre/Pilates:** Choose Mondays through March 29, from 5:30-6:15 p.m., or Wednesdays through March 31, from 6-6:45 p.m. There is a \$15 drop-in fee each week. Class instruction is virtual.

**Yoga:** Choose Mondays through March 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Tuesdays through March 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class instruction is virtual. Drop-in fee each week is \$15.

**Zumba:** Thursdays through March 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Fire Station No. 2, or virtually if preferred. Drop-in fee each week is \$10.

### Congregational Church News

The Sunday worship service at Marlborough Congregational Church is livestreamed every Sunday at 10 a.m. through the church website, mcc.marlbconchurch.org, and follows the usual order of Sunday worship.

Regular participants include church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber, Carolyn Brodgerski, organist Dave Mulligan, and other musicians and participants from the church and community. A Message for the Children by Christian Education/Junior Youth Director Gwen Lawson is given immediately following the worship service.

Sunday services are recorded and available for viewing on the church website later that same day. All previous worship services can be viewed through the webpage.

Mission-giving through March will go to Marlborough Food Bank. To donate, make your check payable to MCC, note "First Quarter Missions," and mail it to the church at P.O.

Box 57, Marlborough. The Senior High Youth Group sponsors the Drive-Thru Café, now held twice monthly. Donations to the group for this project may be made through the church; note 'Drive-Thru Café.'

A Wednesday evening Lenten program is held each week via Zoom. Call the church office for more information.

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

All students in grades 5-7 are invited to Junior Youth Group. For more information, contact Gwen Lawson at gwendolynn78@yahoo.com.

Amazon Smile donates .5% of purchases back to the church when you sign in using smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1038392.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is planning to reopen in April, but is selling on eBay. New items are listed each week at bit.ly/MCCebay.

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### Lions to Raffle Kayak

The Marlborough Lions Club is raffling off a new kayak and a one-year rental of a kayak rack at Marlborough's Blish Park. The use of the rack at Blish Park is limited to Marlborough residents, but the raffle for the kayak is open to everyone.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each and will be sold at various locations until April 30, and can also be purchased from Marlborough Lions Club members. The raffle drawing will take place at Blish Park at noon Saturday, May 1. You do not need to be present to win.

The Marlborough Lions support local services such as the Marlborough Food and Fuel Banks and provide such services as an annual vision screening of children at Marlborough's elementary school.

For more information and to purchase raffle tickets, call Lions Club Chairman Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537 or Lions Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116.

### Easter Egg Hunt Canceled

The Recreation Department has canceled the Easter Egg Hunt this year. In lieu of the event, the department will make a donation to the Marlborough Food Bank.

### CEOs List

Marlborough residents Jessica Alley, Alexandra Leone, Alexandra Novak, Richard Wainwright, Lidija Zabulis, Thomas Dowd and Nichole Spencer made the fall 2020 CEOs List at Manchester Community College.

### Police News

3/7: State Police said that Orvil Samuel Diaz, 39, of New Britain, was arrested and charged with reckless driving, driving under the influence and failure to drive in the proper lane.

### St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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

**Weekend Masses:** 4 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Wearing of masks required. A maximum of 44 parishioners is able to attend each Mass; pre-registration required (on the church website via a live link available Thursday mornings). Contact the parish office with questions.

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Appropriate spatial distancing and use of masks are required and disinfectants will be provided.

**Online Mass:** Each weekend's Mass is also available on the parish website, starting at 4 p.m. Saturdays.

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Face-to-face office visits are limited due to COVID-19 regulations. Call before heading over or connect via the phone.

**Youth Faith Formation Programs:** There are currently virtual classes and continued outreach; grades 1-8 should contact Faith Formation Coordinator Theresa Brysgel at 860-830-2194 or [tbrysgel@stjfisher.org](mailto:tbrysgel@stjfisher.org), and Confirmation Grades 9-10 should contact Confirmation Director Jen O'Neill at [oneill.jen@comcast.net](mailto:oneill.jen@comcast.net).

**Youth Group and Youth Leadership "Teen**

**Emmaus":** High school students continue virtual meetings and connections. Contact O'Neill for information.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Contact O'Neill for information on program offerings and virtual opportunities.

**RCIA and Adult Confirmation Programs:** For more information, contact RCIA Coordinator James Castellani at [jcast@stjfisher.org](mailto:jcast@stjfisher.org) or 860-295-9904.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Sundays, 4-4:45 p.m. Appropriate spatial distancing and use of masks are required and disinfectants will be provided.

**Knights of Columbus:** All practicing Catholic men are invited to contact Michael Schadtler at 860-295-9701 for information about joining this international charitable and service fraternity.

**Community Outreach and Service:** Bring food or household donations directly to Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings; sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent DePaul in Middletown; and the Community Garden to benefit the Marlborough Food Bank is underway. Other service opportunities are scheduled monthly; see the church website for more details.

**Someone in Need:** If you or someone you know is in need, whether it be someone to talk to, someone to pray with, or anything else that you think the church could help with, reach out to Sas at 860-295-0067 or McKaig at 860-918-4084. You can also email McKaig at [dcn.john@cox.net](mailto:dcn.john@cox.net).

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# Obituaries

## Hebron

### Catherine Oliver

Catherine Cecelia (Ellis) Oliver, 84, of Manchester, formerly of Hebron, passed away Monday, March 8. Born Oct. 16, 1936, in Quebec, Canada, she was the daughter of the late James A. and Cecelia (Moran) Ellis. She emigrated to the United States, settling in Hebron with her family as a very young girl and later raised her own family there as well.



Catherine had a diversified career, working at Pratt & Whitney as a blueprint reader, Hebron Elementary School as a special education teacher aide, Pioneer Parachute and Quality

Name Plate in Glastonbury, and finally retiring from the Manchester Housing Authority where she worked as a Receptionist and aide for the assisted living community.

Catherine was a talented crafter with specialties ranging from quilting to knitting and crocheting. She loved reading, gardening, the challenge of crossword puzzles and relaxing with her favorite TV shows.

She will be sadly missed, but remembered with love by her children and their spouses, Sue Oliver of Bolton, Catherine (Glen) Campen of Andover, Cindy Lukaszewicz of Lebanon, Charles "Chuck" (Yvonne) Oliver Jr. of Hebron; five grandchildren, Stanley and Michael (Agnieszka) Lukaszewicz, Benjamin Campen, Cody and Tyler Oliver; two great-grandchildren, Calvin and Milena Lukaszewicz; and many extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was prede-

ceased by her grandsons, Shawn Michael Lukaszewicz and Garrett Thomas Campen; her brother, William A. Ellis; and sister, Mary Hoskins.

Burial will be private. Her final resting place will be in St. Peter's Cemetery, Hebron.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to either Manchester Memorial Library or to the Garrett Thomas Campen Memorial fund c/o Cathy Campen, 13 Birch Dr, Andover, CT 06232.

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

## Andover

### Maria Whitcomb

Maria Whitcomb of Andover passed away Friday, Feb. 26, at home with her family pres-

ent. Maria was born in Stafford Springs July 22, 1948, to Donald and Claire Ronalter. A graduate of Rockville High School, she went on earn her degree in education from ECSU.

She leaves her husband, Robert Whitcomb of Andover, her daughters, Erin Rowllins (Chris) and Nancy Thornton (Geoff), and their children Hunter, Cate and Alex; also surviving her are stepson, Robert J. Whitcomb and his children Abigail and Eddie; Maria's brothers, Donald Ronalter of California, Peter Ronalter (Janice) of West Harwich, Mass.; former sister-in-law, Lynn Ronalter; and nieces Chelsea and Rachel Ronalter of New Hampshire.

Maria was recently predeceased by her brother, Michael Ronalter.

In lieu of flowers, Maria wishes donations to be made to Protectors of Animals, 144 Main St., Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118, or [poainc.org](http://poainc.org).

## Portland

### Frank Joseph Godwin Jr.

Frank Joseph Godwin Jr., 92, of New Hampshire, formerly of Portland, husband of the late Audrey (Burdick) Godwin for 67 years, died peacefully Friday, Feb. 26, with his daughter and son-in-law by his side, achieving his final wish of living in the White Mountains and becoming a New Hampshire resident.



Born in New Haven, he was the son of the late Frank Sr. and Nellie (Anderson) Godwin.

Frank was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Marines. After his service, he accepted a position at the Middletown Savings Bank as a teller and worked his way up through every position until he achieved the title of president and CEO of Liberty Bank, retiring in 1990. While working, he continued his education in banking and finance at Brown University, University of Massachusetts and University of Connecticut. After retirement, Frank and his wife spent winters in their Florida home in Hobe Sound.

He loved playing golf and cocktails on the 19th hole. He also enjoyed traveling the entire USA, Canada and Europe, his morning McDonald's coffee group of South Farms, hunting, fishing, especially at the Connecticut Lakes of Pittsburg, N.H., painting, playing his organ and putting around antique stores. Frank was a member of St. John's Lodge #2, AF & AM, Middletown where he received the Altruism Award, the Warren Lodge #51, AF & AM, Portland, Burning Bush-Washington Chapter #6, RAM, Deep River, Lady Washington Chapter #45 OES, Middletown, The Ormont Post #69, American Legion, Portland and the Marine Corps League, Middlesex County Det. CT. Frank was also extremely involved in many Middlesex County boards and foundations, leading and serving in many capacities.

Frank is survived by three children, Robert E. Godwin and his wife Nancy of Portland, Sharon Purzycki and her husband Todd of Littleton, N.H., and David J. Godwin and his fiancée Betty of Portland; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three nieces; a nephew; and many cousins.

Along with his wife and parents, Frank was predeceased by his son, Norman S. Godwin, and his sister, Roberta Zeiser.

Thank you to the staff at the Summit by Morrison in Whitefield, N.H., for their professionalism, kindness and compassion for the caring of my father, especially Shannon, Joanna, Annie, Pam and Mary. A private graveside service will be held in the Swedish Cemetery in Portland, where full military honors will be accorded.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter 8180, Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102.

To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit [www.doolittlefuneralservice.com](http://www.doolittlefuneralservice.com).

## Colchester

### Norman Kaplan

Norman Kaplan, 72, passed away peacefully Monday, March 1. Norm was born in Hartford, the son of the late Irwin and Mildred (Levy) Kaplan. He grew up in Colchester and proudly made his home and raised his family there.



He is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Matt

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and wife Carla, Adam and wife Courtney, and Tim. Norm was a loving "Papa" to his granddaughters, Caelynn, Evynne and Quinn, and a devoted brother to his sister, Arlene Dressler. In addition to his parents he is predeceased by his twin brother, Marty Kaplan. He spent most of his career at the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford.

Norm had a larger-than-life personality, was kind to everyone he met and made friends everywhere he went. He was an avid card player, coupon clipper, storyteller, concert and movie goer, and an aspiring film critic. He never met a movie he didn't like...just a few he didn't love. He was a constant fixture on Lake Hayward's Third Beach, where he spent his summers sharing stories with family and friends.

Norm poured his heart and soul into mentoring young people as a youth soccer coach. Coach Norm was the driving force behind the creation of Colchester Youth Soccer in the mid-'80s. Over his 35+ years of coaching and serving in various organizational capacities he positively influenced thousands of children, families and the volunteers he worked with. He was beloved by his extended family and many friends.

Walkthrough calling hours were held Thursday, March 4, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Colchester Soccer Club, P.O. Box 108, Colchester, CT 06415.

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

**Colchester**

**James Louis Wallington Jr.**

James Louis Wallington Jr. left us Wednesday, Feb. 17. James was born Sept. 4, 1967.

James served in the Marine Corps right after graduating Nathan Hale Ray High School, Class of 1985.

James was born at Bel-



levue Air Force Base in Nebraska and then moved to Connecticut. He excelled in mechanics in high school and was an aircraft mechanic in the Marine Corps. He eventually went into construction and specialized in the drywall trade.

James is survived by his former wife, Laura Jane Wallington; his two children, Victoria and Brady Wallington; mother, Barbara D. Walling-

ton; brother, Scott Wallington and girlfriend Tracy; brother, Andrew Wallington, wife Charity and sons Kyle, Tyler, Ryan.

James was a friend to many and loved by all. He was known for his huge heart and mischievous smile. Jimmy enjoyed hunting, fishing and being with his friends, and loved his dog Roscoe. His favorite teams were the New York Giants and

New York Yankees. He loved Bruce Springsteen, and not too many people know in high school he won the tri-county breakdancing title, barely beating Mike Kananowicz.

James was predeceased by his father, James L. Wallington Sr., and will join him at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Middletown.

No services have been scheduled at this time.

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**Hadlyme**

**Richard C. Ward**

Richard C. Ward, 77, passed away peacefully at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Thursday, Feb. 25. He was born in Michigan in 1943.



Born into a military family, his childhood years consisted of traveling to many countries, Ireland and Morocco, to name a few. They also traveled much of the United States before settling in Old Lyme when Rick was in the fourth grade. He graduated from Lyme-Old Lyme High School in 1962. In 1963, he enlisted into the U.S. Navy for four years. He was a Vietnam Era Veteran, during which time he visited 29 different countries.

Rick had been married for 54 years to his best friend, Linda. They have three wonderful sons and nine beautiful grandchildren. He was a devoted father and grandfather. Rick was a great chef, whether on the grill or the stove. His famous clam chowder was a family favorite. His pastimes included boating and fishing on the Long Island Sound as well as camping and getting together with his family.

He enjoyed coaching multiple sports in the Lyme versus Old Lyme era. He coached two of his Little League baseball teams to championships. He was often seen arriving to practices and games with the back of his truck full of kids ready to play ball. Hallmark was a frequent stop for an ice cream to treat his players after a win. If he wasn't on the field coaching, he was watching his children or grandchildren participate in sports.

Rick worked at Uarco for 30+ years as a pressman, mostly on the third shift. He also had his own landscaping business in Lyme. His dedication to supporting his family by working multiple jobs helped to instill a strong work ethic in his sons. Many times, he was referred to as "the nicest man in Hadlyme" for his caring personality and sincerity.

Rick was known for his sense of humor and was quite the chatterbox to many locals. He could talk up a storm with pretty much anyone, young or old. He always looked forward to getting together with his friends for their monthly steak dinners. He was loved by many in the community and was always willing to lend a hand or a tool, many labeled with "RCW not Ray" to ensure his oldest son would return his belongings. To his grandchildren, extended family and friends, he was referred to as "Pa." He was always a softie when it came to his grandchildren. Rick was known for his love of beagles, and his family knows he is now surrounded by his past beagles with some treats in his pockets for them.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by his loving wife, Linda Ward; his son, Raymond and wife Bobbi-Anne, and their children, Samantha and husband Glen Piette, Raymond Jr., and Quentin Suplita; his son, Jeffrey and wife Christine, and their children, Dylan, Brayden and Jake; his son, Christian and wife Diana and their children, James, Jenna and Lia; his stepmother, Eloise Ward; his brother, Bruce Ward and wife, Thelma; his brother, Cliff Ward; his sister-in-law, Betsy McManus; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved beagle, Charlie.

Rick was predeceased by his mother, Katherine Van Riper Ward; his father, Charles Ward; his sister, Dorothy Rogers and husband Will Rogers; and his brother, Jerome Ward.

Rick is thankful for the care he received from the DaVita Dialysis Center in Middletown and the Lyme Ambulance Association.

Calling hours will be held today, March 12, from 4-6 p.m., in Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Beckwith Ln., Old Lyme. A private

interment in Cove Cemetery will be held at a later date. Please visit [www.fultontherouxoldlyme.com](http://www.fultontherouxoldlyme.com) for photos, directions and to sign the online guestbook. At calling hours guest will be asked to abide by all COVID-19 protocols.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Lyme Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 911, Hadlyme, CT 06439 or the Lyme Fire Company, 213 Hamburg Rd., Lyme, CT 06371.

**East Hampton**

**Ruth Evelyn Flemke**

Ruth Evelyn (Jones) Flemke, "Nanny," passed peacefully on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Ruth was born May 30, 1923 to the late Benjamin Archer Jones Sr. and Dora (Scranton) Jones.



Ruth lived on Walnut Avenue for over 70 years, where she raised her family, threw great picnics, held poker nights, and had beautiful gardens that she tended to. Approximately four years ago she made the decision that the house and yard were just too much for her to keep up with and she ultimately ended up moving to Chatham Acres senior housing, a community that she adored. Ruth retired from Rest Haven Convalescent Home in East Hampton where she worked for many years as the head cook/dietician.

Ruth loved vacationing at the Chesley cottage "GeNaSuBo" in Charleston Beach (while on one vacation she won the Rhode Island lottery Win for Life on a scratch off ticket), as well as St. Pete's Beach Fla., with Sandy and Paul, beach days at Meigs Point, and camping at Hammonasset.

Ruth was a staple at Headliners on Friday afternoons getting her hair done by Carol and later in the evening at Markham Meadows for Bingo night. Ruth looked forward every year to being showcased as the Princess of the Paul's and Sandy's Too section of the East Hampton Old Home Day Parade. Ruth was famous for her cookies, macaroni and cheese, lip stick, leopard print, scarves, jewelry, Tic Tacs, and Hellman's mayo. In addition to bingo, Ruth loved to play poker, setback, knock, and pokeno.

Ruth is survived by her children: daughter, Diane Humphrey of Meriden; sons, Leonard (Lisa) Flemke of Maine, Thomas Flemke Sr. of East Hampton; son-in-law, Paul Peszynski (Lynn) of East Hampton; grandchildren, Mark (Beth) Peszynski, Jill Kelley, Kevin Unikewicz, Daniel (Billie Lynn) Peszynski, Tina (Matthew) Lanzi, Karen (David) Clark, Thomas (Marcy) Flemke Jr., Stacy Connor; great-grandchildren Dalton and Cole Peszynski, Steven and Rachel Kelley, Isabella and Hunter Peszynski, Patrick Callis & Madeline and Emma Lanzi, Angelina and Derek Clark, and Katelyn and Dale Flemke. Ruth is also survived by two of her brothers, Robert and Kenneth Jones. Ruth also leaves a void in the hearts of her best friends Nancy and Susie Chesley and Duane Reich, and bingo buddies Barbara Goff and Ellen Boule.

Ruth was preceded by her daughter, Sandra Peszynski, and daughter-in-law, Judy Flemke and siblings Edith Trudo, Betty Lussier, Melissa Emerson, Sidney Jones, Benjamin Jones Jr. and Margaret Blake.

Ruth was also preceded by her life partner, "Big John" Squier, who no doubt was saving his "Babes" a seat at the bingo hall in the sky.

A celebration of life and burial will be held at later time.

Those who wish may send memorial contributions in Ruth's name to the Sandy Peszynski Breast Cancer Foundation, 93 East High St., East Hampton, CT 06424.

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

**Colchester**

**Daniel J. Lewis**

Daniel J. Lewis, not to be confused with Daniel Day-Lewis (to whom he was often compared), passed away Monday, March 8, after a two-year battle with brain cancer.



Danny J fiercely fought against "Kevin," never losing his hope or his "sense of humor." Every step of the way, every challenge Dan was presented with, he kept joking (he always had the best dad jokes up his sleeve), teasing his family and nurses, and kept everyone around him smiling and laughing. Danny was so appreciative of everyone who supported him in his fight, especially those who were part of the Save the Danatee campaign.

Dan will be remembered with love by his wife Elisha Millerd Lewis, his hounds, his in-laws, his family from Pennsylvania and Ohio, and his friends from his many adventures in this world. He was a husband, dog dad, older brother (always ready to annoy), veteran, and a man who gave to those around him.

One of Dan's biggest adventures was his time spent in the U.S. Navy, serving his country as a submariner, because as he always said, "the best marine is a submarine." He was a man that loved beer, bacon, bourbon and boobs, as well as an admirer of the notorious Chuck Norris and the Second Amendment. You could always find Dan spouting off quotes in the comedy style of Will Ferrell (especially quotes from the critically-acclaimed films *Step Brothers* and *Anchorman*) or harassing his mother-in-law through Alexa.

Danny J was a creative human, designing several of his own tattoos and always surprising his friends and family members with his amazing Halloween costumes. His creativity extended to the delicious food he would always make for those he loved, especially if it included smoking pork butt in his homemade smoker. The parties thrown at Elisha and Dan's house will always be (mostly) remembered and stories of his adventures will be told for many years to come.

Even though Dan was always ready to have a good time, he also was a man that rallied around people and that people rallied around. Those who spent time with Dan and knew him best know that he was the type of person that would

give the shirt off his back (but no free shows!). He was a man that loved and loved deeply, and as soon as he considered you family, you were part of his pack and he would do anything for you. Even in his absence, Dan will always be a light for all of us, reminding those who knew him to always be there for each other and to be the type of good human that Dan was every day.

As a final reminder to us all, as Danny always liked to shout, "I didn't want salmon! I said it four times!"

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

In lieu of flowers or cards, you can support the family through their Danatee shirt campaign (<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/danatee-fund>), or Elisha requests donations are made in Dan's memory to the CT Brain Tumor Alliance ([ctbta.org](http://ctbta.org)) or the CT VA Medical Center (<https://www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/volunteer-now/>).

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

**Hebron**

**Sharon Morrison-Hoerman**

Sharon "Sheri" Morrison-Hoerman of Hebron, formerly of East Granby, Manchester and Woodstock, passed away Friday, March 5, of Lupus, COPD, and other conditions that robbed her of an independent life without pain.

Born Feb. 27, 1959, she was 62.

She was the daughter of the late RoseAnn and Milton Morrison of Woodstock.

Sharon worked as a finance manager for various car dealerships in eastern and central Connecticut for over 30 years. Sharon will be remembered for her love of cooking, entertaining and anything to do with horses.

Sharon attended Walnut Hill Academy for Performing Arts for two years, and graduated from Woodstock Academy in 1977. She attended Virginia Intermont College.

Sharon is survived by Don, her husband of 20 years, and her sister MaryAnn and her husband Glenn Stagner of Colorado. She also leaves behind her very close step-daughter Heidi, her husband Chris Moskalik, and Sharon's only granddaughter Danika. She also leaves many cousins and members of the Morrison, Wochomurka, Coon, Hoerman and Griffin families, as well as many friends all across the country.

There will be a memorial gathering for family and friends at her home in Amston Saturday, May 1, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Mary Jane is a five-year-old sleek, velvety soft, house panther. She likes being petted and absolutely loves getting brushed. She does not particularly like being picked up and carried around, but she will climb up on the sofa next to you while you read a book or watch a movie, and gently snuggle. Mary Jane's idea of exercise is a nice long stretch, but she does like to climb cat trees and take leisurely walks from one window to the next. Mary Jane is on the calm side, but likes to play with wand toys and chase the laser light.



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# LEGALS

## 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 220 Chestnut Hill Road, Colchester, CT, Assessor's Map #4E-05, Lot #003-000. 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

Email your classified line ads to [sandy@glcitizen.com](mailto:sandy@glcitizen.com) & call 860.633.4691 to pay with Mastercard or Visa

## Legal Notice Marlborough Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing

A virtual (Zoom) Public Hearing with Marlborough's Charter Revision Commission (CRC) is scheduled for March 23, 2021 at 7 PM to discuss the Commissions' recommendations on charter changes. All Marlborough residents are encouraged to attend and provide feedback. To Join the Zoom Meeting Public Hearing with Video and Voice capability: <https://zoom.us/j/93756542483?pwd=UVNaR2Vnc2psRnEVRm9abGJENmFBQT09> Meeting ID: 937 5654 2483 Passcode: HB4N11 Phone into meeting (no video) 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 937 5654 2483 Passcode: 278082 Note: Phone into meeting has its own passcode Bob Ragusa- Charter Revision Chair

## LEGAL NOTICE Town of East Hampton

Board of Finance Public Hearing Monday, March 22, 2021 East Hampton Town Hall Town Council Chambers and Virtual via Zoom 6:30 p.m. The East Hampton Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing at the above date and time to discuss the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 Town Budget. At this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of the proposed budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, East Hampton, CT and on the town website at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov) Information to log into the meeting will be available on the Public Hearing agenda on the town website at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov). Written comments on the budget will be accepted via email at [budget@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:budget@easthamptonct.gov) or by mail to the East Hampton Town Hall, Attn: Town Manager's Office, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.

# EMPLOYMENT

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## TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a Regular Meeting at 7 pm on March 8, 2021 via Virtual Meeting (Zoom), to consider the following: Application ZBA-21-001, Brian Galovich, 35 Highland Terrace, to increase the lot coverage to 17% to construct an 18'x36' inground pool with 650 sq. ft. of concrete decking around the pool and a 15'x20' pool house area. Map 18/Block 44/Lot 78-28. Approved Matthew Walton, Chairman

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

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at a meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following: PZC Application #20-10: 1561 Portland-Cobalt Road. Request for renewal of a three-year special permit to excavate and remove up to 203,448 cubic yards of earth material in the remaining two phases and for the associated on-site screening and crushing. Application and property of Riverside Equities, LLC. Assessor's Map 6 Lot 21-1, Zone B2. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department or on the Town of Portland Website: [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org). Dated at Portland, CT. this 2nd day of March 2021 Robert Ellsworth, Chairman

## Town of Colchester Special Town Meeting The Connecticut Green Banks's C-PACE Program

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81673428286?pwd=d2NCNkhqMkZlUQmhiUjFN1aytQ09> Passcode: 196188 Telephone: Dial US: 929 205 6099 or 301 715 8592 or 346 248 7799 or 669 900 6833. Webinar ID: 816 7342 8286 A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Colchester, CT will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 5:30pm via zoom, for the following purposes: 1. To move to recommend to the legislative body of the Town of Colchester, the Town Meeting, the adoption of a resolution to approve the Connecticut Green Bank's Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Agreement and authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver the C-PACE Agreement. A Town Meeting shall be held March 18, 2021 to vote on the resolution. 2. To recess the meeting to a Drive-up vote on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT. (Specifics to be announced during zoom meeting). 3. Adjournment The full resolution and C-PACE agreement are available for viewing in the Town Clerk's office and on the Colchester website at [colchesterct.gov](http://colchesterct.gov). Dated at Colchester, Connecticut this 9th day of March 2021. Gayle Furman, Town Clerk

Mary Bylone, 1st Selectman  
Rosemary Coyle, Selectman  
Denise Mizla, Selectman  
Taras Rudko, Selectman  
Denise Turner, Selectman

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

At the March 4, 2021 meeting, the following action was taken: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS PZC Application #20-09:** 53 Riverview Street. Request for a Special Permit Modification to locate a food truck, tables and chairs, and a special event tent. Application of Yankee Boat Yard. Property of Yankee Associates. Map 3 Lot 2. Zone FP. Dated at Portland, CT. this 8th day of March 2021 Robert Ellsworth, Chairman Planning & Zoning Commission

## LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Town of Portland, CT

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing on the proposed Budget for 2021-2022 to be held, by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 1201.3 of the Town of Portland Charter, at the following place and time: **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:00 P.M. Portland Connecticut Public Access through Zoom A – www.portlandct.org** SUBJECT: General Government, Board of Education Budget; and all other Special Revenue Funds At this hearing, any resident or taxpayer may be heard concerning the proposed budgets. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection online at [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org). Dated this 1st day of March 2021 Attest: Susan S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman

## Marlborough Charter Revision Commission Announcement

A virtual (zoom) public hearing with Marlborough's Charter Revision Commission (CRC) is scheduled for March 23, 2021 at 7 PM to discuss the Commissions' recommendations on charter changes. All Marlborough residents are encouraged to attend and provide feedback. Information on how to join the virtual public hearing is provided in the CRC meeting agenda posted on the Marlborough Town Hall website under CRC Meeting Agenda for March 23, 2021. Those who cannot attend the virtual public hearing are welcome to submit feedback or questions by email to [firstoffice@marlboroughct.net](mailto:firstoffice@marlboroughct.net) Note: In the Subject line please enter the following "CRC Public Hearing Comments". All CRC meetings are recorded, and meeting minutes are posted on-line on the town website. The Marlborough Charter Revision Commission (CRC), was established in late January 2020 for the purpose of examining the number of Board of Selectmen and the form of town government structure in addition to identifying other needed updates to the town's charter for recommendation. After a significant review of the charter and other documents, input from residents, and having interviewed more than a dozen others, some from other towns, who were identified as having some knowledge to bring to bear, the CRC would like to share their proposed recommendations with town residents and to obtain their feedback. Bob Ragusa Charter Revision Commission Chair

# EMPLOYMENT

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The Town of Marlborough is accepting applications for the following positions: **(2) Seasonal Laborers** This is a seasonal position with up to 40 (forty) hours a week weather permitting, to start May 3, 2021 within the Public Works Department for the summer. The successful candidate will be expected to perform general work in construction, repair and maintenance of town roads, grounds and facilities. Requirements: Familiarity and ability to operate grounds maintenance equipment, power equipment, and hand tools as well as possession of a valid Connecticut driver's license. A Town of Marlborough Employment Application and a general job description are available at the Town Clerks Office, 295-6206. Completed applications are to be submitted to the: Marlborough Town Clerk 26 North Main Street P.O. Box 29 Marlborough, CT. 06447 **Application deadline is Friday, April 2, 2021 at 12:00 P.M.** We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status.

## LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Planning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Commission members and the Public should utilize the teleconference line. Meeting Call in Phone Number – 877 – 304 – 9269 Meeting Code Number – 423694# Application #P-21-01 Erik S Young (applicant/Property Owner) 351 So Main St. – To subdivide property into two lots. Mark Stankiewicz, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR

## TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on March 17, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions: **1. Edward Wasniewski / Harvey Pond View LLC – 167 Marvin Road, Special Permit (2021-003)** – Pursuant to Regulation Section No. 8.9.5.H, Farm Labor Housing; and **2. CMMD LLC – Regulation Amendment (2021-001)** – Define Large Scale Agricultural Building, and add new regulation authorizing a Large Scale Indoor Agricultural Zone as a floating zone. 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

## LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Zoning Commission at its meeting of March 04 2021, took the following action: **APPLICATIONS CONTINUED; PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:** Application #Z-02-21 – Special Permit - Mitch and Hazel Lichatz (Applicant/Property Owner) 86 E Hampton Rd - music events, comedy nights, dinners. A public hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2021 at 7pm. Application #Z-03-21 – Big Y Foods Inc. (Applicant) OM Village LLC (Property Owner) – 1-3-5-7 So Main St. – Convenience Store/Gas Station. A public hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2021 at 7pm. Application #Z-04-21 -Special Permit – Bill G. Jonbalaj (Applicant) 21 Austin – HGB LLC (Property Owner) – South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road – Village Cluster Residential Planned Development. A public hearing is scheduled for June 3, 2021 at 7pm. **APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS MEETING APPROVAL CONDITIONS:** Application #Z-11-20 – Mirabito Holdings Connecticut LLC (Brett Hughes) – 12 West Rd. KEVIN ASKLAR, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR Dated at Marlborough, CT this 9th day of March.

**Summer Help Wanted**  
The Town of Marlborough is currently accepting applications for lifeguards. Applications can be found at [Marlboroughct.net](http://Marlboroughct.net), in the Town Clerk portal. Completed applications are to be submitted to: Town Clerk P.O. Box 29 26 North Main Street Marlborough, CT 06447

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